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Holidays
2024



it's time to relax

Where memories and friendships are made

BLAKES Holidays

It gives us great pleasure to present our new and exciting 2024 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 rights applying to packages; Blakes Coaches Ltd will be fully responsible for the proper performance of the package as a whole.

Additionally, as required by law, Blakes Coaches Ltd 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 Ltd are members of the Bonded Coach Holiday Scheme, overseen by The Association of Bonded Travel Organisers Trust Limited. 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 a Bond, which may be called upon in the unlikely event of the member's insolvency, protects the clients' monies. Clients are recommended to inspect the current membership certificate at our registered office or alternatively go to <https://www.abtot.com/bch-abtot-members-directory/> or telephone 0207 065 5316 to confirm current membership.

Your attention is also drawn to the Bonded Coach Holiday 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 The Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018 (legislation.gov.uk)



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

Bus Stop by Information
Centre & Library

PRESTON

Bus Shelter

TORQUAY NEW LOCATION

The Railway station,
Rathmore Road

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

Bus stop, The Parade

ALCOMBE

The Bus Shelter,
Silvermead

DUNSTER

Steep Layby

CARHAMPTON

The Bus Stop

WASHFORD

Shepherds Corner

WATCHET

Railway Bus Stop

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

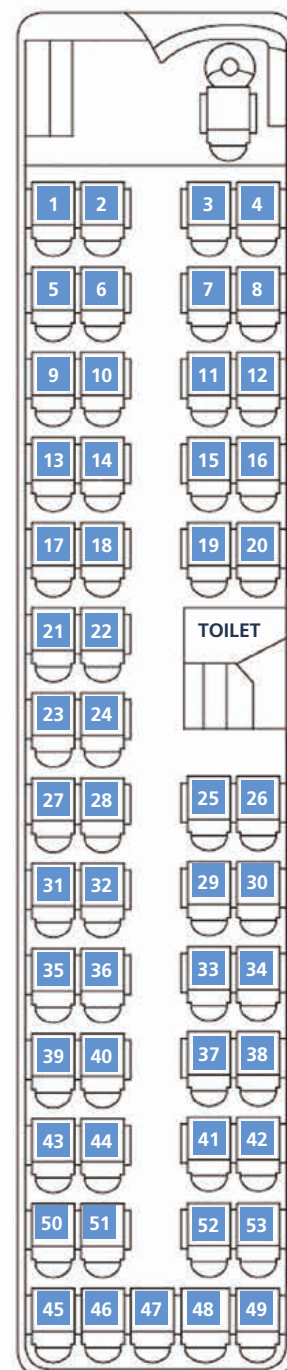
IVYBRIDGE

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

We are delighted to have renewed our website, which includes our holiday and day excursion brochures but also has much more information regarding Group Travel, Private Hire and our fleet of vehicles.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

For those of you who are computer literate, we at Blakes Coaches want to keep up with you! In order for you to be able to receive 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

Blakes Coaches 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 (firm reference number 769884). 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.

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:

- 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).
- 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:

- Your participation in any professional or organised sports, winter sports, racing, speed or endurance tests, or dangerous pursuits unless agreed by us.
- Loss of or damage to money and valuables whilst left unattended or in/from luggage in transit.
- Travel against the advice of the carrier, any other public transport provider, the Foreign Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) or the World Health Organisation (WHO).
- Any insurance event arising from you being the driver, rider or passenger of a motorcycle when the insured person is not wearing a crash helmet, whether legally required locally or not.
- You must ensure that you have had any recommended inoculations, vaccines, (including Covid-19 where it has been offered to you) or medications relating to your destination, prior to your trip.

■ Claims arising from any epidemic or pandemic as declared by the World Health Organisation. (This exclusion does not apply to the Covid-19 section).

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

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

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).

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.

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 and Curtailment/ Loss of Deposit	Up to £1,500	Holidays 3 days duration or less. Nil excess. Holidays 4 days duration and over 20% of claim value/£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
Personal Property Including Money	Up to £1,500 in all. Single Article Limit £200/Valuables £400 Personal Money up to £200 (age restrictions apply). 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
Legal Expenses	Up to £25,000	No Excess
Covid-19	As Per Cancellation & Medical Section	As Per Cancellation & Medical Section

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NEW FOR 2024

OUR OCEAN CRUISE SELECTION

Hidden Gems of France, Spain & Portugal (11 nights) see page 21

Round Britain & France Discovery (10 nights) see page 32

Introducing Ambassador Cruise Line ...

The British cruise line started operating in 2021, already winning multiple awards. They pride themselves on smaller ships and affordable cruising for the British adult market. The cruise ship "Ambassador" offers a number of fully air conditioned cabin accommodation grades, varying in size and deck location, broadly classified as standard, superior, premium & deluxe.

"My Ambassador Sailing" – the easy-to-use online facility allows guests to access pre-cruise documentation, enter guest information, pre-book onshore excursions, download luggage labels and check-in prior to embarkation & download boarding passes.

Each cruise has a range of optional destination experiences/excursions to help make the most of your time ashore. These will be available to view approx. 8 weeks prior to departure and can be pre-booked on the "My Ambassador Sailing" portal charged to your onboard account.

INCLUSIONS FOR ALL CRUISES:

Cabin accommodation in chosen guest category

Full board cuisine
(2 main dining rooms & 1 casual dining)

Evening entertainment
(inc shows, cabaret & live music)

Daytime activities
(inc quizzes & deck games)

Onboard leisure facilities
(inc indoor pool, gym & sauna)

UPGRADE TO INCLUDE DRINKS PACKAGE (& GRATUITIES)

EXPERIENCE:

Non-alcoholic beverages inc unlimited soft drinks

EXPLORER:

As above plus house brands & wines (& 50% off premium beverages from the bar)

EXPEDITION:

As above plus premium brands & wines by the glass and speciality teas/coffees. Plus guaranteed dining time — choice of 1st or 2nd sitting



- Full payment will be required 90 days prior to departure
- Cruise travel insurance is essential (not available via Blakes Coaches)
- Customers must have access to own computer/tablet/mobile device to access "My Ambassador Sailing" portal after initial booking

CANCELLATION CHARGES FOR ALL OCEAN CRUISES

- 91+ DAYS PRIOR TO SAILING: LOSS OF FULL DEPOSIT
- 57-90 DAYS PRIOR TO SAILING: 60% OF TOTAL PAID
- 42-56 DAYS PRIOR TO SAILING: 75% OF TOTAL PAID
- 15-41 DAYS PRIOR TO SAILING: 85% OF TOTAL PAID
- 0-14 DAYS PRIOR TO SAILING: 100% OF TOTAL PAID

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NEW!

OUR 2024 RIVER CRUISE SELECTION

(with full excursion packages included)

- **Treasures of the Rhine River Cruise**
(page 31)
- **Pearls Along The Danube River Cruise**
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CANCELLATION CHARGES FOR ALL RIVER CRUISES

- 120+ DAYS PRIOR TO SAILING: DEPOSIT PAID
- 61-119 DAYS PRIOR TO SAILING: 30% OF THE TOTAL PAID
- 50-60 DAYS PRIOR TO SAILING: 40% OF THE TOTAL PAID
- 29-49 DAYS PRIOR TO SAILING: 50% OF THE TOTAL PAID
- 19-28 DAYS PRIOR TO SAILING: 60% OF THE TOTAL PAID
- 7-18 DAYS PRIOR TO SAILING: 75% OF THE TOTAL PAID
- 0-6 DAYS PRIOR TO SAILING: 100% OF TOTAL PAID

- FULL PAYMENT WILL BE REQUIRED ON ALL RIVER CRUISES 120 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

Sunday 7th – Tuesday 16th January



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

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

YOUR HOTEL H Top Calella Palace Hotel, Calella

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

ITINERARY

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

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

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

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

TOUR
PRICE

£759

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
- Live entertainment every evening
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £186.00
Travel insurance £56.00



Monday 8th – Friday 12th 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 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 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 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 of the UK's most attractive towns. Smart streets and mews are filled with stylish restaurants, bars and cafés, and Betty's Tea Shop is highly recommended! There is also a tempting choice of shops, from boutiques to antiques.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £92.00
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR
PRICE

£239

5 DAYS

Tuesday 9th – Saturday 13th January



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.

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

TUESDAY 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.

WEDNESDAY This morning is free for you to continue enjoying the facilities of our resort. Join us, if you wish, for an afternoon excursion to Cowes, a famous yachting centre. Here you can browse the shops, or sit and watch the lively harbour, with boats of all sizes come and go. We return for dinner and another evening of entertainment.

THURSDAY Join us today as we take a wonderful circular tour of the island, through Yarmouth, Cowes, Ryde, Shanklin, Ventnor, Freshwater and Alum Bay, stopping for coffee, lunch and time to explore as we travel.

FRIDAY This morning we travel to the very picturesque village of Godshell, 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.

SATURDAY 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
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
No single supplement (Max 4)
Premier Chalet Upgrade £20.00 per person
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR
PRICE

£239

5 DAYS

Saturday 13th – Sunday 14th January



LONDON THEATRE WEEKEND OR A WEEKEND IN LONDON

Join us for a weekend in London with a choice... an opportunity to visit the January sales, or simply enjoy a spot of sightseeing out of season **OR** Take your pick from one of **12** top West End shows... Matilda The Musical, Phantom Of The Opera, Les Miserables, Mamma Mia, Tina Turner the Musical, Lion King, Back To The Future, Frozen The Musical, Crazy For You, Six, Mrs Doubtfire or Moulin Rouge The Musical. *(All show dates correct at time of printing, but subject to change).*

YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn Heathrow, 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

LONDON THEATRE WEEKEND

£239

LONDON WEEKEND

£129

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 leave our hotel and return to central London where you will have plenty of time to shop or visit one of the enormous choice of attractions. Two great ways to see the best of London's sites is via a bus tour or a River Cruise along the Thames with a commentary to enlighten you with the capital's history We leave mid-late afternoon, and make our way back to the West Country, with a comfort stop on route, arriving mid-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £30.00
Travel insurance £23.00

Monday 15th – Friday 19th January



ALL THINGS BRIGHTON BEAUTIFUL

TOUR PRICE

£299

5 DAYS

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 Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

An elegant 4* hotel ideally located along Brighton's seafront. All ensuite rooms are furnished with TV, Wi-Fi access, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift which serves most rooms. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include a fitness suite.

ITINERARY

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

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

WEDNESDAY Today is free for you to explore Brighton. Famed for its pebble beach and stylish regency architecture, 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. A short walk from the hotel you will find the famous pier and sandy beach, shopping centre or the oldest aquarium in the world, Sea Life Brighton.

THURSDAY After breakfast we make our way to Worthing for a coffee stop and time to explore this delightful seaside town. We continue to Bognor Regis, affectionately known as England's "Sunshine Capital" with its promenade, long beach, friendly town and cosy cafes. Later this afternoon we make our way to Littlehampton, a seaside resort alongside the beautiful river Arun. You may like to enjoy afternoon tea in one of its many cafes or stroll along the seafront gardens.

FRIDAY This morning we leave Eastbourne and begin our journey home, stopping for coffee and lunch stops on route. We complete our journey back to the West country, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £80.00
Travel insurance £31.00

Monday 15th – Friday 19th January



THE LAKE DISTRICT ... GREAT VALUE ENTERTAINMENT AND DRINKS INCLUSIVE

TOUR PRICE

£309

5 DAYS

The Lake District is beautiful any time of year, with stunning scenery and picturesque landscapes. Join us for this excellent value out of season 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 two 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 coffee and time to browse the shops in this lovely town. We continue our tour through the Lake District National Park to Kendal with time to browse and enjoy a warming lunch.

WEDNESDAY Today we make a circular tour of some of the loveliest parts of the Lake District has to offer, travelling through the picturesque village of Haverthwaite, following part of Coniston Water and Coniston village to Ambleside for coffee, and time to look around this lovely village. We continue our tour through the Lake District National Park, returning to our hotel for a lunch of warming soup & sandwiches. The afternoon is free to relax and explore Grange Over Sands.

THURSDAY After breakfast we make our way to Bowness on Lake Windermere where we take a leisurely circular island cruise, with magnificent views of mountain scenery, secluded bays, shoreline and wooded islands. With time here in Bowness to explore the wide variety of shops and tearooms and enjoy the scenery ... stunning even in winter! We return to our hotel with time to relax 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 lunchtime in the 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 £31.00

Wednesday 17th – Thursday 18th January



LAMMA 2024 - NEC THE UK'S LEADING FARM MACHINERY SHOW

TOUR PRICE

£139

2 DAYS

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, Birmingham**

A modern 3* hotel ideally located near the NEC. All ensuite rooms are furnished with TV, telephone and Wi-Fi access. The restaurant serves a choice evening menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool and fitness suite.

ITINERARY

WEDNESDAY 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 600 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.

THURSDAY 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 2024
- Evening meal at restaurant on Thursday's return journey

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £29.00
Travel insurance £23.00

Saturday 20th – Sunday 21st 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 hot tub (free use) and sauna (extra charge); there is also evening entertainment.

ITINERARY

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

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 6)

Sea view room supplement £15.00 per person

Travel insurance £23.00

Certain departure points are unavailable on this tour. Please enquire

TOUR PRICE

£95

2 DAYS

Saturday 20th – Sunday 21st January



STRICTLY COME DANCING LIVE TOUR

Calling all "Strictly" fans! ... Fun, fab-u-lous and pure entertainment – the Strictly Come Dancing Live Tour is hitting the road in January and February! Now you have the chance to experience everything you love about the multi-award-winning TV series – live!

YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn, Birmingham

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 favourite Strictly Judges will guide audiences through a feast of breathtaking dance routines and incredible live music, performed by a cast of celebrities and their professional dance partners, together with the Strictly Live Band. The magnificent dance floor will dazzle with the exquisite costumes and first-class production values which Strictly is known and loved for, giving fans of all ages the perfect opportunity to extend that special Strictly magic into the new year. And if that is not enough, the live show audience can play judge at each performance as their text votes ultimately decides who wins the coveted Glitterball Trophy. Feel-great entertainment to start 2024 on the right foot! After the show we rejoin the coach and make the short journey 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 very early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £25.00

Travel insurance £23.00

TOUR PRICE

£185

2 DAYS

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th January



Potters Resorts
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FIVE LAKES 5* RESORT ALL INCLUSIVE

Potters Five Lakes Resort is the UK's newest All Inclusive Holiday Resort, set in 320 acres of glorious Essex countryside. This tour is unashamedly full board which means four meals on each full day, a delicious breakfast, a tasty 3-course lunch, a sumptuous 3-course dinner plus a late-night snack. All rooms offer an en-suite bathroom, TV with premium channels including Sky Sports, tea and coffee facilities, safe, hairdryer, iron and ironing board, drinks cooler, essential toiletries and free Wi-Fi. Enjoy West End quality entertainment in the theatre and entertainment areas. Also inclusive are all drinks so whether it's a mid-morning cappuccino, a glass of wine with lunch or a gin and tonic in the evening, you can be sure the range of popular branded drinks are the perfect addition as you relax and enjoy your break. For the more energetic there is a wide range of sports, activities, dance classes and leisure facilities including an indoor pool, sauna, steam room, weights & gyms. If you prefer something a bit less physical, why not enjoy a classic pub game such as pool and darts or test your knowledge in one of the many fun quizzes... or for the budding artists sign up to the 'let's get crafty' club. You will really be hard pressed to fit everything in!

YOUR HOTEL Five Lakes Resort, Maldon, Essex

Accommodation of Premier Rooms in the Village and Hotel come as standard, just a short walk from the leisure facilities, with the option to upgrade (see supplements). All rooms are ensuite with TV, Wi-Fi, safe, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves three meals a day plus a late-night snack. There is a wide variety of indoor and outdoor activities and live entertainment.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave the West Country and make our way east, with stops for coffee and lunch en route, arriving at our hotel to settle in before our first evening dinner and fantastic live entertainment.

TUESDAY Join us if you wish as we visit the historic market town of Colchester and the first Roman-founded city in Britain. With over 2000 years of history, explore the centre surrounded by its city walls, its Norman castle and ancient priory, together with vibrant shopping district and cosy cafes to enjoy a morning coffee. We return to our resort for a tasty 3-course lunch and the afternoon is free for you to enjoy the facilities and activities or simply relax. Dinner this evening will once again be followed by top-class live entertainment.

WEDNESDAY 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 morning coffee. We return to our resort for lunch and another free afternoon before dinner and an evening of live entertainment.

THURSDAY The morning is free for you to continue to enjoy the facilities of our resort. After lunch join us if you wish for an afternoon excursion to Clacton-on-Sea, the largest town on the Essex Sunshine Coast. Take a stroll along the promenade, visit the pleasure pier or take afternoon tea in one of the seafront cafes. We return to our hotel with time to relax or continue to make use of the activities and facilities before dinner and our final evening of live entertainment.

FRIDAY Sadly we leave our hotel and with comfort stops en route, return to the West Country early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 nights' full board accommodation
- Drinks inclusive (selected)
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £100.00 (Max 2)
Premier Plus supplement £40.00pp
Deluxe Double supplement £40.00pp
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR
PRICE

£529

5 DAYS

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th January



CLASSIC CORNWALL

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

YOUR HOTEL Memby Hall Hotel, Falmouth

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

ITINERARY

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

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

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

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

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

No Single Supplement (Max 6)
Sea View Room Supplement £60.00 per person
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR
PRICE

£285

5 DAYS

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th January



KENT COAST & BRUGES

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

YOUR HOTEL Ashford International Hotel
Ashford, Kent

A modern 4* hotel. All rooms are ensuite with TV, Wi-Fi access, telephone and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a choice evening menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include a fitness room, sauna and indoor pool.

ITINERARY

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

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

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

THURSDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the city of Canterbury, with its cathedral and seat of the Archbishop. 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 Ferry
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £120.00
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR
PRICE

£345

5 DAYS

Thursday 25th – Monday 29th January



GREAT VALUE ENTERTAINMENT BREAK IN BOURNEMOUTH

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. Join us for this great value entertainment break – guaranteed to blow those winter blues away!

YOUR HOTEL Bournemouth Sands Hotel, Bournemouth

A friendly hotel ideally located just a short walk from West Cliff Park, the town centre and seafront. All rooms are ensuite with TV, and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift at the hotel. The restaurant serves a delicious freshly prepared evening menu and hearty breakfast.

ITINERARY

THURSDAY We leave our home area and journey east, stopping in Dorchester for lunch and time to browse the shops. We later rejoin the coach and make our way to our hotel in Bournemouth with time to settle in before dinner this evening followed by tonight's entertainment.

FRIDAY After a leisurely breakfast we travel to Poole, with its natural harbour and pretty quayside and town centre with many shopping opportunities to find that January sale bargain! After lunch we make our way to the scenic seaside resort of Swanage with its nostalgic Victorian pier and views across the Jurassic coast. It maybe January, but its never too cold to enjoy an ice cream by the sea!

SATURDAY Join us today as we enjoy a scenic tour across the charming New Forest where ponies and cattle freely graze, to the market town of Lyndhurst with time to enjoy coffee, before we continue to Lymington, a coastal Georgian town steeped in maritime history. The High Street has many independent shops and cafes to enjoy lunch, and a weekly Saturday market. At the bottom of the high street, you will find a cobbled road leading down to Old Town Quay teaming with fishing boats landing their fresh catch.

SUNDAY The whole day is free for you to explore Bournemouth, perhaps take a stroll through the park, along the seafront or browse the shops in the town centre, with many cafes and restaurants to enjoy a cosy lunch. Relax before a final evening dinner and entertainment.

MONDAY Sadly, we say a fond farewell to Bournemouth and begin our journey home, stopping in Salisbury for lunch. We arrive back in the West Country early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Half Price Bar on 3 evenings
- Entertainment each evening
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 5)
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR
PRICE

£235

5 DAYS

Friday 26th – Monday 29th January



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, 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.

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 an 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. Take a stroll along the quay and enjoy the array of yachts and vessels on the water, Dartmouth Museum offers a fascinating insight into the area's rich history and the town has many independent shops, and art galleries. Enjoy a warming lunch before we return to Paignton with the afternoon free for you to spend as you please. Dinner tonight will be followed by our final evening of 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 complete our homeward journey arriving late afternoon.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:
No single supplement (Max 5)
Travel insurance £29.00

TOUR PRICE

£199

4 DAYS

Monday 29th January – Friday 2nd February



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

One of our most popular tours, which we are delighted to repeat each year... early booking recommended!

YOUR HOTEL **MV Tynedale, Llandudno**

Each winter, the 4* 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 France, to a traditional welcome by the captain. Afternoon tea is served whilst the cabin boys take care of your luggage, and you can have a wander around the decks and take a photo beside the Eiffel Tower. Enjoy pre-dinner aperitifs as we set sail. 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 Acapulco, Mexico. We enjoy a scenic coach tour stopping for coffee, lunch and a spot of sightseeing along the way. We return to the MV Tynedale for afternoon tea and why not have a go on the Casino... (it's just for fun and the chips are free!). A fabulous Mexican themed dinner is followed by more cabaret entertainment and another complimentary finger buffet.

WEDNESDAY Good morning from Honolulu, Hawaii. The day is free to explore the local area but be sure to be back on board for afternoon tea whilst watching the highlights of this volcanic island on the big screen. In the Duty-Free bar all drinks are at tax free prices, so pop along and chill out at the beach party. We set sail whilst you enjoy another fabulous evening meal followed by more top entertainment and a complimentary buffet.

THURSDAY MV Tynedale berths in Venice where we board our coach for a scenic drive, arriving back on board in time for afternoon tea, have your photo with our gondolier and join in the deck games. Tonight, meet the Captain and crew at our Mysterious and Glamorous Venetian Masquerade cocktail party, guests are encouraged to dress for the occasion. Enjoy a delicious four course meal, 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
- Aperitif party and canapés reception
- 4-course themed evening dinners
- Afternoon tea each day
- Complimentary finger buffet at 11 pm each evening
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
No single supplement
Executive Room/Pent Suite
Supplement £60.00 per person
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR PRICE

£455

5 DAYS

Sunday 28th January – Saturday 3rd February



AUSTRIA & SWITZERLAND WINTERWONDERLAND... SNOWBOUND ON THE AROSA MOUNTAIN RAILWAY

More than 1000 metres above the pretty village of Chur is the famous mountain resort of Arosa. Join us for a winter wonderland tour which includes 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 Weisses Kreuz, Feldkirch

A delightful family run 4* traditional hotel located just on the outskirts of the medieval village of Feldkirch. All rooms are en-suite with TV, Wi-Fi, safe and telephone. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and hearty breakfast. During the evening there is a cosy lounge bar to relax in with friends. Leisure facilities include a sauna.

TOUR
PRICE

£765

7 DAYS



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.

WEDNESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the small town of Bludenz, just along the Inn Valley. This small medieval alpine town is crammed full with ancient gates, narrow lanes and painted house facades at every corner. We return to Feldkirch for time free to explore this delightful town with its medieval centre, ancient gateways, alleyways and old romantic quarter. Cafes line the medieval centre where you can sit and watch the world go by.

THURSDAY Join us today as we make our way to Lake Constance, one of Europe's largest natural lakes, where the borders of Austria, Switzerland and Germany meet. Here we visit the quaint harbour town of Lindau just across the German border, situated on an island on the shores of the lake, with its cobbled streets, picturesque harbour and beautifully decorated houses. With many shops to browse and cafes to enjoy a warming lunch, we later return to Feldkirch for our final evening in Austria.

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

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.

ITINERARY

SUNDAY After an early departure we make our way to Dover, with comfort stops en route, for the ferry crossing to Calais. We continue south, stopping on route for dinner, to our overnight accommodation in Metz.

MONDAY This morning we continue our journey, and on into Austria, to our hotel, where we stay for the next four nights, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

TUESDAY Join us today for the highlight of our tour as we travel south through Lichenstein and across to 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



PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- 1 night bed & breakfast at overnight hotel
- 1 night Dinner, Bed & Breakfast at overnight hotel
- Train ticket on the Arosa Express
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £181.00
Travel insurance £52.00

Monday 29th Jan – Friday 2nd February



SINAH WARREN, HAYLING ISLAND ... WARNER BREAK

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 Arbuthnot 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 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 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). We return to our hotel with time to relax before another evening dinner and top-class entertainment.

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

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

No Single supplement (Max 5)
Signature upgrade £20.00 per person
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR PRICE
£335
5 DAYS

Friday 2nd – Monday 5th February



LUXURY IN SIDMOUTH

Back by popular demand! You don't have to venture very far to enjoy a winter break and East Devon's coast is the perfect place for a relaxing holiday. Enjoy a very warm welcome and personal service in one of Sidmouth's most popular hotels, one of the Brend Collection group.

YOUR HOTEL The Belmont Hotel, Sidmouth

This grand Regency-style 4* hotel with wonderful sea views is set within three acres of award-winning gardens and is ideally located on the Esplanade. All rooms are en-suite with TV, Hair dryer, Wi-Fi access tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant has fantastic views across Lyme Bay and serves a delicious freshly prepared evening menu and hearty breakfast.

ITINERARY

FRIDAY We leave our home area, and make our way to Darts Farm near Topsham, with time to browse the charming gift shop and enjoy morning coffee. We continue to Exmouth, one of Devon's oldest seaside towns, situated at the mouth of the River Exe estuary. Whilst here you may like to browse the shops and enjoy a warming lunch in one of the town's cafes, we later make our way to our hotel, arriving with plenty of time to settle in and freshen up before dinner.

SATURDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way across to the lively market town of Honiton, known for its history of lace making, and regarded today as the antiques capital of the South-West. Today is market day with many traditional stalls lining the streets, together with independent and high street shops, and cosy cafes to enjoy an early lunch. We re-join the coach and travel to the Donkey Sanctuary with time to learn more about these adorable animals, followed by a sumptuous afternoon cream tea.

SUNDAY Join us this morning, if you wish, for a gentle drive to Lyme Regis, just across the border, known locally as "the pearl of Dorset". This unspoilt seaside resort and fishing port has a beautiful coastline and Jurassic fossil cliffs. With time to explore the town, watch the small fishing boats in Cobb harbour and enjoy lunch in one of the cafes, before we return to Sidmouth with this afternoon free to stroll along the wide promenade, visit Connaught gardens with spectacular views across the bay and relax in the hotel's lounge.

MONDAY Sadly we leave our hotel and begin our journey home. We make a stop for lunch at Otter Nurseries Garden Centre and browse the extensive gift and plant centre. We continue our journey home, arriving late afternoon/early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Afternoon Cream Tea at Sidmouth Donkey Sanctuary
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (max 2)
Sea View Room Supplement £15.00 per person
Travel insurance £29.00

TOUR PRICE
£325
4 DAYS

Friday 2nd – Monday 5th February



CORNWALL'S ATLANTIC NORTHERN COAST

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

YOUR HOTEL Eliot Hotel, Newquay

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

ITINERARY

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

SATURDAY This morning we travel to Truro, Cornwall's capital city. Whilst here you will have plenty of time to browse the many shops, visit the Farmer's Market, offering fresh, quality produce, direct from local producers to the public, and enjoy lunch. You may also like to visit the impressive triple-spired cathedral in the centre of city with its beautiful stained-glass windows and a delightful coffee shop.

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, it is a favourite for artists who flock here to paint in the bright reflective sunlight, with local artwork available to buy in the galleries. The picturesque fishing harbour is a beautiful place to stroll and browse the shops, or you may like to visit the Tate St Ives gallery. We return to Newquay for the afternoon free to take a stroll through town or along the beach.

MONDAY We leave our hotel and travel to the picturesque fishing village of Padstow, with its vibrant harbour and bustling town with gift shops, cafes & the National Lobster Hatchery. With time to explore and enjoy a warming lunch, we complete our homeward journey arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:
No single Supplement (max 2)
Travel insurance £29.00

TOUR PRICE

£215

4 DAYS

Sunday 4th – Thursday 8th February



5 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.

YOUR HOTEL Mystery Hotel, Mystery Location!

A modern 4* 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 choice evening menu and a generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool.

TOUR PRICE

£299

5 DAYS

ITINERARY

SUNDAY We leave our home area... and that's all we're telling you! We will stop for coffee and lunch en route to our hotel for four nights with time to settle in, freshen up and enjoy evening dinner. Plenty of time after dinner to relax and contemplate where we might visit the rest of the tour!

MONDAY – WEDNESDAY 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 short break.

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



PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single Supplement £80.00 (Max 5)
Travel insurance £31.00

Sunday 4th – Thursday 8th 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 Holiday Inn, Shepperton

A 4* hotel set in 11 acres of leafy grounds close to the River Thames, offering well appointed ensuite bedrooms with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The Regatta restaurant offers a choice evening menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool, sauna and gym.

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 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.

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 lunch we continue to Polesden Lacey to visit the peaceful winter gardens, 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 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.

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 Winkworth Arboretum (Nat Trust)
- Entrance to Polesden Lacey Gardens (Nat Trust)
- Entrance to Hampton Court Palace & Gardens (with audio guide)
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £160.00
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR
PRICE

£495

5 DAYS

Monday 12th – Friday 16th 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 including a historic city, a grand seaside resort and pretty fishing harbour.

YOUR HOTEL Cumberland Hotel, Scarborough

A delightful 3* hotel ideally 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 cafes 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.

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 cafes to enjoy coffee & lunch.

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:

No single supplement (Max 4)
Town View room supplement £24.00
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR
PRICE

£285

5 DAYS

Monday 19th – Friday 23rd February



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

£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 tonight.

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 cafes in which to a sumptuous cream tea (or a very large cream cake!).

THURSDAY Today we take a wonderful circular tour of the island, travelling through Ventnor and along the picturesque west coast to Alum Bay to see the best views of the Needles. We continue 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 (Max 3)
Sea View Room Supplement £24.00 (per person)
Travel insurance £31.00

Monday 19th – Friday 23rd February



NEW

MORE INCLUSIVE IN THE YORKSHIRE DALES

The Yorkshire Dales has it all ... a patchwork of green valleys, rugged moorland scenery and farmland laced with dry stone walls. Discover medieval cities and historic market towns in this superb winter tour.

YOUR HOTEL Cairn Hotel, Harrogate

A delightful 3* Victorian hotel ideally located just a short walk from the town centre. All rooms are ensuite with TV, telephone, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious home cooked evening menu and a hearty Yorkshire breakfast. Leisure facilities include a fitness suite.

TOUR PRICE

£345

5 DAYS

ITINERARY

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

TUESDAY Today we travel across to the historic city of York with the whole day free to explore, with attractions such as York Minster, the JORVIK Viking Centre, the Chocolate Story Museum and the famous Shambles, a narrow medieval alley crammed either side with shops. Or perhaps visit the National Railway Museum, just a short walk from the centre. With so much to see and do in this beautiful Yorkshire city, hop on a sightseeing bus tour to experience all its highlights.

WEDNESDAY This morning we make our way across the Dales to Skipton, where an outdoor market is held on the High Street. The 900 year old castle lies at the top of the High Street and the canal with pathways runs through the town. We return to our hotel for a warming lunch, with the afternoon free to explore the delightful spa town of Harrogate at leisure. You may like to visit the famous Bettys Tea Rooms for a spot of afternoon tea & cake!

THURSDAY Join us this morning for an excursion to the compact city of Ripon. The cathedral has over 1300 years of history with medieval wood carvings that inspired Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland. Today is market day and the traditional market square, surrounded by quaint streets and Georgian buildings will be bustling with stalls and traders. After lunch we travel to the pretty town of Thirsk, with its cobbled marketplace and home to the World of James Herriot, an attraction made famous by the TV series "All Creatures Great and Small".

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
- Packed lunch on 2 days
- Soup and sandwiches at hotel on 1 day
- Complimentary Drinks Vouchers (2 per day) for selected bar drinks
- Entertainment on 2 evenings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £64.00
Travel insurance £31.00

Tuesday 20th – Saturday 24th February



WINTER WARMER IN NORTH CORNWALL

Join us for a winter warmer tour in North Cornwall, with its picturesque fishing villages and rugged scenic coastline, just what is needed to break up the grey British winter!

YOUR HOTEL The Rosemundy Hotel, St Agnes

A delightful 3* family run hotel located in the quaint Cornish village of St Agnes, just a short walk from the village centre and situated in own its private garden and woodlands. All rooms are ensuite with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. Please note there is no lift at the hotel. The restaurant serves a delicious home cooked evening menu and hearty breakfast.

ITINERARY

TUESDAY We leave the West Country, stopping at Endsleigh Garden Centre for lunch en route, and arriving at our hotel late afternoon for a sherry reception, with time to freshen up before evening dinner.

WEDNESDAY Join us today as we make our way inland to visit Cornwall's great little city of Truro. Today is the weekly farmers market held on Lemon Quay, where you can browse the numerous stalls selling local produce. You may like to visit the iconic cathedral, stroll through the town centre with its many shops or for an indoor experience why not visit the Royal Cornwall Museum in town. After lunch we continue to the maritime town of Falmouth where the River Fal enters the estuary. Her you will find the National Maritime Museum, busy shopping centre and cafes to enjoy afternoon tea.

THURSDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way down the North Cornwall coast to the delightful harbour town of St Ives, a favourite for artists who flock here to paint the bright reflective sunlight with local artwork available to buy in the galleries in town. The picturesque fishing harbour is a lovely place to stroll, browse the shops and have a warming lunch, we later return to our hotel with time to relax before dinner this evening.

FRIDAY Today we enjoy a morning excursion to the coastal town of Padstow, a charming working harbour port, made famous by Rick Stein in recent years. This pretty harbour with lively streets and many cafes and restaurants sits along one of Cornwall's most beautiful stretches of coastline. Home to the National Lobster Hatchery, you may like to visit this fascinating attraction and learn about the marine conservation work here in the region. After lunch we return to our hotel for a traditional Cornish afternoon cream tea and final evening in St Agnes.

SATURDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we leave our hotel and begin the homeward journey, stopping in Plymouth with time to enjoy a warming lunch and browse the shops, before reaching home late afternoon/early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Sherry Reception
- Cornish Cream Tea on 1 afternoon
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No Single supplement (Max 5)
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR PRICE

£335

5 DAYS

Monday 26th Feb – Friday 1st March



MOCK CRUISE IN BOURNEMOUTH... A TASTE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN (NO SAILING!)

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. Step aboard our mock cruise to taste the delights of the "Mediterranean" in Bournemouth!

YOUR HOTEL The Suncliff Hotel, Bournemouth

A 3* hotel 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 Atlantis Restaurant serves a delicious menu and a hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool & sauna.

ITINERARY

MONDAY 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, where we "board" our "Cruise Ship" docked in "Spain" to begin our Mediterranean" mock cruise" voyage, settling into our "cabins". A cocktail reception awaits us before dinner this evening with a Spanish theme (optional), followed by musical entertainment.

TUESDAY We wake this morning in "Italy" and enjoy a leisurely breakfast. Join us if you wish for our "onshore" excursion, stopping for coffee and lunch and a spot of sightseeing, or choose to enjoy the facilities "onboard" and a morning quiz. We return to the "cruise ship" for an afternoon of bingo "onboard". Dinner tonight offers an Italian speciality (optional) followed by entertainment until late.

WEDNESDAY This morning we wake up in "France" and enjoy breakfast at leisure – easy on the croissants! We make our way to a nearby coastal town, with plenty of time to browse the shops or take a stroll along the charming quay. We return to our ship with the remainder of the afternoon free to explore the local area before this evening's dinner with a French twist (optional), and another night of entertainment.

THURSDAY Today our "ship" docks in "Greece", and the whole day is free to explore "onshore" at leisure, perhaps taking a stroll along the seafront towards the pier or enjoy the parkland or town centre. There is a quiz available this morning at the "ship", and tea and cake with entertainment this afternoon, before our evening meal (with a delicious Greek twist for the more adventurous) and a final evening of entertainment.

FRIDAY Back to reality as we "reach land" in Bournemouth!! 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:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- (Traditional evening menu with Mediterranean options)
- Bingo on 1 afternoon
- Tea & cake with entertainment
- Entertainment each evening
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 5)
Subsequent Singles £88.00
Sea View Room Supplement £88.00
per person (subject to availability)
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR PRICE

£285

5 DAYS

Monday 26th February – Friday 1st 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

£275

5 DAYS

ITINERARY

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

TUESDAY This morning as we cross into Leicestershire to the market town of Melton Mowbray with its farmers market offering local produce and crafts, the third oldest recorded market in England. It is renown 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 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 10.50am there is a daily act of remembrance in the Millenium Chapel, and a series of volunteer led talks around the site during the day (please ask for details at reception). There is a land train with audio commentary, exhibition displays and many volunteers on site happy to help with all your questions about battles, servicemen and prisoners of war etc. The restaurant offers delicious food, and the gift shop is full of books and gift ideas.

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

FRIDAY We leave our hotel and begin the homeward journey, stopping for lunch at Gloucester Quays indoor shopping outlet. We complete our journey home, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £80.00
Travel insurance £31.00

Monday 26th February – Friday 1st 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 evening menu and the lounge is a cosy area to relax in.

TOUR PRICE

£295

5 DAYS

ITINERARY

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

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

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

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
- Entertainment on some evenings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (max 3)
Sea view supplement £24.00 per person
Travel insurance £31.00

Monday 26th Feb – Friday 1st March

Warner Leisure Hotels
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BODELWYDDAN CASTLE, NORTH WALES ... WARNER BREAK

Set in 200 acres of beautifully tended parkland and commanding a hilltop position. The faces of the famous lend a fascinating air of sophistication to Bodelwyddan's every ivy-clad and turreted corner thanks to artworks from the National Portrait Gallery.

YOUR HOTEL Bodelwyddan Castle Hotel, Denbighshire, North Wales

A grade II listed hotel offering first-class accommodation with views of the Clwydian Hills and the mountains of Snowdonia beyond. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, tea & coffee-making facilities and lounge area. The restaurant serves a varied menu and the Mulberry Coffee Shop is perfect for light snacks. Entertainment is provided each evening and the Castle's leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, sauna, gym, bowls complex, croquet lawns, tennis courts and beauty salon. 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 hotels many facilities and activities, or just relax, have a leisurely coffee and enjoy the wonderful views. Join us for an afternoon excursion through some spectacular scenery, to the picturesque village of Betws-y-Coed, North Wales' most popular resort. Here you will find a railway museum, craft & gift shops and tea rooms.

WEDNESDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we travel along the coast to Llandudno, known as the 'Queen of Welsh Resorts'. You may like to take a ride on the Great Orme Tramway to the summit on one of only three cable-hauled street tramways in the world. There is also a fine pier, over 700 metres long, attractive gardens, shops and restaurants. After lunch we continue to Conwy – a medieval walled town with an imposing castle and lively quay, on which you will find what is claimed to be the smallest house in Great Britain! Dinner will once again be followed by top class entertainment.

THURSDAY Today we travel to Chester. Though a thriving modern city, it has retained much of its Roman past, including the most complete original city walls in England and its Rows - half-timbered, two-tier galleried shops. With its Norman cathedral and Roman amphitheatre, there is so much to take in. You may like to take a boat trip along the River Dee before we return to our hotel to continue to enjoy the many facilities before dinner and our final evening of entertainment.

FRIDAY Sadly, we leave our castle and begin our homeward journey, stopping for coffee and lunch on route, arriving back in our home area early-mid-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

No Single supplement Max 4)
Signature Room upgrade £20.00 per person
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR
PRICE

£349

5 DAYS

Friday 1st – Monday 4th 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 in Britain.

YOUR HOTEL Mystery Hotel, Mystery Location!

A 3* hotel in a central location. All rooms are en-suite with TV, radio, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities.

There is a lift to all floors, and the restaurant serves a freshly prepared choice 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 Each day 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
- Entertainment on some evenings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No Single Supplement (Max 1)
Sea View Supplement £20.00 per person
Travel insurance £29.00

Saturday 2nd – Sunday 3rd March



ORCHID FESTIVAL AT KEW

Why not brighten up the grey winter months and join us for a stunning show as we visit the glorious Royal Botanic Gardens Kew to celebrate a festival of orchids – behold a colourful tropical paradise!

YOUR HOTEL Radisson Blu Edwardian Heathrow Hotel, London Heathrow

A luxuriously appointed 4* hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, safe, 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 and jacuzzi & sauna.

TOUR PRICE

£169

2 DAYS

ITINERARY

SATURDAY We leave the West Country and make our way east, stopping for coffee on route, to Royal Windsor, with ample time to explore this charming town so full of history. You may like to visit the castle, take an open top bus trip around Windsor & Eton with guided commentary of its fascinating history, or just browse the shops and enjoy a relaxing lunch in one of its many restaurants. We later rejoin the coach and travel to our hotel, with time to settle in before dinner this evening.

SUNDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we make the short journey to the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, London's largest UNESCO World Heritage Site for the annual tropical orchid festival, now in its 29th year, located in the Princess Of Wales' Conservatory. Rejoice in the vibrancy and uplifting colours of these tropical plants, which botanists have been discovering for over 250 years, Kew being one of the world leaders on the study of these delicate plants. There is so much more to explore at Kew as you stroll through the grounds, including water features, woodland areas and a giant palm house. Don't miss the beautiful camellias in a riot of colour at this time of year! There are several cafes and restaurants to enjoy a warming lunch and gift shops to browse. We later return to the West Country, again with a comfort stop en route, arriving mid-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Buffet English Breakfast
- Entrance to Royal Botanic Gardens Kew (including Orchid Festival)
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £25.00
Travel insurance £23.00

Saturday 2nd – Sunday 3rd March



ABBA VOYAGE

Calling all ABBA fans! See ABBA as never before in this cutting-edge technology concert with spectacular lighting effects as they take to the stage in a ground-breaking, digital avatar format. Join us as we experience this long-awaited concert of the one of the world's biggest pop acts of all time.

YOUR HOTEL Novotel London Excel Hotel, London Docklands

A stylish 4* hotel located in the modern London Docklands waterfront. All rooms are comfortably furnished with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a generous hot and cold buffet breakfast. Leisure facilities include a fitness suite.

TOUR PRICE

£269

2 DAYS

ITINERARY

SATURDAY We leave the West Country and make our way east, with a coffee stop on route, to Windsor for lunch and time to explore this regal town. We continue to our hotel, with time to check in luggage, before rejoining the coach and grab a bite to eat before the concert tonight. Set in the purpose-built ABBA Arena at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, we will enjoy a 90 minute concert like no other, as the four pop icons (Benny, Björn, Agnetha & Anni-Frid) appear before our eyes as digital avatars and perform some of their greatest and much-loved hits from years gone by, supported by a 10 piece live band. With brilliant lighting effects and cutting-edge digital images, it will feel like you are in front of the band themselves, this will have you dancing in the aisles and singing at the top of your voice to the greatest hits from the 70's & 80's from one of the greatest pop bands of all time!

SUNDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we make the short journey into central London, with the day free to spend as you please, either sightseeing, visiting some of the capital's famous attractions or enjoying a spot of retail therapy. With many restaurants, cafes and pubs to enjoy lunch, we rejoin the coach this afternoon and begin our journey home. With a comfort stop on route, we arrive back in the West Country mid-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Bed & Breakfast
- Ticket for Abba Voyage Concert
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £99.00
Travel insurance £23.00

Saturday 2nd – Saturday 9th March



ITALIAN RIVIERA & MONACO

The Italian Riviera is considered to be one of Europe's most beautiful coastlines, curving around the Mediterranean, with blue skies, stately villas, turquoise ocean and stunning seafront promenades. With an exceptionally mild climate and colourful blooms, it is affectionately known as the "Riviera of Flowers"

YOUR HOTEL Bergamo Hotel, San Bartolomeo al Mare

A delightful locally-rated 3* hotel just a short walk from the seafront and harbour areas. Each en-suite room is comfortably furnished with TV and hairdryer, with most rooms served by a lift. The restaurant with views across the garden, serves a delicious-varied menu and the lounge bar offers a cosy place to relax with friends. There is also an outdoor swimming pool.

TOUR
PRICE

£765

8 DAYS



ITINERARY

SATURDAY 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 en route, to our overnight accommodation in Metz.

SUNDAY After breakfast, we continue our journey through France and into Italy, arriving at our hotel in San Bartolomeo with plenty of time to settle in before our evening meal.

MONDAY Today is free for you to explore the delightful resort of San Bartolomeo al Mare, a typical Ligurian town. Just a short walk from the hotel you can stroll along the flat promenade that stretches from the harbour and along pass sandy beaches to the resort of Diana Marina. Enjoy a leisurely lunch in a local pizzeria or just sit and watch the world go by along this peaceful coastline.

TUESDAY Join us today as we make the short journey along the coastline which hugs the Ligurian Sea, a stretch of coast known as the Riviera of Flowers, across the French border and into the Principality of Monaco, and its capital, Monte Carlo, playground to the world's rich and famous. Whilst here, you might like to explore some of its attractions, such as Monaco cathedral, the famous Casino or the Prince's Palace where you can enjoy an audio-guided tour. Take a gentle stroll around the harbour with beautifully varnished yachts, or maybe even walk the famous Grand Prix track. The gardens are well worth a visit, hugging the dramatic cliffs, overlooking the bay, with beautiful exotic plants around every corner. The heart of the old town is crammed

with shops and cafes, or you may prefer to explore the town by a guided sightseeing bus tour or tourist land train.

WEDNESDAY After a leisurely breakfast, join us as we continue exploring the beautiful Ligurian coastline, making a stop in the elegant resort of San Remo with its pretty domed Russian Orthodox Church dating from the early 1900's. We continue along the coast, following the river course along the Nervia Valley to the medieval picturesque village of Dolceacqua, known for its typical red wine "Rossese di Dolceacqua" with time to enjoy lunch and explore this pretty village.

THURSDAY Today we make our way along the coastline in the opposite direction, to the old fishing port of Alassio, which boasts one of Italy's best beach fronts with a golden sandy shoreline and elegant promenade. The old town is a maze of narrow streets with shops, gelaterias - selling deliciously creamy Italian ice-cream, and many cafes and restaurants. Stunning old villas and gardens add to the elegance of this much-loved coastal resort. This afternoon, we return to our hotel for time to relax before our final evening.

FRIDAY This morning, we leave the coast, and head back through Italy, and across the French border. We arrive at our overnight hotel in Metz for the evening meal.

SATURDAY 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:

- 5 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- 1 Night Bed & Breakfast in overnight hotel
- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Breakfast in overnight hotel
- Gala dinner evening with musical entertainment
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £130.00 (Max 4)

Additional Singles £233.00

Travel insurance £54.00

Monday 4th – Friday 8th March



YORKSHIRE WINTER WARMER

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

YOUR HOTEL **Queens Hotel, York**

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

TOUR PRICE

£349

5 DAYS

ITINERARY

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

TUESDAY Join us today 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 afternoon 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 and one of the UK's most attractive towns. Smart streets and mews are filled with a tempting choice of shops, from boutiques to antiques, stylish restaurants, bars and cafés, and Betty's Tea Shop is highly recommended!

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 £92.00
Travel insurance £31.00

Monday 4th – Friday 8th March



A TASTE OF THREE COUNTIES

We bring you a tour which includes three very different locations, each with its own wealth of history. Chester, the county town of Cheshire is an historic gem with Roman walls and black & white timber buildings. Liverpool is more than just a city - it is an iconic vibrant place with maritime and cultural connections. Denbighshire is a county in North Wales with stunning countryside and bustling market towns.

YOUR HOTEL **Mercure Chester Abbots Well Hotel Chester**

A 4* modern hotel set in two acres of exquisite, landscaped gardens. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a freshly prepared choice evening menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, gym, spa, jacuzzi and steam room.

TOUR PRICE

£325

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 Join us today as we cross over the border into Wales to the charming county of Denbighshire. We start with a visit to the quaint riverside town of Llangollen, with its 16th century bridge crossing the River Dee. Browse the fascinating mix of shops and enjoy a coffee in a café, before we rejoin the coach and make our way out of the Llangollen valley and over Horseshoe Pass (weather permitting) through scenic countryside and on to the charming town of Ruthin with its ancient castle, gaol and North Wales' oldest timber framed house.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £100.00 (Max 5)
Travel insurance £31.00

Friday 8th – Saturday 9th March



THE MOUNTBATTEN FESTIVAL OF MUSIC ROYAL ALBERT HALL

The Mountbatten Festival of Music features the Massed Bands of His Majesty's Royal Marines and displays the outstanding versatility of some of the world's finest military musicians and they are given the "West End" treatment with spectacular lighting effects.

YOUR HOTEL Copthorne Tara Hotel, London Kensington

An elegant, contemporary 4* hotel, ideally situated in prestigious Kensington. Each of the bright, comfortable rooms is ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors and the restaurant offers a generous buffet breakfast.

