

BLAKES

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Holidays

Winter & Spring 2024/2025



Where memories and friendships are made

BLAKES Holidays

It gives us great pleasure to present our new and exciting Winter & Spring 2024 /2025 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 Association of Bonded Travel Organisers Trust Limited (ABTOT) provides financial protection under The Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018 for Blakes Coaches Ltd, Membership number 5552 and in the event of their insolvency, protection is provided for Non-flight packages.

ABTOT cover provides for a refund in the event you have not yet travelled or repatriation if transportation was included in your package. Please note that bookings made outside the UK are only protected by ABTOT when purchased directly with Blakes Coaches Ltd.

In the unlikely event that you require assistance whilst abroad due to our financial failure, please call our 24/7 helpline on 01702 811397 and advise you are a customer of an ABTOT protected travel company.

You can access The Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018 here: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2018/634/contents/made>

You can find out more about ABTOT here: <https://www.abtot.com/>



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

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

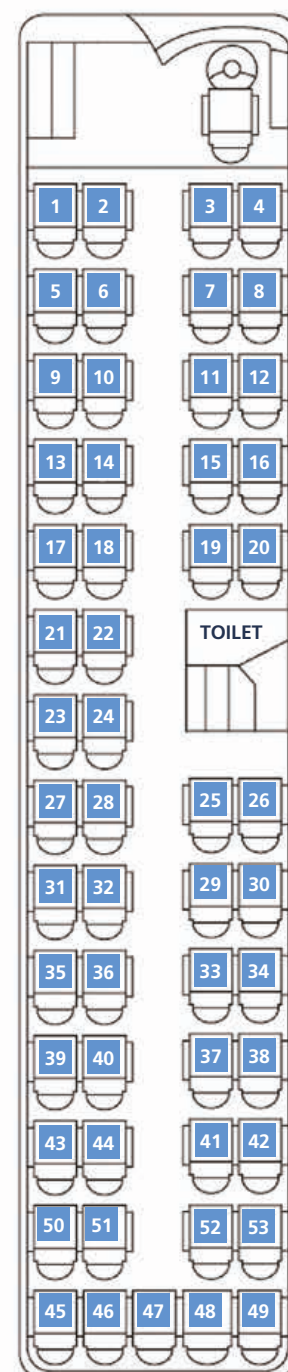
IVYBRIDGE

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 9.00am – 5.00pm
Saturday 9.00am – 12.00 midday



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

Our website 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.



TRAVEL INSURANCE

Unfortunately, at the time of publication of our Winter & Spring 2024/2025 brochure we are unable to sell travel insurance due to our previous insurer withdrawing their support of the Appointed Representative distribution model back in April 2024.

Our brokers, Wrightsure Services (Hampshire) Limited are working tirelessly behind the scenes to procure an alternative insurer on our behalf and we hope to be able to offer our valued clients Travel Insurance once again, in the near future.

Further information regarding the availability of Travel Insurance will be provided at the time of booking.

Please remember that travel insurance is just as important when visiting UK destinations as it is when traveling abroad!

Travelling without adequate insurance can be costly. Unfortunately some people have to cancel their holiday before they even set off due to illness or a change in circumstances. An insurance add-on can save hundreds of pounds in cancellation charges and unforeseen medical expenses.

To ensure you have peace of mind on all our holidays across the UK, Ireland, or Europe, we strongly recommend taking out holiday insurance and further details of how to obtain this will, as alluded to above, be provided at the time of booking.

Airport & Cruise Transfers

Whilst we hope your preferred holiday would be a Blakes coach tour, we fully appreciate that some of you also take cruises and air holidays.

We are pleased to be able to offer cruise terminal & airport transfers in our fully air-conditioned 8 & 16 seater vehicles.

Please phone or email us with your requirements.

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info@blakescoaches.co.uk



- Door to door service
- Professional, Uniformed drivers
- Fully air-conditioned vehicles
- Luggage loaded & unloaded for you
- All major airports & sea ports catered for
- Competitive prices

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WARNER BREAKS FOR 2025

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5 DAYS
£289

NORTON GRANGE, ISLE OF WIGHT 22 – 26 JANUARY ...
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5 DAYS
£245

SINAH WARREN, HAYLING ISLAND 31 JANUARY – 3 FEBRUARY ...
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4 DAYS
£299

ALVASTON HALL, CHESHIRE 24 – 28 FEBRUARY ...
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5 DAYS
£395

LITTLECOTE HOUSE, BERKSHIRE 10 – 14 MARCH ...
please see page 34

5 DAYS
£435

BODELWYDDAN CASTLE, NORTH WALES 24 – 28 MARCH ...
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5 DAYS
£365

HEYTHROP PARK, CHIPPING NORTON 21 – 25 APRIL ...
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5 DAYS
£565

Coming soon in our 2025 Summer Brochure ...

RUNNYMEDE, WINDSOR 19 – 23 MAY	5 DAYS
STUDLEY CASTLE, WARWICKSHIRE 30 MAY – 2 JUNE	4 DAYS
NORTON GRANGE, ISLE OF WIGHT 9 – 13 JUNE	5 DAYS
NIDD HALL, YORKSHIRE 23 – 27 JUNE	5 DAYS
ALVASTON HALL, CHESHIRE 30 JUNE – 4 JULY	5 DAYS
GUNTON HALL, SUFFOLK 4 – 8 AUGUST	5 DAYS
HOLME LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE 25 – 29 AUGUST	5 DAYS
BEMBRIDGE COAST, ISLE OF WIGHT 1 – 5 SEPTEMBER	5 DAYS
SINAH WARREN, HAYLING ISLAND 29 SEPT – 3 OCT	5 DAYS
THORESBY HALL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE 20-24 OCTOBER	5 DAYS
LITTLECOTE HOUSE, BERKSHIRE 17 – 21 NOVEMBER	5 DAYS
BODELWYDDAN CASTLE, NORTH WALES 24 – 28 NOV	5 DAYS
ALVASTON HALL, CHESHIRE 8 – 12 DECEMBER	5 DAYS
CRICKET ST THOMAS, SOMERSET 12 – 15 DECEMBER	4 DAYS
CHRISTMAS AT BODELWYDDAN CASTLE 23 – 27 DEC	5 DAYS

OUR 2025 OCEAN CRUISE SELECTION

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Marvels of France, Portugal and Spain (16 nights) see page 69

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 "Ambition" offers a number of fully air-conditioned cabin accommodation grades, varying in size and deck location, broadly classified as standard, superior, premium & deluxe.

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)

EXPEDITION:

Premium brands & wines by the glass and speciality teas/ coffees.

Guaranteed dining time — choice of 1st or 2nd sitting.

Includes all gratuities and service charges for the entire cruise (otherwise automatically added to your account).



- 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

OUR BCH ABTOT BOND DOES NOT COVER OCEAN CRUISES

Ocean cruise holidays are protected under ABTA Y6765 for whom we are acting as agents for Ambassador Cruise Line



OUR 2025 RIVER CRUISE SELECTION

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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
- DEPOSIT £250.00 PER PERSON
- PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED (WITH 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



NON FESTIVE TOURS STILL AVAILABLE FROM OUR 2024 HOLIDAY BROCHURE

A Weekend on the Cornish Coast
 A Cumbrian Journey
 Forest of Dean & the Wye Valley
 Norfolk & the Broads
 Killarney & the Ring of Kerry, Ireland
 Kent – Castles, Trains & the Garden