ITINERARY

FRIDAY We leave the West Country and make our way to London, stopping for coffee en route. The afternoon is then free for you to spend as you please. You may like to indulge in some shopping, or perhaps you'd prefer to visit one of London's many attractions before enjoying an evening meal in a restaurant of your choice. We make the short journey to the Royal Albert Hall for the Mountbatten Festival of Music, which sees the Royal Marines showcase their incredible musicianship and pageantry and features a wide range of musical styles, including music from the big screen and superb solo items, as well as the traditional marches and overtures that have proved such a hit with audiences over the years. After the concert we return to our hotel.

SATURDAY After a leisurely breakfast, the day is free to spend as you please with plenty of time to shop or visit one of the enormous choice of attractions. Two great ways to see the best of London's sites is via an open top bus tour or a River Cruise along the Thames with a commentary to enlighten you with the capital's history. We leave mid-late afternoon, and make our way back to the West Country, with a comfort stop on route, arriving mid-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- The Mountbatten Festival of Music concert ticket
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £50.00
Travel insurance £23.00

TOUR PRICE

£199

2 DAYS

Friday 8th – Monday 11th 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 Mercure Telford Centre Hotel, Telford

A 4* modern hotel situated in the gateway to the Shropshire Hills. All rooms are ensuite with TV, safe, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool and fitness suite.

ITINERARY

FRIDAY We leave the West Country and, with a comfort stop en route, make our way to the delightful market town of Tewkesbury for lunch. We re-join the coach and continue to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in 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 visit Ludlow, a thriving market town renowned for its black & white architecture. With time to explore, have lunch and maybe visit the medieval castle we continue to the delightful town of Bridgnorth, divided into the higher & lower town, linked by a Victorian funicular cliff railway. There are a variety of cafes to have tea, 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 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 before completing our homeward journey to the West Country, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

TOUR PRICE

£295

4 DAYS

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £100.00
Travel insurance £29.00

Saturday 9th – Sunday 10th March



A WEEKEND IN PORTSMOUTH & WINCHESTER

TOUR PRICE

£99

2 DAYS

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 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 boat 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 advisable 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 £23.00

Certain departure points are unavailable on this tour. Please enquire

Monday 11th – Friday 15th March



LAKE DISTRICT MORE INCLUSIVE

TOUR PRICE

£385

5 DAYS

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

YOUR HOTEL **The Cumbria Grand Hotel, Grange-Over-Sands**

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

ITINERARY

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

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

WEDNESDAY Today we make a circular tour of some of the loveliest parts of the Lake District has to offer, travelling through the picturesque village of Haverthwaite, following part of Coniston Water and Coniston village to Ambleside for coffee, and time to look around this lovely village. We continue our tour through the Lake District National Park to Kendal 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 Bowness, in the "heart" of the Lake District, where we enjoy a circular island cruise by boat. Afterwards you will have plenty of 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 £31.00

Monday 11th – Friday 15th March



A CORNISH WINTER WARMER ... AND A DASH OF LUXURY

Join us for a winter warmer to a delightful corner of Cornwall, to experience the world-famous gardens at the Eden Project, a glimpse into Victorian crime at Bodmin Jail and a taste of the seaside in glorious Looe. A great way to banish those grey winter blues as we step towards spring days once more!

YOUR HOTEL St Mellion Estate Hotel & Spa, Saltash

A 4* luxurious hotel set within 450 acres of countryside and golf course. All rooms are ensuite and comfortably furnished with TV, telephone, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities includes a health club with 3 swimming pools, gym and fitness suite and wellness spa.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave our home area and with a coffee stop on route make our way to the Dartmoor market town of Tavistock, historic home to Sir Francis Drake, with its indoor pannier market and variety of independent shops. Enjoy a quiet lunch and take a stroll alongside the River Tavy. We continue to our hotel, with time to settle in before dinner.

TUESDAY Join us today as we visit the world-famous Eden Project, one of Cornwall's most popular attractions, a dramatic global garden housed in tropical biomes nestled in former clay mining craters. Outdoors, the gardens are a wash with plant collections from across Europe, and inside the warm biomes you will discover colourful Mediterranean delights, to exotic Rainforest canopies with treetop walks. There are cafes to enjoy a relaxing lunch and afternoon tea.

WEDNESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the charming Cornish coastal town of Looe with its working fishing harbour, sandy beaches and vibrant town centre filled with shops and numerous cafes. With time to explore the harbour and its town, we make our way back to our hotel via Kernow Mill with its large shopping area & café. We return to our hotel where you may like to make use of the leisure facilities or spend a relaxing afternoon.

THURSDAY This morning we make our way to the Cornish town of Bodmin, to visit one of its best loved attractions – Bodmin Jail. Step into history with theatrical effects and the latest technology as we are transported back to Cornwall's murky past to experience penal life of a working 18th & 19th century prison, and learn about Cornish tales of smuggling, mining and hardships facing the poorest in society. We later visit Bodmin itself, one of Cornwall's oldest towns with imposing granite buildings. With time to enjoy lunch and browse the shops, we return to our hotel for our final evening.

FRIDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we make a stop in Plymouth with time to browse the shops and enjoy lunch, before continuing our journey to our home area, arriving late afternoon.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Entrance to The Eden Project
- Entrance to Bodmin Jail
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No Single supplement (Max 3)
Subsequent Singles £199.00
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR PRICE

£585

5 DAYS

Friday 15th – Monday 18th March



NORMANDY – ROUEN & THE ALABASTER COAST

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 B&B Hotel Rouen Centre Rive Droite, Rouen

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, hairdryer and Wi-Fi access. There is a lift to all floors. The bar and outside terraced area offers a relaxing area to relax.

ITINERARY

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

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 £55.00
Travel insurance £45.00

TOUR PRICE

£285

4 DAYS

Friday 15th – Monday 18th March



THRIFLOW DAFFODIL FESTIVAL

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

YOUR HOTEL Marriott Hotel, Huntingdon

A modern 4* hotel. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious choice evening menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool.

TOUR PRICE

£345

4 DAYS

ITINERARY

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

SATURDAY Today we travel to Cambridge with the day free to explore this exquisite University city with all its landmarks and attractions at leisure. You may like to visit the museums and galleries, enjoying watching the boats punting along the River Cam, wander through cobbled streets admiring the architecture or explore the city by a sightseeing bus tour. We later return to our hotel with time to relax before dinner tonight.

SUNDAY This morning we make our way to Thriplow for the annual Daffodil Festival. Explore the village with its delightful yellow displays of this early springtime flowering beauty. There will be traditional village entertainment such as Morris dancers, Punch & Judy, Tractor & trailer rides, live music plus open gardens to visit, the church flower festival and refreshment stalls.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £105.00
Travel insurance £29.00

Friday 15th – Monday 18th March



ENTERTAINMENT WEEKEND IN BABBACOMBE

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 Anchorage Hotel, Torquay

A 3* friendly family-run hotel located just a short walk from the cliffs overlooking Babbacombe Bay. Each of the bedrooms is ensuite with TV, telephone and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to some rooms. The restaurant serves a delicious home cooked evening menu and hearty breakfast, and there is a lounge bar to relax in.

TOUR PRICE

£209

4 DAYS

ITINERARY

FRIDAY We leave our home area and make our way to Trago Mills, the south-west's largest garden centre and shopping village, it boasts 12 amazing show gardens designed by Chelsea Gold Medal Winner Paul Stone. The gardens feature a clapper bridge, sensory garden, Japanese garden, railway children's garden and more. 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. After lunch we continue to House of Marbles with time to explore the glassworks, museums, browse the emporium which stocks toys & games to special gifts, furniture, confectionery and enjoy afternoon tea in the Pottery Café. We return to our hotel with time if you wish to stroll along the seafront before dinner and more entertainment.

SUNDAY Today we travel to Plymouth, with its rich maritime heritage and historic Barbican district with narrow, cobbled streets a bustling array of specialist shops, restaurants, cafes and world-class attractions, all set against the backdrop of the picturesque harbour. You may like to visit Sutton Harbour, home to the National Marine Aquarium, where sharks and rays glide in deep-water tanks. Be sure to make a trip to Plymouth Hoe - not only is it the backdrop for Sir Francis Drake's legendary game of bowls, but it's also one of the most beautiful natural harbours in the world. You can get incredible views of Plymouth from Smeaton's Tower. Dinner tonight will be followed by a final evening of entertainment.

MONDAY Sadly this morning, we leave our hotel and begin our homeward journey, stopping at the beautiful grounds of Buckfast Abbey for lunch. We then continue our home area, arriving very early-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

No Single supplement (Max 5)
Travel insurance £29.00

Saturday 16th – Thursday 21st March



SPRINGTIME IN SCENIC SCOTLAND & ROYAL DEESIDE

Scotland is scenic at 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 and rich clan history. 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 & Spa, Blairgowrie

A warm welcome awaits us at this delightful 3* hotel situated in the centre of Blairgowrie; a charming town nestled in the foothills of the Sidlaw Hills. 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 traditional evening menu using locally sourced produce and hearty Scottish breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool and spa.

ITINERARY

SATURDAY We leave the West Country and make our way north, with comfort stops enroute, to our hotel in Blairgowrie, our base for the next five nights, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

SUNDAY This morning is free for you to spend as you please in Blairgowrie. You may like to 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. A delightful town in a spectacular setting under the skyline of Ben Vackrie (at 2760 ft), it is well known for its hydro-electric dam and salmon ladder and has some lovely Victorian architecture, independent shops and tea rooms.

MONDAY 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 where 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 every September and attended by the Royal Family. Here, you will have time to explore the village and perhaps enjoy afternoon tea before we travel back to Blairgowrie.

TUESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make the short journey to Perth, a small Scottish city on the banks of the River Tay, once Scotland's capital. As well as the usual shops in the city centre, 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 lovely river sidewalk along the Tay.

WEDNESDAY 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 continue over the spectacular Duke's Pass to Loch Katrine for lunch and time to admire the wonderful scenery. We return to Blairgowrie with a stop for tea in the town of Callendar.

THURSDAY Sadly it's time to leave our Scottish hosts and begin the homeward journey south, stopping for regular comfort breaks enroute, and reaching the West Country early-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £125.00
Travel insurance £33.00

TOUR
PRICE

£395

6 DAYS

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd 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.

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 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.

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 tearoom nearby.

THURSDAY 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.

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 is 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
- Entertainment on most evenings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
No single supplement (Max 5)
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR
PRICE

£349

5 DAYS

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd March



SPRINGTIME 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 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 en route, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

TUESDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we travel south, to the bustling market town of Chesterfield, famous for its crooked church spire of Saint Mary and All Saints. We continue to Matlock Bath, a picturesque village set in the beautiful gorge of the river Derwent, with attractive riverside gardens, shops, cafés, rocky limestone crags.

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 in the town. We continue to Buxton, the Cultural Capital of the Peak District for lunch and time to explore. Here you will find a the splendid Crescent, ornamental gardens, and Opera House with the largest unsupported dome in the country as well as some lovely shops and restaurants.

THURSDAY Today we take a circular tour we travel through some of the most stunning scenery the Peak District National Park has to offer, passing Ladybower Reservoir and up the spectacular Snake Pass (weather permitting) to Holmfirth famous for its connection with the Bronte sisters who wrote most of their famous works while living at the Haworth Parsonage where you may like to visit the museum. And you will also find many lovely tea rooms, souvenir shops and antiquarian bookshops.

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 £100.00
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR PRICE

£385

5 DAYS

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd March



ALVASTON HALL, CHESHIRE ... WARNER BREAK

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.

YOUR HOTEL Alveston Hall Hotel, Nantwich, Cheshire

A beautiful 3* half-timbered Victorian country hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, lounge chairs and tea & coffee facilities. Enjoy dinner in the splendid Cabaret Restaurant, before sitting back to take in the fantastic dancing and live entertainment. 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 4)
Signature room upgrade £20.00 per person
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR PRICE

£385

5 DAYS

Wednesday 20th – Sunday 24th 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, Wi-Fi 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 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 £120.00
Car hire on the island
Travel insurance £47.00
Deposit £150.00 per person

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TOUR
PRICE
**FROM
£585**
5 DAYS

Friday 22nd – Monday 25th March



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

Ideally 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 plenty of time to explore the magnificent Welsh capital where you may like to visit the castle and discover the history of this distinguished city, 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 Night's Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No Single Supplement (Max 1)
Sea view supplement £20.00 per person
Travel insurance £29.00

TOUR
PRICE
£209
4 DAYS

Friday 22nd – Monday 25th 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 & Country Club, 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.

TOUR
PRICE

£259

4 DAYS

ITINERARY

FRIDAY We leave the West Country and make our way over the Severn Bridge to the delightful Welsh town of Chepstow. This medieval settlement boasts an impressive Norman Castle situated on the cliffs above the River Wye. Inside the town you can find the town gate way and wall and priory church of St Mary. You will find many independent shops lining the high street amid handsome Georgian and Victorian buildings, 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 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 & Breakfast
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £60.00
Travel insurance £29.00

Monday 25th – Friday 29th 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

£295

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, considered to be the capital of the Norfolk Broads with time to explore before we enjoy a gentle boat cruise with a full commentary about the Broads, its wildlife and points of interest along the way. We complete our circular cruise, with plenty of time in Wroxham to browse the abundance of shops and enjoy a leisurely lunch.

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)
Sea View Room supplement £24.00 per person
Travel insurance £31.00

Friday 29th March – Monday 1st April



EASTER IN DORSET & THE NEW FOREST

Dorset is perhaps one of England's most picturesque and tranquil of all the counties. With beautiful sandy beaches along the Jurassic coastline, to scenic countryside and the charming New Forest National Park, what better way to spend the Easter holidays!

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 evening.

ITINERARY

FRIDAY We leave our home area and journey east, stopping in Dorchester for coffee and time to browse the shops. We then continue to our hotel with the rest of the day to enjoy the resort in Bournemouth with its long sandy beaches, fabulous mix of shops and restaurants and luscious gardens to spend a relaxing afternoon.

SATURDAY Join us today as we discover the charming New Forest National Park. We travel through this ancient landscape where ponies and cattle graze freely to the delightful town of Lyndhurst with time for coffee and browse the shops. We continue across the forest to Exbury Gardens, a 200 acre informal woodland garden with large collections of rhododendrons and azaleas – ablaze with colour in early spring!

SUNDAY Happy Easter! Join us today as we travel to the enchanting maritime town of Poole, with Europe's largest natural harbour and array of shops and cafes. With time to explore the bustling resort and enjoy lunch, we make our way to Norden where we board the Swanage Railway for a gentle train journey to Swanage. With time to explore this nostalgic seaside town on the Jurassic coast, with its Victorian pier, take a stroll along the promenade, and enjoy an ice cream or afternoon tea in one of the cafes in the resort.

MONDAY 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
- Entrance to Exbury Gardens
- Single Journey on Swanage Railway
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 5)
Subsequent Singles £60.00
Sea view supplement (double/twin only) £60 per person
(subject to availability)
Travel insurance £29.00

TOUR
PRICE

£325

4 DAYS

Monday 1st – Friday 5th April



NORTH WALES & SPECTACULAR SNOWDONIA

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 from our base in the centre of Snowdonia National Park.

YOUR HOTEL The Royal Victoria Hotel, Llanberis

A delightful 3* hotel nestled at the foot of Yr Wyddfa and set within 30 acres of gardens and woodlands. All rooms are ensuite with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious choice evening menu and hearty Welsh breakfast. The cosy bar and elegant lounge with stunning views across the garden offer an area to relax in.

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 a leisurely breakfast, we make our way across Snowdonia National Park, as the dramatic and rugged landscape unfolds before our eyes. Bety's-Y-Coed is a picturesque village on the north-east side of the National Park, situated along the River Conwy and a village green, with delightful shops and cosy cafes in which to enjoy lunch. This afternoon we return to Llanberis where we visit the National Slate Museum to learn about the fascinating history of the Welsh slate industry. The rest of the afternoon is free to enjoy Llanberis at leisure.

WEDNESDAY 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 on to the Isle of Anglesey, crossing over the Menai Straits, with a visit to the James Pringle Weavers at Llanfairpwllgwyngyll and an opportunity to pick up a winter warmer bargain or two!

THURSDAY Join us today as we travel a little way to the north coastline to the seaside resort of Llandudno, known locally as the "Queen of Welsh Resorts", with its long pier, shops and numerous cafes to enjoy lunch. We continue to the nearby resort of Conwy, with its castle and quayside, and what is claimed to be the smallest house in Great Britain! We return to our hotel with time to relax before dinner this evening.

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
- Entrance to National Slate Museum (free)
- All coach travel

TOUR
PRICE

£385

5 DAYS

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single Supplement (max 5)
Travel insurance £31.00

Monday 8th – Friday 12th 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 Royal Esplanade Hotel, Ryde

A 3* hotel in a prime position along the esplanade, and the second-largest town on the island. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer, tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift, the restaurant serves a delicious menu and entertainment is provided on 2 evenings.

TOUR PRICE

£395

5 DAYS

ITINERARY

MONDAY 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, and the short journey to Ryde and our hotel, arriving with time to settle in and maybe take a stroll before dinner.

TUESDAY Today we take a wonderful circular tour of the island, and along the picturesque west coast to Alum Bay. Here you may like to take the chair lift down to the sea for the best views of the Needles or make yourself a souvenir with the multi-coloured sands found around the bay. After lunch we continue to Cowes, a famous yachting harbour, with time to browse the shops and watch the boats coming in, returning to Ryde with the rest of the afternoon at leisure.

WEDNESDAY This morning we make our way to Shanklin, a proper seaside town with a lovely beach to stroll along, set against the dramatic sandstone cliffs. You may like to visit the Old Village with its picturesque, thatched buildings, gift shops and cafés or Shanklin Chine, a deep gorge carved out by a stream. This afternoon we visit the picturesque village of Godshill – the most-photographed village in Britain, with its thatched cottages and 15th-century church, immaculate model village and many gift shops. There are also some lovely cafés in which to enjoy a cream tea (or a very large cream cake!).

THURSDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the St Mildred's Church at Whippingham, full of history with strong links with 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.

FRIDAY We leave our hotel after breakfast make the short journey to East 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
- Introductory talk at St Mildred's Church
- Entrance to Osborne House
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No Single supplement (max 5)
Travel insurance £31.00

Monday 8th – Friday 12th 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 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.

TOUR PRICE

£365

5 DAYS

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 After breakfast 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. This afternoon we travel to 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.

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
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £130.00
Travel insurance £31.00

Monday 8th – Friday 12th April



**THORESBY HALL
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ...
WARNER BREAK**

**TOUR
PRICE**

£485

5 DAYS

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

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave the West Country and make our way to Warwick for lunch and time to visit attractions or browse the delightful shops. 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, 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 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)
Signature room upgrade £30.00 per person
Travel insurance £31.00

Wednesday 10th – Saturday 13th April



**ANTIQUES FAIR,
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**

**TOUR
PRICE**

£325

4 DAYS

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

YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn, Lincoln

A modern 3* hotel located on Lincoln's bustling waterfront. All rooms are ensuite with TV, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. A lift serves all floors. The restaurant offers a choice evening menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include a fitness suite.

ITINERARY

WEDNESDAY We leave the West Country and travel north, stopping for coffee en route, to the vibrant city of Nottingham. Whilst here, you may like to visit Nottingham Castle – 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 in which to enjoy lunch. We later make the short journey to our hotel, with time to settle in and maybe make use of the leisure facilities before dinner and an evening at leisure.

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

FRIDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way north to Hemswell Antiques Centres, home to Europe's largest and most interesting collection of antiques. Located in the old RAF Hemswell (the old WWII Lancaster Bomber base), there are four buildings housing vast arrays of quality antiques and collectables displayed by over 400 dealers in beautifully presented room settings and display cabinets. Whether you are looking for period furniture, clocks, silverware, jewellery, works of art or unusual items, there is something for everyone! There are two coffee shops on site, and a restaurant serving snacks and light lunches. We return to Lincoln with the remainder of the day free to explore at leisure.

SATURDAY We leave our hotel after breakfast and make our way to Worcester, with time to enjoy this delightful city. You may like to visit the Worcester Porcelain Museum, which houses the world's largest collection of Worcester Porcelain. There is also a fine cathedral, which overlooks the River Severn and houses the tomb of King John. We later resume our homeward journey, arriving early-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Antiques Fair
- Entrance to Hemswell Antique Centre (free admission)
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £141.00
Travel insurance £29.00

Friday 12th – Monday 15th 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's 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. Entertainment is provided on some evenings.

ITINERARY

FRIDAY We leave our home area and travel west to the ancient market town of Tavistock. 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. After lunch we visit the charming harbour port of Charlestown. Originally built in Georgian times to export copper and import coal, a delightful fishing village sprung up around the port with a mix of elegant houses and quaint cottages. Whilst here you may like to visit the Shipwreck Museum, or wander down to the lovely quayside.

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
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 1)
 Superior Single River View with Balcony (Max 1) £60.00
 Classic River View (Twin or Double) £30.00 per person
 Superior River View with Balcony (Twin or Double) £60.00 per person
 Travel insurance £29.00

TOUR
PRICE

£295

4 DAYS

Monday 15th – Friday 19th 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 feature 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, to browse the gift shops and enjoy an early lunch. We make the short journey to Settle to 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.

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 complete our tour 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

£445

5 DAYS

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £48.00
 Travel insurance £31.00

Sunday 14th – Sunday 21st April



SPRINGTIME IN AUSTRIA

Surrounded by exquisite natural beauty, Austria's dramatic and rugged landscape feels like it was taken from the pages of a storybook. We explore the full range of this beautiful region's hidden gems and relax among the breathtaking scenery in the heart of Austria.

YOUR HOTEL Landhotel Lerch Plankenau, St. Johann im Pongau

A delightful family run 3* hotel located in the peaceful district of Plankenau. All rooms are en-suite with TV and hairdryer. The restaurant serves a varied breakfast buffet with fresh regional products and a delicious evening menu. There is a lounge and bar area together with outdoor terrace to relax in, and leisure facilities include a spa with sauna and steam room.

TOUR
PRICE

£825

8 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, stopping en route for our evening meal, to our overnight accommodation in Metz.

MONDAY We continue our journey through Germany and into Austria, and on to our hotel where we stay for the next five nights, arriving with time for dinner.

TUESDAY Join us today as we visit the spa town of Bad Ischl, where by-gone emperors of the Austro-Hungarian & Habsburg monarchy spent their summers. You may like to visit the Kaiservilla, the summer residence of Emperor Franz Joseph, or perhaps take a leisurely stroll through the Imperial town centre. We reboard the coach and make our way to the shores of Lake Hallstatt to visit perhaps the most photographed villages in all of Austria – Hallstatt. Home to one of the world's oldest salt mines, this quaint alpine village offers a world of narrow cobbled streets and pastel houses crammed with gift shops and cafes, and unparalleled lake views.

WEDNESDAY After breakfast we travel to the elegant city of

Salzburg, famous as the birthplace of Mozart, and another film location for scenes from "The Sound Of Music", with its stunning cathedral, Hellbrunn Palace, Mirabell Palace Gardens and rich history. The best way to explore this delightful city is by a sightseeing tour bus, with an audio guide around the city, where you can hop-on and hop-off and visit many parts of the city at your leisure.

THURSDAY Today we make our way north, following the Salzburg Valley, where we cross the border into Germany's Bavarian Alpine region. Here we make a visit to the northern shores of Lake Konigsee, with time to stroll down to the lakeside, browse the gift shops and enjoy coffee in one of the cafes. We rejoin the coach and make our way into the centre of Berchtesgaden, a picture-book alpine town with pastel-coloured houses and local shops selling Bavarian gifts and crafts. With time to explore the town and enjoy a leisurely lunch, we later return to our hotel.

FRIDAY This morning we travel to the pretty town of Zell am See, nestled on the shores of lovely Lake Zell and one of Austria's most popular resorts. Plenty of time here to stroll through the medieval centre and along the lake shores where you may like to take a gentle stroll or cable car journey into the mountains.

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

SUNDAY We resume our homeward journey to Calais, for the return ferry crossing to Dover. We then continue to the West Country, arriving early/mid-evening.



PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 night Bed & Breakfast in overnight hotel
- 6 nights' Dinner Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £188.00
Travel insurance £54.00

Monday 15th – Friday 19th 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. For a small fee you can access the adjacent Waterford Leisure Centre, with its indoor swimming pool, sauna and gym. Entertainment is provided each evening.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave our home area and travel to Pembroke, with a comfort stop en route, for our afternoon crossing to Rosslare. After docking in Ireland, we travel on to Enniscorthy, to 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 for 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. Our third themed dinner, accompanied by Irish Pike men dressed in full regalia, will be 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. With 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 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
- Cookery demonstration
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £100.00
Travel insurance £47.00

TOUR
PRICE

£425

5 DAYS

Saturday 20th – Sunday 21st April



LONDON THEATRE WEEKEND OR A WEEKEND IN LONDON & WINDSOR

A weekend away with a choice ... On Saturday to see a top London West End Show **OR** explore the capital and on Sunday enjoy Royal Windsor. Take your pick from one of 11 top West End shows... Matilda The Musical, Phantom Of The Opera, Les Miserables, Mamma Mia, Tina Turner the Musical, Lion King, Back To The Future, Frozen The Musical, Crazy For You, Six or Mrs Doubtfire. (All show dates correct at time of printing, but subject to change).

YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn Heathrow, 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

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SUNDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we make the short journey to Royal Windsor, with ample time to explore this picturesque town, full of so much history. You may like to visit the Castle, take an open top bus trip around Windsor & Eton where a guided commentary will explain some of the fascinating history, or enjoy a scenic boat trip along the Thames. There are also some lovely shops and many restaurants to enjoy lunch. We leave mid afternoon and return to the West Country, again with a comfort stop en route, arriving mid-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £30.00
Travel insurance £23.00

TOUR
PRICE

LONDON
THEATRE
WEEKEND

£249

LONDON &
WINDSOR
WEEKEND

£139

2 DAYS

Sunday 21st – Thursday 25th 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 hot tub and sauna, and entertainment is provided some evenings.

ITINERARY

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

MONDAY Join us this morning as we visit Marazion, thought to be Britain's oldest town! Here you will see St Michael's Mount just across the causeway and a stretch of sandy beach to stroll along, together with an array of gift shops with local artwork and crafts. We continue towards the north coastline to the picturesque harbour town of St Ives, with its delightful galleries, shops and cafes, with plenty of time to explore and enjoy lunch.

TUESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we travel to Truro, with time to visit the cathedral and browse the shops. After lunch, we return to Falmouth with the remainder of the day 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.

WEDNESDAY Join us this morning as we visit the magical sub-tropical Trebah Gardens, with a stunning coastal backdrop there are with four miles of footpaths winding through dazzling displays, vibrant tunnels of colour, secret corners with exotic blooms and its own private beach! We later travel to the most southerly point of the UK at The Lizard, where you may like to walk to the cliff path and admire the view or enjoy a late lunch in one of the cafes on the green.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

No Single Supplement (Max 5)
Sea View Room Supplement £100.00 per person
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR
PRICE

£395

5 DAYS

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th 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 Ashford International Hotel, Maidstone

A modern 4* hotel. All rooms are ensuite with TV, Wi-Fi access, telephone and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a choice evening menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include a fitness room, sauna and indoor pool.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We make our way east, stopping for coffee and lunch on route, arriving with time to settle in and maybe make use of the leisure facilities before dinner.

TUESDAY Join us today as we visit the charming town of Royal Tunbridge Wells, famous for its "Pantiles" – rows of shops behind raised arcades. With time to explore and enjoy lunch, we continue to Penshurst Place and Gardens, originally built in 1341 as a medieval Baron's Hall and popular hunting retreat for King Henry VIII, with gardens dating back to 14th century covering an area of 50 acres. During spring the grounds come to life with glorious displays of tulips, rhododendrons, magnolias and the start of the early blossom season.

WEDNESDAY This morning we make the short journey to the historic city of Rochester, with its close associations with Charles Dickens and his wonderful fictional characters. With its fine Norman castle and exquisite cathedral, explore the compact centre and enjoy morning coffee, before we continue to the medieval walled city of Canterbury. With time to enjoy lunch, you may like to visit the world-famous cathedral, Greyfriars Gardens, or one of its many museums. There is a wonderful shopping centre and many restaurants and cafes.

THURSDAY After a leisurely breakfast we travel the short distance to Tenterden where we board a train on the Kent & Sussex Railway for a relaxing journey to Bodiam Station. We rejoin the coach and make our way to the delightful Sissinghurst Castle Gardens. Originally a Saxon pig farm, turned into prison for French sailors in 1800s, it was bought by a writer & her husband in the 1930s who had a vision to transform the grounds into a romantic garden bursting with colour at every turn! There is also a restaurant, gift shop and plant centre on site.

FRIDAY 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
- Entrance to Penshurst Place & Gardens
- Journey on Kent & East Sussex Railway
- Entrance to Sissinghurst Castle Garden (NT)
- All coach travel

TOUR
PRICE

£425

5 DAYS

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £120.00
Travel insurance £31.00



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!

TOUR PRICE
£645
 5 DAYS

YOUR HOTEL Leonardo Hotel, Lelystad

A locally-rated 4* hotel, ideally located in the centre of Lelystad. All bedrooms are modern in style with ensuite, flat-screen TV, free Wi-Fi, hairdryer, and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The modern restaurant serves a choice evening menu and buffet breakfast, and the bar are on the first floor offering views over the city centre.

ITINERARY

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

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



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

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

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

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



PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £135.00
 Entrance to some attractions at Zaanse Schans
 Travel insurance £47.00

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th April



GLORIOUS GARDENS OF WALES

North Wales is renowned for its stunning rugged mountain scenery and popular coastal resorts, however it also has some of the UK's glorious gardens set in magnificent surroundings, just waiting to be discovered.

YOUR HOTEL Celtic Royal Hotel, Caernarfon

A friendly 3* family run hotel ideally located in the historic town of Caernarfon. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The elegant restaurant serves a delicious evening menu using locally sourced produce and a generous Welsh breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool, bubble pool, steam room, sauna and fitness suite.

TOUR PRICE

£459

5 DAYS

ITINERARY

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

TUESDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we make our way along the north coast and to the world famous Bodnant Garden, home to National collections and Champion trees. Here you will find over 80 acres with formal gardens, meadows, glades, water gardens and woodlands. The arboretum is home to many native and exotic trees, including old and rare Champion trees. There is a café, shop and garden centre on site to visit after exploring the beautiful grounds. Later this afternoon we visit the quayside resort of Conwy, one of Britain's best preserved medieval towns with its impressive castle overlooking the estuary.

WEDNESDAY This morning, we cross the Menai Straits over to Anglesey, with a stop for coffee in the lovely seaside town of Beaumaris with its stunning castle overlooking the Menai Strait and its mix of charming Georgian, Victorian and Edwardian houses and picturesque cottages. We rejoin the coach and travel to the enchanting mansion Plas Newydd House and Garden, with stunning views across the shoreline to Snowdonia. Home to the Marquess of Anglesey, it houses many pieces of precious artwork and furnishings. Discover hidden corners of the garden bathed in a mild climate with Italianate terraces, colourful displays of tulips, beautiful magnolias and a peaceful rhododendron garden. We later return to Caernarfon with the rest of the day free to explore the harbour town with its famous castle, narrow streets and stylish waterfront.

THURSDAY Join us today as we travel south to the charming harbour town of Porthmadog, nestled in the Glaslyn estuary. With time to browse the shops and enjoy a morning coffee, we make our way to the Italianate Village and Gardens of Portmeirion. With its architectural heritage and stunning setting with 70 acres of sub-tropical forest with hidden lakes, temples, Japanese gardens, coastal coves and breathtaking views across the estuary, there is so much to explore. The village, well known as the location for the cult 1960s TV series "The Prisoner" is a colourful vibrant area with cafes and gift shops.

FRIDAY 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
- Entrance to Bodnant Garden (Nat Trust)
- Entrance to Plas Newydd House & Garden (Nat Trust)
- Entrance to Portmeirion Italianate Village & Gardens
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £100.00
Travel insurance £31.00

Friday 26th – Monday 29th April



SINGLES GALORE IN THE REGAL SHIRES

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 sole travellers to talk to and some hotels can often charge a large single supplement, which can make an otherwise good value holiday rather expensive. So, if you are a single traveller who can relate to this or you usually travel with friends, but prefer your own room, why not give this four day tour a try? But this isn't just for single travellers ... we have plenty of twin or double rooms for couples and friends too!

TOUR PRICE

£350

4 DAYS

YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn, Reading South

A modern 4* hotel with ensuite rooms furnished with TV, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a choice evening menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include a fitness suite.

ITINERARY

FRIDAY We leave our home area, stopping for coffee en route, to the charming market town of Marlborough. Historically coins were minted here, and Tudor Kings hunted deer in the surrounding woodlands. Today the town displays a mixture of old buildings, some dating from the 17th century, such as the Merchant's House, with a wide high street with independent shops lining both sides. There are many cafes or pubs to enjoy a relaxing lunch. We later rejoin the coach and travel to our hotel, with time to settle in before dinner.

SATURDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the beautiful town of Henley-On-Thames, famous for its Royal Rowing Regatta each year. Its historic centre lies a short walk from the river with many Georgian fronted buildings, marketplace, 18th century stone bridge and riverside pub where King Charles I frequented! There are many quirky shops to explore and lovely cafes to enjoy a quiet lunch. This afternoon we travel to the charming Georgian market town of Marlow, located alongside the Thames. Explore its historic streets with abundance of boutique shops and riverside walks, before we return to our hotel with time to relax before dinner.

SUNDAY Join us today as we travel to Maidenhead to board a boat for a gentle cruise along the Thames to Royal Windsor, gliding past "Millionaires row" homes to the stars and passing through locks and by Windsor racecourse with spectacular view of Windsor castle, before arriving in the Royal Borough itself. With the day free to explore at leisure, you may like to visit the famous largest and oldest inhabited castle, now the residence of His Majesty The King, or stroll through the parkland, browse the independent shops or jump on a sightseeing tour bus to explore the landmarks of Windsor and Eton.

MONDAY This morning we leave our hotel and make our way to Bath, an elegant city full of traditional heritage and contemporary culture. Since Roman times, people have flocked to bathe in the natural hot springs in the city. Discover the city's architecture with honey-coloured Georgian houses straight from the pages of a Jane Austin novel and the iconic Royal Crescent, together with numerous shops, cafes, restaurants, museums and galleries, so much to see and enjoy. With time for a leisurely lunch, we continue our journey back to the West Country, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Boat Trip on River Thames
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement
Travel insurance £29.00

Friday 26th – Monday 29th April

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PRICE

£425

4 DAYS

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. Littlecote House is a Grade I-listed Tudor property steeped in history on 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 wined and dined here. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee-making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The excellent leisure facilities include an indoor pool, sauna, gym, library and gift shops. Sports activities include archery, croquet, tennis and fencing, and top-class entertainment is provided each evening.

ITINERARY

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

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

SUNDAY Join us for a full day's excursion to the historic city of Oxford, where you will have plenty of time to explore the wonderful City of Dreaming Spires. You may like to visit one of the many historic buildings, colleges, museums or art galleries, or simply browse the extensive shopping area, before enjoying a leisurely lunch. Time to relax before dinner, followed our final evening of entertainment.

MONDAY This morning we leave our hotel and travel to Bath, one of the country's most beautiful cities. You may like to visit the Abbey, the Royal Crescent, or the Roman Baths in the heart of the World Heritage Site. Or, 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:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 3)
Signature upgrade £30.00 per person
Travel insurance £29.00

Saturday 27th – Sunday 28th April



**MASSED WELSH MALE VOICE
CHOIR EXTRAVAGANZA -
ROYAL ALBERT HALL**

TOUR
PRICE

£159

2 DAYS

For its fourth year, the Royal Albert Hall has opened its doors to the magnificent concert of Massed Male Voice Choirs with over 800 choristers blended to perfection with this magical, musical extravaganza.

YOUR HOTEL Sheraton Heathrow Hotel, London Heathrow

A 4* modern hotel with ensuite rooms furnished with TV, hairdryer, phone, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The hotel restaurant serves a delicious choice of English and continental breakfast buffet options. Leisure facilities include a fitness suite.

ITINERARY

SATURDAY We leave the West Country and make our way to London, with a comfort stop on route. There will be time to spend the afternoon in London and choose a restaurant of your choice for an early dinner, before we travel by coach to the Royal Albert Hall for this evening's wonderful concert, as 800 choristers raise their voices to the ceiling in melodious harmony, as the Welsh Association of Male Voice Choirs in this momentous rousing festival of choruses, traditional hymns and contemporary arrangements. After the concert we will travel to our hotel.

SUNDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we visit Royal Windsor, with the day free to explore this delightful town, full of history and heritage. You may like to visit Windsor Castle or enjoy a sight-seeing bus tour of Windsor & nearby Eton, or perhaps take a boat cruise along the River Thames. We later re-join the coach and make our way back to the West Country, with a comfort stop on route, arriving mid-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Welsh Association of Male Voice Choirs Concert Ticket
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £88.00
Travel insurance £23.00

Friday 26th – Monday 29th April



DUTCH BULFIELDS & KEUKENHOF SPRING GARDEN

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 Leonardo Hotel, Lelystad

A locally rated 4* hotel, ideally located in the centre of Lelystad. All bedrooms are modern in style with ensuite, flat-screen TV, free Wi-Fi, hairdryer, and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The modern restaurant serves a choice evening menu and buffet breakfast, and the bar are on the first floor offering views over the city centre.

TOUR
PRICE

£525

4 DAYS



ITINERARY

FRIDAY 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 three nights, arriving in time for evening dinner

SATURDAY Join us today for a tour of some of Holland's loveliest scenery, visiting two characteristic locations, Edam and Volendam. Our first stop is Edam, most famously known for its cheese, but it also boasts cosy streets, quiet canals and splendid architecture. With time to explore and enjoy coffee, we 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 lunch.

SUNDAY Join us for the highlight of our tour, for a full day's excursion into Bulbfield country and a visit to the world-famous attraction - Keukenhof Gardens, the 75th year anniversary of the garden exhibition in 2024. Over seven million bulbs are planted annually, including more than 800 species of tulips, providing a floral extravaganza like no other! 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.

MONDAY 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:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Keukenhof Gardens
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £95.00
Travel insurance £45.00

Monday 29th April – Friday 3rd May



HIGHLIGHTS OF NORTHUMBERLAND

Northumbria is a tapestry of castles, cathedrals, clustered villages and moorland ruins. The cities to the south and the rugged eastern coastline combine dramatic history with abundant natural beauty.

YOUR HOTEL Marriott Hotel, Newcastle-Gateshead

A luxuriously-appointed, 4* hotel, all rooms are en suite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors, the restaurant offers a tempting menu, and leisure facilities include an indoor pool.

TOUR PRICE

£425

5 DAYS

ITINERARY

MONDAY 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.

TUESDAY 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.

WEDNESDAY 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, 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.

THURSDAY Today we visit the iconic 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 in Downton Abbey, the interiors of the house are decorated in the Renaissance style. Wander through the magnificent state rooms and discover the exhibitions with fine art and treasures. There is also lots to explore in the vibrant Alnwick Garden with landscaped gardens and majestic architecture all brought to life with water. You will also find the Poison Garden and one of the world's largest wooden treehouses.

FRIDAY 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 Alnwick Castle & Gardens
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Entrance to Beamish Open-Air Museum
Single supplement £120.00
Travel insurance £31.00

Monday 29th April – Friday 3rd 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

£599

5 DAYS

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave our home area and make our way east to Poole for the mid morning 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 time to leave Guernsey but with an early evening ferry crossing you will have most of the day to continue exploring. The hotel will inform you of the latest check out time and store your luggage until a local coach or taxi returns you to the ferry port for the 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
- Coach transport to and from Poole
- Return ferry crossings
- Hotel transfers in Guernsey

SUPPLEMENTS:

Car hire on the island
Single supplement £208.00
Travel insurance £47.00

Friday 3rd – Wednesday 8th May



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 4* hotel in prime position on the Victorian promenade overlooking Douglas Bay. All rooms are ensuite, with TV & 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

£615

6 DAYS

ITINERARY

FRIDAY We leave the West Country and make our way north, stopping for coffee and lunch en route and reaching our overnight hotel near Preston in time for dinner.

SATURDAY We travel to Morecombe with time to browse the shops and enjoy an early lunch, before continuing to Heysham for the afternoon ferry crossing to Douglas. We complete our journey to our hotel, arriving in time for dinner.

SUNDAY An excursion to the southern part of the island, to 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. The medieval Castle Rushen, once the home of kings and later government, still dominates the town's centre.

MONDAY 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. (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!

TUESDAY The morning is free to spend as you please exploring Douglas, the island's capital since 1863. Its seafront is lined with picturesque architecture & shops. 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.

WEDNESDAY 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 £86.00
Travel insurance £33.00

Friday 3rd – Monday 6th May



LLANDUDNO VICTORIAN EXTRAVAGANZA & TRANSPORT FESTIVAL

TOUR PRICE

£299

4 DAYS

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 Marine Hotel, Llandudno

A 3* hotel ideally located on the seafront. All rooms are ensuite with TV, telephone, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is lift access to some rooms. The restaurant with its views across the bay, serves a delicious evening menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include lounge bar area and a swimming pool.

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 £60.00 (Max 4)
Travel insurance £29.00

Friday 3rd – Tuesday 14th May



AMBASSADOR CRUISE LINE- HIDDEN GEMS OF FRANCE, SPAIN & PORTUGAL OCEAN CRUISE

TOUR
PRICE
FROM
£1095
12 DAYS

Go on a voyage of exploration for a truly unforgettable European experience with wall-to-wall sunshine! This wonderful ocean cruise takes in the stunning hillside city of Lisbon, the magnificent port wine city of Porto and optional excursions to some of Spain's most historic inland destinations, and up the east coast of France around the Bay of Biscay to the Brittany peninsula. This is a superb way to try ocean cruising for a first-time maritime traveller!

YOUR HOTEL Ship: Ambition

This smaller sized cruise ship offers a unique sense of intimacy but with all the benefits of a cruise liner. All cabins are ensuite including a shower, with ample storage space and furnished with a flat screen TV, hairdryer, safe, tea & coffee making facilities and UK three-pin plug sockets & USB ports.

There are two main dining rooms and a more casual dining option, all serving a wide-ranging choice of dishes to suit all palettes.

There are various entertainment areas and lounge bars, together with onboard leisure facilities including a library, swimming pool, fitness centre and Green Sea Spa offering a steam and sauna room, spa treatments and hairdressing salon.

ITINERARY

FRIDAY Transfer (by Blakes Coaches) to Falmouth Dock where you will be greeted by ship staff and your luggage will be taken to your cabin. The ship sets sail late evening.

SATURDAY At sea today

SUNDAY At sea today

MONDAY The ship arrives in Lisbon early morning, with plenty of time to explore this wonderful hillside capital city of Portugal with its wealth of culture and history, or perhaps take advantage of an on-shore excursion for a greater experience of what the city has to offer.

TUESDAY The ship arrives in Leixoes, one of Portugal's most important seaports, where you may like to enjoy the sandy beaches and sample

some local cuisine and local port wine, or perhaps take advantage of the bookable excursions to explore Porto with a guide.

WEDNESDAY The ship docks in the port of La Coruna early morning in the Spanish Galicia region. Known for its Roman Lighthouse (the Tower of Hercules) with sweeping coastal views, the medieval old town is a maze of quaint streets. You may like instead to pre-book a tour to Santiago de Compostela, a world-famous place of pilgrimage and treasure trove of history.

THURSDAY The ship arrives in the Basque town of Gexto, the modern marina lies next to the old fishing port with colourful fishermen's cottages and narrow streets. You may like to pre-book an excursion to the charming Spanish seaside port of Bilbao, gateway to the Basque mountains and home to the famous Guggenheim Museum.

FRIDAY Sailing around the Bay of Biscay, the ship arrives at Le Verdon-sur-Mer in Southwestern France, gateway to the Medoc wine region and where the Gironde Estuary meets the Atlantic Ocean. You may wish to pre-book an onshore excursion to the world-famous wine region of Bordeaux, and what better reason to sample some of the best of French wine!

SATURDAY The ship sails north along the Brittany peninsula, arriving in Lorient late morning. A natural harbour with multiple ports. The city is well known for its fresh seafood and shellfish cuisine, delicious crepes and local cider.

SUNDAY At sea today

MONDAY The ship arrives in Bristol late morning, with the day free to continue enjoying all the leisure facilities onboard. Setting sail early evening, enjoy another evening onboard and a final evening of live entertainment.

TUESDAY The ship arrives this afternoon back at Falmouth Dock, where you will be met by a Blakes Driver and coach, to return you to your home area.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 11 nights Full Board Cruise
- Onboard Evening Entertainment
- Onboard Daytime Activities & Use of Leisure Facilities
- Coach Transfer To/From Falmouth

(Please phone us to discuss cabin options)

SUPPLEMENTS:

Ambassador Experience Drinks Package From £231.00
(see page 9 for details)

Ambassador Explorer Drinks Package From £429.00
(see page 9 for details)

Ambassador Expedition Drinks Package From £494.00 per person
(see page 9 for details)

On-shore excursions & experiences – can be pre-booked via
"My Ambassador Sailing" prior to cruise

Deposit 10% of total price

Travel insurance – to be arranged individually

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SPAIN... ROSES AND 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 The Victoria Hotel & Spa Elit, Roses

This modern 3* hotel enjoying an idyllic setting right on the beach front. All rooms have a balcony or terrace, are ensuite with hairdryer, air-conditioning, satellite TV, mini fridge, and Wi-Fi. The restaurant serves an extensive buffet breakfast and a wide variety of hot and cold dishes including Mediterranean cuisine for evening dinner. Leisure facilities include an outdoor pool and a garden area, and a spa with an indoor pool, sauna and gym.

TOUR
PRICE

£795

9 DAYS



town whose illustrious history dates back to the time of the Romans. Its 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

SATURDAY 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 en route, to our overnight hotel south of Paris.

SUNDAY After breakfast, we continue our journey through France and into Spain to our hotel in Roses for the next six nights with time to settle in before dinner.

MONDAY 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.

TUESDAY 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

WEDNESDAY A full day excursion as we travel a little further south to Barcelona, the second largest city in Spain and the capital of Catalonia, acclaimed as one of the country's cultural centres. Whilst here you may like to visit the bustling La Ramblas, where, as well as shops and restaurants, you will see live performances, human statue art, and artists that will draw your portrait or caricature. There is also the cathedral, and the fabulous Sagrada Família, Gaudi's testament to modern architecture. The view across the high plateau of the Monique Mountain overlooking the city is also stunning.

THURSDAY 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.

FRIDAY A final free day to spend as you please, relaxing and enjoying the facilities and scenery.

SATURDAY 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.

SUNDAY 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' Bed, Buffet Dinner & Buffet Breakfast in Roses
- 1 Night Bed & Buffet Breakfast in overnight hotel
- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast in overnight hotel
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £190.00 (Max 2)
Additional Singles £283.00
Front Sea View Room Supplement £81.00 per person
(subject to availability)
Travel insurance £55.00

Monday 6th – Friday 10th May



OH I DO LIKE TO BE BESIDE THE SEASIDE ... AND BEYOND!

Everyone loves a beach, with the sand between your toes and waves splashing along the shore. Join us for a tour of Lincolnshire coast and countryside to enjoy a holiday by the sea and beyond!

TOUR PRICE

£385

5 DAYS

YOUR HOTEL The Royal Hotel, Skegness

A 3 * hotel located in quiet, spacious grounds close to the seafront and town centre. All rooms are ensuite with TV, telephone and tea & coffee making facilities. A lift serves most floors. The restaurant serves a traditional evening menu and hearty breakfast. There is a lounge bar area, together with extensive gardens to relax in.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave the West Country and make our way to Skegness, stopping for coffee and lunch en route and arriving at our hotel with time to settle in relax before dinner.

TUESDAY After breakfast we make our way to the historic town of Boston, famous for its St Botolph's Church, affectionately known as "the Boston stump" is England's largest church. It was one of the most important ports during medieval times and has links with the pilgrim fathers who emigrated to Massachusetts in the US. Explore the cobbled lanes with an array of shops and cafes. After lunch we visit the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Visitor Centre, located in a hanger at RAF Coningsby. We enjoy a guided walking tour and see historic aircraft up close (including a Lancaster, Douglas Dakota, Spitfire & Hurricane) and learn about their unique history and public flight displays.

WEDNESDAY Join us this morning as we visit Gunby Hall and Gardens, a Victorian country mansion furnished with fine artwork and beautiful furniture in its stately rooms and basement where servants prepared dinner for the Massingberd family for over 250 years. The 8 acres of Victorian Walled gardens burst with colour through the seasons. There is a cosy tearoom, gallery and bookshop on site. This afternoon we return to Skegness with the rest of the day free to enjoy the sandy beach and its vibrant centre, or perhaps visit the Seal Sanctuary along the North Beach.

THURSDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the beautiful city of Lincoln with its magnificent cathedral, castle remains, ancient walls and medieval architecture at the top of the hill. Wander along picturesque, cobbled streets crammed with independent shops and cafes, and down to the vibrant waterfront at the bottom.

FRIDAY It's time to say goodbye to Lincolnshire as we begin our homeward journey. Stopping for coffee and lunch en route, we reach our home area early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Guided Tour of Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Visitor Centre
- Entrance to Gunby Hall and Gardens (Nat Trust)
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No Single supplement (Max 5)
Travel insurance £31.00

Monday 6th – Friday 10th 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.

TOUR PRICE

£545

5 DAYS

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, 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. The journey starts from beneath the 13th century castle walls of Caernarfon climbing from sea level to over 650ft on the foothills of Snowdon, before zig-zagging dramatically down the steep hillside to reach the village of Beddgelert, nestling in the heart of the National Park. We then re-join the coach and continue to Porthmadog for lunch and time to explore this harbour town.

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 £31.00

Friday 10th – Monday 13th May



SPALDING FLOWER PARADE & CAMBRIDGE

TOUR PRICE

£295

4 DAYS

Once upon a time, Spalding was known world wide for it's annual flower parade but sadly, due to lack of funding and support, it ceased to exist almost ten years ago. Well, the good news is, it's back! The 2024 parade will have a whole new, fresh look but we will incorporate some elements of nostalgia... and it's all for FREE! Millions of surplus tulip heads from acres of fields are crafted into brilliantly colourful decorated floats which are paraded through the town of Spalding accompanied by marching bands..

YOUR HOTEL **Marriott Hotel, Peterborough**

A modern 4* hotel located within 11 acres of landscaped gardens. All rooms are ensuite with TV, telephone, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. Although no lift at the hotel, ground floor rooms are available. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool and gym.

ITINERARY

FRIDAY 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.

SATURDAY Today we make our way to Spalding for the spectacle of the Flower Festival. Springfields Festival Gardens are a beautifully landscaped area, featuring Chelsea-style celebrity showcase gardens where all the floats will be on static display. There is also a flower hall, vintage vehicles display, marching bands & dancers, a huge craft fayre, classic car show, street entertainers & live music. Take your place this afternoon as the Floral Cavalcade with all sorts and sizes of colourful floats and decorated trailers, along with marching bands, parades through the town. Adjoining the Festival Gardens, you will find Springfields Outlet Shopping Centre, where you will find many of the well-known High Street shops, and some very individual retail outlets, and well as some very tempting cafés and restaurants.

SUNDAY After a leisurely breakfast we travel to Cambridge, with plenty of time to explore this historic city full of famous colleges. You may like to visit one of the many museums, or to see the city as it is meant to be – from the river and take a leisurely boat trip. There is also a large new shopping area, with all the high street favourites that you would expect and numerous restaurants and cafés to enjoy a leisurely lunch. We return to our hotel giving you ample time to freshen up and make use of the leisure facilities if you wish before a final leisurely dinner.

MONDAY 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:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £93.00
Travel insurance £29.00

Monday 13th – Friday 17th May



NATIONAL TRUST TREASURES ... DERBYSHIRE

TOUR PRICE

NT MEMBER

£415

NON NT

£475

5 DAYS

The National Trust is a conservation organisation which works to preserve and protect the coastline, countryside and buildings of Great Britain. We are delighted to be able to offer a tour to four of its loveliest properties on this Derbyshire holiday.

YOUR HOTEL **Best Western Derby Mickleover Hotel, Derby**

A modern 4* hotel with traditional comfort. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, and tea & coffee making facilities. The Brasserie Restaurant offers a delicious choice evening menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool, whirlpool, sauna and gym.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave the West Country and make our way to our first National Trust property at Hanbury Hall and Gardens in Worcestershire. A beautiful 18th century country manor house with a stunning mix of interiors and magnificently restored staircase wall paintings. It lies within 20 acres of recreated 18th century gardens and 400 acres of parkland, with a restaurant attached. We continue to our hotel with time to settle in before dinner.

TUESDAY Today we explore the surrounding countryside of the Peak District. We visit Bakewell, located on the River Wye, the largest town in the Peak District National Park. With its medieval five arched stone bridge it is home to the famous Bakewell Pudding, created by pure mistake by a local cook in the 19th century. After lunch we continue to Matlock Bath with its long lined high Street, quirky shops and numerous tea rooms. For the adventurous, why take a cable car ride on the famous "Heights of Abraham" to the hilltop park and spectacular views on the journey up (and down!)

WEDNESDAY This morning as we make our way to Chesterfield, a market town boasting a 228ft crooked church spire which leans at a distance of 9ft from its true centre, continuing to lean each year! After an early lunch we continue to Hardwick Hall, one of England's most splendid houses. Built by Bess of Hardwick in the 1590's, and much unaltered since, its striking huge windows and high ceilings make it feel intriguingly modern. Outside, its six towers make for a dramatic skyline. The gardens include an orchard and herb garden.

THURSDAY After breakfast we make our way into the centre of Derby with its chic cathedral quarter and designer boutiques, shopping centre, museums and art gallery. After lunch we make our way to the spectacular Neo-Classical mansion of Kedleston Hall with historic parklands. Designed for lavish entertaining and displays of extravagant artwork, paintings, sculptures and original furnishing, it was built to rival Chatsworth House.

FRIDAY Sadly, we begin our homeward journey, making a visit en route to Charlecote Park, home to the Lucy family since the 12th century. Their stories are told throughout the house by family portraits and objects collected from around the world. See how Mary Elizabeth Lucy remodelled the house in Victorian times. The Capability Brown gardens include a wider parkland with picturesque views across the River Avon where a herd of deer has been present since Tudor times. We complete our homeward journey arriving early-mid evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Hanbury Hall (NT)
- Entrance to Hardwick Hall (NT)
- Entrance to Kedleston Hall (NT)
- Entrance to Charlecote Park (NT)
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £100.00
Travel insurance £31.00

Friday 10th – Friday 17th May



SCOTLAND...ORKNEY & SHETLAND MINI-CRUISE

Located off the northern tip of Scotland, where the North Sea and the Atlantic Ocean meet, the Orkney & Shetland Isles offer quiet sandy beaches, stunning scenery, an abundance of wildlife, fresh quality cuisine and warm welcoming hospitality.

TOUR PRICE
£1125
8 DAYS



YOUR HOTEL North Hotels Group, Thurso

A 3* hotel from the North Hotel Group will be allocated closer to date of travel. All rooms are ensuite with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a freshly prepared menu using locally sourced ingredients and a hearty Scottish breakfast.

ITINERARY

FRIDAY We leave the West Country and make our way north, with comfort stops en route, to our overnight hotel near Lancaster, arriving in time for dinner.

SATURDAY After breakfast, we continue our northward journey, through some stunning scenery, stopping for coffee and lunch on route. We arrive at our hotel in Thurso, our base for the next three nights, with time to settle in before dinner.

SUNDAY Join us today as we visit the 16th century Castle of Mey, former home to the late Queen Mother, who purchased and restored the property in 1952 as a retreat from public view. The beautifully furnished rooms are displayed as they were during the Queen Mother's lifetime with family photos and memorabilia. Outside you will find the walled garden, extensive grounds, animal centre and tea rooms. We later make our way to John O'Groats, the most northerly point of Great Britain with its local shops where you can purchase a souvenir of your visit and send a postcard from the Post Office!

MONDAY The whole day is free for you to spend at leisure in Thurso, the most northerly town in Scotland. The centre has a lively pedestrian street full of traditional shops, cafes, bars and restaurants. Wander through town and find some its historic landmarks, such as the circular stone Meadow Well and the ruins of Old St Peter's Church, take a stroll to the harbour viewpoint by the old town, take a leisurely stroll by the River Thurso, a



salmon-fishing river host to wildlife including the odd seal and otters or follow the stunning clifftop path which leads to Scrabster.

TUESDAY Late morning we leave our hotel and board the Northlink Ferry at Scrabster for a 90 minute crossing to the Orkney Isles, sailing past Britain's highest cliffs including Old Man of Hoy. On arrival at Stromness, we rejoin the coach and meet our guide for a tour of Orkney's mainland. We visit the World Heritage Site of Skara Brae, an amazing neolithic village that lay buried under sand for 4000 years, the Stones of Stenness, the Ring of Brodgar and the delightful Italian Chapel built by Italian POW and the remains of Battleships scuppered by Scapa Flow! We enjoy dinner in a local hotel before returning to our ferry for an overnight sailing from Kirkwall to Lerwick.

WEDNESDAY We wake in Lerwick, where after breakfast we board our coach and meet our guide for a tour of Shetland's scenic mainland, including visits to Jarlshof Viking Village, Scalloway Castle and museum, and meet some of the island's most famous residents – Shetland ponies! With some free time in Lerwick, Shetland's capital, we board our ship late afternoon ready for our overnight sailing to Aberdeen, with dinner on board tonight.

THURSDAY After a hearty Scottish breakfast on board, we reboard our coach and begin our journey south, with regular comfort stops enroute to our overnight hotel near Lancaster, arriving in time for dinner.

FRIDAY After breakfast we continue our return journey, stopping for coffee and lunch enroute and reaching the West Country early to mid-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 5 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast in hotel accommodation
- 2 nights on ship in a 2 berth ensuite cabin
- 1 Dinner and 2 breakfasts on ship
- 1 Dinner in Kirkwall, Orkney Hotel
- Guided Tours on Orkney & Shetland
- Entry to Skara Brae & Italian Chapel on Orkney
- Entry to Scalloway Castle Museum & Jarlshof Viking Village on Shetland
- Entrance to Castle Mey & Gardens
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £263.00
 Travel insurance £36.00

Monday 13th – Friday 17th 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.

YOUR HOTEL Cumbria Grand Hotel, Grange-over-Sands

A delightful 3* hotel set within private wooded grounds and enjoying views of Morecambe Bay. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, telephone and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The hotel's experienced in-house chef has developed an excellent and varied menu, and entertainment is provided some evenings.

TOUR PRICE

£455

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 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 seven mile length of Ullswater to Pooley Bridge. We rejoin the coach and continue to Keswick for lunch and time to explore the charming town, before a 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. Here at the heart of the Lake District you will find a town which boasts every sort of shop you can imagine, as well as many cafes and restaurants. Whilst here, you may like to visit the delightful World of Beatrix Potter attraction where the 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 before dinner and our final evening on resort.

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 £31.00

Monday 13th – Saturday 18th 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 Inn, St Mary's

You are always 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 making facilities. Many enjoy uninterrupted views of the harbour. There is no lift at the hotel. The restaurant serves excellent menu with locally sourced ingredients.

TOUR PRICE

£1050

6 DAYS

ITINERARY

MONDAY After an early departure we make our way to Penzance where you will board the Scillonian ferry for the crossing to St Mary's, the largest of the Scilly Isles. There are restaurant facilities on board, and you may even see dolphins, porpoises or pilot whales on route. On arrival, your luggage will be taken to the Atlantic Inn and you will make the short walk to the hotel, where after settling in, the remainder of the afternoon is free to familiarise yourself with your new surroundings. An early evening 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 boat fares and entrances to Tresco Abbey Gardens. Remember to pack sturdy walking shoes. On the other two days you have time free 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 else! Dinner is served at the hotel each evening.

SATURDAY Sadly it's now time to leave the Scilly Isles and after lunch, your luggage will be taken back to the quay and you will walk there for the return ferry crossing to Penzance, where our Blakes coach and driver will be waiting to return you to your home area.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 5 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Return ferry crossing from Penzance
- Hotel transfers at St Mary's
- Guided walking tours of St Mary's
- Entrance to Tresco Abbey Gardens
- Coach travel to and from Penzance

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £155.00 (Max 1)
Sea view supplement £50.00 per person
Travel insurance £33.00

Wednesday 15th – Sunday 19th May



CORNWALL ... COAST TO COAST

Join us as we travel from coast to coast to explore some of Cornwall's best treasures. Falmouth is Cornwall's leading south coast resort, home to maritime history and a flourishing port for over 400 years with its sheltered harbour.

YOUR HOTEL **Membly Hall Hotel, Falmouth**

Ideally situated on Falmouth's beach front, this family-run hotel offers a 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 hot tub and sauna, and entertainment is provided some evenings.

ITINERARY

WEDNESDAY We leave our home area, with a comfort stop on route, and continue to Looe with time to browse the shops, stroll along the harbour front and enjoy lunch. We continue our journey to our hotel, with time to settle in before dinner.

THURSDAY This morning we make our way east across the Roseland Peninsula coast to the attractive harbour town of Mevagissey. With its 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. After an early lunch we make our way to the nearby Lost Gardens of Heligan, home to Europe's largest garden restoration and National Collection of camellias and rhododendrons set within the 200 acre site. Lost to the brambles after World War One, the garden was reawakened in 1990. From productive gardens to pleasure grounds, outdoor jungle and woodland trails, there is so much to see and explore.

FRIDAY Join us this morning for a visit to Cornwall's capital city of Truro, with shops on Lemon Quay, indoor pannier market and impressive cathedral, there will be time to explore and enjoy lunch, before we return to Falmouth for the afternoon. You may like to visit the National Maritime Museum on the quay, browse shops in the High Street, or perhaps visit Pendennis Castle, Henry VIII's artillery fort built to protect the Naval vessels from French invasion.

SATURDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way south-west to the scenic shores of Marazion with views across to St Michael's Mount and an array of gift shops with local artwork and crafts. With time to enjoy coffee, we rejoin the coach and make our way to the north Cornwall coast to the picturesque fishing village of 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 enjoy lunch.

SATURDAY Sadly this morning we leave our hotel and make our way to picturesque Padstow, further along the north Cornwall coastline, with its numerous gift and craft shops and cafes to enjoy lunch. We continue our homeward journey, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entertainment on some evenings
- Entrance to the Lost Gardens of Heligan
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 5)
Sea view room supplement £100.00 per person
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR PRICE

£425

5 DAYS

Friday 17th – Saturday 18th May



ANDRÉ RIEU IN CONCERT, BIRMINGHAM

Andre Rieu, the world-renowned Dutch violinist and conductor, is set to return to the UK to captivate and mesmerize audiences, with a musical world of enchanting melodies and breathtaking performances as leads his 60 piece Johann Strauss Orchestra and many international soloists in a repertoire that spans classical masterpieces, waltzes, show tunes and more. Known for his charismatic stage presence, you won't fail to be entertained throughout this unforgettable evening.

YOUR HOTEL **Mercure Birmingham West Hotel, Birmingham**

A 4* modern hotel. Each en-suite bedroom is equipped with TV, Wi-Fi, hairdryer, and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant offers a delicious choice menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include indoor swimming pool, gym, hot tub, sauna & steam room..

ITINERARY

FRIDAY We leave the West Country and make our way north, with a stop for lunch en route. We continue to our hotel for an early evening dinner, 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. After the concert we return to our hotel.

SATURDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we begin our homeward journey via Stratford-Upon-Avon. With Shakespeare-based attractions, delightful shops and river cruises available, there are also many cafes and restaurants to enjoy a leisurely lunch. We complete our homeward journey, 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 £23.00

TOUR PRICE

£245

2 DAYS



**SWITZERLAND & FRANCE ...
PURE ALPINE GOLD**

TOUR PRICE
£1195
8 DAYS

The Swiss Alps boasts breath-taking scenery with mighty alpine mountain peaks and panoramic views. Lake Geneva shares its border with Switzerland and France, the largest lake in Western Europe - join us for a tour of pure alpine gold.

YOUR HOTEL Derby Hotel, Grindelwald, Switzerland

A warm welcome awaits at this historic hotel combining tradition with modern style, located close to the village centre. Each of the ensuite rooms, served by a lift, are comfortably furnished with TV, hairdryer, safe and Wi-Fi access. The restaurant offers a varied evening menu and buffet breakfast. Facilities include a sauna.

YOUR HOTEL Hilton Hotel, Evian Les Bains, France

A delightful 5* hotel located on the shore of Lake Geneva and close to Evian's centre. All ensuite rooms have TV, safe and hairdryer. The restaurant offers a delicious evening menu and buffet breakfast. The outdoor terrace offers stunning lake views and leisure facilities include a sauna, indoor & outdoor pool and gym.

ITINERARY

SATURDAY After an early departure, we leave the West Country with a comfort stop en route to Dover for the ferry crossing to Calais. We then continue our journey, stopping for evening dinner on the way to our overnight accommodation in Metz.

SUNDAY This morning we resume our journey into Switzerland. With comfort stops en route, we reach our hotel and our base for the next three nights, with time to settle in before dinner.

MONDAY The whole day is free for you to explore the sights and sounds of Grindelwald, nestled in the Swiss Bernese Alp region. Enjoy a leisurely stroll through the alpine village and lunch in one of the many cafes, or for the more adventurous you may like to take a train ride to the Kleine Schneidegg plateau to view the stunning Jungfrau Mountain or in the other direction take the cable car to Mount First and enjoy the cliff top walk experience and lunch in the cliff top restaurant, with the most spectacular views across the Alps.

TUESDAY After breakfast we make our way to the alpine village of Meiringen, where Sherlock Holmes fell to his death at the Reichenbach Falls in Sir Conan Doyle's novel. Here you may like to visit the Sherlock Holmes



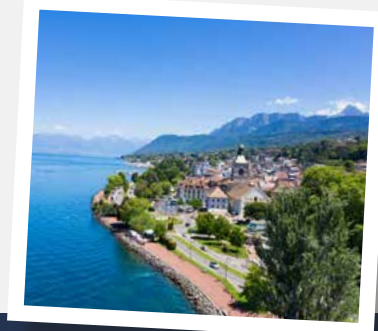
Museum or browse the local shops and cafes. We continue to Brienz where we board a boat to cruise down Lake Brienz to Interlaken. With time to enjoy a late lunch in Interlaken and admire the backdrop of spectacular views of the Eiger Mountain, we return to our hotel.

WEDNESDAY As we say farewell to Grindelwald, we make our way west towards Lake Geneva, stopping for lunch in the peaceful Swiss mountain resort of Gruyeres. Famous for its strongly flavoured cheese, this medieval picture-book village is perched atop a small hill in the Fribourg Alps, with its castle and quaint gift shops. After lunch we continue our journey to Evian Les Bains, as we hop across the border into France, with time to settle in before dinner.

THURSDAY This morning we visit the chic Swiss resort of Montreux at the eastern end of Lake Geneva. Take a stroll along the flat lakeside promenade or visit the chic boutiques along the shopping avenues. We return to Evian with the afternoon free to explore the French spa town and its backdrop of the pre-Chablais Alps. Perhaps enjoy a boat cruise on the lake or walk into town with its numerous shops and restaurants.

FRIDAY Sadly, it's now time to say a fond farewell to Lake Geneva and begin our homeward journey. Making regular comfort stops en route, we return to our overnight hotel in Metz in time for dinner.

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



PRICE INCLUDES:

- 6 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- 1 nights' bed & buffet breakfast (1st overnight accommodation)
- Boat Cruise on Lake Brienz
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £375.00
Travel insurance £54.00

Sunday 19th – Thursday 23rd May



NORFOLK – THE BROADS & SANDRINGHAM

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. Join us for a tour to enjoy waterside towns, steam trains and the royal Sandringham Estate.

YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn Norwich City, Norwich

A modern 3* hotel situated near the city. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious choice evening menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include a fitness suite.

TOUR PRICE

£435

5 DAYS

ITINERARY

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

MONDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the Sandringham Estate, much loved country retreat of the Royal Family, built in 1870 for King Edward VII in a Jacobean style exterior. The main rooms used by the Royal Family when in residence are open to the public, there will be plenty of time to discover the main eight ground floor rooms with beautiful Edwardian furnishings, the spectacular 60 acres of gardens and grounds, a museum containing royal memorabilia, a restaurant, gift shop and garden centre.

TUESDAY After breakfast we make our way to Aylsham where we board a train at the Bure Valley Railway for a scenic journey to Wroxham, a beautiful town considered to be the capital of the Broads. With time to browse the abundance of shops and famous Roys of Wroxham local department store and enjoy lunch in one of the cafes. This afternoon we travel the short distance to Horning, where we enjoy a leisurely cruise on The Broads, before returning to our hotel.

WEDNESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we travel to the centre of 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 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 an ice cream or afternoon tea.

THURSDAY 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
- Entrance to Sandringham House, Grounds & Museum
- Train Ticket on Bure Valley Railway
- Boat Cruise on Norfolk Broads
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £100.00
Travel insurance £31.00

Monday 20th – Friday 24th 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 the British Isles. Although only a small island, Jersey has so much to offer ... sandy beaches, rugged coastlines, 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, Wi-Fi 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

£495

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 preserved as they were left after World War II occupation. Other worthwhile attractions include the zoo and Mont Orgueil Castle. We also recommend a trip to Corbiere Lighthouse with its stunning views which you can walk out 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 during your stay (the hotel can help with this if required). There are numerous venues on the island in which to enjoy coffee, lunch, afternoon tea and Jersey ice cream!

FRIDAY Sadly it’s 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
- Coach transport to and from Poole
- Return ferry crossings
- Hotel transfers in Jersey

SUPPLEMENTS:

No Single Supplement (Max 3)
Subsequent Singles £132.00
Travel insurance £47.00

Monday 20th – Friday 24th May



Warner Leisure Hotels
Life begins at Warner

HEYTHROP PARK CHIPPING NORTON

TOUR
PRICE

£625

5 DAYS

On a Warner holiday, you will understand what it means to be spoilt for choice; excellent accommodation, delicious food, great things to do and fantastic entertainment each evening. Heythrop Park has been a feature in the Cotswolds since 1710. Then, a look-at-me manor of lofty arches and columns, it's now Grade II* listed, still with showmanship but stylishly refurbished.

YOUR HOTEL Heythrop Park, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire

A luxurious 4* hotel set in 440 acres of parkland. All rooms are ensuite, with tea and coffee facilities, TV & hairdryer. Indoor leisure facilities include heated pool, sauna, steam room & gym. Outdoor activities include archery, rifle shooting and laser clay plus boules & croquet lawns. The restaurant serves delicious evening menus. There is live entertainment each evening. Warner now operates a cashless payment system ... debit & credit cards only. *(Please note the hotel and facilities are widely spread and will involve some walking between bedrooms, restaurant & leisure facilities, with limited lift access in the hotel)*

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave our home area with a comfort stop on route, making a lunch stop at 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 and familiarise yourselves with your new surroundings before dinner and entertainment across two entertainment venues.

TUESDAY A morning excursion to the centre of the Cotswolds to Moreton-in-Marsh where each Tuesday a Charter market is held and with over 300 stalls it is one of the largest open-air markets in the country. After lunch we return to our resort with the afternoon free to explore the many attractions or relax and enjoy afternoon tea before our second evening dinner and more top-class live entertainment

WEDNESDAY Today we make the short journey to the 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.

THURSDAY After a leisurely breakfast we travel through the heart of the Cotswolds to Broadway, with time to explore this charming Cotswolds town, with antique, gift and souvenir shops to browse and friendly cafes for 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 and make our way to the regency town of Cheltenham lined with elegant honey-coloured buildings and green spaces, with time to browse the many shops and enjoy a leisurely lunch, we continue our homeward journey, arriving early-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

No Single Supplement (max 3)
Deluxe Twin Room Supplement (No standard twins) £25.00 per person
Travel insurance £31.00

Thursday 23rd – Friday 24th May



RHS CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW & RHS WISLEY

TOUR
PRICE

£275

2 DAYS

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 & women and exhibitors.

YOUR HOTEL Radisson Blu Edwardian Heathrow Hotel, London

A luxuriously appointed 4* hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, safe, 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 and jacuzzi & sauna.

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 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 to enjoy. Late afternoon we make the short journey to our hotel with time to relax before dinner.

FRIDAY We leave our hotel after a leisurely breakfast and make our way to the RHS's flagship garden at Wisley, where you will have the day to explore what can rightly be claimed to be one of the finest gardens in the world. In addition to its spectacular floral displays, there is the Wild Garden and Model Gardens, and state-of-the-art Glasshouse showcasing Wisley's world-class plant collection with its three climate zones recreating tropical temperature and dry temperature habitats. There are several restaurants and tearooms and a plant centre and gift shop on site too. We later make our way back to the West Country, arriving mid-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Ticket to RHS Chelsea Flower Show
- Entrance to RHS Garden Wisley
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £52.00
Travel insurance £23.00

Wednesday 22nd – Wednesday 29th May



TREASURES OF THE RHINE RIVER CRUISE ... WITH FULL EXCURSION PACKAGE
WITH FULL EXCURSION PACKAGE

TOUR PRICE
£1575
8 DAYS

There is no better way to explore the Rhine from the mighty river itself! Join us on this leisurely cruise experiencing the delights of three counties as we gently glide through Germany and France, with an offshore visit to Switzerland.

YOUR HOTEL DCS Amethyst Classic

The 4* DCS Amethyst Classic is an elegant and comfortable three deck ship. All en-suite cabins are equipped with twin beds and furnished with TV, air conditioning, telephone, safe and hairdryer, with an option to upgrade your cabin (subject to availability). On the Main Deck you will find the restaurant and indoor pool & wellness area, and on the Upper Deck, accessed by stairs, the panoramic lounge, and above where guests can relax on the Sundeck with deck chairs and lounge furniture.

ITINERARY

WEDNESDAY This morning we leave the West Country with a comfort stop en route to Dover for the ferry crossing to Calais. We then continue our journey to our overnight hotel in Bruges with time to explore this beautiful city and choose a restaurant of your choice to enjoy an evening meal.

THURSDAY After breakfast we continue our journey into Germany and to Cologne, where we board the DCS Amethyst Classic, with time to settle in before we set sail along the Rhine, enjoying dinner this evening on board.

FRIDAY This morning we arrive in the charming wine town of Rudesheim, known for its picturesque vineyards and impressive buildings. We have included an excursion of a wine-makers tour by land train with wine tasting, with time at leisure before dinner, sailing again through the night.

SATURDAY Today we arrive in Speyer where we enjoy a guided walking tour of this German city, before an excursion to nearby medieval city of Heidelberg to visit the famous iconic ruined castle which majestically overlooks the Neckar Valley.

SUNDAY This morning we enjoy breakfast whilst sailing to Strasbourg, where we enjoy a guided walking tour of this beautiful French city, the historic heart of the Alsace region, before a tour of the surrounding Alsace region complete with a delicious tarte flambee and local wine. We dine aboard our ship this evening before setting sail late evening.



MONDAY Before breakfast we arrive in Breisach where we have included offshore excursions to both the Swiss city of Basel and also tour around the enchanting Black Forest region. We enjoy dinner this evening as we set sail once more.

TUESDAY We continue sailing this morning, arriving in Mainz after lunch. We have included a guided walking tour of Mainz, a delightful town known for its old town with half timbered houses and medieval market squares. With dinner this evening on board our ship, we set sail late evening.

WEDNESDAY We disembark in Cologne after breakfast and begin our homeward journey to Calais for the return ferry crossing to Dover. We then continue to the West Country, with comfort stops en route, arriving mid/late-evening.



PRICE INCLUDES:

- 6 nights' Full Board in outside cabins
- 1 nights' bed & buffet breakfast (overnight accommodation)
- (Packed Lunch where applicable on excursions)
- Welcome Cocktail and Farewell cocktail & Gala Dinner
- Live entertainment in the Panoramic Lounge Bar
- Rudesheim Winemakers Land Train tour with wine tasting
- Guided Walking Tours of Speyer, Strasbourg and Mainz
- Heidelberg Excursion including Entrance to Castle
- Alsace Tour with Tarte Flambee and Local Wine
- Excursion to Basel & Excursion to Black Forest Region

- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £594.00
 Upper Deck Cabin £318.00
 Travel insurance £60.00

Please see page 10 for River Cruise payment and cancellation terms
 Deposit £250.00 per person

Friday 24th May – Sunday 2nd June



AMBASSADOR CRUISE LINE- ROUND BRITAIN & FRANCE DISCOVERY OCEAN CRUISE

TOUR
PRICE
FROM
£999
10 DAYS

Go on a voyage of exploration that takes you from Northern France to the British Isles and its remarkable coastline. The cruise will take in the beautiful fishing village of Hornfleur on the Normandy coast, then around Britain to Newcastle, Aberdeen and on to the Isle of Lewis and Mull. This is a superb way to try ocean cruising for a first-time maritime traveller!

YOUR HOTEL Ship: Ambition

This smaller sized cruise ship offers a unique sense of intimacy but with all the benefits of a cruise liner. All cabins are ensuite including a shower, with ample storage space and furnished with a flat screen TV, hairdryer, safe, tea & coffee making facilities and UK three-pin plug sockets & USB ports.

There are two main dining rooms and a more casual dining option, all serving a wide-ranging choice of dishes to suit all palettes.

There are various entertainment areas and lounge bars, together with onboard leisure facilities including a library, swimming pool, fitness centre and Green Sea Spa offering a steam and sauna room, spa treatments and hairdressing salon.

ITINERARY

FRIDAY Transfer (by Blakes Coaches) to Falmouth Dock where you will be greeted by ship staff and your luggage will be taken to your cabin. The ship sets sail early evening.

SATURDAY At sea today

SUNDAY The ship arrives on the Normandy coastline to the beautiful fishing village of Hornfleur, with optional onshore excursions available to pre-book if you wish.

MONDAY At sea today

TUESDAY The ship arrives in Newcastle early morning, with optional onshore excursions to explore the city and its wonderful architecture and history.



WEDNESDAY Arriving in Aberdeen early morning, the day is free to enjoy this superb Scottish city, with optional excursions available to enhance your experience.

THURSDAY This morning the ship cruises around the Scottish North Sea coastline, passing through the Orkney & Shetland Isles and on to the Outer Hebrides, arriving in Stornoway early afternoon. This remarkable town of the Isle of Lewis has so much to offer, and there will be an optional onshore excursion for those wishing to enhance their visit.

FRIDAY After a gentle evening cruise, the ship arrives outside the colourful harbour of Tobermory on the beautiful Isle of Mull, where guests are tendered to shore, with plenty of time to explore at leisure or pre-book an on-shore excursion.

SATURDAY At sea today

SUNDAY The ship arrives early morning at Bristol Royal Portbury Dock, with disembarkation after breakfast, where you will be met by a Blakes Driver and coach to return you to your home area.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 9 nights Full Board Cruise
- Onboard Evening Entertainment
- Onboard Daytime Activities & Use of Leisure Facilities
- Coach Transfer to Falmouth & return from Bristol

(Please phone us to discuss cabin options)

SUPPLEMENTS:

Ambassador Experience Drinks Package From £210.00 per person (see page 9 for details)

Ambassador Explorer Drinks Package From £390.00 per person (see page 9 for details)

Ambassador Expedition Drinks Package From £450.00 per person (see page 9 for details)

On-shore excursions & experiences – can be pre-booked via "My Ambassador Sailing" prior to cruise

Deposit 10% of total price

Travel insurance – to be arranged individually

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Friday 24th – Monday 27th May



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 Hotel Le Bois De Bruges, Bruges

A locally rated 4* hotel, within easy walking distance of the historic city centre and attractions. Each ensuite room is well equipped with TV, hairdryer, safe, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious buffet breakfast and the stylish lobby bar and outdoor terrace provide areas to relax in.

ITINERARY

FRIDAY After an early departure we leave the West Country and make our way to Dover for our ferry crossing to Calais. We continue over the border into Belgium and on to Bruges, where you will have plenty of time to settle in, begin exploring and enjoy evening dinner at a restaurant of your choice.

SATURDAY The whole day is free 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! As our hotel is ideally located in the centre of Bruges, you can spend as much or as little time exploring as you wish and choose where to eat this evening.

SUNDAY After breakfast, 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. Full of culture, history and cuisine, it 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 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 £253.00
Travel insurance £45.00

TOUR
PRICE

£435

4 DAYS

Monday 27th – Friday 31st 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 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 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 Victoria 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 afternoon 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 make the short journey to the compact city of Ripon with its ancient charm and numerous visitor attractions including the 7th century cathedral, beautiful market square and fascinating prison with old work-houses.

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
- Entrance to Harewood House & Gardens
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £92.00
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR
PRICE

£395

5 DAYS

Sunday 26th May – Saturday 1st June



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 TV, Wi-fi, 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

£675

7 DAYS



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 Rosslare for the return ferry crossing to Pembroke. We then continue our homeward journey, through Wales, with a comfort stop en route, arriving early evening.

ITINERARY

SUNDAY We leave our home area and travel over the Prince of Wales Bridge into Wales, before continuing to Pembroke, with a comfort stop en route, before our afternoon crossing to Rosslare. After docking in Ireland, we continue to our overnight hotel in Wexford for dinner.

MONDAY After a traditional Irish breakfast, we leave Wexford 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



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 £190.00
Travel insurance £52.00

Friday 31st May – Monday 3rd June

Warner Leisure Hotels
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STUDLEY CASTLE HOTEL ... 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. Studley Castle Hotel is one of Warners' newest properties, located within a beautiful castle boasting modern facilities, in rural Warwickshire.

YOUR HOTEL Studley Castle Hotel, Warwickshire

A beautiful 4* country castle hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with tea & coffee facilities, complimentary toiletries, TV, Wi-Fi and hairdryer, there is a lift. Enjoy a delicious evening meal in the Evesham Restaurant, before the fantastic dancing and live entertainment each evening. Leisure facilities include an in-house cinema, an indoor pool, sauna & steam room. Warner now operates a cashless payment system ... debit & credit cards only.

ITINERARY

FRIDAY We leave the West Country and, with a comfort stop en route make our way to Warwick with time to enjoy lunch and explore this historic town. We continue the short journey to our hotel, with time to settle in before dinner, followed by this evening's top-class entertainment.

SATURDAY The morning is free to explore the hotel's facilities such as the spa and swimming pool or try your hand at archery, take a stroll in the grounds, or just find a quiet corner to snuggle down and relax with a good book! Join us this afternoon if you wish for an excursion to the nearby historic city of Worcester, with time if you wish to visit the Porcelain Museum or the Cathedral, which overlooks the River Severn, where you will find the tomb of King John and enjoy afternoon tea. Dinner this evening will be followed by more top entertainment.

SUNDAY After breakfast we make the short journey to Stratford Upon Avon, with its magnificent Tudor buildings. Home of the world's most famous playwright, William Shakespeare you may like to visit his childhood home or enjoy a gentle boat trip along the banks of the River Avon. Holy Trinity Church is a short walk from the centre where you will find the graves of Shakespeare & members of his family. The town centre is full of interesting shops and many restaurants and cafes to enjoy lunch. We return to our resort with the remainder of the afternoon free to make use of the facilities or relax before dinner and another evening of top-class entertainment.

MONDAY After breakfast, we sadly leave our hotel and make our way to Cheltenham for lunch. We complete our journey home, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:
No single supplement
Travel insurance £29.00

TOUR
PRICE

£445

4 DAYS

Monday 3rd – Friday 7th June



SUFFOLK'S TRANQUILL VILLAGES & PICTURESQUE COAST

Suffolk is a special place to visit, full of old-world charm, medieval wool towns, picturesque villages, ancient landscapes and a seaside heritage with over 50 miles of glorious coastline.

YOUR HOTEL Ufford Park Hotel & Spa, Woodbridge

A 4* elegant and modern hotel set within 120 acres of parkland in the heart of Suffolk. All rooms are ensuite and comfortably furnished with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool, sauna & gym.

ITINERARY

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

TUESDAY This morning we travel across Easy Anglia, to Colchester, Britain's first Roman city, with its Norman castle, Roman wall and archway, together with vibrant shopping centre. With time to browse the shops and enjoy lunch, this afternoon we return to our hotel via Constable Country. With historic links to the famous artist John Constable, this quiet, rural part of Suffolk is a joy to discover. We first stop in Dedham with its Georgian fronted houses, old inns and 15th century church. Constable spent his school days in Dedham, before going on to study at the Royal Academy. before continuing to the peaceful hamlet of Flatford, the location of some of Constable's most famous works including the "Hay Wain" and "Boat Building Near Flatford Mill", where you will find Bridge Cottage and Flatford Mill.

WEDNESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to Suffolk's heritage coast, with our first stop at Oulton Broad, where we board a boat for a gentle river cruise through the marshlands of River Waveney, taking in the abundance of wildlife and birds along the river and the waterside village of Burgh St Peter. We rejoin our coach and travel the short journey to the Suffolk seaside town of Aldeburgh, with its unspoilt beaches dotted with fishermen's huts and charming historic high street, lined with independent shops and cafes to enjoy lunch.

THURSDAY Today we enjoy a day visiting some of Suffolk's most picturesque villages, collectively known as the Wool Towns. We first visit the ancient market town of Sudbury, set on the River Stour and surrounded by water meadows. It found its riches firstly through wool, then silk, and is the birthplace of the artist Thomas Gainsborough where you can visit his house & art gallery. With time for lunch and time to explore this delightful town, we later visit Lavenham, perhaps the prettiest of all the Suffolk villages and England's best preserved medieval village. With streets lined with black and white timber buildings, you may like to visit the beautiful Guildhall, dating from 1530, this remarkable building will unveil the story of changing fortunes of Lavenham.

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 & Buffet Breakfast
- Boat Cruise on Oulton Broad
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £112.00
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR
PRICE

£525

5 DAYS

Monday 3rd – Friday 7th June



THE DELIGHTFUL YORKSHIRE DALES

The Yorkshire Dales boasts some of the most spectacular scenery in Great Britain. 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 always assured a warm Yorkshire welcome at this 3* waterfront hotel on the outskirts of the delightful town of Skipton. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant offers a delicious evening menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool and gym.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave the West Country and make our way north, with a comfort and lunch stop on route. We complete our journey to our hotel with time to settle in and relax before dinner.

TUESDAY Today we enjoy a circular tour of the Yorkshire Dales travelling through stunning scenery, making our first stop at the market town of Hawes. Today is market day and as well as traditional stalls there is a livestock market. Whilst here you may like to visit the Dales Countryside Museum. We continue our journey across the Dales to Ripon, a compact city with a beautiful cathedral and its original Saxon crypt, and quirky shops found along Kirkgate with numerous cafes to enjoy lunch. We complete our circular tour stopping at the picturesque village of Grassington, with gift shops and tea rooms to enjoy afternoon tea.

WEDNESDAY Join us today as we travel the short distance to the centre of Skipton. Today is market day with traditional stalls located in the high street alongside the usual shops and cafes for an early lunch. We board a boat in the centre of Skipton for a leisurely cruise along the Leeds & Liverpool canal with guided commentary along the way. This afternoon we make our way to the Victorian spa town of Harrogate with its wonderful architecture and public gardens. Whilst here you may like to visit the famous "Bettys Tea Rooms" for an indulgent afternoon tea!

THURSDAY After a leisurely breakfast we travel to Keighley where we board the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway, made famous by "The Railway Children" novel, for a scenic train ride to Oxenhope. We rejoin the coach and travel to nearby Haworth, famous for its connection with the Bronte Sisters who wrote many of their famous works whilst living in the Haworth Parsonage, where you may like to visit the museum. You will also find many lovely tea rooms, souvenir shops and antiquarian bookshops in this idyllic Yorkshire village.

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
- Boat Trip on the Leeds & Liverpool Canal
- Train Journey on Keighley & Worth Valley Railway
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £120.00
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR
PRICE

£495

5 DAYS

Monday 3rd – Friday 7th 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.

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 This 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, Cowes, Ryde, Shanklin, Ventnor, Freshwater and Alum Bay, stopping for coffee, lunch and 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
- Introductory talk at St Mildred's Church
- Entrance to Osborne House
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
No single supplement (Max 3)
Premier Chalet Upgrade £30.00 per person
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR
PRICE

£455

5 DAYS

Friday 7th – Wednesday 12th June



SCOTLAND – RAIL & SAIL IN THE WESTERN HIGHLANDS

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 a tour full of train journeys and boat cruises to experience some magnificent highland scenery! (Please note that itinerary dates may be re-arranged)

YOUR HOTEL The Winnock Hotel, Drymen

Comfort and character are exceptionally well-combined in this 18th century 3* hotel, by the pretty village green the east side of Loch Lomond. All rooms are ensuite with TV, and tea & coffee making facilities. Although there is no lift, limited ground floor rooms are available (please advise at time of booking). The restaurant offers an appetizing array of locally sourced produce and Scottish entertainment is provided some evenings.

ITINERARY

FRIDAY We leave the West Country and make our way north, with comfort stops en route, to our hotel in Drymen, our base for the next five nights, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

SATURDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way across the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park to Loch Katrine 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 breathtaking views.

SUNDAY Today we travel to Glasgow to board the Wesh Highland Line train to Oban, considered to be one of the most scenic railway journeys in the world as it delves deep into the wild west coast of Scotland. Keep a keen eye out for red deer 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 the gateway to the Scottish Isles. You will have time to enjoy lunch and explore.

MONDAY This morning we take a gentle drive to the base of Loch Lomond for a cruise to experience this famous expanse of water, 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 Sea Life Aquarium and enjoy a relaxing lunch before returning to Winnock with time to enjoy the village.

TUESDAY After breakfast we travel 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 make our way on to the Bo'Ness and Kinneil Heritage Railway for a scenic train journey including afternoon tea.

WEDNESDAY Sadly it's time to leave our Scottish hosts and begin the homeward journey south, stopping for regular comfort breaks en route, and reaching the West Country early-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £100.00
Travel insurance £33.00

TOUR PRICE

£759

6 DAYS

Saturday 8th – Sunday 9th June



LONDON THEATRE WEEKEND OR A WEEKEND IN LONDON

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 11 top West End shows... Matilda The Musical, Phantom Of The Opera, Les Miserables, Mamma Mia, Tina Turner The Musical, Lion King, Back To The Future, Frozen The Musical, Crazy For You, Six or Mrs Doubtfire. (All show dates correct at time of printing, but subject to change).

YOUR HOTEL Delta Hotel by Marriott Heathrow, London

A modern 4* hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, safe, 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 time to freshen up before dinner.

SUNDAY After a leisurely buffet English breakfast, we leave our hotel and return to central London where you will have plenty of time to shop or visit one of the enormous choice of attractions. Two great ways to see the best of London's sites is via a bus tour or a River Cruise along the Thames with a commentary to enlighten you with the capital's history We leave mid-late afternoon, and make our way back to the West Country, with a comfort stop on route, arriving mid-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £30.00
Travel insurance £23.00

TOUR PRICE

LONDON THEATRE WEEKEND

£255

LONDON WEEKEND

£145

2 DAYS

Saturday 8th – Saturday 15th June



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

**TOUR
PRICE**
£945
8 DAYS

Due to its continued 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 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.

WEDNESDAY 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.

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 Saint Avold, 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 & 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 £205.00
Lake Maggiore Express Tour (2 Trains & 1 Boat) £70.00
Shuttle Land Train in Orta
Travel insurance £54.00

Monday 10th – Friday 14th June



BLACK COUNTRY EXPLORER

The affectionate term “Black Country” is a name given to the 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.

TOUR PRICE

£465

5 DAYS

YOUR HOTEL **Mercurie Telford Centre Hotel, Telford**

A 4* modern hotel situated in the gateway to the Shropshire Hills. All rooms are ensuite with TV, safe, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool and fitness suite.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave the West Country and make our way to Tewkesbury for lunch, with time to explore the Abbey, and browse the shops with its many antiques and collectables. 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 vividly bring to life how life and work in the Black Country developed through the ages, 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 and 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 Museum Midlands with time to explore the hangars which tell the story of the RAF through its people and collections including an exhibition on The Falklands War. You may like to enter the 4D experience to discover the thrills of an RAF Typhoon flying over the Lake District or a Spitfire flight (extra charge). We continue to Aston Hall, a magnificent 17th century mansion, restored to its former Jacobean splendour, with a series of period rooms furnished with beautiful interiors and a long gallery. Outside, explore Lady Holte’s garden designed to bring beauty and peace to its visitors.

THURSDAY This morning we travel to Kidderminster to join the Severn Valley Railway for a train journey to Bridgnorth, which is actually two towns – the High Town (with great views down) and the Low Town (with great 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 stop in the village of Ironbridge, to see the world’s first ever engineered cast iron bridge and 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 (the world’s largest collection of Worcester Porcelain), or the fine cathedral which overlooks the river, where you will find the tomb of King John. We later complete our homeward journey, arriving back in the West Country 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 Museum Midlands (free entry)
- Entrance to Aston Hall & Gardens
- Ticket for the Severn Valley Railway
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £100.00
Travel insurance £31.00

Saturday 15th – Wednesday 19th June



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.

TOUR PRICE

£415

5 DAYS

YOUR HOTEL **George IV Hotel, Criccieth**

A 3* hotel located in the heart of Criccieth with views across to the castle. Each on the ensuite 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, with entertainment provided on some nights.

ITINERARY

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

SUNDAY 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 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.

MONDAY After a leisurely start, 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 Betws-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 relaxing lunch.

TUESDAY This 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 picturesque stone-built village of Beddgelert, one of the loveliest in the Snowdonia National Park region.

WEDNESDAY 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 (Max 4) £52.00
Subsequent Singles £112.00
Castle View Supplement £44.00
Travel insurance £31.00

Sunday 16th June – Tuesday 2nd July



OUR 2024 GRAND TOUR ... NORWAY, THE ARCTIC CIRCLE & THE MIDNIGHT SUN

TOUR
PRICE

£2395

17 DAYS

Join us for a spectacular journey, northwards, through dramatic Norwegian landscapes, up to Bodø, a beautiful peninsula on Norway's coastline, to experience the magnificent environment of the stunning Arctic Circle. Enjoy a taste of Norway's summer in the land of the midnight sun, where daylight never sets. Returning south through majestic Sogn Mountains, we travel to Norway's deep-blue Western Fjords. Come with us for a truly memorable tour of long sunny days and nights, mixed with some of the world's most scenic and unspoilt environments of the Arctic and Fjord-land Norway.

YOUR HOTEL Quality Hotel Hasle Linie, Oslo

A 4* modern hotel with ensuite bedrooms are furnished with TV, hairdryer and Wi-Fi access. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and varied breakfast. Leisure facilities include a gym.

YOUR HOTEL Thon Hotel Nordlys, Bodø

A 3* modern hotel located in the centre of Bodø on the harbour front. All bedrooms are ensuite, served by a lift, with TV, hairdryer and Wi-Fi. The restaurant serves a buffet evening menu and hearty breakfast.

YOUR HOTEL Stalheim Hotel, Stalheim

Situated on a stunning hilltop position with panoramic views across the Naeroy, Brekke & Jordal Valleys, this is a hotel with history and its own museum. Furnished with a mix of modern and antique furniture, all rooms are ensuite with lift access. There is a bar, lounge and terrace, and the restaurant serves an excellent menu.

ITINERARY

SUNDAY After an early departure, we make our way to Dover for the ferry crossing to Calais. We continue through France, Belgium and the Netherlands to our overnight hotel in Deventer, arriving in time for dinner.

MONDAY This morning we continue through the Netherlands, into Germany passing Bremen and Hamburg and finally crossing the border into Denmark, for our second overnight hotel, with time to settle in before dinner.

TUESDAY After breakfast we travel north through Jutland to Hirtshals, for the fast ferry crossing to Norway, with time to relax on board and enjoy



lunch. We arrive in Larvik late afternoon and travel to our hotel in Oslo, our base for the next two nights, with time to freshen up before dinner this evening.

WEDNESDAY This morning we head to central Oslo, known as the "Viking Capital" to meet a local guide for a panoramic sightseeing tour of the city. We will pass by the Parliament, Royal Palace, pretty harbour area at Aker Brygge, Karl Johan's Gate, Frogner Park with its stunning sculpture, the new Opera House and Arkershus Fortress to name a few. The afternoon is free to explore at your leisure before returning to our hotel for dinner.

THURSDAY Today we travel from Oslo, past Hamar, Lillehammer, Dombas and Trondheim (the first capital of Norway), arriving at our hotel in Stjordal, with time to freshen up before dinner and an evening of leisure.

FRIDAY Today we begin our journey to the Arctic region, travelling along Trondheimsfjord and Lake Snasavatn into the Namdalen Valley and on through Helgeland. Shortly before Mosjoen we will see the spectacular Laksforsen Waterfall. Here the waterfalls are 17 metres high and depending on the season, up to 50 metres wide. Visit the gift shop and enjoy a bite to eat in the café with magnificent views. We later continue to Mosjoen, with its historic links with Britain and carefully restored traditional wooden houses. We pass through "The Gateway to North Norway" at Majavatn, driving along the Ranafjord to Mo-I-Rana "the Arctic Circle" to our overnight hotel, a restored Merchant's House full of charm and character, in time for dinner.

SATURDAY After breakfast we begin a day travelling across the Arctic Circle with a stop at the Arctic Circle Centre, with a café and exhibition centre showing a film about the area. There is a Post Office where you can stamp mail with a special Arctic Circle postmark! From here we proceed to Bodø along the Lonsdalen Valley, and if lucky we may see roaming reindeer herds on the Salt Fjell. We make a stop in Rognan to visit the Blood Road Museum, a road built by German World War II prisoners of war, many of whom perished in this harsh climate. We continue to Fauske (the Marble City), the last stop on the Northern Railway line, a town famed for its pink marble, as we finish our journey in Bodø, our base for 3 nights, to settle in before dinner.





SUNDAY Join us today we travel further north, taking a short ferry from Festvag to Misten to visit the village of Kjerringoy. Surrounded by high mountains and a beautiful coastline we enjoy a guided visit to the Old Trading Centre, an open-air museum which houses one of Norway's most important collections of preserved buildings from the 1800s.

MONDAY Today is free for you to enjoy Bodø at leisure, a busy port with a wide range of shops, restaurants and cafes, surrounded by stunning landscapes. If the weather is fine, an evening excursion by local taxi out to Mount Ronvik has terrific views of the low sun on the surrounding area and on a clear night it is often possible to see the Lofoten Islands.

TUESDAY We say a fond farewell to Bodø, as we wind our way along the magnificent Arctic coastline, passing through many small fishing villages, and taking two ferry journeys from Foroy to Agskaret and Jektvik to Kilboghamn, the latter of which crosses the Arctic Circle. Along this coastal journey we will see the Holandsfjord with spectacular views of the Svartisen Glacier and mountain views of Hestmannen and Rodoylva when sailing out of Jektvik. We arrive in Mo-I-Rana in time for dinner and an evening at leisure.

WEDNESDAY Leaving the arctic behind us we continue our journey south to the shores of Lake Snasavatnet, around Trondheimsfjord to Oppdal, where we arrive at our overnight hotel, in the backdrop of the Dovrefjell Mountains.

THURSDAY After an early, but well rewarding start, we start our journey towards Stalheim, travelling past Lom and across the mighty Sognefjell Mountain road (the highest mountain pass in Europe). With many places

to stop and admire the views, we traverse the Sognefjell before descending and crossing the Sognefjord, passing through Laerdal to end a rewarding day at our hotel in Stalheim, our base for the next two nights.

FRIDAY Join us today for the "Norway in a Nutshell" experience, which includes a return ride on the Flam Railway and a one-way fjord boat cruise between Gudvangen and Flaam. There will be free time at leisure in Flam. The fjord cruise takes in spectacular views of steep cliffs rising either side with mountain farmsteads and with unforgettable views of mountains and waterfalls on the railway journey.

SATURDAY We leave our hosts in Stalheim, passing valleys and plateaus via Gol, on through Noresund and Kroderen to our overnight hotel in Horten, located near the waterfront, for our final evening in Norway.

SUNDAY After an early start, we travel to Larvik, where we board our ferry for the morning crossing back to Hirtshals in Denmark. From here we cross into Germany to our overnight hotel near Hamburg, with time to freshen up before dinner.

MONDAY We continue our journey through Germany and into the Netherlands, visiting the pretty town of Delft, known for its blue pottery ceramics, with time to explore this delightful town and find a restaurant for an early dinner, before later boarding the ferry at the Hook of Holland terminal, for our overnight ferry crossing home.

TUESDAY The ferry arrives in Harwich early morning, and we continue our journey home to the West Country, arriving mid-late afternoon.



PRICE INCLUDES:

- 15 nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- 1 overnight ferry crossing (accommodation only)
- Guided coach and walking tour in Oslo
- Entrance to the Arctic Circle Visitor Centre
- Entrance to the Blood Road Museum at Rognan
- Guided Visit to Kjerringgoy Old Trading Centre
- Norway in a Nutshell (Boat Fjord cruise & Flam Railway)
- Ferry Crossings (including internal Norwegian ferries)
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Meals on board overnight ferry
Single supplement £660.00
Travel insurance £115.00

Monday 17th – Friday 21st 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

£445

5 DAYS

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave the West Country and, with a comfort stop en route, make our way over the Prince of Wales 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 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.

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 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 a boat trip to Caldey 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!

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 7)
Boat Trip to Caldy Island
Travel insurance £31.00

Monday 17th – Friday 21st June



A SHIPFUL OF TEA & HISTORY IN KENT

Kent has played a significant role in Britain's maritime history through war & at peace. We are delighted to bring you this brand new tour where we discover 400 years of maritime history Historic Dockyard Chatham, visit Greenwich to learn about the Cutty Sark, a British tea clipper ship and pay tribute to our fallen at RAF Biggin Hill Memorial Museum.

TOUR PRICE

£445

5 DAYS

YOUR HOTEL Bridgewood Manor Hotel & Spa, Chatham

A warm welcome awaits at this delightful 4* hotel. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift at the hotel. The restaurant serves a traditional evening menu and generous breakfast, and leisure facilities include an indoor pool, sauna, steam room & gym and lounge bar.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We make our way east, stopping for coffee and lunch on route, arriving with time to settle in and maybe make use of the leisure facilities before dinner.

TUESDAY After breakfast we visit Historic Dockyard Chatham, with exhibits stretching over the 80 acre site, including three warships, interactive galleries and a collection of RNLI lifeboats. Discover over 400 years of architecture, ships and people that shaped British maritime history, , engineering and design. We have included a Victorian Ropery Tour to learn about the fascinating history and art of rope making with live demonstrations. There are catering outlets to enjoy lunch and gift shop for that perfect souvenir of the day.

WEDNESDAY Today we visit Greenwich, home of "time". With famous attractions such as the Royal Observatory, Old Naval College, Greenwich Parks and markets, the morning is free for you to explore this delightful corner of London borough on the southern bank of the Thames. After lunch we visit the Cutty Sark to uncover the history and secrets of the last remaining tea clipper ship, bought for the nation in 1922 and painstakingly restored during the 1950's when it was opened to the public. We have included a "History of Tea" guided tour with tea & scones to follow.

THURSDAY Join us this morning as we visit Chartwell, home to Winston Churchill and his wife Clementine for over forty years. Discover the beautiful interior rooms, dressed and arranged as it would have looked in the 1930's when the Churchills lived here. Admire the collection of furniture and gifts built up through their lifetime, the formal rose garden designed by Lady Churchill and the delightful working walled kitchen garden built by Sir Winston Churchill. After lunch we make our way to RAF Biggin Hill Memorial Museum, built to commemorate those who died at Biggin Hill during WWII. Our 1 hour guided tour follows the story through an exceptional collection of stories and objects of those who served here as is followed by a cream tea.

FRIDAY 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
- Entrance to Historic Dockyard Chatham with Victorian Ropery Tour
- Entrance to the Cutty Sark with Guided "History of Tea" tour
- Entrance to Chartwell (Nat Trust)
- Entrance & Guided Tour RAF Biggin Hill Memorial Museum
- Cream tea at Biggin Hill Memorial Museum
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £100.00
Travel insurance £31.00

Saturday 22nd – Friday 28th June



IRELAND'S BEAUTIFUL NORTHERN COAST

We are delighted to repeat 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!)

TOUR PRICE

£675

7 DAYS

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.



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 the Scottish Borders, 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. There is a shuttle bus that transfers visitors to the Glenveagh Castle Gardens (and for those wishing to visit the castle itself, tickets can be purchased at the visitor centre for a small fee). There are restaurant facilities at the visitor centre and a teashop at the castle.

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 & 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 Gardens
- Admission to Ulster American Folk Park
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £168.00
Shuttle bus at Giant's Causeway
Travel insurance £52.00

Sunday 23rd – Sunday 30th June



SCOTLAND – THE CAIRNGORMS, ROYAL DEESIDE & BALMORAL

An area beloved by the Royal Family and one of Scotland's great whisky regions, the Cairngorms dominate Britain's most extensive National Park.

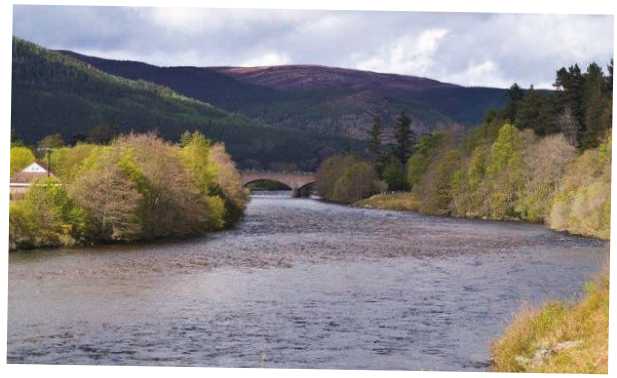
YOUR HOTEL The Nethybridge Hotel, Nethybridge

Ideally situated amidst the splendour of the Cairngorms Mountains and the lushly wooded Strathspey Valley, our 3* Victorian hotel boasts superb character. All rooms are ensuite with TV, Wi-Fi and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift, and the restaurant serves a delicious menu with a wide choice of dishes, and a hearty Scottish breakfast. The comfortable Bridge Lounge & Bar offers a relaxing place to unwind.

TOUR
PRICE

£785

8 DAYS



ITINERARY

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

MONDAY After breakfast, we continue our northward journey, through some stunning scenery, stopping in Stirling for coffee and on to Pitlochry for lunch. We complete our journey to our hotel in Nethy Bridge, our base for the next five nights.

TUESDAY The whole day is free for you to spend as you please and enjoy Nethy Bridge and the surrounding area. You may like to take a leisurely stroll along the River Nethy, enjoying the wonderful scenery, walk to the Visitor Centre in town to learn more about the area, have lunch at the hotel or local café, or catch a local bus to nearby towns and villages to explore the area at leisure.

WEDNESDAY Join us this morning as we make the short drive by coach to Aviemore, where we board the Strathspey Railway train for a nostalgic 10 mile journey through some wonderful scenery and along part of the original Highland Railway to Broomhill. We rejoin the coach and travel to Inverness, with its Victorian castle which dominates the town's centre. The Inverness Museum and Art Gallery provide a good introduction to the history of the Highlands. You may like to take a boat cruise to explore the Moray Firth by water, or if you are looking for that tartan or knitwear gift, why not pop into James Pringle Weavers by the Ness Bridge or the Scottish



Kiltmaker Visitor Centre across the river, or perhaps jump on a sight seeing bus for guided commentary of this fascinating city.

THURSDAY Our "Royal" day begins with a scenic drive through the Cairngorms National Park and Grampian Mountains to the spa town of Ballater. A Royal Burgh, many of the shops here display "By Royal Appointment" notices! You may like to visit the old Royal Station used by Queen Victoria and other British monarchs. We continue to Crathie Church, where the Royal Family attend whilst at Balmoral, before making the short distance to Balmoral Castle. Set amongst magnificent scenery of Royal Deeside, the estate was purchased by Queen Victoria in 1848 and has been the Scottish Home of the Royal Family ever since. Here you will have an audio tour of the grounds, gardens and exhibitions, with a café for lunch.

FRIDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way across Speyside, the largest whisky producing region in Scotland. We first visit the charming town of Elgin, with time to explore the town and enjoy coffee. Here you will find the lovely ruins of Elgin Cathedral and the Elgin Museum at the top of the high street, one of Britain's oldest museums. We continue to the attractive town of Forres, one of Scotland's oldest small towns. Here you will discover its castle with impressive parks and garden with floral sculptures. The centre is home to many gift and craft shops and art galleries. With time for a relaxing lunch, we make our way back to our hotel with time at leisure before dinner.

SATURDAY Sadly, it's now time to leave our hotel and begin our journey south, with regular comfort stops en route to our overnight hotel near Penrith, arriving in time for dinner.

SUNDAY After breakfast we continue our return journey, stopping for coffee and lunch enroute and reaching the West Country early to mid-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 7 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Ticket for the Strathspey Railway
- Entrance to Balmoral Estate
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £120.00
Travel insurance £36.00

Monday 24th – Friday 28th June



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 and extremely popular 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 through stunning scenery around Snowdon and the Llanberis Pass, to board a train for a return journey on the Snowdon Mountain Cog Railway which travels ¾ towards the summit, stopping at Clogwyn Station with spectacular views (weather permitting!) as we look towards the summit (at 1,085 metres) above us. 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 en route. We complete our homeward journey back into England, arriving early/mid-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Snowdon Mountain Railway ticket
- Ffestiniog Railway ticket
- Entrance to Portmeirion Village & Gardens
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
No single supplement
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR PRICE

£575

5 DAYS

Monday 24th – Friday 28th June



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 brewery!

YOUR HOTEL Cairn Hotel, Harrogate

A delightful 3* Victorian hotel ideally located just a short walk from the town centre. 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 home cooked evening menu and hearty Yorkshire breakfast. Leisure facilities include a fitness room.

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 west, across Bronte Country, famous for its windswept heather clad landscape that drew inspiration for the local Bronte Sister authors. We board the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway, most famous for its role in the "Railway Children" film, as we enjoy the beautiful Worth Valley scenery to Oxenhope. Here we reboard 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. Here you will find cosy tearooms and gift shops to explore at leisure.

WEDNESDAY We travel across the edge of the Yorkshire Dales this morning to Skipton, where the weekly market is held on Wednesdays, with time to explore the delightful village with its independent shops, a 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 & 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 wooden carvings 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, filled with fascinating shops and tearooms. This afternoon we visit the Black Sheep Brewery, an independent Yorkshire award winning brewery, for 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 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 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 £31.00

TOUR PRICE

£475

5 DAYS

Sunday 30th June – Saturday 6th July



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

£725

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 in Laon, 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 Ribeauville, 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 £90.00
Travel insurance £52.00

Friday 28th June – Monday 1st July



THE WONDERS OF WESSEX

Wessex was one of the seven major Anglo-Saxon kingdoms (the Heptarchy) that preceded the Kingdom of England. It was named after the West Saxons and was situated in the south and southwest of England. Join us as we explore some of the loveliest parts of this former kingdom

YOUR HOTEL Crown Hotel, Weymouth

A characterful hotel ideally situated overlooking the historic fishing harbour and close to the town centre. Each ensuite bedroom is comfortably furnished with TV and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a traditional home cooked evening menu and generous breakfast.

TOUR PRICE

£299

4 DAYS

ITINERARY

FRIDAY A leisurely start as we leave our home area and make our way to Bridport for lunch and time to browse the shops. We continue our journey, following the pretty west Dorset coast road to our hotel in Weymouth, giving you plenty of time to settle in and relax before dinner, and maybe an evening stroll around the harbour.

SATURDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make the short journey to Dorchester. Birthplace of hanging Judge George Jeffreys and home to Thomas Hardy for most of his life, there is a wealth of history to explore including the Keep Military Museum, Dinosaur Museum, Teddy Bear Museum and Tutankhamun Exhibition. With time to explore, shop and enjoy lunch, we return to Weymouth with the afternoon free to spend as you please, maybe visit Sea Life Centre, walk along the seafront, browse the shops or just relax in the hotel.

SUNDAY This morning we visit the picturesque town of Poole, which boasts the second largest natural harbour in the world. Whilst here you may like to visit the excellent shopping centre, the old town or the bustling harbour where there is always much activity. After lunch we travel to Norden Station where we board a steam train for a journey to Swanage, with time here to stroll along the promenade and Victoria pier and enjoy an ice cream!

MONDAY We leave our hotel and make our way a little further to Sherborne, one of England's prettiest towns which the Saxons named "Scir Burne" – a place of the clear stream or brook – and made it the capital of Wessex. Two of King Alfred's elder brothers (King Ethelbert & King Ethelbald) are buried within the impressive and beautiful Abbey where you may like to visit, or there is also the castle and many small shops and cafes to enjoy lunch. We continue our homeward journey, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Night's Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Ticket on Swanage Railway
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (max 5)
Travel insurance £29.00

Monday 1st – Friday 5th July



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. Join us as we visit some of the region's vintage charms and national treasures!

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, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift at the hotel. The restaurant serves a delicious evening meal and buffet breakfast and the lounge bar offers a cosy place to relax and enjoy drinks with friends.

TOUR PRICE

£485

5 DAYS

ITINERARY

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

TUESDAY This morning we make our way across the Peak District National Park to 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 on site. 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 breathtaking views over the village below.

WEDNESDAY Today we head south to the charming town of Ashbourne with its handsome marketplace, Tudor & Georgian architecture and winding cobbled streets. After lunch we make our way to Kingsley & Froghall Station where we board the Churnet Valley Railway for a steam train ride which transports you back to the 1950s, 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 dessert which went wrong and accidentally created a local delicacy! After an early lunch we make the short journey to the Chatsworth Estate, an exquisite country mansion and home to the Duke & Duchess of Devonshire, which has been in the family for 16 generations. With 23 rooms to visit from the magnificent Painted Hall, regal state rooms, restored Sketch Galleries, State Drawing Room, grand Bedchamber and chapel, there is so much to discover inside. Outside the gardens and grounds are well worth a visit, together with the estate farm shop, restaurant and gift shop.

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
- Entrance to Crich Tramway Village
- Ticket to Churnet Valley Railway
- Entrance to Chatsworth Estate
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £100.00
Travel insurance £31.00

Monday 1st – Friday 5th July



NIDD HALL, YORKSHIRE... WARNER BREAK

Grade II listed Nidd Hall Country Hotel, where Edward VIII is said to have first met Mrs Wallis Simpson. Its character is manifest in every rococo carving, sweeping staircase and ivy-clad wall.

YOUR HOTEL Nidd Hall, Harrogate

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

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 award-winning 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 3)
Signature room upgrade £30.00 per person
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR
PRICE

£485

5 DAYS

Friday 5th – Saturday 6th July

RHS HAMPTON COURT PALACE GARDEN FESTIVAL



RHS HAMPTON COURT PALACE FLOWER SHOW & KEW GARDENS

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. 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 Radisson Blu Edwardian Heathrow Hotel, London

A luxuriously appointed 4* hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, safe, 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 and jacuzzi & sauna.

ITINERARY

FRIDAY After an early departure we leave the West Country and make our way east, with a comfort stop on route to the world-class Royal Botanic Gardens Kew. There is so much to see and explore here, 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 interesting carnivorous plants! The treetop walkway spans treetops, over 18 metres above the floor, offering breathtaking views of the gardens and beyond. The Hive is 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 cafes and restaurants on site. Late afternoon we make the short journey to our hotel with time to freshen up before dinner.

SATURDAY We leave our hotel after breakfast and 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 keen green fingered expert, novice, or enthusiastic garden lover, there is something for everyone to enjoy. With cafes and eateries, shopping opportunities, we leave late afternoon, making our way back to the West Country, arriving mid-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Royal Botanic Gardens Kew
- Ticket to RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £53.00
Travel insurance £23.00

TOUR
PRICE

£249

2 DAYS

Monday 8th – Friday 12th July



CORNISH DELIGHTS

Join us for a relaxing week 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 Ship & Castle Hotel, St. Mawes

Owned by the same family for nearly seventy years, this excellent hotel enjoys an enviable position on the esplanade in the pretty village of St Mawes. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift at the hotel. The restaurant serves highly recommended cuisine with a choice evening menu and generous breakfast.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave our home area with a comfort stop on route and continue to Looe with time to browse the shops and enjoy lunch. We complete our journey to our hotel, with time to settle in and perhaps take a stroll along the quay before dinner this evening.

TUESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the delightful Cornish town of Fowey, with plenty of time to browse the shops, stroll along the picturesque quay and have coffee. You will also find an aquarium and museum here. We continue 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, shops and cafes to have lunch.

WEDNESDAY Join us today as we visit the Cornish capital, Truro. The quay is surrounded by the usual high street shops and a large indoor market and today is the weekly farmers' market on Lemon Quay. There is also an impressive triple spire cathedral in the centre of town with beautiful stained-glass windows and a delightful coffee shop inside. This afternoon we visit Falmouth with time to explore its shopping district and marina with numerous cafes and National Maritime Museum, which houses many exhibitions together with the history of Cornish seafaring and fishing traditions.

THURSDAY This morning we cross the Cornwall coast to the pretty fishing village of St Ives, a typical English seaside resort with a picturesque harbour and seafront. Here you will find many gift shops, the Barbara Hepworth Museum and Tate Gallery, which celebrate the work of young painters, potters and artists. There are many lovely cafes to enjoy lunch. We return to St Mawes with the afternoon free to explore the lively quay, narrow streets and castle on the peninsula, or just sit and watch the world go by, enjoying afternoon tea or an ice cream!

FRIDAY We leave our hotel and make our way to the picturesque fishing port of Polperro with its old-world charm, beautiful cottages, smart art galleries and stories of smuggler and pirate tales. After lunch we complete our journey home, arriving very early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £80.00
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR
PRICE

£545

5 DAYS

Monday 8th – Thursday 11th July



THE GREAT YORKSHIRE SHOW

Join us for one of the highlights of the agricultural and countryside calendar – The Great Yorkshire Show 2024. First held in 1838 this fabulous show culminates in a celebration of food, country life and crafts and farming.

YOUR HOTEL The Cairn Hotel, Harrogate

A delightful 3* Victorian hotel ideally located just a short walk from the town centre. 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 home cooked evening menu and hearty Yorkshire breakfast. Leisure facilities include a fitness room.

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 Today we make the short journey to the Great Yorkshire Showground for a full day to enjoy one of the biggest agricultural events in the English calendar; a celebration of food, countryside and agriculture with something for everyone. View the best in class of many farming breeds as thousands of animals compete from cattle to sheep and pigs to pigeons. Watch farriers at work celebrating their trade and cookery demonstrations. While the show has farming at its heart, there's also entertainment, shopping, multiple places to eat and drink, live music and a fashion show ... a fabulous day out for all country lovers!

WEDNESDAY Today you have a choice ... spend a second day at the Great Yorkshire Show or travel with us to the market town of Skipton, for its weekly outdoor market in the high street surrounded by independent shops of the town. Situated on the cobbled street, traditional stalls offer a range of produce and goods. Whilst here you may like to visit the castle, one of the best-preserved medieval fortresses in England, or stroll along the Leeds & Liverpool canal that runs through the town centre. After lunch we return to Harrogate with the afternoon at leisure in the Victorian spa town. Bettys Tea Rooms is well worth a visit for a much-deserved indulgent afternoon tea treat! For those choosing the show, we will return to pick you up late afternoon.

THURSDAY 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:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Ticket for The Great Yorkshire Show on Tuesday
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £54.00
Ticket to Great Yorkshire Show on Wednesday
Travel insurance £29.00

TOUR
PRICE

£425

4 DAYS

Monday 8th – Friday 12th 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 Royal Esplanade Hotel, Ryde

A 3* hotel in a prime position along the esplanade, and the second-largest town on the island. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer, tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift, the restaurant serves a delicious menu and entertainment is provided on 2 evenings.

TOUR PRICE

£545

5 DAYS

ITINERARY

MONDAY 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, and the short journey to Ryde and our hotel, arriving with time to settle in and maybe take a stroll before dinner.

TUESDAY Today we take a wonderful circular tour of the island, first stopping in Shanklin Old Village to see its quaint thatch cottages and have coffee. We continue through Ventnor and along the delightful coast with stunning views to Alum Bay. Whilst here you may like to take the chair lift down to the sea for the best views of The Needles or make yourself a souvenir with the multi-coloured sands found around the bay. After lunch we make the short journey to the historic harbour town of Yarmouth for tea and time to browse the gift shops.

WEDNESDAY This morning we make our way to Havenstreet to join the Isle of Wight Steam Railway for a nostalgic journey back in time through some lovely scenery. After an early lunch in Granny's Winter Pantry and time to browse the railway shop, we visit the picturesque village of Godshill – the most-photographed village in Britain, with its thatched cottages and 15th-century church, immaculate model village and many gift shops. There are also some lovely cafés in which to enjoy a cream tea (or a very large cream cake!).

THURSDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the St Mildred's Church at Whippingham, full of history with strong links with 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.

FRIDAY We leave our hotel after breakfast make the short journey to East 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
- Ticket for Isle of Wight Steam Railway
- Introductory talk at St Mildred's Church
- Entrance to Osborne House
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 5)
Travel insurance £31.00

Friday 12th – Sunday 14th July



GOODWOOD FESTIVAL OF SPEED

Held in the immaculate grounds of Goodwood House, the Goodwood Festival of Speed is the world's largest celebration of motoring culture – a unique weekend that brings together a marvellous mix of cars, motorcycles, motorsport celebrities and professional drivers.

YOUR HOTEL Crowne Plaza London Gatwick, Gatwick

A 4* elegant and modern hotel. All rooms are ensuite with TV, telephone, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a choice evening menu and generous breakfast to set you up for the day. Leisure facilities include a fitness suite.

TOUR PRICE

£545

3 DAYS

ITINERARY

FRIDAY We leave the West Country and travel to the Swindon Designer Outlet Centre with time to browse the numerous shops and restaurants and cafes to enjoy lunch. We continue to our hotel, arriving in time to settle in and freshen up before dinner this evening.

SATURDAY After breakfast we make our way to Goodwood for the world's largest car event. From current Formula One racers and over 200mph supercars to steam powered carriages of the 19th century, from 3000bhp top fuel dragsters to classic rally cars, the Festival of Speed attracts all ages to this remarkable event. You can watch as cars and motorbikes from different eras are raced by professionals and amateur racers, and see the participants try the Goodwood Hill Climb – the event's principal attraction with a gruelling course over 1.16 miles, rising 300 ft along steep and narrow estate roads. After a day of supercharged, roaring action, we return to our hotel with time to relax before dinner and an evening of relaxation.

SUNDAY After breakfast we return to Goodwood for another full day to continue exploring the excitement of the weekend's events. With public access to all vehicles on display, major brand exhibitors, more vehicles attempting the Hill Climb and much more action besides, there is plenty to see and do. We leave Goodwood late afternoon, with a comfort stop on route, returning to the West Country mid evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 2 Nights' Dinner Bed & Breakfast
- 2 day tickets to Goodwood Festival of Speed
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £90.00
Travel insurance £25.00

Friday 12th – Monday 15th July



ANDRÉ RIEU IN CONCERT, MAASTRICHT

TOUR PRICE

£599

4 DAYS

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 **Mercure Aachen Europaplatz, Aachen**

This 4* hotel is located on the outskirts of Aachen. All rooms are ensuite with TV, air conditioning, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and wide variety breakfast selection.

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 travel to the Dutch town of Valkenburg, with its narrow, cobbled streets and 12th century caves, with time to enjoy lunch. We later 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. With time to explore at leisure and enjoy an early dinner in a restaurant of your choice take your 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 and travel back to our hotel.

SUNDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the picture-postcard village of Monschau, nestled in the Eifel Hills. Stroll through the beautiful, cobbled streets with medieval half-timbered houses which line the tranquil river which flows through the village centre. With time to enjoy lunch, explore the independent shops and the glass blowing factory, we return to our hotel for our final evening.

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 £120.00
Travel insurance £45.00

Monday 15th – Friday 19th July



MANCHESTER'S PLANES, BOATS & GARDENS

TOUR PRICE

£485

5 DAYS

We are delighted to bring you a brand new tour for 2024, based in the vibrant and exciting Salford Quays region of Manchester, including a visit to the recently opened RHS Garden Bridgewater, the Runway Visitor Experience with a guided tour of Concorde and a boat trip around the unique waterfront of Salford Quays.

YOUR HOTEL **Copthorne Hotel Manchester, Salford Quays**

A 4* modern hotel overlooking the waterfront at Salford Quays with fabulous attractions right on its doorstep! All rooms are ensuite with TV, telephone, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious and varied evening menu and generous breakfast. The Clippers Bar offers a cosy area to relax with friends.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave the West Country this morning and travel north, stopping for coffee and lunch enroute, arriving at our hotel in Salford Quays with time to relax and freshen up before dinner this evening.

TUESDAY After breakfast we enjoy a 50 minute boat cruise around the Quays and Manchester Ship Canal, giving an insight into the history of the area and a unique view of Manchester including Media City, Old Trafford and the disused dry docks. We return to dry land with the rest of the day free for you to discover the attractions, sights and sounds of the vibrant Salford Quays. You may like to visit The Lowry (free admission) to see art exhibitions including the famous LS Lowry collection with his iconic matchstick figure artwork, or visit the Imperial War Museum North (free admission) which tells the story of over a century of war. The shopping mall offers over 80 shops and places to eat.

WEDNESDAY Join us this morning, as we make our way to RHS Garden Bridgewater, a recently opened new garden for the RHS collection. This heritage landscape has been transformed into an iconic garden and oasis of calm and relaxation so close to the hustle and bustle of Manchester. Discover its varied garden areas, from kitchen garden, walled garden to Japanese streamside garden, with two cafes and garden centre to browse. We return to our hotel later today, making a visit to the picture postcard village of Worsley, with beautiful black and white timber buildings, the Bridgewater Canal, a unique dry dock and large village green.

THURSDAY This morning we make our way to the Runway Visitor Park, adjacent to the busy runways of Manchester's Airport, to watch the planes as they land and take off from a raised viewing platform. The park is home to retired planes including the former RAF spy plane Nimrod. Our highlight of the day is a 90 minute fully guided tour of perhaps the world's most iconic aircraft – Concorde, with time below the wings, on board tour of the cabin area and flight deck and watch the famous nose droop and receive a personalised commemorative certificate of your visit. With time to visit the Aviation Shop and café, we return to Salford Quays with the rest of the day at leisure. You may like to visit Ordsall Hall, a Tudor mansion (free entry) just a short walk from the hotel or continue to enjoy the attractions around the Quay.

FRIDAY After breakfast we leave Salford Quay, and start the homeward journey south, stopping for coffee and lunch enroute, before we arrive back in the West Country early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- River Boat Trip
- Entrance to RHS Garden Bridgewater
- Entrance to Runway Visitor Park
- Guided Tour of Concorde (with Personalised Commemorative Certificate of visit)
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £92.00
Travel insurance £31.00

Monday 15th – Friday 19th July



SCENIC SHROPSHIRE...CANAL BOATS & STEAM TRAINS

If you love unspoilt landscapes, historic towns and experiencing a sense of times gone by, then Shropshire is for you! Join us on what has become one of our most popular tours.

YOUR HOTEL Mercure Telford Centre Hotel, Telford

A 4* modern hotel situated in the gateway to the Shropshire Hills. All rooms are ensuite with TV, safe, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool and fitness suite.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave the West Country, with a comfort stop enroute, we make our way over the Prince Of Wales Bridge to Abergavenny for lunch and time to browse the shops. We continue our journey to our hotel with time to settle in before dinner.

TUESDAY This morning we travel south to Ludlow with time to explore this historic market town, with its medieval castle and 500 beautiful, listed buildings. There is a good selection of shops and plenty of tearooms to enjoy coffee. We continue to Shropshire's 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 also like to take a leisurely boat cruise along the River Severn.

WEDNESDAY Join us this morning as we travel to Llangollen, a pretty town and gateway to North Wales. We begin with a steam train ride on the Llangollen Railway, which runs 10 miles through the picturesque Dee Valley to the town of Corwen. You will have time to explore this charming market town and grab a bite to eat before the return steam train journey back to Llangollen, with time to explore at leisure. This afternoon we enjoy a horse-drawn boat trip on the beautiful Llangollen Canal.

THURSDAY This morning we travel to Kidderminster to join the Severn Valley Railway for a train journey to Bridgnorth, which is actually two towns, the High Town (with great views down) and the Low Town (with great 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 stop in the village of Ironbridge, to see the world's first ever engineered cast iron bridge and 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 (the world's largest collection of Worcester Porcelain), or the fine cathedral which overlooks the river, where you will find the tomb of King John. We later complete our homeward journey, arriving back in the West Country early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Steam Train Journey on Llangollen Railway
- Horse drawn canal boat trip
- Ticket for the Severn Valley Railway
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £100.00
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR PRICE

£499

5 DAYS

Friday 19th – Monday 22nd July



POTTERS HOPTON-ON-SEA 5* RESORT ALL INCLUSIVE

Potters Leisure Resort in Hopton-On-Sea was the first privately owned all-inclusive holiday resort in the UK. Set in 65 acres of countryside, yet on the coast, this family run company pride themselves as having probably the highest rate of revisiting guests in the tourism industry.

During your stay you will be able to sample a wide range of indoor and outdoor activities, enjoy fantastic first-class live entertainment each evening and full board accommodation.

YOUR HOTEL Potters Leisure Resort, Hopton-On-Sea, Norfolk

The well-appointed bungalow accommodation is just a short walk from the main facilities and restaurant (with an option to upgrade to hotel accommodation – see supplements). All rooms are ensuite with TV, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The list of indoor and outdoor activities is endless, including heated swimming pools, sports and games, an indoor and outdoor bowls rink. The restaurant serves three meals each day plus a late-night snack for night owls. The first-class entertainment includes Big Band nights plus other live performances including the Potters Company Shows.

ITINERARY

FRIDAY We leave the West Country and make our way east, with stops for coffee and lunch en route, arriving at our resort with time to settle in and familiarise yourselves with your new surroundings before dinner and entertainment.

SATURDAY Today is free to enjoy all the leisure facilities available at this fabulous resort. Each day there is a full programme of events and activities, but you can choose to be as laid back or active as you like! There are quizzes, board games and art & craft workshops for the more sedate, but you may also like to try your hand at archery, shooting, go karts, racket sports, swimming, bowls and boules plus many more. Breakfast, lunch and dinner is served in the restaurant, with live entertainment in the evening.

SUNDAY Today you have a choice, either spend another day enjoying the leisure facilities, or join us for a morning coach excursion further along the coast to Great Yarmouth, a popular seaside resort with plenty of shops and Victorian pier and flat promenade. We return to Potters in time for lunch and the remainder of the day at leisure.

MONDAY Sadly, after breakfast we leave our resort and with comfort stops en route, return to the West Country early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 nights' full board accommodation
- Drinks Inclusive (selected)
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £100.00 (Max 2)
Bungalow Plus supplement £15.00 per person
Hotel Premier supplement £60.00 per person
Travel insurance £29.00

TOUR PRICE

£549

4 DAYS

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th July



THE LOVELY LAKE DISTRICT... BOATS, TRAINS & CASTLES

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 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 seven mile length of Ullswater to Pooley Bridge. We rejoin the coach and continue to Keswick for lunch and time to explore the charming town, before a 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 This morning we travel along the southern edge of the National Park to Ravenglass, once a strategic outpost for the Roman Emperor Hadrian. We board a steam train for a scenic journey along the Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway through the stunning Lake District countryside, leaving the estuary, through ancient woodlands, and up into the highest foothills of England, the Scafell range, to Dalegarth Station. With time here for coffee in the station café, we reboard the train for the return journey to Ravenglass. Our coach will transfer us to Muncaster to the 900 year old castle overlooking the estuary with its Owl & Hawk centre. Learn about its colourful history and explore its sumptuous state rooms furnished with beautiful paintings, tapestries and handcrafted furniture. There is a restaurant to enjoy lunch and a well-stocked gift shop and manicured gardens to wander.

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
- Return Steam Train Journey on Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway
- Entrance to Muncaster Castle & the Hawk & Owl Centre
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £64.00
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR
PRICE

£559

5 DAYS

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th 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 Mercure Haydock Hotel, Haydock

A 4* hotel set in a traditional Georgian mansion. All ensuite bedrooms are furnished with TV, safe, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool and fitness suite. The lounge bar & conservatory offer great areas to relax in.

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 breakfast we travel to Northwich to browse the 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 commentary. We remain on board for a guided tour through the Boat Lift – a 60 feet hydraulic lift system built in 1875, which transports narrow boats. There is also a visitor centre with interactive exhibition, shop and café.

WEDNESDAY Today we make the short journey to the 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 landscapes 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, which lasts 5-6 hours.

THURSDAY This morning we make our way to Rawtenstall Station where we board the East Lancashire Railway for a train journey across the Irwell Valley, through tunnels and over viaducts, arriving in Bury. You will then have time to explore the market town of Bury with its Transport Museum and visit the market – one of the largest and most successful in the country. With plenty of time to enjoy lunch and browse the shops, we return to our hotel.

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
- Anderton Boat Lift ticket & Canal Boat Cruise
- Manchester Ship Canal Cruise
- Ticket for the East Lancashire Railway
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single Supplement £112.00 (Max 5)
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR
PRICE

£559

5 DAYS

Wednesday 24th – Wednesday 31st July



THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS & THE WEST HIGHLAND LINE

Fort William, the largest town in the Highlands is set on the banks of Loch Linnhe and in the shadow of Ben Nevis. It is a fine location as a base to discover the Highlands. The West Highland Line, considered to be the most scenic railway in the world, delves deep into the wild west coast, and over the spectacular Glenfinnan Viaduct.

YOUR HOTEL The Alexandra Hotel, Fort William

A 3* hotel ideally located in the town centre and a short walking distance from Loch Linnhe. All ensuite rooms are furnished with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a home cooked traditional evening menu and hearty Scottish breakfast.

YOUR HOTEL The Salutation Hotel, Perth

A 3* hotel perfectly located in the centre of the city near the banks of the River Tay. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi and tea & coffee making facilities. A lift serves all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious choice evening menu and generous breakfast.

ITINERARY

WEDNESDAY We leave the West Country and make our way north, with comfort stops enroute, to our overnight hotel near Gretna Green, with time to freshen up before dinner.

THURSDAY We continue our journey north, stopping for coffee and lunch on route. We complete our journey through the lovely scenery of Rannoch Moor and the spectacular Glen Coe to Fort William and our hotel for the next four nights.

FRIDAY The day is free for you to spend as you please and explore Fort William. You may like to take a leisurely boat cruise on Loch Linnhe to Seal Island with splendid views of Ben Nevis, and of course the seals, along with other wildlife such as porpoises, buzzard and eagles. A short taxi ride away you will find the Ben Nevis distillery where you can have a guided tour and taste the smooth blend of Highland whisky, or you may like to catch a bus to the Ben Nevis Range, where you can take a ride on the gondola up the mountain with spectacular views.

SATURDAY Join us today for the highlight of the tour, as we board a train and travel along the West Highland Line. We pass through some stunning scenery, and just after leaving Fort William keep a look out for the ruins of Old Inverlochty



TOUR
PRICE

£899

8 DAYS



Castle, before crossing the River Lochy. At Banavie, look right to see Neptune's Staircase, the series of locks on the Caledonian Canal. We continue to travel through mountain scenery and heather clad moorland and along the saltwater banks of Loch Eil. The train crosses the spectacular Glenfinnan Viaduct with the best views out to the left side of the carriage, before passing along Loch Shiel and Loch Elit with stunning views to the right side., and finally arriving at the busy fishing port of Mallaig. With time for lunch, we rejoin our coach and travel back to Fort William.

SUNDAY This morning we make our way south as we follow the shores of Loch Linnhe with wonderful scenery to the bustling port of Oban, affectionately known as the seafood capital of Scotland! Whilst here you may like to visit McCraig's Tower, a coliseum style monument built by a wealthy banker to alleviate unemployment over 100 years ago. A climb to the top rewards with spectacular views to the nearby islands. Or visit the Oban War and Peace Museum or local distillery or browse the many shops and enjoy a relaxing lunch.

MONDAY We leave our hosts in Fort William and make the scenic journey east, first stopping to view the Commando Memorial at Spean Bridge, then following the River Spean to the shores of Loch Laggan and along the southern edge of the Cairngorms National Park to Pitlochry for lunch. From here we continue south, arriving at our hotel in Perth, our base for the next two nights, with time to settle in before dinner.

TUESDAY Join us this morning as we visit Scone Palace, with over 100 years of history and a former crowning place of Scottish Kings including Macbeth, Robert the Bruce & Charles II. Discover the Long Gallery where King Charles II strode to his coronation, see the State Room where Queen Victoria was entertained and the bedroom she slept in. Admire the needlework of Mary Queen of Scots and wander through the glorious gardens and tartan maze of 2000 half green and half bronze beech trees. With time to enjoy lunch, we return to Perth with the remainder of the day free to enjoy this wonderful city, perhaps visit the Black Watch Castle & Museum, the riverside gardens or the extensive shopping centre.

WEDNESDAY Sadly it's time to leave our Scottish hosts and begin the homeward journey south, stopping for regular comfort breaks enroute, and reaching the West Country mid - evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 7 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Ticket for the West Highland Line Railway
- Entrance to Scone Palace
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £132.00
Travel insurance £36.00

Sunday 28th July – Friday 2nd August



NORTHUMBRIA & HOLY ISLAND

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 After a leisurely breakfast we travel to the Northumberland coastline to first visit the historic fishing village of Seahouses, with views across to the Farne Islands. With time to explore the town & stroll around the harbour, we continue 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.

TUESDAY We enjoy a full day today at Beamish, an extensive open-air museum which effectively recreates an authentic picture of family, community and working life in the north-east prior to World War I. It has a typical High Street of the time 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.

WEDNESDAY Today we visit the iconic 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 in Downton Abbey, the interiors of the house are decorated in the Renaissance style. Wander through the magnificent state rooms and discover the exhibitions with fine art and treasures. There is also lots to explore in the vibrant Alnwick Garden with landscaped gardens and majestic architecture all brought to life with water. You will also find the Poison Garden and one of the world's largest wooden treehouses.

THURSDAY This morning we visit the historic city of Durham with its fine Norman cathedral and castle, with panoramic views across Northumbria. A wide variety of shops and restaurants can be found alongside the Victorian Market in the cobbled marketplace, as well as street entertainers. Follow the many paths down to the riverbank, where you may like to take a gentle boat trip along the river with its stunning views.

FRIDAY After 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 Beamish Open-Air Museum
- Entrance to Alnwick Castle & Gardens
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £150.00
Travel insurance £33.00

TOUR PRICE

£595

6 DAYS

Sunday 28th July – Thursday 1st August



SOUTHERN IRELAND & THE COPPER COAST

We are delighted to repeat this delightful tour to a peaceful corner of the emerald isle, discovering Southern Ireland's "ancient east". The Copper Coast derives its name from the 19th century copper mines that lie at its heart, with stunning coastal views and charming Irish towns including Waterford & Kilkenny.

YOUR HOTEL **Dooley's Hotel, Waterford**

A delightful 3* hotel ideally located on the historic Merchant's Quay overlooking the River Suir. Each en-suite bedroom is equipped with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. A lift serves most floors. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and hearty Irish breakfast and there is a lounge bar to relax in.

ITINERARY

SUNDAY We leave our home area and travel into Wales, to Pembroke, for our afternoon crossing to Rosslare. After docking in Ireland, we travel to our hotel, arriving at our hotel for dinner.

MONDAY Join us this morning as we take a scenic drive along the Copper Coast, a 25 km stretch of spectacular coastline with scalloped beaches, coves and rocky headlands. We stop in the harbour town of Dungarvan for lunch. In the heart of Waterford County with a bustling seaside, here you will find the remains of a ruined abbey, a picturesque bridge, an old market house and the vibrant quayside, together with shops and cafes. This afternoon board a heritage train at Kilmeaden for scenic journey through the beautiful Suir Valley, with views across the riverbanks and over to the famous Mount Congreve Gardens.

TUESDAY After breakfast we visit the medieval town of Kilkenny with its spectacular castle to the south and the magnificent St Candice's Cathedral to the north. For a time in 17th century, Kilkenny was the unofficial capital of Ireland with its own Parliament, and it remains Ireland's medieval capital with its narrow streets and historic buildings to explore. We have included a circular city road train tour of the historic centre. We return via County Tipperary, passing Cashel, Cahir, with an afternoon stop in the heritage town of Clonmel.

WEDNESDAY 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 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. We return to Waterford with the afternoon free to explore Ireland's oldest city, founded by the Vikings showcasing over 1000 years of history. You may like to visit the world-famous Waterford Crystal factory and join a guided tour or just browse the beautifully stocked shop. Or explore some of the town's historic attractions such as Reginald's Tower or the elegant Bishop's Palace.

THURSDAY After an early departure, we travel back to Rosslare for the return ferry crossing to Pembroke, with breakfast included onboard. We continue our homeward journey through Wales, reaching the West Country mid-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Ticket for the Waterford & Suir Valley Railway
- Kilkenny Road Train City Tour
- Ticket for the Dunbrody Famine Ship Experience
- Ferry crossings inc breakfast on return ferry
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £110.00
Travel insurance £47.00

Monday 29th July – Friday 2nd August



THE VERY BEST OF YORKSHIRE

York is a city renowned for its exquisite architecture, quaint cobbled streets and iconic Minster. The city has retained so much of its medieval structure that walking into the centre is like entering a living museum. Join us for an unforgettable tour to visit York and the surrounding area.

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 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 afternoon tea. As our hotel is ideally located in the centre of York, you can spend as much or as little time exploring as you wish.

WEDNESDAY After breakfast we travel to Pickering to board the North Yorkshire Moors Railway for a scenic train journey across the heart of the moors to Grosmont. We continue by coach to the picturesque fishing port of Whitby with its ancient abbey and stunning coastline. The ruins of the 13th century abbey are fascinating, and for the more energetic, but the views from the top are well worth the climb. Whilst here, why not indulge in a fish & chip lunch – Whitby is famed for its fish suppers!

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 original 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 the Victorian spa town of Harrogate, renowned for its floral beauty and elegant buildings. Betty's Tea Rooms is highly recommended for an indulgent afternoon tea treat! You will also find an abundance of shops from antiques to boutiques to browse.

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
- Ticket for the North Yorkshire Moors Railway
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £92.00
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR PRICE

£475

5 DAYS

Monday 29th July – Friday 2nd August



CAMBRIDGE & THE NENE VALLEY RAILWAY

Discover the city of Cambridge with its history and beautiful architecture. Explore its iconic University colleges, with immaculate lawns along the River Cam where boats gently punt by, and enjoy its many museums and art galleries. The heritage Nene Valley Railway winds its way through the picturesque countryside bordering Cambridgeshire.

YOUR HOTEL Cambridge Belfry Hotel & Spa, Cambridge

A 4* modern hotel surrounded by countryside. All rooms are ensuite with TV, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities with a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool, sauna, steam room and gym.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave the West Country and, make our way to East Anglia, with comfort stops and lunch on route, to our hotel near Cambridge, with time to relax and settle in before dinner.

TUESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we travel to Cambridge, with plenty of time to explore this historic city full of famous colleges. You may like to visit one of the many museums, or to see the city as it is meant to be seen – from the river and take a leisurely boat trip. You may also like to take a sightseeing bus for a guided tour of the city, to learn more about its fascinating history. There is also a large new shopping area, with all the high street favourites that you would expect and numerous restaurants and cafés to enjoy a leisurely lunch. We return to our hotel giving you ample time to freshen up and make use of the leisure facilities if you wish before dinner.

WEDNESDAY This morning we travel across the fenlands to the delightful city of Ely, with one of England's most important cathedrals which houses a stained-glass museum. Whilst here you may like to visit Oliver Cromwell's House which has been lovingly restored to reflect 17th century domestic life or the Ely Museum which tells the story of the Fens and the people who have lived here for centuries. After an early lunch we make our way to Wansford to board the Nene Valley Railway for a return scenic steam train journey along the Nene River & valley, and where the much-loved children's little blue train Thomas the Tank Engine was created by Rev Awdry in 1971.

THURSDAY Join us this morning as we make our way to Bury St Edmunds, just over the border into Suffolk. Explore this delightful historic market town with its medieval streets, Georgian and Regency architecture and glorious cathedral and Abbey Gardens. After an early lunch we travel the short distance to Ickworth House, a grand circular palazzo designed to showcase the Earl-Bishop's remarkable art collection. Discover how this magnificent house was transformed into a family home, and learn about the life of domestic servants, together with beautiful Italian gardens that wrap around this unique property.

FRIDAY We leave our hotel and travel homewards, with comfort and lunch stops on route, completing our homeward journey to the West Country, arriving early to mid-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Ticket for the Nene Valley Railway
- Entrance to Ickworth Estate (Nat Trust)
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £140.00
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR PRICE

£445

5 DAYS

Friday 2nd – Monday 5th 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 discover. One weekend is just never enough!

YOUR HOTEL Radisson Blu Hotel, Liverpool

A modern 4* hotel ideally located near the waterfront district and a short walk from Liverpool One shopping mall and its many attractions. All ensuite rooms are access by a lift and have with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a generous buffet breakfast to set you up for the day, and leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool, whirlpool and fitness suite.

ITINERARY

FRIDAY We leave the West Country and make our way, stopping for coffee and lunch on route, arriving at our hotel in central Liverpool with time to settle in and unwind before you enjoy an evening meal at a restaurant of your choice.

SATURDAY – SUNDAY Each day is free for you to spend as you please exploring the vibrant city of Liverpool – there really is so much to see and do! With its world-class culture and more museums and galleries anywhere outside of London, and two majestic cathedrals. You may like to take a trip to the Beatles Story at Albert Dock – a brilliant tour through the fascinating lives of the fab four with memorabilia and insights from family and friends. Or perhaps you'd prefer a sightseeing tour in an open-top double decker with guided commentary and a hop-on-hop-off facility to travel around the city at leisure. Liverpool is also full of fabulous shopping outlets in Liverpool ONE, home to more than 160 high street brands. The Liverpool Queensway Mersey Tunnel is an engineering masterpiece with a unique behind-the-scenes adventure with a guided tour beneath the River Mersey. With our centrally located hotel, you can do as much or as little sightseeing as you wish.

MONDAY After breakfast we begin our homeward journey. With comfort stops on route, we reach the West Country early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £150.00
Travel insurance £29.00

TOUR
PRICE

£299

4 DAYS

Monday 5th – Friday 9th August



LANCASHIRE COAST AND COUNTRY

Discover the heart of Lancashire and beyond in this fully packaged tour. The Ribble Valley is a picturesque area with a rich landscape of rolling hillsides, charming villages, and vibrant market towns, lying between the old mill towns of Lancashire and the southern edge of the Yorkshire Dales. We have included a heritage railway journey, 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 Samlesbury Hotel, Samlesbury

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 into Lancashire and to our hotel, with time to settle in before dinner and an evening at leisure.

TUESDAY Join us today as we make our way a little further north to Lancaster, one of England's heritage cities and the county town of Lancashire. You might like to visit the castle, almost 1000 years old and largely intact or the beautiful cathedral. With time to explore, shop and enjoy lunch, we continue to the Victorian seaside town of Morecombe. Enjoy one of the finest views from the promenade of any seaside town in England, as the magnificent sweep of coastline looks across to the Lakeland mountains. Also here is Eric Morecombe's statue, standing in his famous pose, and many cafes to enjoy afternoon tea.

WEDNESDAY This morning we board a train in Rawtenstall, an old cotton town, for a scenic journey along the East Lancashire Railway, which historically connected the old mill towns along the Irwell Valley, past quaint villages and rural landscapes. We rejoin our coach and travel the short distance to RHS Garden Bridgewater, the newest of the RHS garden collections. Explore the stunning 156 acres landscape, created on the former site of historic Worsley New Hall estate, with a variety of diverse gardens and unique plants, shrubs and trees. There are two places to enjoy lunch and afternoon tea and a garden centre to browse.

THURSDAY After breakfast we travel to the traditional seaside resort of Southport, with its bustling 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. 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 find the fascinating Bee & Heritage Centre and a delightful rose garden. With time for a leisurely afternoon tea in the Hall's tearoom, we later return to our hotel.

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
- Ticket for East Lancashire Railway
- Entrance to RHS Garden Bridgewater
- Entrance to Samlesbury Hall (free entry)
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £130.00
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR
PRICE

£445

5 DAYS

Monday 5th – Friday 9th August



YORKSHIRE - ALL "FEATURES" GREAT & SMALL

TOUR PRICE

£559

5 DAYS

The county of Yorkshire is one of England's most scenic landscapes with rolling meadows, dry stone walls and picturesque market towns. Join us for this brand new tour as we visit Herriot Country for an attraction packed tour with "all features great and small"!

YOUR HOTEL The Cairn Hotel, Harrogate

A delightful 3* Victorian hotel ideally located just a short walk from the town centre. 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 home cooked evening menu and hearty Yorkshire breakfast. Leisure facilities include a fitness room.

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 breakfast we travel the short distance to visit RHS Garden Harlow Carr, a 58 acre beautiful garden site with history and character. Wander around the Queen Mother's Lake and along the lush banks of the stream through the heart of the garden as Yorkshire is transformed into a sub-tropical paradise and explore the Alpine House with over 2000 plants from across the world's mountainous regions. We return to Harrogate with the afternoon free to enjoy the Victorian spa town and perhaps have an indulgent afternoon tea at Bettys Tea Rooms!

WEDNESDAY Join us if you wish today as we travel to the market town of Skipton, for its weekly outdoor market in the high street surrounded by independent shops of the town. Situated on the cobbled street, traditional stalls offer a range of produce and goods. Here you will also find its well-preserved castle and canal which runs through the heart of the town. After an early lunch we travel a short distance to board a train at the Embsay & Bolton Abbey Steam Railway for a nostalgic scenic return journey through the picturesque edges of the Yorkshire Dales.

THURSDAY Today we travel to the historic market town of Thirsk for the highlight of our Herriot Country tour – a visit to the World of James Herriot. Discover the home of the much-loved Yorkshire vet who wrote the successful novels based on his own life, as you wander through the restored 1940's home and surgery, as you step back in time. With a little time free to explore the delightful town, we rejoin the coach and travel to the compact city of Ripon for a late lunch, before returning to our hotel via the picturesque village of Grassington with its cobbled market square and stone cottages, where "Darrowby" is set in the new TV series of All Creatures Great And Small.

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
- Entrance to RHS Garden Harlow Carr
- Ticket for Embsay & Bolton Abbey Steam Railway
- Entrance to The World of James Herriot
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £64.00
Travel insurance £31.00

Monday 5th – Friday 9th August



CORTON COASTAL RESORT, SUFFOLK WARNER BREAK

TOUR PRICE

£485

5 DAYS

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

YOUR HOTEL 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 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 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 long the prom, browse the shops and have tea.

WEDNESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the Norfolk Broads, to 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 3)
Premier Chalet Up-Grade £60.00 per person (subject to availability)
Travel insurance £31.00

Wednesday 7th – Sunday 11th August



JERSEY INCLUDING THE BATTLE OF THE FLOWERS SPECTACULAR

TOUR PRICE

£635

5 DAYS

Jersey has charmed generations of visitors – only 14 miles from the French coast, it has the continental flavour of France while remaining part of the British Isles. Although only a small island, Jersey has so much to offer ... sandy beaches, rugged coastlines, 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 long compete for the Prix d'Honneur. The fresh flowers are predominantly chrysanthemums, which have been shipped in from the UK and Holland, together with 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 ensuite bedrooms are furnished with TV, Wi-Fi access, air conditioning, telephone, hairdryer, safe and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant offers a delicious menu and serves a traditional breakfast. Leisure facilities are available free to guests at the nearby sister hotel – The Merton, with swimming pool with water slides, spa pools, sauna and steam room, together with a fitness suite.



attractions include the Living Legend, the zoo and Mont Orgueil Castle. We also recommend a trip to Corbiere Lighthouse with its stunning views which you can walk out 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 during your stay (the hotel can help with this if required). There are numerous venues on the island in which to enjoy coffee, lunch, afternoon tea and Jersey ice cream!

FRIDAY The highlight of our tour – the Battle of Flowers takes place this afternoon, and we have included a ticket in a seated area to allow you to enjoy in comfort one of the highlights in the Jersey calendar – a spectacle of flower-covered floats, musicians, dancers and entertainers. The grand parade takes place today at 5pm, but tomorrow (Saturday) the moonlight parade begins at 9pm 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 Saturday evening parade, please let us know at the time of booking.*

SUNDAY Sadly it's 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.

ITINERARY

WEDNESDAY 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 met by a local coach to be transported, with your luggage, to the hotel with time to settle into your new surroundings.

THURSDAY - SATURDAY Each day is free for you to spend exploring Jersey's wonderful coastline and inland attractions. Perhaps you'd like to visit the Jersey War Tunnels, parts preserved as they were left after World War II occupation. Other worthwhile



PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Return Ferry Crossings
- 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 £200.00
Travel insurance £47.00

Thursday 8th – Tuesday 13th August



EASTERN DELIGHT ... THE CITY OF PRAGUE

Prague, majestic capital city of the Czech Republic, falls under UNESCO World Heritage Site listings with its beautiful churches, towers, majestic bridges and panoramic views across the city, affectionately known as the "City of 100 Spires". Tourists have fallen in love with this beautiful city, returning time and time again to soak up its atmosphere.

YOUR HOTEL Adria Hotel, Prague

An elegant 4* hotel in the heart of Prague, ideally located on Wenceslas Square, just a short walk from the historic centre. A lift serves all floors, and bedrooms are en-suite with TV, telephone and safe. The Triton Restaurant is beautifully decorated in art nouveau style with original 1912 interior, serving an excellent buffet dinner and breakfast.

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 Cologne, arriving in time for dinner.

FRIDAY This morning we continue our journey through Germany and across the border of the Czech Republic, to our hotel, where we stay for the next three nights, arriving with time to settle in before dinner. This evening you may like to take a stroll around Wenceslas Square at the heart of the New Town district, a majestic boulevard buzzing with shops and restaurants. Here, the famous Velvet Revolution took place in 1989, ending Communist rule in Czechoslovakia.

SATURDAY After breakfast we are joined by a guide for a walking tour of Prague, taking in many of the famous landmarks to learn a little about the fascinating history of the city. You



TOUR
PRICE

£695

6 DAYS



will discover the magnificent bridges cross the River Vltava, including the stunning 14th century Charles Bridge with 30 stone statues, the monumental Prague Castle and ancient seat of Bohemian monarchs, sitting on the hill overlooking the city below, and to the side the 1000 year old St Vitus Cathedral with elaborate stained glass windows. Stroll down Golden Lane with its small colourful houses dating back to the 16th century, where the castle's inhabitants used to live in times gone by. The remainder of the day is free for you to explore at your leisure and as our hotel is located in the centre of the city you can spend as much or as little time exploring as you wish.

SUNDAY Today is free to continue exploring this magnificent city and take in all the sights yesterday didn't allow time for! The old town square is full of history with its 11th century marketplace and numerous attractions including the 14th century Tyn Church with its grand twin towers. The view from the top is spectacular! Or admire the views of the historic centre as you climb to the top of the Town Hall Tower, and marvel at the beautiful medieval Astronomical Clock on its west façade.

MONDAY Sadly, we bid a fond farewell to Prague and travel back into Germany, arriving at our overnight hotel with time to settle in before dinner this evening.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 5 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Guided Walking Tour of Prague
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £190.00
Travel insurance £49.00

Friday 9th – Monday 12th August



A WEEKEND ON THE CORNISH COAST

Join us for a relaxing weekend in this picturesque corner of the south-west peninsula. Crammed with pretty harbour towns and authentic fishing villages, whilst enjoying the mild climate and delicious flavours that the Cornish coast has to offer.

YOUR HOTEL Ship & Castle Hotel, St Mawes

Owned by the same family for nearly seventy years, this excellent hotel enjoys an enviable position on the esplanade in the pretty village of St Mawes. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift at the hotel. The restaurant serves highly recommended cuisine with a choice evening menu and generous breakfast.

ITINERARY

FRIDAY We leave our home area with a comfort stop on route and continue to Looe with time to browse the shops and enjoy lunch. We complete our journey to our hotel, with time to settle in and perhaps take a stroll along the quay before dinner this evening.

SATURDAY Join us today as we visit the Cornish capital, Truro. The quay is surrounded by the usual high street shops and a large indoor market and today is the weekly farmers' market on Lemon Quay. There is also an impressive triple spire cathedral in the centre of town with beautiful stained-glass windows and a delightful coffee shop inside. This afternoon we visit Falmouth with time to explore its shopping district and marina with numerous cafes and National Maritime Museum, which houses many exhibitions together with the history of Cornish seafaring and fishing traditions.

SUNDAY Join us if you wish for a journey up the coast to the quaint twin harbour fishing port of Mevagissey, with daily catches of skate, lobster and plaice. Clustered around the harbour walls are quaint streets with galleries, shops and cafes to have lunch. We return to St Mawes with the afternoon free to explore the lively quay, narrow streets and castle on the peninsula, or just sit and watch the world go by, enjoying afternoon tea or an ice cream!

MONDAY We leave our hotel and make our way to the picturesque fishing port of Polperro with its old-world charm, beautiful cottages, smart art galleries and stories of smuggler and pirate tales. After lunch we complete our journey home, arriving very early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single Supplement £60.00
Travel insurance £29.00

TOUR PRICE

£395

4 DAYS

Friday 9th – Monday 12th 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 organize what you want to do and where you want to go, and also stay in a luxurious 4* hotel in Central London, close to the transport network.

YOUR HOTEL Copthorne Tara Hotel, Kensington

A luxurious & modern 4* hotel ideally located in the Kensington district of London. All rooms are ensuite and furnished with TV, mini fridge, safe, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a generous British and continental breakfast, and a wide variety of evening meals if you choose to dine at the hotel.

ITINERARY

FRIDAY We leave the West Country and make our way east, stopping for coffee on route, to London. We arrive at our hotel where, after checking in, the remainder of the day is free to spend as you please and choose 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, such as The Shard, London Eye, the Tower of London, Madame Tussauds, St Paul's Cathedral and the London 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 sightseeing tour or boat trip on the Thames to see the best views from the waters' edge. There are countless shopping opportunities for retail therapy, along with cafes, restaurants and taverns in which to enjoy coffee, lunch and an evening meal.

MONDAY We leave London mid-afternoon and return to the West Country, with a comfort stop en route, arriving mid-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £223.00
Travel insurance £29.00

TOUR PRICE

£359

4 DAYS

Saturday 10th – Thursday 15th 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 always 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 making facilities. Many enjoy uninterrupted views of the harbour. There is no lift at the hotel. The restaurant serves excellent menu with locally sourced ingredients.

ITINERARY

SATURDAY This morning we make our way to Penzance where you will board the Scillonian ferry for the crossing to St Mary's, the largest of the Scilly Isles. There are restaurant facilities on board, and you may even see dolphins, porpoises or pilot whales on route. On arrival, your luggage will be taken to the Atlantic Inn and you will make the short walk to the hotel, where after settling in, the remainder of the afternoon is free to familiarise yourself with your new surroundings. An early evening 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 boat fares and entrances to Tresco Abbey Gardens. Remember to pack sturdy walking shoes. On the other two days you have time free 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 else! Dinner is served at the hotel each evening.

THURSDAY Sadly it's now time to leave the Scilly Isles and after lunch, your luggage will be taken back to the quay and you will walk there for the return ferry crossing to Penzance, where our Blakes coach and driver will be waiting to return you to your home area.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 5 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Return ferry crossing from Penzance
- Hotel transfers on St Mary's
- Guided walking tours of St Mary's
- Entrance to Tresco Abbey Gardens
- Coach travel to and from Penzance

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £168.00 (max 1)
Sea View Supplement £50.00 per person
Travel insurance £33.00

TOUR PRICE
£1159
6 DAYS

Monday 12th – Friday 16th August



NORFOLK & THE BROADS – STEAM TRAINS, STEAM BOATS & STATELY HOMES

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. Join us for a tour to enjoy waterside towns, steam trains and a cruise around The Broads and visit one of Norfolk's finest country houses.

YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn Norwich City, Norwich

A modern 3* hotel situated near the city. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious choice evening menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include a fitness suite.

ITINERARY

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

TUESDAY After breakfast we make our way to Aylsham where we board a train at the Bure Valley Railway for a scenic journey to Wroxham, a beautiful town considered to be the capital of the Broads. With time to browse the abundance of shops and famous Roys of Wroxham local department store and enjoy lunch in one of the cafes. This afternoon we travel the short distance to Horning, where we board the Mississippi Paddle Steamer for a circular boat cruise around The Broads, along the River Bure, passing thatched cottages, windmills and wildlife and out to Ranworth Broad.

WEDNESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we travel to the centre of 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 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 an ice cream or afternoon tea.

THURSDAY Today we travel to the breathtaking Jacobean Country House at Blickling Estate. Built in the 15th century for Sir Henry Hobart, Lord Chief Justice of James I, explore life upstairs and down in the imposing red-turreted mansion. Find the Long Gallery with National Trust's finest book collection, the magnificent Grand Hall with its 23 paintings on display and visit the kitchens to get a feel for servant life. You will also find a glorious garden and 4600 acres of parkland, woodland & farmland together with the RAF Oulton Museum on site documenting life on the WWII aircrew. We later visit Thursford to see the world's largest collection of steam engines, fairground organs & attractions and enjoy a wonderful Wurlitzer organ show this afternoon!

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
- ETrain Ticket on Bure Valley Railway
- Paddle Steamer Boat Cruise on Norfolk Broads
- Entrance Blickling Estate (Nat Trust)
- Entrance to Thursford Collection
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £160.00
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR PRICE
£525
5 DAYS

Monday 12th – Friday 16th 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 feature 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, to browse the gift shops and enjoy an early lunch. We make the short journey to Settle to 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.

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 complete our tour 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 £31.00

TOUR PRICE

£525

5 DAYS

Monday 12th – Friday 16th August



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 & Country Club, Coleford

A delightful 3* hotel in the heart of the Forest of Dean, with views across the golf course. All bedrooms are ensuite with TV, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a freshly prepared evening menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include a fitness suite and entertainment is provided on some evenings.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave our home area and stopping for coffee, we travel just over the border into Wales to Abergavenny for lunch. We complete our journey to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in and freshen up before dinner.

TUESDAY Join us today as we make our way to the delightful county town on Hereford, located on the banks of the River Wye. This compact city is full of black and white timber framed buildings and the cathedral which houses the famous 13th century Mappa Mundi, the largest medieval map of the world in existence today. With time to browse the shops, perhaps visit the Cider Museum for the county's "golden amber" and enjoy a leisurely lunch, we move on to Hay-On-Wye, the tranquil market town famous for its numerous book shops and antique stores on almost every street.

WEDNESDAY This morning we are joined by a knowledgeable guide for a tour of the Forest of Dean, to learn about the fascinating natural environment and discover the forest's hidden secrets. We make a stop for lunch in the Welsh market town of Monmouth, 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 craft and gift shop 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 timber framed buildings, browse the shops and have lunch, we complete our journey home, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Guided coach tour of the Forest of Dean
- Ticket for the Forest of Dean Heritage Railway
- Guided Coach Tour from Tintern Abbey Mill & 2 course buffet lunch
- Boat Cruise on the River Wye
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £80.00
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR PRICE

£495

5 DAYS

Saturday 17th – Sunday 25th August



SUMMER IN THE AUSTRIAN LAKES

Austria's lake district is perhaps one of the most scenic of Austria's regions, with mighty peaks towering above glistening blue lakes, alpine valleys and rolling lush meadow hillsides. Join us this summer as we visit some of the most picturesque landscapes and historic locations.

YOUR HOTEL Hotel Lohninger-Schober, Hipping, St Georgen Im Attergau

A warm welcome awaits at this 3* family run traditional hotel, nestled in the Austrian countryside. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer and telephone. There is a lift to all floors. The traditionally decorated restaurant serves a delicious choice menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool, sauna and fitness studio.

TOUR
PRICE

£895

9 DAYS



ITINERARY

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

SUNDAY We continue our journey through Germany and into Austria, and on to our hotel where we stay for the next six nights, arriving with time for dinner.

MONDAY Join us today as we visit the spa town of Bad Ischl, a favourite summer residence of emperors of the Austro-Hungarian & Habsburg monarchy spent their summers. You may like to visit the Kaiservilla, the summer residence of Emperor Franz Joseph, or perhaps take a leisurely stroll through the Imperial town centre. We reboard the coach and make our way to the shores of Lake Hallstatt to visit perhaps the most photographed villages in all of Austria – Hallstatt. Home to one of the world's oldest salt mines, this quaint alpine village offers a world of narrow cobbled streets and pastel houses crammed with gift shops and cafes, and unparalleled lake views.

TUESDAY This morning we walk the short distance to the local "train station" to board an electric train for the short journey to Lake Attersee. Here we board a boat for a gentle cruise around the lake. With time to explore St Georgen im Attergau at leisure and enjoy a light lunch, we take the train back towards our hotel, with the afternoon free to enjoy the hotel's leisure facilities and surrounding area.



WEDNESDAY After breakfast we travel to the elegant city of Salzburg, famous as the birthplace of Mozart, and another film location for scenes from "The Sound Of Music", with its stunning cathedral, Hellbrunn Palace, Mirabell Palace Gardens and rich history. The best way to explore this delightful city is by a sightseeing tour bus, with an audio guide around the city, where you can hop-on and hop-off and visit many parts of the city at your leisure.

THURSDAY Join us today as we spend a day in the famous Austrian lakes. We first make a stop in the small lakeside village of Mondsee where you can visit St Michael's Basilica, famous for the wedding scenes of The Sound Of Music. We continue to Lake Wolfgang, making a visit to the village of St Gilgen, where Mozart's family lived, before finally travelling around the lake to St Wolfgang, a picturesque village with narrow streets, gift shops and an array of cafes. You may like to take a boat trip around the lake or just sit and watch the world go by!

FRIDAY After a leisurely breakfast we enjoy a circular tour, as we make our way across to Lake Traunsee (meaning dream lake). We travel along its western shore, passing through tranquil towns, with a stop in the picturesque lake side village of Traunkirchen with its beautiful church, lakeside cafes and views across the water. We continue our journey, passing along the shores of Lake Attersee, back to our hotel where we enjoy a gentle "road train" ride through the village with our hosts, before our final dinner this evening.

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

SUNDAY We resume our homeward journey to Calais, for the return ferry crossing to Dover. We then continue to the West Country, arriving early/ mid-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Bed & Breakfast in overnight hotel
- 7 nights' Dinner Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Train & Boat Journey, Lake Attersee
- "Slow Train" ride in Hipping
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £132.00
Travel insurance £55.00

Sunday 18th – Monday 19th August



A TASTE OF LUXURY IN WINDSOR WITH AFTERNOON CREAM TEA

Join us for a short break, staying in the Royal town of Windsor with a visit to Windsor Castle and 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 the Guildhall. Each of the comfortable ensuite bedrooms are furnished with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. The hotel restaurant serves a varied evening menu and hearty breakfast.

TOUR PRICE

£199

2 DAYS

ITINERARY

SUNDAY We leave the West Country and make our way east, stopping for coffee on route, to Royal Windsor, with time to explore this historic royal borough. We have arranged an afternoon cream tea at our hotel later today, with the evening free for you to choose a restaurant of your choice for an evening meal.

MONDAY This morning, we have included entrance to the magnificent Windsor Castle with an audio tour guide to take you through the beautifully decorated state rooms and apartments, and discover all the treasures, artwork and furnishings of the castle interior. Wander through St George’s chapel with its intricate ceiling carvings, which has been the location of many royal weddings and house the tombs of 11 monarchs including the late Queen Elizabeth II. The rest of the day is free for you to continue exploring Windsor, perhaps taking a sightseeing bus tour to discover the history & secrets of Windsor and nearby Eton, or a leisurely boat trip along the Thames. We leave late afternoon, to begin our journey home, with a comfort stop on route, arriving back in the West Country mid evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Buffet English Breakfast
- Afternoon Cream Tea at The Castle Hotel
- Entrance to Windsor Castle
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £69.00
Travel insurance £23.00

Sunday 18th – Monday 19th August



ABBA VOYAGE

Calling all ABBA fans! See ABBA as never before in this cutting-edge technology concert with spectacular lighting effects as they take to the stage in a groundbreaking, digital avatar format. Join us as we experience this long-awaited concert of the one of the world’s biggest pop acts of all time.

YOUR HOTEL Crowne Plaza Hotel, London Docklands

A stylish 4* hotel located in the modern London Docklands waterfront. All rooms are comfortably furnished with TV, telephone, Wi-Fi access and air conditioning. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a generous hot and cold buffet breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool, sauna, steam room and fitness suite.

TOUR PRICE

£225

2 DAYS

ITINERARY

SUNDAY We leave the West Country and make our way east, stopping for coffee on route, to our hotel, with time to check in luggage, before rejoining the coach and grab a bite to eat before the concert tonight. Set in the purpose-built ABBA Arena at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, we will enjoy a 90 minute concert like no other, as the four pop icons (Benny, Björn, Agnetha & Anni-Frid) appear before our eyes as digital avatars and perform some of their greatest and much-loved hits from years gone by, supported by a 10 piece live band. With brilliant lighting effects and cutting-edge digital images, it will feel like you are in front of the band themselves, this will have you dancing in the aisles and singing at the top of your voice to the greatest hits from the 70’s & 80’s from one of the greatest pop bands of all time!

MONDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we make the short journey into central London, with the day free to spend as you please, either sightseeing, visiting some of the capital’s famous attractions or enjoying a spot of retail therapy. With many restaurants, cafes and pubs to enjoy lunch, we rejoin the coach this afternoon and begin our journey home. With a comfort stop on route, we arrive back in the West Country mid-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Bed & Breakfast
- Ticket for Abba Voyage Concert
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £55.00
Travel insurance £23.00

Sunday 18th – Friday 23rd August



SCOTLAND... EDINBURGH TATTOO

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 perfectly located in the centre of the city near the banks of the River Tay. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi and tea & coffee making facilities. A lift serves all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious choice evening menu and generous breakfast.

ITINERARY

SUNDAY After an early departure we make our way north, with comfort and lunch stops on route to our hotel, arriving in time 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 visitor centre combining the fabulous scenery with a mixture of leisure and shopping experiences, overlooking the majesty of Loch Lomond at Balloch. There is also an aquarium and several cafes to enjoy a leisurely lunch and admire the scenery.

TUESDAY We leave our hotel mid-morning and travel to Edinburgh, with time to explore this magnificent city and all its attractions. Maybe 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. After choosing a restaurant to have an evening meal, we rejoin 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 A morning free to spend as you please exploring Perth. Maybe visit the cathedral or Black Watch Museum which brings to life the history of Scotland's oldest Highland regiment. There are shops to browse or take a stroll along the banks of the River Tay. After lunch, visit the Highland town of Pitlochry with its spectacular setting under the dramatic skyline of Ben Vrackie (2,760 feet) and Dam Visitor Centre. The town also has lovely independent shops and cafes.

THURSDAY We leave Scotland and begin our journey south, stopping for coffee at Moffat Wollen Mill and on to Kendal for lunch, and time to explore this delightful Lake District town. We continue to our overnight hotel in northern England, for dinner.

FRIDAY After breakfast, we begin our homeward journey, stopping for coffee and lunch on route, arriving back in the West Country early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- 1 Night Bed & Breakfast
- Edinburgh Tattoo Ticket
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £100.00
Travel insurance £33.00

TOUR
PRICE

£649

6 DAYS

Sunday 18th – Thursday 22nd August



BLACKPOOL & THE FYLDE COAST

Blackpool... It needs little introduction! The famous Tower, the Pleasure Beach, sand, shops, shows, trams... fun, fun, fun! The Fylde Coast has always been a popular seaside resort for many years from Fleetwood in the north to Lytham St Annes in the south, a firm favourite for the British summer.

YOUR HOTEL The Imperial Hotel, Blackpool

A 4* historic hotel with modern comforts, ideally located on the glorious seafront and just a short walk from Blackpool Tower. All rooms are ensuite and comfortably furnished with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There are two lifts at the hotel. The restaurant serves a delicious, home cooked traditional menu and generous breakfast, and the lounge bar offers a quiet place to relax in the evenings.

ITINERARY

SUNDAY We leave the West Country and journey north, with stops for coffee and lunch enroute, arriving at our hotel with time to settle in before dinner. You may like to take a stroll along the promenade and enjoy the atmosphere this seaside town brings during the summer months.

MONDAY Join us this morning, if you wish, for an excursion to the pretty seaside resort of Lytham St Annes. With independent gift shops plus the usual high street names, memorial garden and numerous cafes to enjoy lunch, there is plenty to explore in the tree lined town centre. We later return to Blackpool with the rest of the day free to enjoy this seaside favourite.

TUESDAY 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! Maybe take a tram ride to nearby Fleetwood to enjoy the market today, with over 150 stalls to browse. Or just sit and watch the world go by along the promenade, with a bag of chips or large ice cream!

WEDNESDAY Join us today, if you wish for a morning excursion further south along the Fylde Coast to the traditional seaside resort of Southport, with its bustling town centre, tranquil parklands, promenade and elegant pier. Here you will find a mix of shops and cafes in Lord Street with wrought iron balconies and colourful floral displays. We return with the afternoon free to spend in Blackpool.

THURSDAY 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
- All coach travel

TOUR
PRICE

£475

5 DAYS

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £100.00
Travel insurance £31.00

Sunday 18th – Saturday 24th August



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 TV, Wifi, 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

£725

7 DAYS



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 Basket 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 an early departure we leave our hotel and travel back to Rosslair for the return ferry crossing to Pembroke, with breakfast included on the ferry crossing. We then continue our homeward journey, through Wales, with a comfort stop en route, arriving early evening.

ITINERARY

SUNDAY We leave our home area and travel over the Prince of Wales Bridge into Wales, before continuing to Pembroke, with a comfort stop en route, before our afternoon crossing to Rosslare. After docking in Ireland, we continue to our overnight hotel in Wexford for dinner.

MONDAY After a traditional Irish breakfast, we leave Wexford 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



PRICE INCLUDES:

- 6 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Ferry Crossings inc breakfast on return ferry
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Entrance to Muckross House & Gardens
Cart ride / Boat trip in Killarney
Single supplement £190.00
Travel insurance £52.00

Sunday 18th – Tuesday 27th August



PEARLS ALONG THE DANUBE RIVER CRUISE ...

WITH FULL EXCURSION PACKAGE

Enjoy a classic river cruise along the mighty Danube as it snakes through central Europe. Sail along beautiful river valleys, discover historic cities and villages, and admire architectural wonders as we cruise through 3 countries – Austria, Hungary and Slovakia – a truly unforgettable experience awaits. With a fully included excursion package, enjoy the Danube with all its highlights.

TOUR PRICE
£2295
10 DAYS

YOUR HOTEL DCS Amethyst

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 travel with a comfort stop en route to Dover for the ferry crossing to Calais. We then continue our journey to our overnight hotel along the Rhine in Bad Honnef, arriving in time for dinner.

MONDAY After breakfast we continue our journey through Germany and over the border to Austria where we board our ship in Passau mid-afternoon, before setting sail along the Wachau Valley, enjoying dinner with panoramic views whilst we cruise this evening.

TUESDAY After breakfast we arrive in Wachau, where we board a coach for a scenic tour of the Wachau Valley, including a visit to the 900 year old baroque Benedictine monastery of Melk. We complete our tour of the surrounding countryside, to the wine village of Dürnstein including a wine tasting session, before returning to our ship with time to relax before dinner.

WEDNESDAY We enjoy breakfast whilst gently cruising our way to the capital city of Hungary, arriving in Budapest at noon. This afternoon we enjoy a guided walking tour of the city, taking in important landmarks including Heroes Square, the Opera House, Parliament and the famous Chain Bridge. Leaving "Pest" side of the city, a coach takes us across the river to "Buda" to marvel at the panoramic views below. This evening we have included a tour of Budapest by night, to see its beautiful architecture illuminated at night.

THURSDAY Today we visit a different side of Budapest to experience the culinary delights of the area. We begin with a visit to Zwack Distillery which



produces Hungarian liqueur Unicum, a unique herbal schnapps, including a tour of the cellar and tasting session! We continue to the Market Hall where our guided will introduce you to fine Hungarian specialities. This afternoon is at leisure. We set sail this evening, enjoying the panoramic views of the Danube River.

FRIDAY We arrive along the banks of Bratislava this morning and enjoy a guided walking tour of the compact city, visiting historic squares, alleys and numerous palaces and important buildings before returning to our ship for lunch. This afternoon we have included a visit to nearby Devin Castle ruins, where the first inhabitants of Slovakia settled and subsequent rulers built their fortress. Here we enjoy a glass of "Devin currant wine", a traditional locally produced wine made from red and black currants. We return to the ship with the rest of the day free to explore Bratislava at leisure.

SATURDAY After sailing through the night we arrive on the outskirts of Vienna before breakfast. We board a coach and enjoy a city tour of Vienna with all its beautiful architectural buildings and monuments, historic old town and famous Spanish Riding School. With time at leisure, we reboard a coach to travel to the imperial summer residence of the Habsburgs, Schönbrunn Palace, one of the most important cultural monuments in Austria with its sumptuous State Rooms. We finish the day with a visit to a sparkling wine cellar, learning about the wine production and tasting session.

SUNDAY We sail through the morning, towards Linz, where we arrive mid-afternoon. Join us for a city tour of the delightful city with its picturesque alleys, churches and historic squares, with the beautiful Cathedral with remarkable stained-glass windows. We complete our tour with a culinary staple of Linz – a piece of famous Linzer Torte! We return to the ship for our final evening of cruising towards Passau and enjoy a farewell cocktail reception before dinner.

MONDAY After breakfast we disembark and rejoin our coach, travelling back into Germany, with comfort and lunch stops en route to our overnight hotel in Bad Honnef, with time to settle in before dinner.

TUESDAY After an early breakfast, we begin our homeward journey to Calais for the return ferry crossing to Dover. We then continue to the West Country, with comfort stops en route, arriving mid/late-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 7 nights' Full Board in outside cabins
- 2 nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast in overnight hotels (Packed Lunch where applicable on excursions)
- Welcome Cocktail and Farewell cocktails
- Live entertainment in the Panoramic Lounge Bar
- Beauties of the Wachau Valley Excursion inc entrance to Melk Abbey
- Budapest City Guided Tour
- Budapest by Night Tour
- Tastes of Hungary Culinary Delights
- Guided Walking Tour of Bratislava
- Excursion to Devin Castle with Wine Tasting
- City Tour of Vienna
- Visit to Schönbrunn Palace and Sparkling Wine Factory
- Guided Walking Tour of Linz with Linzer Torte
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Middle Deck Cabin £238.00 per person
Upper Deck Cabin £399.00 per person
Single supplement £639.00

Travel insurance £110.00

Please see page 10 for River Cruise payment and cancellation terms Deposit £250.00 per person

Saturday 24th – Sunday 25th August



GREAT DORSET STEAM FAIR WEEKEND

Join us for this immensely popular tour – The Great Dorset Steam Fair, an event that has been running for over 50 years (after a short break in 2023) and attracts visitors from far and wide. It's 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 ideally situated overlooking the historic fishing harbour and close to the town centre. Each ensuite bedroom is comfortably furnished with TV and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a traditional home cooked evening menu and generous breakfast.

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 in Weymouth, for dinner, after which you may like to walk to the quay where there is usually live music and outside bars and food until late over the August Bank Holiday weekend.

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 5)
Travel insurance £23.00

TOUR PRICE

£195

2 DAYS

Monday 26th – Friday 30th August



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. Join us as we discover some of the region's finest castles and the famous white cliffs.

YOUR HOTEL Mercure Great Danes Hotel, Maidstone

A modern 4* hotel set in 26 acres of countryside adjoining the beautiful Leeds Castle. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious menu and leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool, sauna, spa bath and fitness suite.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We make our way east, stopping for coffee and lunch on route, arriving with time to settle in and maybe make use of the leisure facilities before dinner.

TUESDAY This morning we visit the historic city of Rochester, famous for its association with the novelist Charles Dickens. Here you can see the Norman castle and splendid cathedral, and many shops and cafes to enjoy coffee. We continue to Leeds Castle, steeped in over 900 years of history, set within a 500 acre parkland and formal gardens. The castle started life as a Norman stronghold and has been the private property of 6 medieval queens and a palace for King Henry VIII. Wander through opulent state rooms and enjoy the grounds with a falconry displays and many places to enjoy lunch.

WEDNESDAY After breakfast we make our way to the medieval city of Canterbury, with plenty of time to visit the cathedral and the modern shopping district with many cafes and restaurants. This afternoon we travel to the Kent coast and board the Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway for a heritage train journey from the shingle beach at Dungeness, through the marshland at Romney and on to Hythe.

THURSDAY Today we visit Dover Castle, rising above the white whites below, this mighty fortress has been a sight of royal intrigue and epic sieges and was part of the crucial effort to evacuate thousands of Allied troops from the beach at Dunkirk in WWII. Discover the secret wartime tunnels, the underground hospital, the Great Tower, stroll along the Battlement Walk and panoramic views across the channel. There are several places to eat & a gift shop to browse. We rejoin the coast and visit the Battle of Britain Memorial to honour the heroic men who fought in our skies in 1940 and explore the visitor centre and cafe. Before returning to our hotel, we visit Samphire Hoe, created during the building of the Channel Tunnel to marvel at the dramatic white cliffs of Dover.

FRIDAY 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-mid evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Ticket for the Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway
- Entrance to Leeds Castle & Gardens
- Entrance to Dover Castle
- Entrance to The Battle of Britain Memorial (free entry)
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £80.00 (Max 5)
Subsequent Singles £120.00
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR PRICE

£495

5 DAYS

Monday 26th – Friday 30th August



ROYAL RIVERS, TOWNS & GARDENS TO REMEMBER

Join us as we repeat this popular tour to explore Royal towns, castles, gardens and picture book scenery with a special visit to the home of Remembrance poppies at the unique Poppy Factory, which has produced the nation's commemorative flowers and supported veterans since the 1920's. This really is a special tour to remember.

YOUR HOTEL The Holiday Inn, Shepperton

This 4* hotel set in 11 acres of leafy grounds close the River Thames offers comfortable well-appointed ensuite bedrooms with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The bright Regatta Restaurant has a delicious evening and breakfast menu. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, fully equipped gym, hot tub and steam room.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave the West Country and make our way east, stopping for coffee and lunch on route, to our hotel in the leafy riverside village of Shepperton, set close to the majestic River Thames, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

TUESDAY Join us this morning as we make the short journey to Kingston Upon Thames, with time to explore the bustling marketplace, stroll along the river and have lunch. This afternoon we continue to Richmond, to the Poppy Factory and visitor centre, where you can see how veterans make Royal and regimental wreaths by hand and have a go at making your own poppy.

WEDNESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we travel to the RHS's flagship garden at Wisley, where you will have the day to explore what can rightly claim to be one of the finest gardens in the world. In addition to its spectacular floral displays, there is the Wild Garden and the Model Gardens, and the state-of-the-art Glasshouse showcasing Wisley's world-class plant collection with its three climate zones recreating tropical temperate and dry habitats. There are several restaurants and tearooms and a plant centre and gift shop.

THURSDAY This morning we travel to Runnymede and Ankerwycke, the Thames-side location that witnessed King John's historic sealing of the Magna Carta over 800 years ago (the birthplace of democracy). With time to view the memorials including ones for John F Kennedy and the Commonwealth Air Forces, we board a boat and cruise upstream towards Royal Windsor, travelling through the castle grounds themselves. The remainder of the day is free to explore... maybe visit the castle or take an open top bus tour of Windsor & Eton with guided commentary. There are also shops and many restaurants to enjoy lunch.

FRIDAY We leave our hotel and begin our journey home, 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
- Visit to The Poppy Factory
- Entrance to RHS Garden Wisley
- Boat Cruise on the River Thames
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £160.00
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR PRICE

£565

5 DAYS

Monday 26th – Friday 30th August



LINCOLNSHIRE – CITY, COUNTRY & AVIATION HERITAGE

Lincolnshire is one of our most understated counties, the second largest county in England, with serene countryside landscapes, market towns and the beautiful cathedral city of Lincoln. Affectionately known as "Bomber Country", its aviation heritage is linked to WWII RAF squadrons and more recent home to the Red Arrows.

YOUR HOTEL The Barn Hotel & Spa, Grantham

A delightful 3* hotel. All rooms are ensuite with TV, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. A lift serves most floors. The restaurant offers a delicious choice evening menu and generous breakfast, and the lounge bar provides an area to relax in the evenings. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool, spa and gym.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave the West Country and make our way to Lincolnshire, stopping for coffee and lunch en route and arriving at our hotel with time to settle in relax before dinner.

TUESDAY This morning we make our way to Melton Mowbray, just over the border in Leicestershire, and the food capital of England. Markets here date back to the 1086 Domesday Book and today you will find the weekly farmers, antique and collectables market, alongside the vibrant town centre with its various food shops such as The Olde Pork Pie Shoppe and delicatessen selling local stilton. After lunch we travel to Rutland Water for a leisurely boat cruise, before returning to our hotel.

WEDNESDAY This morning we visit the charming and characterful market town of Stamford with Georgian architecture, riverside walks and thriving high street with cafes to enjoy coffee. We continue to Burghley House, one of the most impressive Elizabethan Houses in England. Explore the 18 treasure-filled state rooms boasting rich tapestries, porcelain and paintings and the Great Hall used as a banqueting hall in its Elizabethan days and original Tudor Kitchen. Outside the two formal gardens are a delight to wander through – the Sculpture Garden & Garden of Surprises with water features, shell grotto and maze. The Orangery restaurant and garden café allow for a leisurely lunch, with courtyard and garden shops to browse.

THURSDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the beautiful city of Lincoln with its magnificent cathedral, castle remains, ancient walls and medieval architecture at the top of the hill. Wander along picturesque, cobbled streets crammed with independent shops and cafes, and down to the vibrant waterfront at the bottom. After lunch we visit the International Bomber Command Centre to uncover the stories and heroisms of the RAF service personnel in WWII and who protected the freedom we enjoy today.

FRIDAY It's time to say goodbye to Lincolnshire as we begin our homeward journey. Stopping for coffee and lunch en route, we reach our home area early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Boat Cruise on Rutland Water
- Entrance to Burghley House & Gardens
- Entrance to the International Bomber Command Centre
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £88.00
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR PRICE

£485

5 DAYS

Monday 26th – Friday 30th August



SUMMER IN VALKENBURG & THE EIFEL NATIONAL PARK

Valkenburg is perhaps one of The Netherlands 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 springtime break.

YOUR HOTEL Hotel Walram, Valkenburg

This 3* family run hotel offers a warm welcome to all, idyllically situated along the River Geul in the centre of this beautiful town, just a short walk from cafes and shops. Each en-suite room is equipped with TV, telephone, and hairdryer. There is a lift serving all floors, and the cosy bar offers the perfect area to relax. The restaurant serves a delicious menu and buffet breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool and sauna.

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 the quaint town with its narrow, cobbled 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.

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 and picturesque 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 gift shops and cafés to enjoy a leisurely lunch.

THURSDAY Join us today, if you wish, for a whole day excursion to the vibrant city of Cologne. A must-see is the impressive cathedral with its twin towers piercing through the city skyline. Admire the exquisite Gothic exterior and wondrous interior, and perhaps climb the tower or visit the treasure chamber within. Nearby is the old quarter of Cologne with its distinctive historic charm, rustic narrow alleyways and traditional houses, located along the banks of the River Rhine. You will also discover many monuments, fountains and museums in the old town together with cosy cafes, independent shops and taverns to enjoy a relaxing lunch.

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
Travel insurance £47.00

TOUR
PRICE

£495

5 DAYS

Sunday 1st – Thursday 5th September



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 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 in the Brecon Beacons 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 is 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
- Aberglasney Gardens
- Penderyn Distillery Whisky Tour & Tasting
- Return journey on Brecon Mountain Railway
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £56.00 (Max 5)
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR
PRICE

£495

5 DAYS

Sunday 1st – Thursday 5th September



NORFOLK...THE BROADS & SANDRINGHAM

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. Join us for a tour to enjoy waterside towns, steam trains and the royal Sandringham Estate.

YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn, Norwich City, Norwich

A modern 3* hotel situated near the city. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious choice evening menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include a fitness suite.

TOUR
PRICE

£495

5 DAYS

ITINERARY

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

MONDAY After a leisurely breakfast we travel to the centre of 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 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 an ice cream or afternoon tea.

TUESDAY After breakfast we make our way to Aylsham where we board a train at the Bure Valley Railway for a scenic journey to Wroxham, a beautiful town considered to be the capital of the Broads. With time to browse the abundance of shops and famous Roys of Wroxham local department store and enjoy lunch in one of the cafes. This afternoon we travel the short distance to Horning, where we enjoy a leisurely cruise on The Broads, before returning to our hotel.

WEDNESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the Sandringham Estate, much loved country retreat of the Royal Family, built in 1870 for King Edward VII in a Jacobean style exterior. The main rooms used by the Royal Family when in residence are open to the public, there will be plenty of time to discover the main eight ground floor rooms with beautiful Edwardian furnishings, the spectacular 60 acres of gardens and grounds, a museum containing royal memorabilia, a restaurant, gift shop and garden centre.

THURSDAY 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
- Train ticket on Bure Valley Railway
- Boat cruise on the Norfolk Broads
- Entrance to Sandringham House, Grounds & Museum
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £110.00
Travel insurance £31.00

Monday 2nd – Friday 6th September



BEMBRIDGE COAST, ISLE OF WIGHT ... WARNER BREAK

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.

TOUR
PRICE

£595

5 DAYS

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave our home area, with a coffee stop on route, we 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 After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the St Mildred's Church at Whippingham, full of history with strong links with 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, 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 Salisbury for lunch. We complete our journey back to the West Country, arriving early-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Introductory talk at St Mildred's Church
- Entrance to Osborne House
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No Single supplement (Max 3)
Signature Room Upgrade £30.00 per person
Travel insurance £31.00

Monday 2nd – Friday 6th September



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 & Country Club, Coleford

A delightful 3* hotel in the heart of the Forest of Dean, with views across the golf course. All bedrooms are ensuite with TV, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a freshly prepared evening menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include a fitness suite and entertainment is provided on some evenings.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave our home area and stopping for coffee, and travel just over the border into Wales for lunch in Abergavenny. We complete our journey to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in and freshen up before dinner.

TUESDAY Join us today as we make our way to the delightful county town on Hereford, located on the banks of the River Wye. This compact city is full of black and white timber framed buildings and the cathedral which houses the famous 13th century Mappi Mundi, the largest medieval map of the world in existence today. With time to browse the shops, perhaps visit the Cider Museum for the county's "golden amber" and enjoy a leisurely lunch, we move on to Hay-On-Wye, the tranquil market town famous for its numerous book shops and antique stores on almost every street.

WEDNESDAY This morning we are joined by a knowledgeable guide for a tour of the Forest of Dean, to learn about the fascinating natural environment and discover the forest's hidden secrets. We make a stop for lunch in the Welsh market town of Monmouth, 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 craft and gift shop 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 timber framed buildings, browse the shops and have lunch, we complete our journey home, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Guided coach tour of the Forest of Dean
- Ticket for the Forest of Dean Heritage Railway
- Guided coach tour from Tintern Abbey Mill & 2 course buffet lunch
- Boat cruise on River Wye
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £80.00
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR PRICE

£495

5 DAYS

Monday 2nd – Friday 6th September



HOUSES AND GARDENS FIT FOR A KING

Join us for this brand new tour as we explore three counties – Leicestershire, Lincolnshire and Rutland and unearth hidden secrets of the last medieval King of England (Richard III), visit a glorious country mansion and the much-loved Barnsdale Garden created by TV gardener Geoff Hamilton.

YOUR HOTEL Hilton Hotel, Leicester

A 4* modern hotel. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access, telephone and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious choice menu and the Court Bar and lounge offers an area to relax with views of the garden. Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool and fitness suite.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave our home area, with comfort and lunch stops on route, to our hotel on the outskirts of Leicester, arriving with ample time to settle in before dinner and an evening at leisure.

TUESDAY This morning we make our way across Leicestershire to the "rural capital of food", Melton Mowbray, a town with royal connections (15 kings visited between 1194 and 1487). Today is market day, where you can find many stalls selling local produce, many specialising in cheese and pork pies. With time for lunch, we continue to Barnsdale Gardens, created by the much-loved TV Gardener the late Geoff Hamilton and home to the original Gardener's World TV series. Here, in the eight acre site, you will find Britain's largest collection of individually designed gardens, 38 in total, with so much to explore and enjoy, with tearooms and a shop on site.

WEDNESDAY Join us today as we discover the life (and death) of King Richard III. We start with a visit to Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre and learn about the Battle of Bosworth 1485 and how the king fell to his death and ending the "War of the Roses". We continue to Leicester to visit the award-winning attraction - King Richard III Visitor Centre. Discover the incredible story of the "king in the car park" to learn about the discovery of his body, exhumation and reburial at Leicester cathedral in 2015. Learn about the infamous last Plantagenet King and the mystery of the Princes in the Tower! The remainder of the day is free to spend in Leicester, perhaps visiting the cathedral, where the king was recently buried, or the magnificent timber framed building housing the Guildhall Museum, both within walking distance, and the shopping district with many cafes to enjoy lunch.

THURSDAY This morning we travel to the Lincolnshire town of Grantham, birthplace of Margaret Thatcher, to explore the town centre and enjoy coffee. We continue to Belton House, a beautiful 17th century country mansion with exquisite interiors, marvellous library, collections of art and treasures, as you step through the Marble Hall and wander through its grand rooms. Belton was a retreat for Edward and Mrs Wallis Simpson at the height of the abdication scandal, and you can visit the "Windsor" bedroom. Explore the formal Dutch & Italian gardens and parkland, and there is a café gift shops on site.

FRIDAY We leave our hotel after breakfast and begin our journey home, stopping for coffee and lunch on route, reaching the West Country early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Barnsdale Gardens
- Entrance to the Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre
- Entrance to King Richard III Visitor Centre
- Entrance to Belton House & Gardens (Nat Trust)
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £130.00
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR PRICE

£485

5 DAYS

Saturday 7th – Sunday 8th September



LONDON THEATRE WEEKEND OR A WEEKEND IN LONDON & WINDSOR

A weekend away with a choice ... On Saturday to see a top London West End Show **OR** explore the capital and on Sunday enjoy Royal Windsor. Take your pick from one of **11** top West End shows... Matilda The Musical, Phantom Of The Opera, Les Miserables, Mamma Mia, Tina Turner the Musical, Lion King, Back To The Future, Frozen The Musical, Crazy For You, Six or Mrs Doubtfire. (All show dates correct at time of printing, but subject to change).

YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn, London Heathrow
A luxuriously appointed 4* hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, 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 time to freshen up before dinner.

SUNDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we make the short journey to Royal Windsor, with ample time to explore this picturesque town, full of so much history. You may like to visit the Castle, take an open top bus trip around Windsor & Eton where a guided commentary will explain some of the fascinating history, or enjoy a scenic boat trip along the Thames. There are also some lovely shops and many restaurants to enjoy lunch. We leave mid afternoon and return to the West Country, again with a comfort stop en route, arriving mid-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £30.00
Travel insurance £23.00

TOUR PRICE

LONDON THEATRE WEEKEND

FROM **£255**

LONDON & WINDSOR WEEKEND

£145

2 DAYS

Sunday 8th – Thursday 12th September



THE GLORIOUS COTSWOLDS

The Cotswolds covers a large area of almost 800 square miles and encompasses five counties (Gloucestershire, Warwickshire, Oxfordshire, Wiltshire and Worcestershire). Discover its beautiful landscape with rolling hills, lively market towns and beautiful honey-coloured stone buildings for a peaceful break in the English countryside.

YOUR HOTEL Delta By Marriott Cheltenham Chase Hotel, Cheltenham

A modern 4* hotel. All rooms are ensuite with TV, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift at the hotel. The restaurant serves a traditional evening menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool.

TOUR PRICE

£495

5 DAYS

ITINERARY

SUNDAY We leave our home area, making a coffee stop on route, and make our way to the tranquil riverside town of Tewkesbury. With time to browse the shops, discover the 900 year old Abbey with beautiful stained glass windows and enjoy lunch, we continue to our hotel, with plenty of time to settle in before dinner this evening.

MONDAY Join us today as we travel to Stratford Upon Avon, a medieval market town situated along the banks of the River Severn and home to its most famous inhabitant, the Elizabethan playwright, William Shakespeare. With over 800 years of history, there is so much to see and do in this delightful town. You may like to visit the birthplace of Shakespeare to discover more about his life, or Holy Trinity Church where he is buried. Enjoy the tranquil Bancroft Gardens or take a leisurely boat cruise along the river. Or perhaps enjoy some retail therapy in the town centre, with numerous cafes and restaurants for a relaxing lunch.

TUESDAY This morning we travel to Cheltenham Racecourse to board a train on the Gloucester and Warwickshire Railway, for a scenic journey to Broadway, passing sleepy villages and views across to the Malvern Hills. We enjoy time in Broadway, one of the most beautiful of all the Cotswold villages with tree lined avenue and ancient honey coloured stone buildings. With plenty of time to enjoy coffee, we continue to Moreton In Marsh to experience its weekly charter market held in the centre, one of the country's largest outdoor markets. With many cafes to enjoy lunch, we later return to our hotel.

WEDNESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we visit Stow-On-The-Wold, a market town with a history of annual sheep fairs and woollen trade. In the market square you will find the village stocks, elegant houses and an ancient cross. With plenty of shops to browse and time to enjoy coffee, we continue to Batsford Arboretum to discover this tranquil 60 acres site with unique collections of rare and beautiful trees, shrubs and bamboos. There is a large restaurant to enjoy lunch, a gift shop, plant centre and falconry centre (extra charge).

THURSDAY We leave our hotel after breakfast and make our way to Cirencester, the capital of the Cotswolds for lunch. With time to explore its picturesque narrow streets with honey-coloured buildings and numerous shops and cafes, we later make our way back to the West Country, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Ticket for the Gloucester & Warwickshire Railway
- Entrance to Batsford Arboretum
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £128.00
Travel insurance £31.00

Sunday 8th – Thursday 12th September



CHESHIRE'S WATERWAYS

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 Mercure Chester Abbots Well Hotel, Chester

A 4* modern hotel set in two acres of exquisite, landscaped gardens. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a freshly prepared choice evening menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, gym, spa, jacuzzi and steam room.

TOUR PRICE

£475

5 DAYS

ITINERARY

SUNDAY 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.

MONDAY Today we make the short journey to the 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 landscapes 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, which lasts 5-6 hours.

TUESDAY After breakfast we travel to Northwich to browse the 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 commentary. We remain on board for a guided tour through the Boat Lift – a 60 feet hydraulic lift system built in 1875, which transports narrow boats. There is also a visitor centre with interactive exhibition, shop and café.

WEDNESDAY Join us today as we visit the delightful city of Chester, which has one of the best-preserved city walls in the UK. Discover this wonderful ancient place where Roman soldiers marched to war, Viking raiders wreaked havoc and Norman invaders conquered the Anglo Saxons! There is so much to see and do, including the magnificent 1000 year old cathedral with some of Europe's finest medieval carvings, and the 700 year old "Rows" galleries where you will find many shopping opportunities and places to eat. You may also like to visit the castle, Roman museum or take a boat cruise on the River Dee – so much to choose from!

THURSDAY 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
- Manchester Ship Canal Cruise
- Anderton Boat Lift Ticket & Canal Boat Cruise
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £100.00 (Max 5)
Travel insurance £31.00

Monday 9th – Friday 13th 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, the restaurant offers a choice menu and entertainment most evenings.

TOUR PRICE

£465

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 This morning we visit Herstmonceux Castle Estate to explore the magnificent gardens and grounds. The castle, dating from the 15th century is home to overseas Canadian students of Queen's University, Ontario. There are many gardens to discover, including the large Elizabethan Garden, Rose Garden and Long Border Garden, plus woodland walks. The tearoom serves light lunches and cakes. This afternoon, we travel to the station in the shadow of Bodiam castle and board a steam train on the Kent & East Sussex Railway for a 10½-mile journey through the unspoilt scenery of the Rother Valley to the picturesque Cinque Port of Tenterden, the 'Jewel of the Weald'. Its high street is one of Britain's most attractive, lined with trees, historic houses, shops and tea rooms.

WEDNESDAY 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.

THURSDAY 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!

FRIDAY This morning we leave Eastbourne and begin our journey home, stopping for coffee and lunch stops on route. We complete our journey back to the West country, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Herstmonceux Castle Estate Garden & Grounds
- Kent & East Sussex Railway ticket
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £52.00
Sea View Room Supplement £44.00 per person
Travel insurance £31.00

Monday 9th – Friday 13th September



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 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 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 evening.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave our home area and journey east, stopping in Dorchester for lunch and a chance to browse the shops. We 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 walk along the promenade to the award-winning gardens. 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 Join us this morning as we 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 nostalgic journey to Swanage, with time to stroll along the flat promenade and Victorian pier, and perhaps enjoy an ice cream!

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 first stop 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 our journey to Lyndhurst, named the "capital of the New Forest" by William the Conqueror in 1079. A picturesque, bustling, small town where you will have plenty of time to enjoy its quaint gift shops, tearooms and thatched cottages.

FRIDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we leave our hotel and begin our homeward journey. Stopping in Salisbury for lunch and plenty of time to explore this historic city. You may like to visit the cathedral ... with the tallest spire in England. There are numerous shops to browse and cafes & restaurants to enjoy lunch. We complete our journey, reaching the West Country 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
Sea view supplement (double/twin only) £80.00 per person
(subject to availability)
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR PRICE

£435

5 DAYS

Monday 9th – Friday 13th 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

MONDAY 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.

TUESDAY 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.

WEDNESDAY 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**, 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 cafes across the site.

THURSDAY 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.

FRIDAY After breakfast we begin our homeward journey. With comfort stops en route, we reach the West Country early/mid-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Bamburgh Castle
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Entrance to Beamish Open-Air Museum
Single supplement £120.00
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR PRICE

£465

5 DAYS

Friday 13th – Monday 16th September



SALUTE TO THE 1940S IN KENT

“Salute to the 1940’s” festival is one of England’s largest vintage festivals, held at Historic Dockyard Chatham each year. Relive a whole decade of nostalgia from military wartime through to the glamorous late 1940’s, with hundreds of re-enactors bringing life on the home front, back to life and music filling the air with favourites of Dame Vera Lynn and the Glenn Miller Orchestra hits. Join us for a nostalgic weekend of fun!

YOUR HOTEL Ashford International Hotel, Maidstone
A modern 4* hotel. All rooms are ensuite with TV, Wi-Fi access, telephone and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a choice evening menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include a fitness room, sauna and indoor pool.

ITINERARY

FRIDAY We make our way east, stopping for coffee and lunch on route, arriving with time to settle in and maybe make use of the leisure facilities before dinner.

SATURDAY Join us for the highlight of the tour as we travel to Historic Dockyard Chatham for the “Salute to the 1940’s” festival. Experience live music of the decade including Glenn Miller & Dame Vera Lynn favourites, watch dancing of the time with swing and jive, see historic vehicles and enjoy the re-enactment of wartime Britain and vintage fashion shows, or experience an air raid in one of the dockyard shelters. With plenty of places to eat, there is certainly something for everyone here at Chatham.

SUNDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the city of Canterbury, built by the Romans and a place of pilgrimage in medieval times. With time to enjoy lunch, you may like to visit the world-famous cathedral (open from 12.30pm), St Augustine’s Abbey, Franciscan Gardens at Greyfriars, or one of its many museums including the Roman Museum or Beany’s House of Art & Knowledge (free entry). There is a wonderful shopping centre and many restaurants and cafes, and the old town has pedestrianised areas with cobbled and historic streets of the Kings Mile and timber framed buildings of the past.

MONDAY 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:

- 3 Nights’ Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Historic Dockyard Chatham for “Salute to the 1940s” Event
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £90.00
Travel insurance £29.00

TOUR PRICE

£375

4 DAYS

Sunday 15th – Thursday 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 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 Mercure Thame Lambert Hotel, Watlington

A delightful 4* hotel located a short drive from Oxford. All rooms are ensuite with TV, Wi-Fi access, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious traditional evening menu and generous breakfast. There is a bar area in which to relax and enjoy a drink with friends.

ITINERARY

SUNDAY 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.

MONDAY We begin today with a visit to Hughenden Manor (National Trust), former home of the Victorian Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli, and uncover its secret past with interactive exhibits and eye-witness accounts of secret military map making operations during the war. With time for a light lunch, we continue to 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 (please note there are 76 steps into the underground tunnel so sensible footwear is essential) to experience the original bunker and exhibition room. There is a visitor centre on the surface, with a café and gift shop.

TUESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to Oxford, with the day free to explore this delightful University city and its wonderful architecture. You may like to join a sightseeing bus tour to learn more about the city, visit the Ashmolean Museum dating from 1683 or the 1000 year old castle. Luckily Oxford’s city centre escaped WWII bomb raids and its architecture remains intact, despite this the residents of Oxford raised considerable sums to help citizens across Europe which was distributed after the war.

WEDNESDAY 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.

THURSDAY Sadly, we leave our hotel after breakfast and begin our journey home. We make a stop for lunch in Gloucester Quays, before continuing our journey home, arriving in the West Country early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights’ Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to REME Museum Lyneham
- Entry to Hughenden Manor (Nat Trust)
- Guided Tour of the Battle of Britain Bunker
- Entrance to Bletchley Park
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £140.00
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR PRICE

£545

5 DAYS

Tuesday 10th – Tuesday 17th September



AUSTRIA TYROL, ALPINE MOUNTAINS & FESTIVAL OF COWS

TOUR PRICE

£825

8 DAYS

The Austrian Tyrol is a picture book region of outstanding beauty, characterised by mighty peaks, crystal clear lakes and picturesque towns and there are few sights to rival the invigorating beauty of the snow-capped Alps... with such a wealth of spectacular scenery. Each year, villages throughout the Tyrol, traditionally bring the cows back down from the mountain meadows in a colourful procession with flower garlands, music and entertainment to say farewell to summer!

YOUR HOTEL **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.

ITINERARY

TUESDAY After an early departure, we make our way to Dover, with comfort stops en route, for the ferry crossing to Calais. We continue through France and into Germany, making a stop for dinner, to our overnight accommodation in Saarbrücken.

WEDNESDAY 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.

THURSDAY 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.

FRIDAY 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.

SATURDAY Today we experience the highlight of our tour for the annual alpine cattle drive in the traditional Austrian town of St Anton. As summer in the mountain gently comes to an end, villagers welcome the cows back down from the meadows, adorned with floral garlands and decorated bells, symbolising the safe return of the animals, as these gentle creatures are slowly paraded through the heart of the town, back to their winter shelters. The day is rounded off with music, entertainment, food and drink with traditional costumed folk all celebrating with the local farming community. (Please note cows festival date can be subject to change and cannot be guaranteed).

SUNDAY Join us today for an unforgettable journey as we traverse the Silvretta Mountain Pass, one of Austria's most beautiful and panoramic roads in the Alps. With over 30 hairpin bends, enjoy the spectacular backdrop of mountains and lakes, as we wind our way to the summit of Piz Buin with time to enjoy lunch in the restaurant and admire the breath-taking views. We make our way down the other side towards the Inn Valley and return to our hotel for our final evening at leisure.

MONDAY Sadly, it's time to say a fond farewell to our hotel as we begin our journey back, travelling back towards our overnight accommodation in Saarbrücken, arriving in time for dinner.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 6 nights' Dinner Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- 1 night Bed & Breakfast at overnight hotel
- Tyrolean Buffet & entertainment on 1 night
- Guided Tour of Imst
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £130.00
Travel insurance £54.00



Monday 16th – Friday 20th September



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 ensuite 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

£395

5 DAYS

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 like to take a stroll along the promenade and enjoy the atmosphere this seaside town enjoys in illuminations season,

TUESDAY After a leisurely breakfast 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 A full day as 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 with more 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 5)
Subsequent Singles £80.00
Travel insurance £31.00

Monday 16th – Friday 20th 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

£459

5 DAYS

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave the West Country and, with a comfort stop en route, make our way over the Prince of Wales 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 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.

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 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 a boat trip to Caldey 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!

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 7)
Boat trip to Caldey Island
Travel insurance £31.00

Wednesday 18th – Thursday 26th September



SCOTLAND ... BEST OF THE WEST & THE INNER HEDBRIDES ... SKYE MULL & IONA

The West coast of Scotland offers some of the most stunning scenery with iconic castles, striking islands, towering mountains and loch side landscapes. The Inner Hebrides are a group of 79 islands off the west coast, offer windswept and wild landscapes together with tranquil beaches and thriving harbours.

YOUR HOTEL The Kings Arms Hotel, Kyleakin, Skye

A 3* hotel in the pretty village with views across the Kyle of Lochalsh to mainland Scotland. All ensuite rooms are furnished with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a traditional menu using locally sourced produce and a hearty Scottish breakfast. The lounge bar offers a cosy place to relax after a day's sightseeing.

YOUR HOTEL Royal Hotel, Oban

A 3* hotel ideally located in the centre of Oban and the harbour area. All ensuite rooms are comfortably furnished with TV, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious choice menu and generous breakfast. The lounge bar offers a peaceful place to relax in the evening.

ITINERARY

WEDNESDAY We leave the West Country and make our way north, with comfort stops enroute, to our overnight hotel in Carlisle, with time to freshen up before dinner.

THURSDAY We continue our journey north, stopping for coffee and lunch on route. We travel along the edge of the Cairngorm National Park and through some stunning Scottish Highland scenery, across the Skye Bridge at the Kyle of Lochalsh. We arrive at our hotel on Skye, our base for the next three nights, with time to settle in before dinner.

FRIDAY Join us today as we tour across the Isle of Skye to the west coast for a visit to Dunvegan Castle. The oldest inhabited castle in Scotland and ancestral home to the chiefs of clan MacLeod for over 800 years, explore its beautifully decorated rooms and formal gardens. There is a café on site to enjoy lunch.

SATURDAY Today we continue exploring the stunning Isle of Skye with a circular tour of the northern Trotternish peninsula travelling north up the east coast, with a coffee stop in Portree, then passing some of the island's most famous landmarks including the iconic Old Man of Storr rocky outcrop and Kilt Rock Waterfall and a visit to the Skye Museum of Island Life (subject to opening times) where you will



TOUR
PRICE
£1375
9 DAYS



discover an insight to Highland 100 years ago, with stops for photographs and lunch along the way.

SUNDAY After breakfast we make the short journey south through Skye to board the ferry at Armadale, for the crossing to Mallaig on the mainland. We make our way inland, with a stop for coffee at the Glenfinnan Visitor Centre where you can learn about the Scottish Jacobite rising & view the famous viaduct, before we continue to Fort William for lunch. We continue south, following the shores of Loch Linnhe, arriving at our hotel in Oban with time to settle in before dinner.

MONDAY The whole day is free for you to explore Oban. Known as the Gateway to the Isles, Oban has a bustling port and is renowned for its local seafood cuisine. You may like to climb McCaig's Tower for the spectacular view from the top, or visit the local whisky distillery in town, or perhaps visit the War & Peace Museum, browse the local shops or take a boat cruise to see the local sea and bird wildlife off the coast and there are many places to enjoy a relaxing lunch.

TUESDAY This morning our coach will take you on the ferry from Oban to Craignure on the beautiful island of Mull. We then travel to Fionnphort, the centre village of a fairly scattered community situated at the far western end of the Ross of Mull where we join another boat for the short crossing to Iona, also a beautiful island, to explore on foot (cars not allowed). There are many craft producers on Iona either with their own outlets or with work available in the various craft and gift shops. Iona is also the burial place for many early Scottish kings and in more recent times, the late leader of the Labour Party, John Smith, is buried on the island. We return to the mainland of Mull and travel back to Craignure to meet the return ferry to Oban

WEDNESDAY Sadly, its time to leave our Scottish hosts and begin the home-ward journey, with regular comfort and lunch stops on route, to our overnight hotel in Lancashire, arriving in time to settle in before dinner.

THURSDAY After breakfast we continue our journey south, stopping for regular comfort breaks on route, and reaching the West Country early-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 8 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Entrance to Dunvegan Castle and Gardens
- Ferry Crossing from Skye to Mallaig
- Entrance to the Skye Museum of Island Life
- Ferry crossing from Oban to Mull
- Foot Passenger Ferry crossing to Iona
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £220.00
Travel insurance £37.00

Sunday 22nd – Thursday 26th 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

SUNDAY We leave our home area and travel over the border into Wales, stopping for coffee and lunch en route. On arrival at our hotel, enjoy a cup of tea while your luggage is delivered to your room. There will then be time to settle in before dinner and our first evening of entertainment.

MONDAY 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!

TUESDAY After breakfast, we travel along the coast, 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. The journey starts from beneath the 13th century castle walls of Caernarfon climbing from sea level to over 650ft on the foothills of Snowdon, before zig-zagging dramatically down the steep hillside to reach the village of Beddgelert, nestling in the heart of the National Park. We then re-join the coach and continue to Porthmadog for lunch and time to explore this harbour town.

WEDNESDAY 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.

THURSDAY 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 £31.00

TOUR
PRICE

£575

5 DAYS

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th 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 feature 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, to browse the gift shops and enjoy an early lunch. We make the short journey to Settle to 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.

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 complete our tour 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 £31.00

TOUR
PRICE

£525

5 DAYS



PORTUGAL AND THE ATLANTIC COAST

We are delighted to repeat this tour to the coastal region of Portugal, including three of its most important cities – Lisbon, Porto & Coimbra. With its elegant coastal resorts, ancient towns and cities steeped in history, there is so much to experience in this stunning Atlantic coastal corner.

YOUR HOTEL Hotel Cristal, Praia Da Vieira

A modern 3* hotel ideally located along the resort seafront with its flat promenade and sandy beach. Each of the ensuite bedrooms are furnished with TV, telephone, safe and air conditioning. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and varied breakfast and there is an outside terrace, lounge and bar area to relax in. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated swimming pool, spa and fitness suite.

TOUR PRICE
€1225
10 DAYS



University which houses one of the finest and oldest libraries in the world. We enjoy a guided tour around the city with stunning views over the Mondego River and lunch is included at a local restaurant.

FRIDAY After breakfast we are joined by our tour guide as we travel to the historic trading and ship building city of Porto, the second largest city in Portugal. The historic centre has been carefully preserved and restored and sits amongst more modern architectural buildings. We enjoy lunch in a local restaurant and visit the stunning cathedral built in the highest point of the city with panoramic views across the river. This afternoon we board a boat for a gentle cruise along the Douro River and visit a Port Wine Cellar with tasting.

SATURDAY The whole day is free to explore the resort of Praia de Vieira and make use of the hotel's facilities. Take a stroll along the promenade with its gift shops and cafes or enjoy the sandy stretch of beach. Traditional fishing methods are still practised along the coastline and fishermen return to shore to sell their catch of the day and sell to local restaurants.

SUNDAY Sadly we say goodbye to our hotel in Portugal and make our way back into Spain, to Palencia, our overnight accommodation, arriving with time to freshen up before dinner.

MONDAY After breakfast we make the short journey to Santander, with time to browse and have lunch, before we rejoin our ferry for the overnight sailing to Plymouth giving you more time to continue to enjoy its many facilities and enjoy dinner in one of the restaurants.

TUESDAY We arrive in Plymouth mid-afternoon and after disembarking, rejoin the coach and return to our home area.

ITINERARY

SUNDAY We leave our home area 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 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, two 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, and you can continue to make use of the facilities on board and have lunch. Our ship arrives in Santander early afternoon and we rejoin the coach and travel south, with comfort stops en route to our overnight hotel in Burgos, with time to settle in before dinner. The hotel is just a short walk from the historic centre and the world-famous Burgos cathedral, well worth an evening stroll to see.

TUESDAY We continue our journey, crossing the border into Portugal, with stops for coffee and lunch on route. We arrive at our hotel in Praia de Vieira, our base for the next five nights, with time to settle in and explore our new surroundings before dinner this evening.

WEDNESDAY Today we are joined by a guide for a day's excursion to the capital city of Lisbon, located on the River Tagus near the Atlantic Ocean. It is one of Europe's oldest capitals, once occupied by the Moors, the architecture includes elements from different cultures. We enjoy a guided coach tour around some of Lisbon's districts, with lunch at a local restaurant. This afternoon we travel to the Belem District, home to many of the city's most iconic monuments and attractions including the Jeronimos Monastery.

THURSDAY Join us today as we travel inland to Coimbra, once Portugal's capital and one of the country's most historic cities, with its centuries old monuments and famous



PRICE INCLUDES:

- 7 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- 2 nights' ferry accommodation in 4 berth inside cabins
- Guided Tour of Lisbon inc entrance to Jeronimos Monastery
- Lunch in a local restaurant, Lisbon
- Guided Tour of Coimbra inc entrance to the University
- Lunch at a local restaurant in Coimbra
- Guided Tour of Porto inc entrance to the cathedral
- Lunch at a local restaurant in Porto
- Boat cruise on Douro River
- Tasting at a local Port Wine Cellar
- Ferry Crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Meals on board ferry
4 berth outside cabin £90.00 per person (subject to availability)
Single supplement £204.00

Travel insurance £56.00

Monday 23rd September – Friday 4th October



PEARLS OF THE ADRIATIC ... ITALY AND CROATIA

We are delighted to bring you this stunning tour, discovering some of the beautiful and fascinating resorts along the Adriatic coastline. The blue waters of the Adriatic Sea have stunning seaside resorts, fishing harbours, and crystal-clear sea waters, and a pleasantly warm climate in late summer/early Autumn.

CROATIA is becoming one of the most popular new destinations in Europe. The beautiful seaside resort of Rovinj is affectionately known as the Blue Pearl of the Adriatic and is one of the most picturesque towns of the Istrian Peninsula region.

ITALY is always a treasured favourite of tourists, and the town of Lido di Jesolo is a stunning beach resort located on the edge of the Venice Lagoon, with a sparkling marina, and a parade of pizzerias and bars lining the golden, sandy beach with Europe's longest traffic-free avenue.

YOUR HOTEL Hotel Le Soleil, Lido di Jesolo

A stylish, modern 4* hotel overlooking the beach. All rooms are en-suite with air-conditioning, TV and hairdryer. There is a lift to all floors and the spacious bar and lounge area has lovely sea views. The restaurant serves a delicious menu and leisure facilities include an outdoor pool which leads directly on to a private beach.

YOUR HOTEL Hotel Istra, St Andrew Island, Rovinj

A fabulous 4* hotel located on an idyllic traffic-free island just a short boat ride to the mainland of the Istrian Peninsula. All en-suite bedrooms are equipped with TV and hairdryer, and a lift serves all floors and the restaurant serves a varied international buffet. There are two outdoor pools and one indoor pool.

ITINERARY

MONDAY After an early departure, we make our way to Dover, with comfort stops en route, for the ferry crossing to Calais. We continue our journey, to our overnight hotel in Aachen, arriving in time for dinner.

TUESDAY After breakfast we continue our journey through Germany, and making regular comfort stops en route, to our second overnight hotel near Ulm, with time to settle in before dinner.

WEDNESDAY We continue our journey, through Germany, Austria and into Italy with comfort stops en route, to our hotel in Lido di Jesolo, our base for the next three nights, arriving for dinner.



TOUR
PRICE

£1250

12 DAYS

THURSDAY After breakfast, we make our way to Punta Sabbioni, where we meet our guide for the day and board a water taxi which will take us into Venice. We enjoy a walking tour, to take in some of the most important sites including St Mark's Square, the Rialto Bridge and St Mark's Basilica to name but a few. This afternoon is free to continue exploring at leisure, maybe take a ride on the famous gondolas, visit inside the basilica, or just enjoy a coffee and watch the world go by. We later return by boat, then coach, to our hotel.

FRIDAY The day is free to spend as you please. Maybe enjoy a quiet and relax day on the beach, take a swim in the warm Adriatic waters, or to return to Venice for another day exploring this romantic city. There are bus services from Lido to the port and hop on a regular boat service across to Venice. Or jump on a tourist boat which will take you across the lagoon, to visit the smaller islands around the city, such as Murano and Torcello.

SATURDAY We bid a sad farewell to Italy and travel around the Gulf of Trieste, passing near Prosecco, the village which gives its name to Italy's famous sparkling wine. After crossing the border into Croatia, we arrive at the small harbour in Rovinj, where we board a passenger ferry across to our hotel on St Andrew Island, our base for the next four nights.

SUNDAY Join us today as we travel a little further south along the Istrian Peninsula to visit the Brijuni National Park – an archipelago of 14 islands. We will take the 15 minute ferry across to the largest island of Veliki Brijuni (traffic-free) and board a train for a tour around the island, deemed a Nature Reserve with over 250 bird and 700 plants species. Many of the "safari" animals including zebra, Somali sheep, and elephants were gifted to the Yugoslavian dictator Josip Tito. You can also see dinosaur footprints, the remains of a Roman villa and the Church of St Germain with its permanent exhibition of Istrian frescoes.

MONDAY A half day excursion to one of the most popular resorts along the Adriatic coastline – Poreč. The small peninsula, where the heart of the old town lies, has been inhabited for over 6000 years, and the old town is a historical monument in itself. The Basilica's interior is highly decorated with exquisite Byzantium mosaics, with the majestic Bishop's Palace next door – both UNESCO World Heritage Sites. With a maze of narrow streets to explore, you will find squares lined with cafes to enjoy lunch.

TUESDAY The whole day is free for you to explore the beautiful surroundings on our private island at leisure, relaxing on the beach or taking the ferry to Rovinj, famous for the St Euphemia Cathedral, dominating the port of Rovinj. The old town is extremely pretty with numerous cafes, galleries and its active fishing port, and picturesque buildings with Venetian elegance.

WEDNESDAY Sadly, we begin our journey home, leaving behind the blue waters of the Adriatic Sea, heading north and on to our overnight hotel in Ulm, Germany, arriving in time for dinner.

THURSDAY We continue our journey through Germany and into Belgium, again with comfort and lunch stops, to our final overnight hotel in Liege, arriving in plenty of time to settle in and freshen up before dinner.

FRIDAY After breakfast we travel back to Calais, for our return ferry crossing to England. We continue our journey home, arriving mid evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 11 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Return Water Taxi Crossing to Venice
- 2 hour Walking Guided Tour of Venice
- Ferry transfers from Istra Hotel to Rovinj
- Entrance to the island of Brijuni's National Park inc. boat & land train
- Ferry Crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £240.00
Travel insurance £59.00

Tuesday 24th – Sunday 29th September



THE ISLE OF MAN

The Isle of Man lies in the Irish Sea between the UK & Ireland and is steeped in history. A unique self-governing kingdom, you're assured of a warm welcome and unforgettable scenery.

YOUR HOTEL Empress Hotel, Douglas

A majestic 4* hotel in prime position on the Victorian promenade overlooking Douglas Bay. All rooms are ensuite, with TV & 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

£685

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 near Preston in time for dinner.

WEDNESDAY We travel to Morecombe with time to browse the shops and enjoy an early lunch, before continuing to Heysham for the afternoon ferry crossing to Douglas. We complete our journey to our hotel, arriving in time for dinner.

THURSDAY An excursion to the southern part of the island, to 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. 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. (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 & shops. 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 £86.00
Travel insurance £33.00

Friday 27th – Monday 30th September



LAKESIDE COASTAL RESORT, HAYLING ISLAND ... WARNER BREAK

TOUR
PRICE

£349

4 DAYS

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

FRIDAY 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.

SATURDAY 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 few Christmas gifts and enjoy afternoon tea.

SUNDAY 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.

MONDAY 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:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 3)
Supreme Chalet upgrade £40.00 per person
Travel insurance £29.00

Monday 30th Sept – Friday 4th October

Warner Leisure Hotels
Life begins at Warner



LITTLECOTE HOUSE, BERKSHIRE ... WARNER BREAK

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. Littlecote House is a Grade I-listed Tudor property steeped in history on 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 wined and dined here. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee-making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The excellent leisure facilities include an indoor pool, sauna, gym, library and gift shops. Sports activities include archery, croquet, tennis and fencing, and top-class entertainment is provided each evening.

ITINERARY

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

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

WEDNESDAY Join us for a full day's excursion to the historic city of Oxford, where you will have plenty of time to explore the wonderful City of Dreaming Spires. You may like to visit one of the many historic buildings, colleges, museums or art galleries, or simply browse the extensive shopping area, before enjoying a leisurely 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. With time to enjoy a leisurely lunch and browse the shops, we return to our hotel with time to relax or continue to make use of the activities and facilities before dinner and our final evening of entertainment.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 5)
Signature upgrade £30.00 per person
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR
PRICE

£535

5 DAYS

Wednesday 2nd – Sunday 6th 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.

ITINERARY

WEDNESDAY We leave our home area and make our way east to Poole for the mid morning 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.

THURSDAY – SATURDAY 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, Otlands 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.

SUNDAY Sadly, it's time to leave Guernsey but with an early evening ferry crossing you will have most of the day to continue exploring. The hotel will inform you of the latest check out time and store your luggage until a local coach or taxi returns you to the ferry port for the 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
- Coach transport to and from Poole
- Hotel transfers in Guernsey

SUPPLEMENTS:

Car hire on the island
Single supplement £208.00
Travel insurance £47.00

TOUR
PRICE

£630

5 DAYS



GRAND TOUR OF IRELAND

Ireland is a country that lends itself to touring, to experience the beauty of the landscapes, the friendliness of its people and the best of its attractions and landmarks. Join us on this brand-new tour as we discover the best that the emerald isle has to offer, in regions of both Northern & Southern Ireland.

TOUR PRICE
€1125
12 DAYS

YOUR HOTEL Stormont Hotel, Belfast

A stunning 4* hotel on the outskirts of the city. All rooms are ensuite 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 breakfast.

YOUR HOTEL Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny

A charming 4* hotel. All ensuite rooms are served by a lift and furnished with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a choice evening menu and leisure facilities include an indoor pool and gym.

YOUR HOTEL Falls Hotel & Spa, Ennistymon

A delightful 4* hotel nestled in a wooded valley. All ensuite rooms have TV, telephone, hairdryer & tea & coffee making facilities. The Cascades Restaurant, overlooking the river, serves a delicious menu. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, jacuzzi and gym.

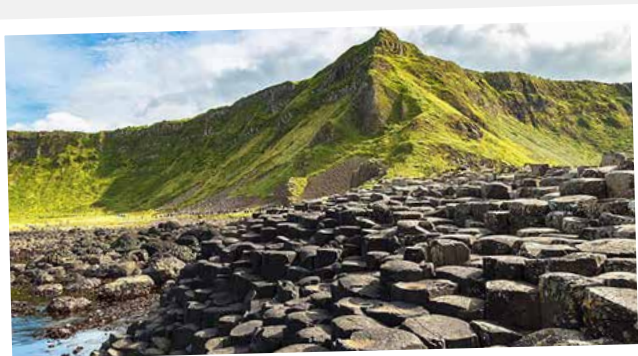
YOUR HOTEL Killarney Towers Hotel, Killarney

A fabulous 4* hotel in the heart of town. All rooms are ensuite with TV, telephone, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool and traditional Irish entertainment is provided in the hotel's lounge bar.

ITINERARY

SATURDAY We leave the West Country and make our way into Wales, on to Pembroke for the afternoon crossing to Rosslare. After docking in Ireland, we travel to our overnight hotel in Wexford for dinner.

SUNDAY After breakfast we travel north up the east coast passing through the Wicklow Mountains National Park, on to Dublin and further north through the majestic Mountains of Mourne, with coffee and lunch stops along the way. We reach our



hotel on the edge of Belfast, our base for the next two nights, with time to settle in before dinner.

MONDAY Today we are joined by a guide for a tour of the four quarters of Belfast city, passing many of the well-known sights including the Botanic gardens, Queens University, Albert's leaning clock and the waterfront. With time to enjoy lunch, this afternoon we visit the iconic Titanic Belfast Visitor Centre. Inside visitors relive the entire Titanic story from her birth, the fateful maiden voyage and her discovery on the seabed.

TUESDAY After an early breakfast, we leave Belfast and travel north along the stunning Antrim coast road, one of Ireland's most scenic coastal roads, and visit to the world-famous Giants Causeway – a series of volcanic stone columns surrounded by beautiful coastal scenery. There is a shuttle bus that runs from the Visitor Centre to the causeway for those who wish a closer look! We continue to the small village of Bushmills, home to the oldest licensed whiskey distillery in the world, for a late lunch, completing our journey to our hotel in Letterkenny, our base for the next two nights.

WEDNESDAY Today we discover the natural beauty of the north-west Donegal region. We begin our circular tour travelling through the northern end of Glenveagh National Park, under the shadow of the imposing Mount Errigal, Ireland's largest mountain. We make a stop for lunch at Leo's Tavern in the picturesque village of Meenaleck. Here, Irish sensations such as Enya & Clannad started their musical careers! We later continue along to Dungloe (birthplace of Daniel O' Donnell) and along the edge of Lough Finn, on to Ballybofey, admiring the magnificent scenery of the Bluestack Mountains, before completing our circular tour back to Letterkenny.

THURSDAY We leave Letterkenny after breakfast and make



our way south, passing by Bluestack Mountains and making a coffee stop in the historic town of Donegal. We continue around Donegal Bay following the Wild Atlantic Way coastal route, stopping for lunch in Sligo, before completing our journey, arriving at our hotel in Ennistymon, our base for the next two nights.

FRIDAY Today we visit the glorious city of Galway (the City of Tribes) once a historic fishing village and now one of West Ireland's most intriguing places to visit, with medieval cobbled streets and colourful shop facades. The Latin Quarter is perhaps the most vibrant area of the city with many cafes and traditional Irish bars to enjoy a pint of Guinness and listen to folk musicians! Galway Cathedral is well worth a visit, on Nuns Island overlooking the River Corrib or perhaps you might like to take a sightseeing boat cruise around the bay.

SATURDAY We leave our hosts in Ennistymon and make our way further south, crossing into County Limerick, crossing the Shannon River and stopping at the pretty Irish town of Adare for lunch and time to explore. We continue along the coastal route following the Shannon Estuary past Foynes (famous for the first transatlantic flights to America), completing our journey to Killarney and our hotel and base for the next three nights.

SUNDAY Today is free for you to spend as you please. You may like to explore the classically Irish town of Killarney via a horse-cart ride (on the famous Jaunting Cars) or take a boat trip on the

nearby lake. A short bus or taxi ride away is Muckross House & Gardens, a 19th century Victorian mansion and one of Ireland's leading stately homes, on the doorstep to Ireland's oldest National Park. In the town you will find shops selling hand crafted goods, and many places to enjoy a relaxing lunch with the very best of Irish hospitality!

MONDAY Join us today as we experience some of Ireland's most magnificent and stunning scenery as we embark on an unforgettable tour around the spectacular Ring of Kerry. The route, a 179km loop that starts and ends in Killarney, passes through lively villages with bustling pubs, charming bookshops and pretty cafes. The striking coastline is overlooked by an enchanting amalgamation of hills, cliffs and lakes. We will stop for coffee, lunch and photograph opportunities on route ... so don't forget your camera!

TUESDAY Sadly it's time to say farewell to our hosts in Killarney and make our way east, with comfort stops on route, across Ireland's lovely countryside to Waterford, with time to explore the town and maybe visit the Waterford Crystal Visitor Centre before completing our journey our overnight hotel in Wexford, with time to relax before dinner.

WEDNESDAY After a final Irish breakfast, we leave our hotel and travel back to Rosslare for the return ferry crossing to Pembroke. We then continue through Wales, with a comfort stop on route, arriving home early evening.



PRICE INCLUDES:

- 11 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Guided Coach Tour of Belfast
- Entrance to Titanic Belfast Visitor Centre
- Entrance to Giants Causeway Visitor Centre
- Ferry Crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £272.00
 Shuttle Bus from Visitor Centre to Giants Causeway
 Lunch at Leo's Tavern
 Entrance to Muckross House & Gardens
 Cart Ride/Boat Trip in Killarney
 Travel insurance £59.00

Sunday 6th – Thursday 10th 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

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 hot tub and sauna, and entertainment is provided some evenings.

ITINERARY

SUNDAY We leave our home area, with a comfort stop on route, and continue to Looe with time to browse the shops, stroll along the harbour front and enjoy lunch. We continue our journey to our hotel, with time to settle in before dinner.

MONDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the north Cornwall coast to the picturesque fishing village of St Ives. Wander through narrow streets with galleries, gift shops and cafes. With plenty of time to explore and enjoy a cosy lunch, we continue to the Cornish peninsula of Lands End, surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean. With its cliff top trails and stunning coastal scenery, there is also a visitor centre, shops and the Lands End Bar & Restaurant.

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 return to Falmouth for lunch and time to visit National Maritime Museum on the quay or browse shops in the High Street. This afternoon we board a boat for a special Fal River Cruise to see the Tudor Pendennis castle, historic houses, deep sided wooded valleys and plenty of marine wildlife. Re-join our coach for the short journey back to our hotel.

WEDNESDAY This morning we make our way to Cornwall's capital city of Truro, where today the farmers market is held on Lemon Quay. You will also find an indoor pannier market and the impressive cathedral in the city centre, together with many shops and cafes. After a leisurely lunch we travel to the quaint harbourside village of Mevagissey, with its maze of narrow streets and small fishing boats, together with a small museum and aquarium. With time to explore and enjoy afternoon tea, we return to our hotel.

THURSDAY Sadly this morning we leave our hotel and make our way to picturesque Padstow, further along the north Cornwall coastline, with its numerous gift and craft shops and cafes to enjoy lunch. We continue our homeward journey, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entertainment on some evenings
- Boat Cruise on the Fal River
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No Single Supplement (Max 5)
Sea View Room Supplement £100.00 per person
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR
PRICE

£445

5 DAYS

Monday 7th – Friday 11th October



AUTUMN COLOURS OF MID WALES & THE ELAN VALLEY

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. Located in its heart is the Elan Valley, with a series of Victorian dams, reservoirs and conservation areas. Join us as we discover the beauty of this region.

YOUR HOTEL Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells

We are delighted to return to this 4* hotel, which prides itself on its warm welcome and hospitality. All rooms are ensuite with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and hearty Welsh breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, gym and lounge bar.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave the West Country and make our way to the market town of Abergavenny for lunch. We complete our journey to our hotel through the scenic Brecon Beacons, with time to settle in before dinner.

TUESDAY This morning we travel to the coastal town of Aberystwyth, with its castle ruins, pier and harbour. The vibrant town is full of shops and cafes, and the seafront offers a mile long Victorian promenade and the oldest pier in Wales (built in 1864). The best vantage point is at Constitution Hill, with views from Preseli Hills to Snowdonia on a clear day, accessed by an electric cliff railway. With time for lunch, we join the narrow-gauge steam railway for an unforgettable journey along its 11 ¾ mile track, through the Rheidol Valley with spectacular views to Devil's Bridge.

WEDNESDAY Join us as we make our way to the market town of Welshpool, for a coffee stop at the Woollen Mill. We continue to Powis Castle, built as a medieval fortress and turned into a decadent home by the Herbert family from 1570. Furnished with beautiful tapestries, world-class paintings, furniture and a unique collection of Clive of India's South Asian objects, the interior reflects Elizabethan through to Edwardian periods. With views across the Severn Valley the exquisite gardens retain many original features including 17th century Italianate terraces and Edwardian formal garden. There is a restaurant, gift shop and plant nursery to browse.

THURSDAY Today we travel to the Elan Valley Visitor Centre where we are joined by a knowledgeable ranger for a guided tour of the Elan Valley reservoirs and surrounding estate. The valley covers an area of 70 square miles, where a series of dams and reservoirs provide water for the city of Birmingham. We'll see magnificent feats of Victorian engineering and learn about the history and construction of the dams, reservoirs, valley estate and conservation project work, as we experience the beauty of the region, and make stops for photographs along the way. After lunch at the visitor centre, we continue along the valley to Bwlch Nant Yr Arian Visitor Centre to watch the red kites (the Welsh national bird of prey, which has been successfully returned to its native habitat) as they are fed around the lakeside. More than 150 red kites and other birds fly down for a feeding frenzy creating a wonderful photograph opportunity. The Visitor Centre has a panoramic viewing window and serves delicious afternoon teas.

FRIDAY We leave our hotel and make our way to the picturesque black and white market town of Hay-On-Wye. With over 300 bookshops, together with other shops and cosy cafes, you will have plenty of time to explore and enjoy lunch. We complete our journey home, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Ticket for the Vale of Rheidol Railway
- Entrance to Powis Castle (National Trust)
- Guided coach tour of Elan Valley Estate & Reservoirs
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £48.00 (Max 5)
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR
PRICE

£525

5 DAYS

Sunday 6th – Tuesday 15th October



NORTHERN SPAIN... THE CANTABRIAN COAST

Experience the spectacular Cantabrian coastline of Northern Spain, with its beautiful white sandy beaches, green rugged mountains and peaceful fishing villages. With stunning landscapes including the soaring Picos de Europa mountain range, pretty Spanish towns, ancient fishing ports and with over 60 beaches along a 250km stretch of coastline, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

YOUR HOTEL Gran Hotel Suances, Suances

A classical styled, locally rated 4* hotel ideally situated close to the village centre and 400 metres from the beach, overlooking the beautiful Cantabrian Sea. With a lift to all floors, the bedrooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access, safe and telephone. The restaurant offers a wide range of buffet style meals using locally sourced produce. There is a large bar/lounge area to relax in.

ITINERARY

SUNDAY We leave the West Country and make our way to Plymouth, to board a luxurious ferry for a late afternoon departure and overnight sailing to Santander. The ferry boasts a swimming pool, leisure area and elegant bars & lounges, with a choice of dining, from award-winning cuisine to a wide selection of self-service menus. There is live entertainment and dancing until late, two cinemas and great shopping in stylish malls. All cabins are en-suite and air-conditioned.

MONDAY We continue our cruise today while you continue to make use of the ship's facilities. We arrive in Santander early afternoon, re-join the coach, and travel the short journey to our hotel for 7 nights.

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, one of Spain's most beautiful of towns, 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 The day is free for you to explore your surroundings. 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.

TOUR
PRICE

£895

10 DAYS

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 the town centre. We continue 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 to 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 return 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. Set amongst the small stone traditional houses and mountain of the Campoo Valley it 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, 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 Plymouth.

TUESDAY Enjoy a leisurely breakfast as we continue sailing and make use of the ship's facilities. We arrive in Plymouth 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
- Outside Cabin supplement £90.00 per person (subject to availability)
- Single supplement £353.00
- Travel insurance £56.00

Monday 7th – Saturday 12th 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 always 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 making facilities. Many enjoy uninterrupted views of the harbour. There is no lift at the hotel. The restaurant serves excellent menu with locally sourced ingredients.

ITINERARY

MONDAY After an early departure we make our way to Penzance where you will board the Scillonian ferry for the crossing to St Mary's, the largest of the Scilly Isles. There are restaurant facilities on board, and you may even see dolphins, porpoises or pilot whales on route. On arrival, your luggage will be taken to the Atlantic Inn and you will make the short walk to the hotel, where after settling in, the remainder of the afternoon is free to familiarise yourself with your new surroundings. An early evening 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 boat fares and entrances to Tresco Abbey Gardens. Remember to pack sturdy walking shoes. On the other two days you have time free 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 else! Dinner is served at the hotel each evening.

SATURDAY Sadly it's now time to leave the Scilly Isles and after lunch, your luggage will be taken back to the quay and you will walk there for the return ferry crossing to Penzance, where our Blakes coach and driver will be waiting to return you to your home area.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 5 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Return ferry crossing from Penzance
- Hotel transfers at St Mary's
- Guided walking tours 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 £33.00

TOUR
PRICE

£950

6 DAYS

Friday 11th – Monday 14th 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 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

FRIDAY 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.

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, with spectacular views from the top of the 275 steps to the tower! Why not take a sight seeing bus for a guided commentary 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 heritage centre with 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, 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" an ancient alleyway with picturesque crooked buildings is a delight to wander along and discover times gone by in the majestic city.

MONDAY 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:

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

TOUR
PRICE

£285

4 DAYS

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £69.00
Travel insurance £29.00

Monday 14th – Friday 18th October



AUTUMN TINTS OF THE YORKSHIRE DALES

The Yorkshire Dales boasts some of the most spectacular scenery in Great Britain. But it isn't just a series of nice views – it is a living landscape brimming with a rich history, tradition and nature and the start of Autumn brings lovely rich colours to the mix.

YOUR HOTEL The Rendezvous Hotel, Skipton

You are always assured a warm Yorkshire welcome at this 3* waterfront hotel on the outskirts of the delightful town of Skipton. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant offers a delicious evening menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool and gym.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave the West Country and make our way north, with a comfort and lunch stop on route. We complete our journey to our hotel with time to settle in and relax before dinner.

TUESDAY After a leisurely breakfast, this morning we visit the market town of Hawes. Today is market day and as well as traditional stalls there is a livestock market. Whilst here you may like to visit the Dales Countryside Museum, browse the shops and enjoy a cosy lunch in one of the town's cafes. We continue to the unspoilt market town of Kirby Lonsdale, where you will find the 14th century Devil's Bridge on the outskirts of town, the 12th century church and many shops and cafes for afternoon tea.

WEDNESDAY Join us today as we travel the short distance to the centre of Skipton. Today is market day with traditional stalls located in the high street alongside the usual shops and cafes for an early lunch. We board a boat in the centre of Skipton for a leisurely cruise along the Leeds & Liverpool canal with guided commentary along the way. This afternoon we make our way to the Victorian spa town of Harrogate with its wonderful architecture and public gardens. Whilst here you may like to visit the famous "Bettys Tea Rooms" for an indulgent afternoon tea!

THURSDAY Join us today as we make a circular tour of the wonderful Yorkshire Dales countryside, stopping first in the small city of Ripon. Here you can stroll through historic Kirkgate with its quirky shops or see the beautiful cathedral with its original Saxon crypt, or maybe just enjoy a spot of lunch in one of the numerous cafes. This afternoon we continue our journey through more stunning scenery to the peaceful village of Grassington with its gift shops and tearooms for afternoon tea.

FRIDAY 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:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Boat Trip on the Leeds & Liverpool Canal
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £120.00
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR
PRICE

£535

5 DAYS

Monday 14th – Friday 18th October



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 wonderful tour as we explore this corner of Britain with its waterways and border towns.

YOUR HOTEL Ramada Plaza Hotel, Wrexham

A delightful 4* 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 traditional evening menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include a fitness suite, jacuzzi and sauna.

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 sightseeing city cruise by boat along the River Dee. We follow the course of the river under the suspension bridge, past Grosvenor Park and following the long sweep of the Meadows to the city limits, and back again. The rest of the day is free to explore Chester at leisure and have lunch, 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 This morning we travel to Mold for market day, with plenty of street stalls selling local produce and other wares. With plenty of time to explore and grab a bargain and enjoy coffee, we make our way to Cheshire's Arley Hall Gardens. These are amongst one of the finest gardens in Europe and created by successive generations of the same family. Within its eight acres of formal gardens, the Herbaceous Border is perhaps its best-known feature. Enjoy lunch in the café and browse the extensive gift shop before we return to our hotel.

THURSDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the town of Llangollen on the River Dee. Take a stroll along the Victorian promenade, watch the river tumble beneath the bridge or browse the independent shops in the town centre. After an early lunch, we board a boat at Llangollen Wharf for a 5 mile commentary guided-cruise along the Llangollen canal and across the country's highest navigable 18th century aqueduct with World Heritage status, above the River Dee, supported by 18 stone piers with spectacular views across the Welsh & English countryside. We return the coach and 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 cafe.

FRIDAY After breakfast we leave our hotel and begin our journey south. With comfort stops enroute, we reach the West Country early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Boat cruise in River Dee, Chester
- Entrance to Arley Hall Gardens
- Boat trip on Llangollen Canal & Pontcysyllte Aqueduct
- All coach travel

TOUR
PRICE

£485

5 DAYS

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £100.00
Travel insurance £31.00

Monday 14th – Friday 18th 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 the British Isles. Although only a small island, Jersey has so much to offer ... sandy beaches, rugged coastlines, 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, Wi-Fi 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

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 preserved as they were left after World War II occupation. Other worthwhile attractions include the Living Legend, the zoo and Mont Orgueil Castle. We also recommend a trip to Corbiere Lighthouse with its stunning views which you can walk out 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 during your stay (the hotel can help with this if required). There are numerous venues on the island in which to enjoy coffee, lunch, afternoon tea and Jersey ice cream!

FRIDAY Sadly it's 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
- Coach transport to and from Poole
- Return ferry crossings
- Hotel transfers in Jersey

SUPPLEMENTS:

No Single Supplement (Max 3)
Subsequent Singles £132.00
Travel insurance £47.00

TOUR
PRICE

£495

5 DAYS

Friday 18th – Monday 21st 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

£285

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 £30.00
Sea View Room Supplement £18.00
Travel insurance £29.00

Friday 18th – Monday 21st 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, 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

£245

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 an 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. Take a stroll along the quay and enjoy the array of yachts and vessels on the water, Dartmouth Museum offers a fascinating insight into the area's rich history and the town has many independent shops, and art galleries. Enjoy a warming lunch before we return to Paignton with the afternoon free for you to spend as you please. Dinner tonight will be followed by our final evening of 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 complete our homeward journey arriving late afternoon.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 5)
Travel insurance £29.00

Sunday 20th – Saturday 26th 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 located in the centre of town. All rooms are ensuite with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to some floors. Overlooking the gardens, the restaurant serves a delicious freshly prepared menu using local produce. Entertainment is provided on some evenings.

TOUR PRICE

£735

7 DAYS

ITINERARY

SUNDAY We leave the West Country and make our way north, with comfort stops enroute, to our hotel in Pitlochry, arriving for dinner.

MONDAY A leisurely morning as we make our way further north, through more stunning Autumnal scenery, to Aviemore with time to explore this pretty village and gateway to the Highlands Whisky country. We return to Pitlochry after lunch.

TUESDAY Our "Royal" day begins with a scenic drive through the Cairngorm National Park to the spa town of Ballater where many of the shops here display "By Royal Appointment" notices. Visit the old Royal Station, used by Queen Victoria and five other reigning monarchs. We continue past Crathie Church, where the Royal Family attend whilst at Balmoral, and stop in Braemar, a village famous for its Highland Games, attended by the Royal Family each year.

WEDNESDAY The day is free to spend as you please in Pitlochry exploring this delightful town with its spectacular setting under the Ben Vrackrie Mountain. It is well known for its salmon ladder and has some lovely Victorian architecture, independent shops and restaurants. This evening we take the 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 After a leisurely breakfast we make the short journey to of Perth, once Scotland's capital, beautifully location on the banks of the River Tay. As well as the usual shops, St Johns Kirk is the perfect place to enjoy coffee in the Café Quarter. This afternoon we stop in Dunkeld, with its stately cathedral, part ruined by still used as the parish church. Less than a mile from here you will find Beatrix Potter Bronze Sculptures set within a beautifully landscaped garden.

FRIDAY We leave our Scottish hosts and travel south, stopping for coffee at Moffat Woollen Mill. We continue to Kendal for lunch and time to explore the delightful Lake District town, before completing our journey to our overnight hotel, near Preston, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

SATURDAY After breakfast we begin the homeward journey south, stopping for regular comfort breaks enroute, and reaching the West Country early-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 6 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Entrance to the Enchanted Forest
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £133.00
Travel insurance £34.00

Saturday 19th – Saturday 26th October



ON TOP OF THE WORLD IN THE ITALIAN DOLOMITES

The stunning Dolomites are one of Italy's scenic highlights with their majestic snowy capped peaks, enchanting in any season. Our tour is based on the crystal blue shores of Lake Molveno, in the heart of the Italian Dolomite region.

YOUR HOTEL Alle Dolomiti Boutique Lake Hotel, Molveno

An elegant family run 4* hotel, ideally located overlooking the shores of Lake Molveno. Each of the ensuite bedrooms, served by a lift, is furnished with TV, hairdryer, safe and Wi-Fi access. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu using locally sourced ingredients and a varied breakfast. Leisure facilities include a garden with outdoor pool and indoor wellness centre with sauna and steam room.

TOUR
PRICE

£825

8 DAYS



ITINERARY

SATURDAY After an early departure we journey east to Dover, with comfort stops en route, for the ferry crossing to Calais. We then continue to Saarbrücken, stopping on route for an evening meal, before reaching our overnight hotel.

SUNDAY Today we continue our outward journey, towards Italy, to our hotel in Molveno and our base for the next five nights, arriving in time to settle in before dinner.

MONDAY Today is free to explore your new surroundings and enjoy a stroll down to the lake, voted "the most beautiful lake in Italy" three years running. The backdrop of majestic peaks of the Dolomites reflect in the clear blue waters offering a peaceful oasis to relax and unwind. Just a short walk into the town centre you will find an array of shops and cafes, or for the more adventurous take the cable car with spectacular views across the lake up to the panoramic terrace above.

TUESDAY Join us today for a circular tour of the breathtaking and spectacular Brenta Dolomite Mountain range. We travel south around the eastern shores of the lake, then over the pass at the Madonna di Campiglio ski resort, from where there are spectacular views of the Brenta Peaks. Stopping on route to take photographs and a bite to eat

we continue clockwise following the path of the River Noce, before returning to our hotel once more.

WEDNESDAY Today we travel south to Riva del Garda, ideally situated on the northern point of this largest and stunningly beautiful Italian lake. Riva is a good-sized town and has plenty going on, with a charming pedestrianised medieval centre. Whilst here, you may like to take a boat trip across to the quaint fishing village of Limone and enjoy the views of the Dolomite Mountains from the lake.

THURSDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we make our way to the capital of the South Tyrol to Bolzano, an Alpine town, founded as a Roman military station and invaded by many cultures over the centuries. With many historical and artistic attractions to see, you may like to visit the Archaeology Museum, where you will find Ötzi, an Ice Man, who more than 5,000 years ago, ascended the icy heights of the Schnal Valley glacier and died there. In 1991, his mortal remains - together with his clothing and equipment, mummified and frozen - were accidentally discovered. Or enjoy a peaceful lunch in one of the town's numerous piazza cafes and watch the world go by. We return to our hotel for our final evening dinner.

FRIDAY Today we begin our homeward journey. With stops for coffee and lunch en route, we reach our overnight hotel in Saarbrücken in time for dinner.

SATURDAY After breakfast, we resume our journey to Calais for the return ferry crossing to Dover. With comfort stops en route, we reach the West Country mid/late-evening.



PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Bed & Breakfast at 1st overnight hotel
- 6 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £115.00
Travel insurance £54.00

Sunday 20th – Thursday 24th 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 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

SUNDAY 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.

MONDAY 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).

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

WEDNESDAY After breakfast we make our way to Bowness, in the "heart" of the Lake District, where we enjoy a circular island cruise by boat. Afterwards you will have plenty of 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.

THURSDAY 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
- Boat trip on Lake Windermere
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £64.00
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR
PRICE

£475

5 DAYS

Monday 21st – Friday 25th October



ISLE OF WIGHT

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

YOUR HOTEL Royal Esplanade Hotel, Ryde

A 3* hotel in a prime position along the esplanade, and the second-largest town on the island. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift, the restaurant serves a delicious menu and entertainment is provided on 2 evenings.

ITINERARY

MONDAY 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, and the short journey to Ryde and our hotel, arriving with time to settle in and maybe take a stroll before dinner.

TUESDAY After breakfast we make our way to the Old Village of Shanklin with its picturesque, thatched buildings, gift shops and Shanklin Chine, a deep gorge carved out by a stream. We later continue to the pretty village of Godshill – the most-photographed village in Britain, with its thatched cottages and 15th-century church, immaculate model village and many gift shops. There are also some lovely cafés in which to enjoy a cream tea (or a very large cream cake!).

WEDNESDAY Join us today as we take a wonderful circular tour of the island, 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 or make yourself a souvenir with the multi-coloured sands found around the bay. After lunch we continue to Cowes, a famous yachting harbour with time to browse the shops, watch the many boats coming in and out and have afternoon tea.

THURSDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the St Mildred's Church at Whippingham, full of history with strong links with 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.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to St Mildred's Church with Introductory Talk
- Entrance to Osborne House
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
No single supplement (Max 5)
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR
PRICE

£495

5 DAYS

Monday 21st – Friday 25th 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, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to some rooms. The restaurant offers a delicious choice of dishes, and leisure facilities include an indoor pool, sauna & gym. Entertainment is provided on some evenings.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave our home area, with a comfort stop enroute, travel over the border into Wales and on to Carmarthen for lunch. We continue our journey to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

TUESDAY After breakfast we travel 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 gift shops and cafes in which to enjoy a leisurely lunch. This afternoon we visit 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 as the location of Pwyll, Prince of Dyfed's Palace.

WEDNESDAY Join us if you wish as we make the short journey into the centre of Cardigan to browse the shops, have coffee and relax and enjoy the views across the bay. 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 and an attractive harbour and quaint gift shops.

THURSDAY Today we travel north to the coastal town of Aberystwyth, with its ruined castle, Victorian pier and harbour. You may like to take a ride on the longest funicular electric cliff railway in Britain, where the summit reveals an amazing panorama that on a clear day extends as far as the Presili Hills to the south and Snowdonia to the north. With time to explore and have lunch, we return to the picturesque conservation village of Cenarth with its stunning falls, where salmon leap in the River Teifi.

FRIDAY After breakfast we leave our hotel and begin our journey south. With comfort stops enroute, we reach the West Country early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Live entertainment on 1 evening
- In-house entertainment on 2 evenings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £48.00
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR
PRICE

£485

5 DAYS

Friday 25th – Monday 28th October



MYSTERY WEEKEND

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

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

A 3* hotel. All rooms are ensuite with TV, W-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a freshly prepared choice evening menu and hearty English breakfast. Leisure facilities includes a gym.

TOUR
PRICE

£279

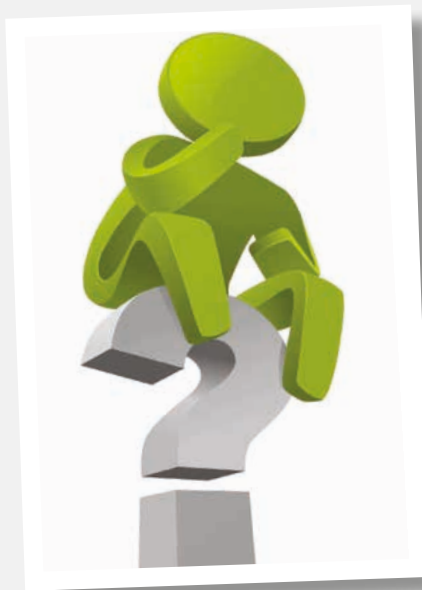
4 DAYS

ITINERARY

FRIDAY We leave our home area... and that's all we're telling you! But there will be plenty of time for sightseeing and this will be an easy-going and unhurried short break, with stops for coffee and lunch en route, We arrive at our secret location with plenty of time to settle and freshen up before dinner.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY Join us each day for a little more mystery! There will once again be stops for coffee and lunch en route, plus time to explore wherever we may be.

MONDAY After a leisurely breakfast we begin our homeward journey back to the West Country. We make a stop for lunch along the way, before arriving home early evening.



PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £60.00 (Max 5)
Travel insurance £29.00

Friday 25th – Monday 28th 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's 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. Entertainment is provided on some evenings.

TOUR PRICE

£295

4 DAYS

ITINERARY

FRIDAY We leave our home area and travel west to the ancient market town of Tavistock. This 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. After lunch we visit the charming harbour port of Charlestown. Originally built in Georgian times to export copper and import coal, a delightful fishing village sprung up around the port with a mix of elegant houses and quaint cottages. Whilst here you may like to visit the Shipwreck Museum or wander down to the lovely quayside.

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
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No Single supplement (Max 1)
 Classic River View (Twin or Double only) £30.00 per person
 Superior Single River View with Balcony (Max 1) £60.00
 Superior River View with Balcony (Twin or Double) £60.00 per person
 Travel insurance £29.00

Sunday 27th – Wednesday 30th 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 Magic Circus Hotel Disneyland® Paris Resort

Come and stay at the Magic Circus Hotel at Disneyland® Paris, with its manor house style and brightly coloured interiors. Enter a world of magic and illusion that the whole family will love! Disney® Parks and Disney Village are a short (free) shuttlebus-ride away. All rooms are ensuite, with TV with free children's channels, Wi-Fi, and hairdryer. The restaurant serves a continental buffet breakfast.

TOUR PRICE

FROM £550

4 DAYS

ITINERARY

SUNDAY After an early departure, we make our way east, with a comfort stop on route to Dover, for the ferry crossing to Calais. We then continue to our hotel at the Disneyland® Paris Resort stopping for dinner en route. The energetic, take like to take the free shuttle bus to the Disney Village® to get a taste of America! There are many shops to browse in addition to a night-club and Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show.

MONDAY & TUESDAY Two free days for you to explore the two parks... and as our hotel is located in the Disney resort, you are free to spend as much or as little time exploring as you wish. The free shuttle buses run very regularly from the hotels to the parks. Each evening enjoy dinner at a restaurant of your choice in the Disney Village.

Disneyland® Park has numerous rides for all ages, shows to watch, shops to browse and restaurants, all set out around four magical lands. Look out for the Disney characters as they wander about the park... don't forget your camera! There is also a Disney Parade each afternoon.

Walt Disney Studios® Park allows you to immerse yourself in the never-ending and always fascinating world of movies and television. Here you can learn how movies are made and catch a show or two. There are also rides, shops and restaurants... Oh! and don't forget to look out for more of those Disney characters as you explore!

WEDNESDAY This morning we make our way back to Calais for the return ferry crossing to Dover. We then continue, with comfort stops en route to the West Country, arriving mid evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Lunch and evening meals
 Travel insurance £45.00

Saturday 26th October – Saturday 2nd November



AUTUMN GOLD IN THE AUSTRIAN TYROL

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, especially at this time of year with the multiple shades of Autumn colour.

YOUR HOTEL Hotel Fischerwirt am Achensee, Achenkirch

A delightful family run 3* hotel located close to the shore of Lake Achensee in the Austrian Tyrol. All traditionally decorated bedrooms are ensuite with TV, telephone and hairdryer. A lift serves all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious home cooked evening menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include a wellness suite with sauna.

TOUR
PRICE

£845

8 DAYS



ITINERARY

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

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

MONDAY Today is free to explore your new surroundings by the northern shores of Lake Achensee. We have included a day's rover ticket for a boat cruise around the lake, which gently travels the length of the lake to the southern tip at Pertisau, where you can browse the pretty lakeside village and enjoy a cosy lunch in one of the cafes, before returning by boat to our hotel.

TUESDAY After breakfast we travel west 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.

WEDNESDAY Join us today as we explore the delightful Ziller Valley with beautiful Tyrolean scenery along the way. We board a train at Fügen, continuing our journey south on the Zillertal Railway, a narrow-gauge railway used by tourists and for transportation of timber. We arrive in the pretty Tyrolean town of Mayrhofen crammed with alpine buildings with timber floral balconies, steeped church spires and abundance of gift shops and cafes. We later return to our hotel by coach.

THURSDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we make our way along the Inn Valley, travelling east to Kufstein. Known as the "Pearl of the Tyrol" this historic Tyrolean town is full of cobbled streets, beautiful painted facades, unusual shops and plenty of cafes. Towering over the town is the remarkable Kufstein Fortress the world's largest organ which rings out at 12 noon across the town. After lunch we return to our hotel via Austria's smallest medieval town of Rattenberg, rich in history. Discover its cobbled narrow alleys and shops which specialise in local glass production.

FRIDAY Sadly, it's time to say a fond farewell to our hotel as we begin our journey back, travelling back to our overnight hotel, arriving with time to settle in before 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 on route, arriving mid/late-evening.



PRICE INCLUDES:

- 6 nights' dinner, bed & buffet breakfast
- 1 night bed & breakfast in 1st overnight hotel
- Boat Cruise on Lake Achensee
- Ticket for the Zillertal Railway
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £42 (Max 3)
Additional Singles £167.00
Travel insurance £54.00

Monday 28th Oct – Friday 1st November



AUTUMN COLOURS OF SHROPSHIRE & BEYOND

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 delightful time of year to see the landscape at its colourful best.

YOUR HOTEL **Mercure Telford Centre Hotel, Telford**

A 4* modern hotel situated in the gateway to the Shropshire Hills. All rooms are ensuite with TV, safe, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool and fitness suite.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave the West Country, with a comfort stop enroute, we make our way to Hereford, with time to browse the shops, visit the glorious cathedral and enjoy lunch. We continue to our hotel, with time to settle in before dinner.

TUESDAY Join us today as we enjoy an excursion to the market town of Leominster, the heart of the area knowns 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 the historic town of Ludlow with its medieval castle and 500 beautiful, listed buildings and plenty of tearooms to enjoy a cosy afternoon tea.

WEDNESDAY Join us this morning as we make our way to the market town of Llangollen, situated on the River Dee. With time to browse the shops, stroll along the Victorian promenade by the river and enjoy an early lunch, we board a boat for a spectacular 5 mile cruise on the Llangollen canal, with guided commentary, across the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, supported by 18 stone piers and magnificent views across the Welsh & English countryside. We rejoin our coach and make our way back to our hotel, with a stop at Ironbridge where you can see the world's first iron bridge, built in 1779, across the gorge.

THURSDAY This morning we travel to Bridgnorth, which is actually two towns, the High Town (with great views down) and the Low Town (with great views up), connected by the steepest inland funicular railway in Britain! With time to explore and enjoy coffee, we continue to the historic town of Shrewsbury, located on a loop of the River Severn. Here you will find many high street shops and cosy cafes to enjoy lunch, and you may also like to take a gentle boat trip along the river.

FRIDAY We leave our hotel and begin our journey home, stopping for lunch in Tewkesbury, with time to enjoy lunch and perhaps visit the ancient Abbey. 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 Supplements £100.00
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR PRICE

£475

5 DAYS

Monday 28th Oct – Friday 1st November



AUTUMN COLOURS OF 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 **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, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift at the hotel. The restaurant serves a delicious evening meal and buffet breakfast and the lounge bar offers a cosy place to relax and enjoy drinks 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 we travel across the heart of the National Park through stunning scenery to the bustling market town of Chesterfield, famous for its crooked church spire. After lunch we visit Bakewell, a pretty market town with time to browse the shops and maybe enjoy some of the local Bakewell pudding!

WEDNESDAY Join us today as we explore the Derwent Valley region. We first visit Cromford Mills, a UNESCO World Heritage site of a former 19th century water powered cotton mill. In the informative visitor centre, learn about the history of the mill, the cotton industry and how the textile industry developed in this rural area. There are many attractions to explore, together with an array of unique shops and places to enjoy lunch. We later continue to Matlock Bath, a picturesque village set in the beautiful gorge of the River Derwent, developed as a tourist destination for the Victorians. Whilst here you may like to take a cable car ride to the Heights of Abraham, with (weather permitting) breath-taking views of the village. At the summit there are two underground show caves, a cafe and gift shop. Other attractions in the village include a mining museum, aquarium and many gift shops & cafes.

THURSDAY After a leisurely breakfast we travel through some of the most stunning scenery the Peak District has to offer. We make a stop for coffee in the town of Glossop before travelling along Snake Pass to the natural beauty of Lady Bower Reservoir, to see the Autumn colours unfolding before us. We continue to Castleton to the spa town of Buxton, the capital of the Peak District, for lunch and time to explore the elegant centre with its Opera House, Pump Room and Georgian architectural delight of The Crescent.

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
- Entrance to Cromford Mills (free entry)
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £100.00
Attractions in Cromford Mills
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR PRICE

£445

5 DAYS

Monday 28th Oct – Friday 1st November



KENT COAST & BRUGES

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

YOUR HOTEL Ashford International Hotel, Ashford, Kent

A modern 4* hotel. All rooms are ensuite with TV, Wi-Fi access, telephone and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a choice evening menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include a fitness room, sauna and indoor pool.

ITINERARY

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

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

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

THURSDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the city of Canterbury, with its cathedral and seat of the Archbishop. 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 Ferry
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single Supplement £120.00
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR
PRICE

£475

5 DAYS

Monday 28th Oct – Friday 1st November



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 ideally 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.

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.

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 £36.00 (Max 4)
Town View room supplement £24.00 per person
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR
PRICE

£385

5 DAYS

Tuesday 29th Oct – Saturday 2nd Nov



AUTUMN IN CORNWALL

Join us for a tour in North Cornwall, with its picturesque fishing villages and rugged scenic coastline, for a perfect Autumnal break as the tree canopies change from lush green to rich colours of red, orange and yellow, and the Atlantic Coastline provides an exhilarating seascape.

YOUR HOTEL The Rosemundy Hotel, St Agnes

A delightful 3* family run hotel located in the quaint Cornish village of St Agnes, just a short walk from the village centre and situated in own its private garden and woodlands. All rooms are ensuite with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. Please note there is no lift at the hotel. The restaurant serves a delicious home cooked evening menu and hearty breakfast.

ITINERARY

TUESDAY We leave the West Country, stopping at Endsleigh Garden Centre for lunch en route, and arriving at our hotel late afternoon for a sherry reception, with time to freshen up before evening dinner.

WEDNESDAY Join us today as we make our way inland to visit Cornwall's great little city of Truro. Today is the weekly farmers market held on Lemon Quay, where you can browse the numerous stalls selling local produce. You may like to visit the iconic cathedral, stroll through the town centre with its many shops and cafes, or for an indoor experience why not visit the Royal Cornwall Museum or Truro cathedral.

THURSDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way down the North Cornwall coast to the delightful harbour town of St Ives, a favourite for artists who flock here to paint the bright reflective sunlight with local artwork available to buy in the galleries in town. The picturesque fishing harbour is a lovely place to stroll, browse the shops and have a warming lunch, we later return to our hotel with time to relax before dinner this evening.

FRIDAY Today we enjoy a morning excursion to the coastal town of Padstow, a charming working harbour port, made famous by Rick Stein in recent years. This pretty harbour with lively streets and many cafes and restaurants sits along one of Cornwall's most beautiful stretches of coastline. Home to the National Lobster Hatchery, you may like to visit this fascinating attraction and learn about the marine conservation work here in the region. After lunch we return to our hotel for a traditional Cornish afternoon cream tea and final evening in St Agnes.

SATURDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we leave our hotel and begin the homeward journey, stopping in Plymouth with time to enjoy a warming lunch and browse the shops, before reaching home late afternoon/early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Sherry Reception
- Cornish Cream Tea on 1 afternoon
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
No Single supplement (Max 5)
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR
PRICE

£445

5 DAYS

Saturday 2nd – Sunday 3rd November



LONDON THEATRE WEEKEND OR A WEEKEND IN LONDON

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 11 top West End shows... Matilda The Musical, Phantom Of The Opera, Les Miserables, Mamma Mia, Tina Turner The Musical, Lion King, Back To The Future, Frozen The Musical, Crazy For You, Six or Mrs Doubtfire. (All show dates correct at time of printing, but subject to change).

YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn London Heathrow, London

A modern 4* hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, telephone, safe, 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 time to freshen up before dinner.

SUNDAY After a leisurely buffet English breakfast, we leave our hotel and return to central London where you will have plenty of time to maybe do some early Christmas shopping or visit one of the enormous choice of attractions. Two great ways to see the best of London's sites is via a bus tour or a River Cruise along the Thames with a commentary to enlighten you with the capital's history We leave mid-late afternoon, and make our way back to the West Country, with a comfort stop on route, arriving mid-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £30.00
Travel insurance £23.00

TOUR
PRICE

LONDON
THEATRE
WEEKEND

FROM
£255

LONDON
WEEKEND

£145

2 DAYS

Sunday 3rd – Monday 4th 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, 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 & museums. You may also like to see a West End show, which has a Sunday afternoon performance or take a sightseeing bus tour or boat trip to see the best views and learn about the history of the city.. 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 & Buffet Breakfast
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £75.00
Travel insurance £23.00

TOUR
PRICE

£159

2 DAYS

Monday 4th – Friday 8th November



A LITTLE BIT OF LUXURY IN CORNWALL

Join us for a taste of Cornish luxury and hospitality in this 4* Brend hotel, with panoramic views across St Austell Bay. Enjoy all that Cornwall has to offer, with picturesque fishing harbours and its rugged coastline, for a relaxing autumn break.

YOUR HOTEL The Carlyon Bay Hotel & Spa, St Austell

A superb 4* hotel and one of Cornwall's finest luxury resorts, situated on the clifftop with stunning ocean views and set within 250 private acres. All contemporary bedrooms are ensuite with TV (inc Sky Sports), safe, hairdryer, robe & slipper use, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu freshly prepared by the hotel chefs using locally sourced ingredients, and sumptuous breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool, bubbling spa pool, snooker room, putting green, golf course & spa treatments (extra charge).

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave the West Country, stopping for coffee on route to Plymouth, with time to browse the shops and enjoy a relaxing lunch. We continue to our hotel, arriving with time settle in and explore your new surroundings before dinner this evening.

TUESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the charming village of Mevagissey, with its twin harbour and busy fishing port and sheltered beach. There are many gift shops to browse and cafes to enjoy a cosy lunch. We return to our hotel resort with the afternoon free to enjoy the leisure facilities, or perhaps indulge in an afternoon tea.

WEDNESDAY Join us this morning as we visit the capital of Cornwall, the city of Truro, where today the local farmers market is held on Lemon Quay. Together with the usual high street shops, you will also find the beautiful cathedral and Royal Cornwall Museum in the centre. After lunch we continue to the heritage maritime town of Falmouth. Here you can explore the harbour, stroll through the town centre or maybe visit the National Maritime Museum with its fascinating exhibits.

THURSDAY After a leisurely start, we enjoy an excursion to the picturesque fishing town of Looe with daily fishing boats landing their catch, cobbled streets with independent shops and cafes and restaurants to enjoy a warming Cornish lunch. We return to our hotel resort with the remainder of the day to enjoy the leisure facilities, or maybe take a clifftop walk along the coast path or down to the beach.

FRIDAY Sadly, we leave our hotel after breakfast and make our way to Tavistock for lunch. We later continue our journey home, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single Inland Room Supplement £40.00
Single Sea View Supplement £80.00
Sea View Room Supplement £120.00 per person (subject to availability)
Deluxe Sea View Room Supplement £200.00 per person (subject to availability)
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR
PRICE

£595

5 DAYS

Tuesday 5th – Saturday 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. Join us for one of our popular festive breaks!

YOUR HOTEL Tynedale Hotel, Llandudno

We're delighted to return to this warm and welcoming 4* hotel, located along the central promenade with wonderful sea views. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The hotel's restaurant serves a fabulous full Welsh breakfast and choice evening menu, and there is live entertainment each evening.

ITINERARY

TUESDAY (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 finger buffet!

WEDNESDAY (Christmas Day) After a leisurely breakfast we travel to Caernarfon, with time to visit the castle, browse the shops and enjoy coffee. We continue to Anglesey and the James Pringle Weaver Woollen Mill at Llanfairpwllgwynglgogerychyrndrobyllantysiliogogoch, 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.

THURSDAY (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.

FRIDAY (New Year's Eve) Today is 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!

SATURDAY 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 £31.00

TOUR PRICE

£525

5 DAYS

Tuesday 5th – Thursday 7th November



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 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 Joules and Thorntons, as well as some popular brands of pottery for Christmas gifts, such as Royal Worcester and Portmeirion. With time to browse and enjoy lunch, we complete our journey 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 £50.00
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR PRICE

£245

3 DAYS

Friday 8th – Monday 11th November



FALMOUTH TURKEY & TINSEL

Falmouth is Cornwall's leading south coast resort, and home to maritime heritage. It boasts a beautiful sheltered harbour and has been a flourishing port for over 400 years.

YOUR HOTEL Membly Hall Hotel, Falmouth

A lovely hotel in one of Cornwall's most picturesque regions, occupying a seafront position with splendid views. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, telephone, hairdryer, tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors and the restaurant offers an excellent choice menu, often using Cornish farm produce. Leisure facilities include sauna and spa, and entertainment is provided each evening.

ITINERARY

FRIDAY (Christmas Eve) We leave our home area and make our way to Plymouth with time to enjoy a warming lunch and browse the shops. We complete our journey to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in before a welcome drink 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 stroll along the seafront, explore the attractions, including the National Maritime Museum and Pendennis Castle or relax and enjoy the stunning views from the comfort of our hotel. 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 the pretty fishing village of 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 enjoy lunch. We return to Falmouth with time to relax before dinner and our final 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 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 £60.00 per person
Travel insurance £29.00

TOUR PRICE

£249

4 DAYS

Friday 8th – Monday 11th November



IRISH COUNTRY MUSIC WEEKEND

We are delighted to repeat this tour due to its popularity. Join us for a rousing weekend of Irish country music, brought to you by a variety of fantastic performers. Former years have seen performances by the likes of the Barry Doyle Band, the Finbarr Deneghy Band and the Dermot McConnell Family Band. And as an added bonus Blackpool's famous illumination's will be shining brightly each night.

YOUR HOTEL Grand Hotel, Blackpool

A superbly modern hotel with views out over the famous promenade. All rooms are en-suite, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves traditional cuisine and a hearty breakfast, while the stylish lounge offers a restful area in which to enjoy a drink. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, gym and spa.

ITINERARY

FRIDAY We leave the West Country and journey north to Blackpool. With stops for coffee and lunch on route, we reach our hotel mid-afternoon, allowing you plenty of time to settle in and begin exploring before dinner and our first night of Irish entertainment. Sit back and allow tonight's band to entertain you with their superb vocal harmonies.

SATURDAY Join us today, if you wish, for an excursion to the beautiful Lake District town of Kendal, with time to browse the shops, perhaps try some of the local Kendal Mint Cake and enjoy a cosy lunch. We later return to our hotel for an afternoon of Irish music, followed by dinner and another night of top class Irish musical entertainment.

SUNDAY This morning we travel the short distance to the popular seaside resort of Southport, with its stunning architecture, unspoilt coastline and one of the oldest piers in the UK. It is rumoured that Napoleon remodelled parts of Paris after visiting Southport in the mid-19th century. Enjoy an early lunch before we return to our hotel for this afternoon's entertainment. Dinner this evening will be followed by a final evening of foot stomping traditional Irish music, marking the end of a wonderful weekend.

MONDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we begin our homeward journey. With stops for coffee and lunch on route, we reach the West Country early-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Irish country music on 3 nights and 2 afternoons
- 2 Vouchers per night on selected bar drinks
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £70.00
Travel insurance £29.00

TOUR PRICE

£335

4 DAYS

Sunday 10th – Monday 11th November



Illustration only

BEAUTIFUL BATH WITH AFTERNOON TEA IN THE PUMP ROOM

The beautiful Georgian city of Bath is known for its historic Roman spa and home of Jane Austen. Enjoy a sumptuous afternoon tea in the stunning setting of the Pump Room, one of the finest backdrops for high tea in Bath.

YOUR HOTEL Hampton By Hilton Hotel, Bath

A luxurious 4* hotel, centrally located within walking distance of Bath's main attractions and shopping centre. All contemporary rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. A lift serves all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious hot & cold buffet breakfast.

ITINERARY

SUNDAY We travel to the beautiful city of Bath, famous for its exquisite 18th century Georgian architecture. You may like to visit the Jane Austen Centre and learn about her life, novels and connection to the city, or the Thermal Bath Spa and take a dip in the refreshing warm waters of the famous rooftop pool. Take a stroll along the iconic Royal Crescent, with its sweeping curved terrace of honey coloured Georgian town houses or explore the city in greater depth on a sightseeing tour bus, or perhaps a leisurely boat trip down the River Avon. With numerous shops, boutiques and cafes, there is much to see and do, before choosing a restaurant of your choice for dinner tonight.

MONDAY The morning is free for you to continue exploring the city of Bath before we enjoy a sumptuous afternoon tea at the Pump Room in one of the city's most elegant restaurants. Indulge in a selection of delicate sandwiches, scones with cream and jam, freshly made cakes and pastries, all served with a traditional pot of English tea or freshly brewed coffee. We later make our way back to our home area, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night's Bed & Breakfast
- Afternoon tea at the Pump Room
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single Supplement £40.00
Travel insurance £23.00

TOUR PRICE

£185

2 DAYS

Monday 11th – Friday 15th 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 ensuite bedrooms have a TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. A lift serves all floors. The restaurant offers a choice menu and entertainment is provided each evening.

TOUR PRICE

£345

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 and an evening of music and dancing.

TUESDAY (Christmas Eve) Join us today 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 including the spectacular Royal Pavilion with its distinctive onion domes which house impressive pieces 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! The remainder of the day is free to spend as you please, perhaps look for Christmas gifts, or take in the air along the seafront before a buffet dinner tonight followed by Christmas musical entertainment.

THURSDAY (Boxing Day) Join us for 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 throughout the year. After lunch we return to our hotel with an afternoon of leisure before our final evening dinner and entertainment.

FRIDAY Back to reality! This morning we leave Eastbourne and begin our journey home, stopping for coffee and lunch on route. We arrive back in the West Country early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Lunch on 1 day
- Entertainment each evening
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £36.00
Sea View Room Supplement £20.00 per person
Travel insurance £31.00

Monday 11th – Friday 15th November



ALVASTON HALL, CHESHIRE FESTIVE WARNER BREAK

TOUR
PRICE

£475

5 DAYS

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

YOUR HOTEL Alvaston Hall Hotel, Nantwich, Cheshire

A beautiful 3* half-timbered Victorian country hotel. All rooms are en-suite, with TV, hairdryer, lounge chairs and tea & coffee- facilities. Enjoy dinner in the splendid Cabaret Restaurant, before sitting back to take in the fantastic dancing and live entertainment. 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 mince pies & mulled wine reception, 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 and festive cheer!

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

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

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 £31.00

Tuesday 12th – Friday 15th November



THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

TOUR
PRICE

£359

4 DAYS

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 a very leisurely breakfast we travel to Thursford for the afternoon performance of the Christmas Spectacular. On arrival there will be time to enjoy lunch, browse the beautiful shops, full of festive gifts and Christmas Fayre. Then 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... you won't be disappointed!

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 £75.00
Travel insurance £29.00

Friday 15th – Monday 18th 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

£295

4 DAYS

ITINERARY

FRIDAY (Christmas Eve) We leave the West Country and, with a comfort stop en route, make our way over the Prince of Wales 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 a sherry and mince pie 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 indoor market 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 afternoon cream tea in the hotel is followed by our final evening dinner and entertainment.

MONDAY Back to reality! 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 for Christmas gifts 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
- Sherry & festive punch receptions
- Afternoon cream tea on 1 afternoon
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement
Travel insurance £29.00

Friday 15th – Monday 18th 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 Shanklin Hotel, Shanklin

A warm welcome awaits at this 3* hotel, commanding stunning views over Sandown Bay. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, complimentary toiletries and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant has panoramic views across the bay and is renowned for producing quality food using fresh ingredients sourced locally on the island. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, sauna and spa, and entertainment is provided each evening.

TOUR PRICE

£245

4 DAYS

ITINERARY

FRIDAY 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 and an evening of festive entertainment.

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 the morning is 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 past the entrance to the Crab Inn is the beginning of Shanklin Chine, a deep gorge carved out by a stream. After lunch at the hotel 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 dinner followed by an evening of optional fancy dress with a glass of bubbly at 11pm.

MONDAY 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, and reaching our home area early-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Lunch on 1 day
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £27.00
Travel insurance £29.00

Saturday 16th – Sunday 17th 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 2024 theme not announced yet!

YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn, Eastleigh

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

TOUR PRICE

£159

2 DAYS

ITINERARY

SATURDAY We leave our home area, with a comfort stop on route and travel to Winchester. The Cathedral Christmas Market is recognised as one of the best in Europe. 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 stalls. All 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. There are also many of the usual high street shops and restaurants to enjoy coffee and a warming lunch, and the cathedral open to visitors. Late afternoon, we make the short journey to our hotel, with time 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. If you're looking for festive decorations, stocking filler gifts or tasty treats, look no further than the Christmas Fayre. A guided tour of the beautifully decorated house can be booked in advance but is subject to availability. 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
Guided Tour of Longleat House
Travel insurance £23.00

Saturday 16th – Sunday 17th November



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WEEKEND

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 your day!

YOUR HOTEL Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Newbury

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

TOUR PRICE

£135

2 DAYS

ITINERARY

SATURDAY We leave our home area, with a comfort stop on route and travel to Winchester. The Cathedral Christmas Market is recognised as one of the best in Europe. 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 stalls. There are also many of the usual high street shops and restaurants to enjoy coffee and a warming lunch, and the cathedral open to visitors. Late afternoon, we make the short journey to our hotel for dinner and evening at leisure.

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 ranging from the usual High Street names to 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 Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £40.00
Travel insurance £23.00

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd November



GREAT YARMOUTH TURKEY & TINSEL & THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

TOUR PRICE

£359

5 DAYS

Great Yarmouth is Norfolk's premier seaside resort, with over 15 glorious miles of sandy beaches. Thursford Christmas Spectacular is the largest Christmas production in England. 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

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 each evening.

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 dinner and our first evening of entertainment.

TUESDAY (Christmas Eve) After a very leisurely breakfast we travel to Thursford for the afternoon performance of the Christmas Spectacular. On arrival there will be time to browse the beautiful shops, full of festive gifts and Christmas Fayre. Then 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 coast of 130, this is the biggest Christmas Show of its kind in Europe... you won't be disappointed! We return to our hotel for evening dinner.

WEDNESDAY (Christmas Day) After breakfast we travel to Wroxham, a beautiful town considered to be the capital of the Norfolk Broads. With time to browse the shops and enjoy coffee, we return to our hotel for a traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, and a special visit from Santa! This afternoon you may like to take a stroll along the seafront or visit the Sea Life Centre to work up an appetite for a festive Christmas party and entertainment tonight.

THURSDAY (Boxing Day) Today we visit the city of Norwich with its splendid Norman Cathedral and castle, built over 900 years ago, now a museum and gallery. There are many shops to browse and do some Christmas shopping, and cafes to enjoy a warming lunch. We return to our hotel for our final evening dinner 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
- Lunch on 1 day
- Thursford Christmas Spectacular ticket
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £36.00
Sea View Room supplement £24.00 per person
Travel insurance £31.00

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd November



THE LAKE DISTRICT TURKEY & TINSEL

TOUR PRICE

£345

5 DAYS

Join us on a festive tour through the Lake District National Park – an area renowned for its exceptional natural beauty – away from the hustle and bustle of the busy tourist season.

YOUR HOTEL Cumbria Grand Hotel, Grange-over-Sands

A delightful 3* Victorian hotel ideally situated within the Lake District National Park in its own peaceful, private wooded grounds and enjoying views across Morecambe Bay. All rooms are en-suite with TV, radio, telephone, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a freshly prepared chef's menu and festive entertainment is provided each evening.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave the West Country and begin our journey north, stopping for coffee and lunch en route and reaching our hotel with ample time to settle in before dinner and an evening of light entertainment.

TUESDAY (Christmas Eve) Join us this morning for a tour of some of the most stunning scenery seen anywhere in England as we travel up the Kirkstone Pass (weather permitting) and along Ullswater to Keswick for lunch. We return via the pretty village of Grasmere. Why not grab your quiz form at reception and test your knowledge, before a delicious carvery dinner this evening, followed by another evening of entertainment.

WEDNESDAY (Christmas Day) This morning we make our way to Kendal, with time to browse the shops and enjoy a warming lunch. We continue to picturesque Ambleside, with a stop at Hayes Garden Centre which has a wonderful Christmas shop and gift ideas... as well as a café serving afternoon tea and cake! We complete our circular tour past Coniston Water, with time to rest before a traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, followed by hot mince pies and tea & coffee, then an evening of light entertainment.

THURSDAY (New Year's Eve) After a leisurely breakfast we make the short journey to Bowness on Windermere, the 'heart' of the Lake District, and a town with many gift shops and cafes. Whilst here you may like to take a circular cruise on the lake or visit the nearby World of Beatrix Potter Attraction in which all 23 Tales are brought to life in a magical indoor recreation of the Lakeland countryside. With time to explore this and enjoy lunch, we return to Grange-over-Sands with the afternoon free to spend as you please before our final evening meal and entertainment to celebrate and see the "New Year" in!

FRIDAY Back to reality! We leave the Lake District and begin our journey south. With comfort stops en route, we reach the West Country early-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £64.00
Boat trip on Lake Windermere
Entrance to the World of Beatrix Potter
Travel insurance £31.00

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd 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!

Entrance tickets to the caves in Valkenburg needs to be booked on line before you travel.

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.

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) The whole day is free 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 (tickets can be booked online before you travel, to avoid disappointment). After a visit from Santa with a small gift at dinner, why not enjoy Valkenburg's night life with its many cafes and bars, with outside terraces and warm gas lights, to enjoy



TOUR
PRICE

£399

5 DAYS



hot mulled wine or a local beer.

WEDNESDAY (Christmas Day) This morning we make the short distance to the Dutch city of Maastricht, brimming with history and culture. Stroll around the lively squares, atmospheric narrow streets and quaint canals. You may like to visit the weekly food market or browse the numerous shops to search for that perfect Christmas gift or stocking filler. We return to Valkenburg this afternoon with time at leisure to continue enjoying the Christmas market. This evening we enjoy a turkey Christmas dinner. This evening, wrap up warm and enjoy the colourful Christmas parade through the centre of town.

THURSDAY (New Year's 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. We later return to our hotel in Valkenburg for our farewell dinner followed by musical entertainment.

FRIDAY This morning we make our way back to Calais for the return ferry crossing to Dover. We then continue, with comfort stops en route to the West Country, arriving mid evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £80.00 (Max 5)
Entrance to Valkenburg's Christmas Caves (approx. €10)
(Cave entrance tickets/time slots to be booked online individually)
Travel insurance £47.00

Tuesday 19th – Thursday 21st November



CHRISTMAS AT CHATSWORTH HOUSE

TOUR PRICE

£245

3 DAYS

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 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 Joules and Thorntons, as well as some popular brands of pottery for Christmas gifts, such as Royal Worcester and Portmeirion. With time to browse and enjoy lunch, we complete our journey 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 £50.00
Travel insurance £25.00

Friday 22nd – Monday 25th November



CHESTER & LIVERPOOL CHRISTMAS MARKETS

TOUR PRICE

£299

4 DAYS

Join us for a new festive tour as we combine a weekend to visit two Christmas markets: Chester & Liverpool. In the heart of Chester's city centre the sparkling Christmas tree is surrounded by traditional wooden chalet market stalls selling local produce, crafts and gifts for the festive season. St George's plateau provides the stunning backdrop to Liverpool's Christmas market with festive food offerings together with special hand-crafted decorations and stocking fillers.

YOUR HOTEL **Mercure Haydock Hotel, Haydock**

A 4* hotel set in a traditional Georgian mansion. All ensuite bedrooms are furnished with TV, safe, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool and fitness suite. The lounge bar & conservatory offer great areas to relax in.

ITINERARY

FRIDAY 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.

SATURDAY This morning we travel the short distance to Chester for the annual Christmas market. In the historic centre of the square surrounding the Town Hall you will find over 70 traditionally decorated stalls with traders offering handmade crafts, jewellery, decorations and many stocking filler ideas, together with tasty festive food and drink. The main shopping precinct offers the usual high street shops brimming with gift ideas, together with many cafes and restaurants to enjoy a warming lunch indoors.

SUNDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way north to the city of Liverpool, with the backdrop of St George's Hall and along William Brown Street, you will find many market stalls offering festive food fayre, together with handmade crafts and gifts and decorations. The big wheel and snow slide offers festive fun for all ages, and the nearby St Johns Shopping Centre and Liverpool One offers the usual High Street shopping opportunities, guaranteed to find a perfect gift or two for loved ones! With the whole day free to explore the shops & enjoy a spot of sightseeing, there is something for everyone to enjoy in Liverpool.

MONDAY 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:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £84.00 (Max 5)
Travel insurance £29.00

Friday 22nd – Monday 25th November



YORK ST NICHOLAS CHRISTMAS FAYRE & CHRISTMAS AT CASTLE HOWARD

TOUR PRICE

£299

4 DAYS

The York St Nicholas Christmas Fayre brings the city alive as costumed characters wander through the streets and seasonal aromas fill the air with roasted chestnuts and spiced mulled wine are served from market stalls. 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 £29.00

Saturday 23rd – Sunday 24th November



BLENHEIM PALACE AT CHRISTMAS & GLOUCESTER CHRISTMAS MARKET

TOUR PRICE

£149

2 DAYS

Join us as we visit Blenheim Palace for a very special event, with the palace beautifully decorated for Christmas telling a wonderful fairytale themed 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 fireplaces in the state rooms and library are decorated by local florists with decadent displays. The courtyard is also transformed into a winter wonderland with the ever-popular Christmas market with seasonal wooden chalets.

YOUR HOTEL Leonardo Hotel, Swindon

A 4* modern hotel with ensuite bedrooms, furnished 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.

ITINERARY

SATURDAY We leave our home area and with a comfort stop on route, make our way to Blenheim Palace, where you will have plenty of time to enjoy the outdoor Christmas market with traditional wooden chalets selling tempting gifts, stocking fillers and tasty treats. We have also include entrance to the palace itself where you can wander through the beautifully decorated state rooms, bedecked with twinkling lights and traditional draped decorations, each year bringing to life a different fairytale theme for the festive season. 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 Christmas Winter Markets. Located across the Quays shopping centre and historic docks, you'll find more than 90 stalls showcasing crafts, gifts and tasty treats for the perfect build-up to the seasonal festivities. The shopping outlet is full of high street brands with ideas for that perfect gift. There is a magnificent outdoor ice rink for the more adventurous to take a spin! and many places to enjoy lunch and afternoon tea. We leave late afternoon, completing our homeward journey, 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 £30.00
Travel insurance £23.00

Saturday 23rd – Sunday 24th 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 . . . 2024 theme not announced yet!

YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn, Eastleigh

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

TOUR PRICE

£159

2 DAYS

ITINERARY

SATURDAY We leave our home area, with a comfort stop on route and travel to Winchester. The Cathedral Christmas Market is recognised as one of the best in Europe. 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 stalls. All 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. There are also many of the usual high street shops and restaurants to enjoy coffee and a warming lunch, and the cathedral open to visitors. Late afternoon, we make the short journey to our hotel, with time 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. If you're looking for festive decorations, stocking filler gifts or tasty treats, look no further than the Christmas Fayre. A guided tour of the beautifully decorated house can be booked in advance but is subject to availability. 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 & English Breakfast
- Entrance to Longleat Festival of Light including coach tour of Safari Park
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £20.00
Guided Tour of Longleat House
Travel insurance £23.00

Monday 25th – Friday 29th November



FIZZ & FAYRE IN FESTIVE YORKSHIRE

The Yorkshire Dales has it all! . . . a patchwork of green valleys, rugged moorland scenery and 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.

TOUR PRICE

£345

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 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. After lunch we return to our hotel for a festive themed mini afternoon tea and a glass of fizz! Dinner is followed by more live entertainment tonight.

THURSDAY Today we travel to York where the magical St Nicholas Christmas Fayre is in full swing, as Victorian costumed characters parade through the centre, with carol singers 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.

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 & Glass of Fizz
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £64.00 (Max 5)
Travel insurance £31.00

Monday 25th – Friday 29th November



TURKEY & TINSEL IN SCARBOROUGH

North Yorkshire is a much-loved destination with its spectacular moorland scenery and pretty, coastal resorts. Join us for a festive break to this popular seaside resort.

YOUR HOTEL Red Lea Hotel, Scarborough

A 3* hotel located on the South Cliffs with beautiful views across the sea. All rooms are en-suite with TV and tea & coffee making facilities. There is lift to all floors. The restaurant offers a delicious menu and leisure facilities include indoor heated swimming pool and fitness gym.

TOUR PRICE

£345

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 enjoy a stroll along the cliff top.

TUESDAY (Christmas Eve) A full day to York to explore this magnificent city and enjoy the wonderful York Christmas Festival. Whilst here you may like to visit the imposing Minster, the Jorvik Centre with exhibitions of York's Viking past, the Chocolate Story, where you will learn about the city's connection to the sweet treat through three floors and even try your hand at creating your own chocolate souvenir! or the National Railway Museum to discover 300 years of railway history. Little Shambles is an absolute delight and there are many shops and cafes. Back in Scarborough, live entertainment follows dinner this evening.

WEDNESDAY (Christmas Day) The morning is free to enjoy the delights of Scarborough, one of Yorkshire's much-loved coastal resorts, with its dramatic cliffs and castle headland. Why not take the cliff lift, one of the UK's first funicular railways, down to Scarborough's lower level to explore the beach side resort and harbour area, or maybe enjoy the South Cliff Gardens with spectacular views across the sea. Join us this afternoon for an excursion to the small Edwardian seaside town of Filey with a traditional fishing heritage with old world charm. Tonight, we enjoy a traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings and a visit from Santa, followed by festive entertainment.

THURSDAY (Boxing Day) After a leisurely breakfast we travel through the North Yorkshire Moors National Park to the picturesque fishing port of Whitby, with its ancient abbey and stunning coastline. The ruins of the 13th-century abbey are fascinating, and for the more energetic, the views from the top are well worth the climb. Why not indulge in some of Whitby's finest fish & chips and take a stroll along the picturesque harbour. We return to our hotel for mince pies and afternoon tea, with entertainment after our evening meal.

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
- Entertainment on 3 evenings
- Mince Pies & Tea at hotel 1 afternoon
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No Single Supplement (Max 7)
Travel insurance £31.00

Monday 25th – Friday 29th November



BODELWYDDAN CASTLE FESTIVE BREAK... 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. Set in 200 acres of beautifully tended parkland, commanding a hilltop position, Bodelwyddan Castle is the perfect choice for a festive break.

YOUR HOTEL Bodelwyddan Castle Hotel, Denbighshire, North Wales

A grade II listed hotel offering first-class accommodation with views of the Clwydian Hills and the mountains of Snowdonia beyond. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, tea & coffee-making facilities and lounge area. The restaurant serves a varied menu and the Mulberry Coffee Shop is perfect for light snacks. Entertainment is provided each evening and the Castle's leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, sauna, gym, bowls complex, croquet lawns, tennis courts and beauty salon. Warner now operates a cashless payment system ... debit & credit cards only.

TOUR PRICE

£399

5 DAYS

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 our first evening of festive entertainment.

TUESDAY This morning we travel to Llandudno, known as the Queen of Welsh Resorts, with its fine pier over 700 metres long, shops and restaurants. With time to explore, we return to our hotel after lunch with the afternoon free to enjoy some of the hotel's many facilities and activities, or just relax, have tea and enjoy the wonderful views. Dinner will tonight be followed by more live entertainment.

WEDNESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to Chester, the most complete walled city in Britain, where you will find the famous "Rows" – black and white half-timbered building arcades, with covered walkways and the impressive 10th century cathedral. Plenty of time to do a spot of Christmas shopping, explore and enjoy a warming lunch. We return to the hotel with time at leisure before dinner and excellent entertainment.

THURSDAY Join us this morning as we make our way through some stunning autumn scenery of the Snowdonia National Park to the picturesque village of Betws-Y-Coed. Set in a beautiful valley with the Snowdonia Forest Park, it's easy to see why it's one of North Wales popular tourist resorts. With time to browse the craft and gift shops and enjoy morning coffee, we return to our hotel to make use of the leisure facilities before our final evening dinner complete with live festive musical 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 £31.00

Tuesday 26th – Thursday 28th 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.

ITINERARY

TUESDAY We leave the West Country and with a coffee stop en route, make our way to Stratford-upon-Avon, with time to browse the shops and enjoy lunch. We complete our journey to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

WEDNESDAY After a very leisurely breakfast we travel to Thursford for the afternoon performance of the Christmas Spectacular. On arrival there will be time to enjoy lunch, browse the beautiful shops, full of festive gifts and Christmas Fayre. Then 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... you won't be disappointed!

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 £50.00
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR PRICE

£275

3 DAYS

Tuesday 26th – Thursday 28th November



CHRISTMAS AT WADDESDON MANOR

Built in the late 19th century by Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild, this magnificent stately home near Aylesbury in Buckinghamshire, masquerades as a 16th century French Chateau. It was created by Rothschild to house his collection of 18th century French art and to entertain his fashionable friends. The rooms combine the highest quality French furniture and decorative arts from the 18th century with superb English portraits and Dutch Old Masters. The Victorian Garden is considered one of the finest in Britain with its parterre, seasonal displays, fountains and statuary. Each year one wing of the manor is beautifully decorated with themed Christmas decorations arranged by the Waddesdon in-house design team.

YOUR HOTEL **Mercure Thame Lambert Hotel, Watlington**

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 our home area and with a coffee stop enroute, travel to the delightful spa town of Cheltenham with plenty of time to explore. There are also two shopping centres; Regent Arcade and Beechwood, both in the centre of town each complimenting one another with their different shops, ideal for finding that special Christmas gift. We later make our way to our hotel with time to relax and settle in before a leisurely dinner and an evening at leisure.

WEDNESDAY Join us this morning as we make our way to Bicester Shopping Village with time to browse the shopping outlet. After an early lunch, we make our way to Waddesdon Manor where will have plenty of time to enjoy the wonderfully, festively decorated rooms. As well as admiring the interior design and the decorations, it is also the perfect place to do your Christmas shopping! The Manor Shop has exclusive ranges created just for Waddesdon making unique gifts for friends and family including Rothschild wines, speciality foods, fabulous jewellery, gardening gifts and much more. There is also a Tea Room and weather-permitting, you can wander through the wonderful grounds.

THURSDAY After a leisurely breakfast we leave our hotel and make our way to the beautiful city of Oxford. With plenty of time to explore, browse the shopping district and have lunch, we complete our journey back to the West Country with a comfort stop enroute, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 2 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Waddesdon Manor (Nat Trust)
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £70.00
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR PRICE

£259

3 DAYS

Friday 29th Nov – Monday 2nd December



GREAT YARMOUTH TURKEY & TINSEL & THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

TOUR PRICE

£295

4 DAYS

Great Yarmouth is Norfolk's premier seaside resort, with over 15 glorious miles of sandy beaches. Thursford Christmas Spectacular is the largest Christmas production in England. 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

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 each evening.

ITINERARY

FRIDAY 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 dinner and our first evening of music, dancing and entertainment.

SATURDAY (Christmas Day) This morning we visit the city of Norwich with its splendid Norman cathedral and castle, built over 900 years ago, now a museum and gallery. There are many shops to browse and search for Christmas gifts, and cafes to enjoy a warming lunch. We return to Great Yarmouth with the afternoon free, maybe take a stroll along the seafront or visit the Sea Life Centre, or just relax in the hotel. Tonight, Christmas dinner with all the trimmings is served, followed by another evening of dancing and festive entertainment.

SUNDAY (New Year's Eve) After a very leisurely breakfast we travel to Thursford for the afternoon performance of the Christmas Spectacular. On arrival there will be time to browse the beautiful shops, full of festive gifts and Christmas Fayre. You may wish to visit Santa's Magical Journey or the Enchanted Journey of Light with North Pole characters and magical lantern light display. Then 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 coast of 130, this is the biggest Christmas Show of its kind in Europe ... you won't be disappointed! We return to our hotel for evening dinner and a party night with optional fancy dress and musical entertainment.

MONDAY 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:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Thursford Christmas Spectacular ticket
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £27.00
Sea View Room Supplement £18.00 per person
Santa's Magical Journey & Enchanted Journey of Light
Travel insurance 29.00

Friday 29th Nov – Monday 2nd December



BOURNEMOUTH TURKEY & TINSEL

TOUR PRICE

£275

4 DAYS

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 evening.

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 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
- Sherry Reception
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 5)
Subsequent Singles £60.00
Sea view supplement (double/twin only)
£60 per person
Travel insurance £29.00

Friday 29th Nov – Monday 2nd 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. Two markets are located in the historic centre, one with the traditional market stalls and the other offering artisan crafts.

YOUR HOTEL Hotel Le Bois de Bruges, Bruges

A 4* modern hotel ideally located just a short walk from the historic centre of Bruges. Each ensuite room is furnished with TV, safe, tea and coffee making facilities and Wi-Fi access. The restaurant serves a delicious buffet breakfast.

TOUR PRICE

£395

4 DAYS

ITINERARY

FRIDAY After an early departure we leave the West Country and make our way to Dover for our ferry crossing to Calais We continue over the border into Belgium and to Bruges, to our hotel. Bruges looks beautiful after dark and the shops stay open late giving you the evening to begin exploring and enjoy evening dinner at a restaurant of your choice.

SATURDAY After a leisurely breakfast the 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). End your day by relaxing over an evening meal in one of the city's many restaurants.

SUNDAY Today you have a choice. Either continue exploring the beautiful city of Bruges with its festive atmosphere OR join us for an excursion to the historic city of Ghent with its medieval streets and fascinating sightseeing attractions such as Saint Bavo's Cathedral, the Castle of the Counts and St Michael's Bridge with its picture-postcard views. This afternoon we return to Bruges with the remainder of the day at leisure.

MONDAY We leave our hotel and make our way 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 £241.00
Travel insurance £45.00

Saturday 30th Nov – Sunday 1st Dec



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 lanterns and see your favourite Christmas characters come to life – transformed for the season into a veritable winter wonderland ... 2024 theme not yet announced!

YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn, Eastleigh

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

TOUR PRICE

£159

2 DAYS

ITINERARY

SATURDAY We leave our home area, with a comfort stop on route and travel to Winchester. The Cathedral Christmas Market is recognised as one of the best in Europe. 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 stalls. All 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. There are also many of the usual high street shops and restaurants to enjoy coffee and a warming lunch, and the cathedral open to visitors. Late afternoon, we make the short journey to our hotel, with time 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. If you're looking for festive decorations, stocking filler gifts or tasty treats, look no further than the Christmas Fayre. A guided tour of the beautifully decorated house can be booked in advance but is subject to availability. 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 & English Breakfast
- Entrance to Longleat Festival of Light including coach tour of Safari Park
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £20.00
Guided Tour of Longleat House
Travel insurance £23.00



A TRIO OF EUROPEAN CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Join us as we discover 3 of Europe's delightful Christmas markets. Based in the historic centre of Rudesheim along the Rhine, this riverside town comes alive with festivities with a traditional Christmas market. We also enjoy the Christmas markets in Lille and Frankfurt (Germany's oldest Christmas Market) - a wonderful way to start the festive season!

YOUR HOTEL Hotel Lindenwirt, Rudesheim am Rhein

A 3* friendly, family run hotel ideally located in the heart of the historic old town of Rudesheim, built around a courtyard. All rooms are ensuite with TV and hairdryer. There is a lit at the hotel. The spacious restaurant has large windows which overlook the famous Drosselgasse, overlooking this vibrant historic alleyway.

TOUR
PRICE

£445

5 DAYS



ITINERARY

SATURDAY After an early departure we leave the West Country and make our way to Dover for our ferry crossing to Calais We continue through France to Lille, where the Christmas Market is in full swing in the heart of the city, in Place Rihour, where a "Christmas Village" has been staged, with over 80 wooden chalet stalls traditionally decorated and selling plenty of treats, gifts and stocking fillers. A giant 50ft big wheel turns majestically providing views across the city and the "snow-covered" village below! We later continue to our overnight hotel, with time to freshen up before dinner.

SUNDAY This morning we continue our journey, crossing over the border into Germany, with comfort and lunch stops on route, to our hotel in Rudesheim am Rhein. We are ideally located in the historic centre of town with the famous Drosselgasse - historic narrow alleyway bustling with cafes, taverns and gift shops, and you may like to explore after dinner, when the Christmas market comes alive with pretty fairy lights, festive music and delicious smells of the festive season.



MONDAY The whole day is free to enjoy Rudesheim and its Christmas market. Take a stroll through the old town and admire the creatively decorated houses and mansions with greenery, ornaments and beautiful lighting, and enjoy the festivities of the market with stall holding selling stocking fillers, tasty treats and handcrafted decorations. You may like to take a cable car journey above the Christmas market below to the Niederwald Monument that is perched high above the town, with views across the vineyards and to the mighty River Rhine. As our hotel is located in the centre of Rudesheim, you can do as much or as little exploring as you wish.

TUESDAY Join us today as we travel to the old city of Frankfurt, the oldest German Christmas markets, dating back to 1393! Beautifully decorated stalls sit against the backdrop of the Römerberg and St Paul's Sqaures in the Old Town (Aldstadt) with its huge Christmas tree taking centre stage. Stroll through the old town, full of festive cheer, bright colours and delicious smells filling the air. There is also a Christmas found at Hauptwache where you will also find "the Zeil" the city's largest shopping mall. Across the Alte Bridge you will find the old town of Sachsenhausen with its timber frame buildings, narrow lanes and numerous taverns where you can savour famous Frankfurt's apple wine.

WEDNESDAY We leave our hotel and make our way to Calais, for our return ferry crossing to Dover, completing our homeward journey, reaching the West Country mid to late evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £80.00
Travel insurance £47.00

Monday 2nd – Friday 6th December



BLACKPOOL TURKEY & TINSEL

You might be thinking Blackpool would be deserted in December ... but not anymore! The illuminations will be shining until after the New Year so join us for a top class entertainment turkey & tinsel with the added bonus of the wonderful illuminations

YOUR HOTEL Doric Hotel, Blackpool

This popular 3* hotel is located on the seafront on Blackpool's North Shore. All ensuite 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 be entertained with a live Christmas show each evening.

ITINERARY

MONDAY (Christmas Eve) We leave the West Country and journey north, with stops for coffee and lunch enroute, arriving at our hotel with time to settle in before a sparkling wine reception, gala dinner and our first live Christmas show.

TUESDAY (Christmas Day) After a leisurely breakfast we travel to the traditional seaside resort of Southport, with its bustling town centre, promenade and elegant pier. There are many independent shops to browse in Lord Street. After lunch we return to Blackpool with time to spend at leisure before a gala Christmas dinner with all the trimmings and another live Christmas show.

WEDNESDAY (Boxing Day) The morning is free to spend as you please enjoying all that Blackpool has to offer. You may like to visit the famous Tower Ballroom where organists entertain throughout the day and you can dance along to, or the Zoo. There are three piers and shops to look for Christmas gifts! Return to our hotel for afternoon entertainment followed later by "a taste of Lancashire" evening dinner and a live Christmas show.

THURSDAY (New Year's Eve) This morning we travel a little further north into the Lake District, to Bownes on Windermere where you may like to take a circular cruise on the lake, browse the shops and enjoy lunch. We return to Blackpool with time to relax before a New Year banquet with party poppers & streamers followed by our final live Christmas show.

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
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No Single Supplement (Max 5)
Subsequent Singles £80.00
Boat cruise on Lake Windermere
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR PRICE

£359

5 DAYS

Monday 2nd – Friday 6th December



FESTIVE BREAK - SINAH WARREN, HAYLING ISLAND ... WARNER BREAK

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

YOUR HOTEL Sinah Warren Hotel, Hayling Island

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

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 & festive 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 with a festive feel.

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 festive entertainment.

THURSDAY Join us this morning as we travel to the tranquil market town of Winchester, capital of the Wessex kingdom of Alfred the Great. There are many interesting sights, including the cathedral and the Great Hall, which is home to King Arthur's round table. With time to enjoy a warming lunch and browse the shops we return to our hotel with time to relax or continue to make use of the activities and facilities before dinner and a final evening's entertainment with festive fun.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (max 3)
Signature upgrade £20.00 per person (max 5)
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR PRICE

£399

5 DAYS

Tuesday 3rd – Friday 6th December



THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Thursford Christmas Spectacular is the largest Christmas production in Europe. A cast of choirs, orchestras, pipers, military bands and professional dancers perform a show depicting all aspects of the season, amid beautifully decorated Christmas scenery. An extremely popular event, so please book early!

YOUR HOTEL **Mercure Hotel, Norwich**

A superb 4* hotel located on the outskirts of the city of Norwich. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is no lift, but ground floor rooms are available. The restaurant serves a delicious home cooked menu.

ITINERARY

TUESDAY We leave the West Country and with a coffee stop en route, make our way to Stratford-upon-Avon, with time to browse the shops and enjoy lunch. We complete our journey to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

WEDNESDAY After a very leisurely breakfast we travel to Thursford for the afternoon performance of the Christmas Spectacular. On arrival there will be time to enjoy lunch, browse the beautiful shops, full of festive gifts and Christmas Fayre. You may like to enter the Enchanted Journey Of Light – as you enter an indoor fantasy winter wonderland of penguins, polar bears, snowmen and life size teddies! See how the elves have worked tirelessly to fill Santa's sleigh, and outside the marvellous lantern light display of the North Pole! Then 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... you won't be disappointed!

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 £75.00
Enchanted Journey of Light
Travel insurance 29.00

TOUR PRICE

£359

4 DAYS

Wednesday 4th – Thursday 5th December



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL

With London beautifully lit up for Christmas, join us for a tour combining the Christmas sing-along carol concert at the Royal Albert Hall and a day's Christmas shopping or sightseeing in Oxford. John Rutter's Christmas Celebration returns to the Royal Albert Hall with another festive extravaganza with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, brimming full with John Rutter's own popular works and arrangements.

YOUR HOTEL **Holiday Inn, Heathrow**

A luxuriously appointed 4* hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with satellite TV, 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

WEDNESDAY We leave the West Country and with a comfort stop en route, travel to Kensington in Central London with time to have a spot of lunch before you take your seat in the Royal Albert Hall for the afternoon performance of John Rutter's Christmas Celebration. Conducted and presented by the man himself and featuring choirs and a symphonic orchestra at this ever-popular festive concert – with glorious orchestral and choral classics, sing-along carols and John's ever-popular Christmas quiz – is guaranteed to fill you with sparkle and cheer! After the concert we re-join the coach and make the short journey to our hotel with time to freshen up before dinner and an evening at leisure.

THURSDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we make our way to Oxford. The majestic University city is brought to life with all the seasonal cheer this time of year brings, with plenty of shopping opportunities, see its many attractions and enjoy a warming lunch, we make our way back to the West Country, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Royal Albert Hall Christmas carol concert ticket
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £30.00
Travel insurance £23.00

TOUR PRICE

£179

2 DAYS

Thursday 5th – Monday 9th December



FESTIVE BREAK IN NORTH CORNWALL – INCLUDING PADSTOW CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

TOUR PRICE

£345

5 DAYS

The coastline of North Cornwall is perhaps one of the most visited of all our UK coastlines with rugged cliffs and natural beauty. Padstow holds an annual Christmas Festival by the harbour front with Christmas market stalls and delicious local food producers.

YOUR HOTEL Rosemundy House Hotel, St Agnes

A delightful 3* family run hotel situated in the quaint village on the north Cornwall coast. All en-suite bedrooms are furnished with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious home cooked evening menu and hearty Cornish breakfast. There are several lounges to relax in and entertainment on some evenings.

ITINERARY

THURSDAY We leave our home area, and travel to Endsleigh Garden Centre, full of great Christmas gift inspiration!! With time to enjoy lunch we complete our journey to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in before a sherry reception, dinner and an evening at leisure.

FRIDAY After breakfast we make our way to the coastal town of Padstow for the annual Christmas Festival. Well known chefs including Rick Stein are often spotted at the event, giving cookery demonstrations and the numerous market stalls are filled with delicious Cornish produce of food and drink and handcrafted gifts from local artists. The town itself has many gift shops offering stocking filler ideas and a wide variety of cafes to enjoy a warming lunch. Tonight, we have a special visit from Santa, followed by a traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings and live entertainment.

SATURDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way down the North Cornwall Coast to the delightful harbour town of St Ives, a favourite for artists who flock here to paint in the bright reflective sunlight, with local artwork available to buy in the galleries. The picturesque fishing harbour is a lovely place to stroll, browse the shops and have a warming lunch and you may like to visit the Tate St Ives gallery.

SUNDAY This morning we make our way to Truro, with plenty of time to enjoy the Christmas Market situated along Lemon Quay, lined with wooden chalet stalls with a wide variety of gift ideas, artisan foods and tasty treats... and maybe have cup of warm mulled wine! You may also like to visit the impressive triple-spired cathedral. We return to our hotel with the remainder of the afternoon free to relax, and perhaps stroll into the village. Dinner tonight is followed by another evening of entertainment to dance the night away!

MONDAY We leave our hotel and begin our homeward journey, stopping in Plymouth with time to enjoy a warming lunch and a spot of Christmas shopping. We complete our homeward journey, arriving early-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 5)
Travel insurance £31.00

Friday 6th – Sunday 8th December



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WEEKEND – BRUGES CHRISTMAS MARKET & CALAIS

TOUR PRICE

£215

3 DAYS

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 quaint cobbled streets and canals bustling with market stalls and gift shops with wonderful gift ideas and treats. And Cite Europe Calais offers a large shopping mall to stock up with stocking fillers.

YOUR HOTEL B&B Hotel Calais, Terminal Cite Europe, Calais

A contemporary hotel situated next to the large shopping complex of Cite Europe complete with restaurants and some of Calais' attractions. All rooms are ensuite with TV & Wi-Fi access. The restaurant offers a generous buffet breakfast and there is a bar and lounge area in which to relax.

ITINERARY

FRIDAY After an early departure we travel to Dover, with a comfort stop on route, for the ferry crossing to Calais. You will then have the remainder of the day free to spend at Cite Europe – a vast shopping mall with around 150 shops to choose from, full of Christmas gifts and inspiration. There are numerous cafes and restaurants in which to sample the local cuisine and enjoy an evening meal of your choice, before retiring to our hotel for a restful night sleep.

SATURDAY After a leisurely breakfast we travel over the border into Belgium to Bruges, to soak up the atmosphere and enjoy a glass (or two) of Gluhwein or hot chocolate, sample local cuisine and tasty treats like the famous Belgian waffles and browse the numerous market stalls crammed with Christmas gifts and handcrafted decorations. For chocolate lovers, why not visit the Chocolate Museum or Pralinette (Bruges' largest praline and chocolate shop). For the more adventurous, why not take a twirl on the ice rink with the backdrop of the city's historic buildings, or a gentle horse and cart ride around the cobbled streets, or perhaps a canal boat ride through historic waterways. With time to enjoy dinner in a restaurant of your choice and take in the festive atmosphere and lights after dark, we return mid-evening to our hotel in Calais.

SUNDAY We leave our hotel and make our way to the ferry terminal, for our return crossing to Dover, completing our homeward journey, reaching the West Country mid-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £60.00
Travel insurance £38.00

Saturday 7th – Sunday 8th December



BLISTS HILL VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS & CARDIFF CHRISTMAS MARKET

Join us for a weekend of festive Christmas markets with a touch of Victoriana. Cardiff 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, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to most floors. The restaurant serves a deliciously tempting evening menu and the lounge bar offers a quiet place to relax and retreat.

ITINERARY

SATURDAY We leave our home area and make our way to the Welsh capital, Cardiff with plenty of time to 'shop 'til you drop!' As well as the wonderful shopping centre, there is also a Christmas Market. Set in the heart of the city centre you will find a diverse range of high-quality products such as pewter work carved Welsh love spoons, hand built and thrown pottery, silver and precious stone jewellery, quality yarns with accessories, traditional wooden items and toys, art works and cards for all occasions, glasswork, together with many original decorative items for the house and garden - to name but a few! With over 80 individual stalls you will be sure to find that perfect present even for that "someone who has everything"! We continue to our journey arriving at our hotel 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 mid-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 £20.00
Travel insurance £23.00

Saturday 7th – Sunday 8th 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 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 Leonardo Hotel, Swindon

A 4* modern hotel with ensuite bedrooms, furnished 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.

ITINERARY

SATURDAY We leave our home area and with a comfort stop on route, we make our way to Blenheim Palace, transformed into the fairy tale world with hidden surprises around every corner as the Palace comes alive with this year's fairytale theme! 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.

SUNDAY After a leisurely breakfast we travel to Bath for the Christmas market. Walk through the winter wonderland and soak up the festive atmosphere in the picturesque city centre. With wooden chalets nestled amongst iconic monuments in the city, festive scents and Christmas cheer fill the streets where you will find many ideas for stocking fillers, decorations, unique gifts and enjoy tasty treats. With plenty of time to explore the Christmas market, browse the many shops and enjoy a warming lunch, we leave late afternoon and complete our journey home, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Blenheim Palace – Festive Theme & the Christmas Light Trail
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £30.00
Travel insurance £23.00

Saturday 7th – Sunday 8th 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 lanterns and see your favourite Christmas characters come to life – transformed for the season into a veritable winter wonderland ... 2024 theme not yet announced!

YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn, Eastleigh

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

TOUR PRICE

£159

2 DAYS

ITINERARY

SATURDAY We leave our home area, with a comfort stop on route and travel to Winchester. The Cathedral Christmas Market is recognised as one of the best in Europe. 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 stalls. All 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. There are also many of the usual high street shops and restaurants to enjoy coffee and a warming lunch, and the cathedral open to visitors. Late afternoon, we make the short journey to our hotel, with time 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. If you're looking for festive decorations, stocking filler gifts or tasty treats, look no further than the Christmas Fayre. A guided tour of the beautifully decorated house can be booked in advance but is subject to availability. 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 & English Breakfast
- Entrance to Longleat Festival of Light including coach tour of Safari Park
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £20.00
Guided Tour of Longleat House
Travel insurance £23.00

Monday 9th – Friday 13th December



GREAT YARMOUTH TURKEY & TINSEL & THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Great Yarmouth is Norfolk's premier seaside resort, with over 15 glorious miles of sandy beaches. Thursford Christmas Spectacular is the largest Christmas production in England. 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

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 each evening.

TOUR PRICE

£359

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 dinner and our first evening of entertainment.

TUESDAY (Christmas Eve) After a very leisurely breakfast we travel to Thursford for the afternoon performance of the Christmas Spectacular. On arrival there will be time to browse the beautiful shops, full of festive gifts and Christmas Fayre. Then 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 coast of 130, this is the biggest Christmas Show of its kind in Europe ... you won't be disappointed! We return to our hotel for evening dinner.

WEDNESDAY (Christmas Day) After breakfast we travel to Wroxham, a beautiful town considered to be the capital of the Norfolk Broads. With time to browse the shops and enjoy coffee, we return to our hotel for a traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, and a special visit from Santa! This afternoon you may like to take a stroll along the seafront or visit the Sea Life Centre to work up an appetite for a festive Christmas party and entertainment tonight.

THURSDAY (Boxing Day) Today we visit the city of Norwich with its splendid Norman Cathedral and castle, built over 900 years ago, now a museum and gallery. There are many shops to browse and do some Christmas shopping, and cafes to enjoy a warming lunch. We return to our hotel for our final evening dinner 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
- Lunch on 1 day
- Thursford Christmas Spectacular ticket
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £36.00
Sea View Room Supplement £24.00 per person
Travel insurance 31.00

Tuesday 10th – Wednesday 11th December



CHRISTMAS AT KEW & WINCHESTER 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 Winchester. The Cathedral Christmas Market is recognised as one of the best in Europe. 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 stalls. All exhibitors are hand-picked for their interesting, high quality and unique products, many of which can't be bought on the high street. There are also many of the usual high street shops and restaurants to enjoy a warming lunch, and the cathedral is open to visitors. With plenty of time to explore, we make our way back to the West Country, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night's Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Kew Botanical Garden Seasonal Illuminations
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £32.00
Travel insurance £23.00

TOUR PRICE

£169

2 DAYS

Friday 13th – Monday 16th 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 seafront. 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
- 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 £29.00

TOUR PRICE

£279

4 DAYS

Friday 13th – Monday 16th December

Warner Leisure Hotels
Life begins at Warner



CRICKET ST THOMAS, SOMERSET – FESTIVE BREAK ... WARNER BREAK

TOUR
PRICE

£345

4 DAYS

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, Near 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

FRIDAY We leave our home area and make our way to Sherborne, one of England's prettiest towns with mellow stone buildings, picturesque Almshouses and two castles! With time to enjoy lunch and browse the shops we continue to our hotel with time to settle in and relax before dinner, and our first night of entertainment.

SATURDAY 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.

SUNDAY 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 and look for those last-minute Christmas gifts. We return to our hotel with the afternoon to relax and make use of the many facilities before dinner followed by our final evening's entertainment.

MONDAY 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:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 5)
Signature room upgrade £30.00
Travel insurance £29.00

Saturday 14th – Sunday 15th December



BLENHEIM PALACE AT CHRISTMAS & ILLUMINATED LIGHT TRAIL

TOUR
PRICE

£189

2 DAYS

Visit Blenheim Palace for a very special event, with the Palace beautifully decorated for Christmas with a 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 Leonardo Hotel, Swindon

A 4* modern hotel with ensuite bedrooms, furnished 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.

ITINERARY

SATURDAY We leave our home area and with a comfort stop on route, we make our way to Blenheim Palace, transformed into the fairy tale world with hidden surprises around every corner as the Palace comes alive with this year's fairytale theme! 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.

SUNDAY After a leisurely breakfast we travel to Bath, with plenty of time to explore this elegant city with honey-coloured Georgian architecture and iconic buildings. There are numerous shopping opportunities to finish your Christmas shopping, sightseeing options and many cafes and restaurants to enjoy a warming lunch. We leave late afternoon and complete our homeward journey, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Blenheim Palace – Festive Theme & the Christmas Light Trail
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £30.00
Travel insurance £23.00

Saturday 14th – Sunday 15th December



CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL

With London beautifully lit up for Christmas, join us for a tour combining the finest Christmas sing-along carol concert of the season at the Royal Albert Hall and a day's Christmas shopping or sightseeing in Oxford. The annual Christmas concerts have become a festive favourite over the years offering the perfect blend of seasonal songs – a truly wonderful way to kick-start the festive season.

YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn, London Heathrow

A luxuriously appointed 4* hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with satellite TV, 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 with a comfort stop en route, travel to Kensington in Central London with time to have a spot of lunch before you take your seat in the Royal Albert Hall for the afternoon Christmas carol sing-along extravaganza. Featuring a range of solo artists and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, this is perhaps one of the highlights of the Royal Albert Hall's festive season! After the sing-a-long we re-join the coach and make the short journey to our hotel with time to freshen up before dinner and an evening at leisure.

SUNDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we make our way to Oxford. The majestic University city is brought to life with all the seasonal cheer this time of year brings, with plenty of shopping opportunities to find that last-minute Christmas gift or stocking filler and enjoy a warming lunch. We later make our way back to the West Country, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Royal Albert Hall Christmas Carol Concert ticket
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £30.00
Travel insurance £23.00

TOUR PRICE

£219

2 DAYS

Saturday 14th – Sunday 15th 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 lanterns and see your favourite Christmas characters come to life – transformed for the season into a veritable winter wonderland ... 2024 theme not yet announced!

YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn, Eastleigh

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

ITINERARY

SATURDAY We leave our home area, with a comfort stop on route and travel to Winchester. The Cathedral Christmas Market is recognised as one of the best in Europe. 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 stalls. All 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. There are also many of the usual high street shops and restaurants to enjoy coffee and a warming lunch, and the cathedral open to visitors. Late afternoon, we make the short journey to our hotel, with time 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. If you're looking for festive decorations, stocking filler gifts or tasty treats, look no further than the Christmas Fayre. A guided tour of the beautifully decorated house can be booked in advance but is subject to availability. 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 & English Breakfast
- Entrance to Longleat Festival of Light including coach tour of Safari Park
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £20.00
Guided Tour of Longleat House
Travel insurance £23.00

TOUR PRICE

£159

2 DAYS

Saturday 21st – Saturday 28th December



CHRISTMAS ON LAKE GARDA

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, festive markets and a warm welcome, this makes for a very beautiful place to spend Christmas at this special time of year.

TOUR
PRICE

£935

8 DAYS

YOUR HOTEL The Hotel Savoy Palace, Riva Del Garda

A 4* hotel located near San Nicolo Marina and a short walk from the lake. All ensuite bedrooms are furnished with TV, safe, hairdryer and Wi-Fi access. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious choice for evening meal and a varied breakfast. There is a bar and terrace area to relax in and leisure facilities include an indoor pool.

ITINERARY

SATURDAY Set your alarm for an early departure, as we make our way to Dover, with comfort stops en route, for the ferry crossing to Calais. We then continue to our overnight accommodation in Saint Avold, making a stop on 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 and the evening free for you to enjoy at leisure.

MONDAY 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. Hundreds of twinkling lights illuminate the city entrance at this festive time of year with a traditional Christmas market in the historic Piazza Dell'Erbe. Wander through Verona's narrow streets, browse the shops on Via Mazzini and don't forget to take your mistletoe for a secret kiss beneath Juliet's balcony! The Piazza surrounding the Roman Arena is lined with cafes and bars to enjoy a cosy lunch and watch the world go by.

TUESDAY (Christmas Eve) This morning we make the short journey to the town on Trento, beautifully set in the shadow of Monte Bondone, where you will find one of Italy's most famous Christmas markets located in the old town. Drawing on its Germanic heritage in north-east Italy, this fabulous Christmas market has a festive atmospheric setting, perfect for finding those



last-minute gifts, whilst sipping hot mulled wine in the market squares, soaking up the festive cheer. We later return to Riva with time at leisure before an aperitif under the Christmas tree followed by a Gala dinner.

WEDNESDAY (Christmas Day) Happy Christmas everyone! Buon Natale! Today is free for you to enjoy a leisurely breakfast, and spend the day as you please, opening presents and telephoning loved ones, before we enjoy a turkey Christmas lunch with a tasty dessert. This afternoon you may like take a gentle walk down the lake shore and along the flat promenade into the heart of Riva where you will find the picturesque harbour area, before this evening's meal.

THURSDAY (Boxing Day) Join us today, if you wish, for a gentle tour along Lake Garda, passing below the mighty snow-capped peaks of Monte Baldo, along to the quaint village of Malcesine for a coffee, before continuing down to the southern tip of the lake where the peninsula of Sirmione juts into the end of the lake. This historic village is entered over the Scaligeri Castle's drawbridge across the moat, and is a maze of narrow alleyways, filled with gift shops and cafes.

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

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



PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Bed & Breakfast at 1st overnight hotel
- 6 Nights' Dinner Bed & Breakfast
- Aperitif on Christmas Eve followed by Gala Dinner
- Turkey Christmas Lunch
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £205.00
Travel insurance £54.00

Saturday 21st – Saturday 28th December



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

£995

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 to our overnight hotel in Laon, with time to freshen up before the evening meal.

SUNDAY 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.

MONDAY 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.



TUESDAY (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?

WEDNESDAY (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.

THURSDAY (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.

FRIDAY 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.

SATURDAY 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 £180.00
Travel insurance £54.00

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th December



CHRISTMAS IN CANTERBURY

The beautiful medieval city of Canterbury, with its picturesque, cobbled lanes and streets is dominated by the impressive Norman Cathedral now a UNESCO World Heritage site and seat of the Archbishop of Canterbury, a wonderful location to spend Christmas!

YOUR HOTEL Best Western Abbots Barton Hotel, Canterbury

A delightful 3* hotel dating back to the 1830's, set in 2 acres of parkland which has been tastefully, yet traditionally refurbished to offer all the comforts and amenities of a first-class modern hotel, only a 15-20 minute walk into the historic centre of Canterbury. All rooms are ensuite with TV, Wi-Fi access, hairdryer, and tea & coffee facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious range of dishes and there is a lift to all floors.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave our home area and make our way to Canterbury, stopping for coffee and lunch en route, and arriving to afternoon tea & cake. There will be time to settle in and freshen up before dinner and an evening at leisure.

TUESDAY (Christmas Eve) This morning we make the short journey to the historic town of Rochester, where you will find a wonderful blend of ancient & modern, with time to shop for that last minute gift and soak up the Christmas atmosphere. We return to our hotel after lunch for afternoon tea and with time to spend as you please, maybe take a walk to the city centre and visit the cathedral. Dinner this evening will be followed by live entertainment. For those wishing to attend midnight mass, the hotel reception will be able to advise local parish church options, or Canterbury Cathedral for an extra special service.

WEDNESDAY (Christmas Day) Happy Christmas! The day is free to spend as you please. You may like to spend the morning exchanging presents, attend a local church service or take a stroll before drinks and canapés are served and a traditional Christmas lunch with all the trimmings. Spend the afternoon having a nap or watching the King's speech and enjoying afternoon tea & Christmas cake. This evening there's a wonderful, typically British, Christmas Day evening buffet for you to enjoy followed by in-house entertainment.

THURSDAY (Boxing Day) After a very leisurely breakfast we take a drive around some of the coastal resorts in Kent, stopping for coffee and a light lunch as we travel. We return to our hotel in time for a glass of mulled wine and tea and mince pies are served mid-afternoon and our final Boxing Day hot buffet dinner will be followed by live entertainment to dance the night away.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Traditional Christmas Lunch on Christmas Day
- Mulled wine and tea & mince pies on 1 afternoon
- Afternoon tea on 1 day
- Live Entertainment on 2 evenings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £200.00
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR
PRICE

£775

5 DAYS

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th December



CHRISTMAS IN 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 life and is the perfect location to spend Christmas.

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 live entertainment is provided each evening.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave our home area and make our way north, with coffee and lunch stops on route to our hotel with time to settle in. Our evening begins with a sherry reception before a three-course carvery dinner and our first evening of live entertainment.

TUESDAY (Christmas Eve) This morning we make our way a little further north, through some stunning scenery and following the banks of Lake Windermere to Ambleside for coffee and time to browse the independent gift shops. We return to our hotel for a soup and sandwich lunch and the afternoon free to spend as you please; maybe take a stroll into the town of the hotel grounds. Dinner this evening will once again be followed by live entertainment.

WEDNESDAY (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. This afternoon you may like to watch the King's Speech before afternoon tea and Christmas cake. This evening we have a delicious festive buffet, followed by an evening of live musical entertainment to dance the night away!

THURSDAY (New Year's Eve) After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to Bowness, on Lake Windermere with time to enjoy the lovely scenery and browse the gift shops. We then board a boat for a leisurely cruise with magnificent views of mountain scenery, to Lakeside, where we rejoin the coach and return to our hotel for a light lunch. An afternoon to spend as you please, maybe watch the light entertainment in the hotel or take a stroll to work up an appetite for a three-course carvery style dinner followed by our final evening of live entertainment.

FRIDAY 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' full board accommodation
- Sherry reception on first night
- A special visit from Santa on Christmas Day
- Afternoon tea and Christmas cake on Christmas Day
- Live entertainment each evening
- Boat trip on Lake Windermere
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £64.00
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR
PRICE

£685

5 DAYS

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th December



CHRISTMAS ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT

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

YOUR HOTEL Shanklin Hotel, Shanklin

A warm welcome awaits at this 3* hotel, commanding stunning views over Sandown Bay. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, complimentary toiletries and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant has panoramic views across the bay and is renowned for producing quality food using fresh ingredients sourced locally on the island. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, sauna and spa, and entertainment is peach evening.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave our home area and make a comfort stop on route. We then make our way to Southampton for the one-hour ferry crossing to East Cowes. We then complete our journey to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in and perhaps enjoy a stroll or swim, before a welcome drinks reception, followed by dinner and music, dancing and entertainment to get the Christmas festivities off to a sparkling start!

TUESDAY (Christmas Eve) Join us this morning, if you wish, for a leisurely tour by coach to see some of the island's beautiful scenery and delightful villages, with a coffee stop and lunch stop along our route. With time at leisure this afternoon to take a stroll into town to pick up that last-minute Christmas gift or make use of the hotel's leisure facilities. Dinner this evening will be followed by dancing and entertainment.

WEDNESDAY (Christmas Day) Happy Christmas! The day is free to spend as you please. You may like to spend the morning exchanging presents, attend a local church service or take a stroll before enjoying a traditional Christmas lunch with all the trimmings, and a special visit from Santa! This afternoon the King's Speech is followed by afternoon tea and mince pies, and festive games. A light evening buffet is followed by a Christmas party with music, to dance the night away!

THURSDAY (Boxing Day) – After a very leisurely breakfast, you make like to join us for a morning excursion around more of the island, as we enjoy a scenic coach tour with panoramic coastal views. We return to the hotel for a warming glass of mulled wine and a hot lunch, and the afternoon to spend at leisure. Dinner this evening is followed by a farewell party with more dancing and entertainment.

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
- Traditional Christmas Lunch & visit from Santa
- Lunch on Boxing Day
- Afternoon tea and mince pies on 1 day
- Musical entertainment each evening
- Ferry crossings.
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £36.00
Sea View Room £24.00 per person
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR PRICE

£645

5 DAYS

Mon 30th Dec 2024 – Thur 2nd Jan 2025



NEW YEAR 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 and the perfect location to see the New Year in!

YOUR HOTEL Stratford Manor, Stratford Upon Avon

A luxurious 4* hotel set within 21 acres of beautiful Warwickshire countryside. All rooms are en-suite with luxury toiletries, TV, Wi-Fi access, hairdryer, iron & ironing board and tea & coffee facilities. The restaurant offers a choice menu and generous buffet breakfast and guests can also relax in the Terrace Lounge. There is a lift to all floors. Leisure facilities include a fully equipped gym, and an indoor swimming pool. Entertainment is provided on one evening.

ITINERARY

MONDAY 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 cake will be served in the lounge whilst your luggage is taken to your room. Time to settle in and freshen up before our first evening dinner.

TUESDAY (New Year's Eve) Join us this morning as we make the short journey to Warwick with its crooked buildings, canal and historic castle. There are several quaint tea rooms to enjoy morning coffee with time to shop for a sales bargain or two! We return with a stop in Stratford upon Avon with time to have lunch in a local café or restaurant, browse the shops and take a stroll along the picturesque river that runs through the town. This evening a Black-Tie Gala Dinner is followed by a DJ disco to welcome in the New Year.

WEDNESDAY (New Year's Day) After a very leisurely breakfast we make the short journey to The Valley, at Evesham, a shopping and garden centre set in the beautiful Worcestershire countryside and home to designer fashion brands, outdoor specialists and local crafts and produce. It offers a range of great places to eat and drink, from relaxed bistro dining to coffee shops and cafes. We return to our hotel with the rest of the day free to spend as you please before a hot buffet dinner followed by an evening of in-house entertainment.

THURSDAY 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 another bargain! We complete our journey to the West Country, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- New Year's Eve Gala Dinner
- All coach travel

TOUR PRICE

£459

4 DAYS

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £90.00
Travel insurance £29.00

Mon 30th Dec 2024 – Thur 2nd Jan 2025



NEW YEAR IN BOURNEMOUTH

Bournemouth is one of England's favourite seaside destinations, with golden sandy beaches and elegant promenades. The New Forest is a much-loved location in Southern England, and Britain's newest National Park, where wild ponies, grazing cattle and sheep wander across the roads between the many picturesque villages.

YOUR HOTEL Ocean Beach Hotel, Bournemouth

A warm welcome awaits at this modern 3* hotel, ideally located on the seafront overlooking Bournemouth Bay in the prestigious East Cliff. All rooms are en-suite with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves delicious evening menus and there is a lift to all floors. Entertainment is provided each evening.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave our home area and journey east, stopping in Dorchester for coffee and a chance to browse the shops. We then continue to our hotel in Bournemouth where tea & coffee is served whilst your luggage is taken to your room. With time to settle in, and maybe take a stroll before a welcome drinks reception and dinner, followed by an evening of entertainment.

TUESDAY (New Year's Eve) This morning we visit the nearby seaside town of Poole. The town boasts the second largest natural harbour in the world. Whilst here you may like to visit the excellent shopping centre, the old town or the scenic harbour, and enjoy a warming lunch. We later return to Bournemouth with the afternoon to explore the delightful seaside resort or take a gentle stroll along the promenade or beach. This evening a Gala dinner is served, followed by live musical entertainment and dancing into the night, as we celebrate the New Year in style.

WEDNESDAY (New Year's Day) After a leisurely brunch, join us if you wish for a scenic tour by coach through the picturesque New Forest National Park, with its quaint villages, tranquil streams and rugged landscape where wild deer, ponies and cattle are free to graze. We make a coffee stop along the way, before returning to the hotel for afternoon tea. This evening we enjoy a farewell dinner, followed by more live musical entertainment.

THURSDAY Sadly we say goodbye to Bournemouth and make our way to Salisbury with time if you wish to visit the cathedral with its famous tall spire, browse the lovely shopping centre for a bargain in the January Sales and have lunch. We complete our homeward journey arriving very early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Welcome drinks reception
- Afternoon Tea on 1 day
- New Year's Eve Gala Dinner
- Live Entertainment each evening
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
No Single Supplement (max 5)
Travel insurance £29.00

TOUR PRICE

£459

4 DAYS

Mon 30th Dec 2024 – Thur 2nd Jan 2025



NEW YEAR IN HARROGATE

The picturesque spa town of Harrogate in North Yorkshire is known for its elegant architecture, beautiful gardens and rich cultural heritage, and a great location to celebrate the New Year in style!

YOUR HOTEL The Cairn Hotel, Harrogate

A delightful 3* Victorian hotel ideally located just a short walk from the town centre. 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 home cooked evening menu and hearty Yorkshire breakfast. Leisure facilities include a fitness room.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave the West Country and travel north, stopping for coffee and lunch en route, and arriving at our hotel with tea & coffee and homemade biscuits, whilst your luggage is taken to your room. With time to settle in before a festive punch reception and three course carvery style evening dinner, followed by live entertainment in the Promenade Suite.

TUESDAY (New Year's Eve) After a hearty Yorkshire breakfast, join us today as we visit the delightful city of York. There are many iconic buildings to see such as the majestic York Minster and the well preserved medieval "Shambles" with cobbled streets and overhanging buildings. There will be plenty of time to browse the shops for an early sale, visit some of York's attractions and enjoy a warming lunch before we return to our hotel to relax. This evening starts with a glass of bubbly and cocktails in preparation for a sumptuous New Year's Eve dinner, followed by disco and dancing to see in the New Year with a glass of fizz and celebrate in style.

WEDNESDAY (New Year's Day) After a Buck-Fizz breakfast brunch, the day is free to spend as you wish in Harrogate. You may like to take a stroll through the town with its grand architecture or the well-kept gardens or perhaps find a bargain in the early January sales! This evening we enjoy a three-course carvery style dinner followed by New Year's Day entertainment.

THURSDAY 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:

- 3 nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Cocktail pre-dinner reception on New Year's Eve
- Entertainment each evening
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £54.00
Travel insurance £29.00

TOUR PRICE

£525

4 DAYS

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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% or 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 (except overnight hotels), 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 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/ABTOT have an Alternative Dispute Resolution scheme and full details are available from them. Please contact them at, BCH/ABTOT, 7th Floor, 69, Leadenhall Street, London, EC3A 2BG.

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)

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 depending on size and weight.

20. DATA PROTECTION ACT

We retain your full contact details and other information in secure files and electronic storage facilities. We may use this information to contact you by mail, telephone or electronic means. We must pass your information on to the relevant suppliers of your travel arrangements and we take full responsibility for ensuring that proper measures are in place to protect your information. In making this booking, you consent to this information being passed on to the relevant persons or suppliers.

21. EMERGENCY CONTACT

Our emergency contact details are Tel 01398 341160
Email info@blakescoaches.co.uk

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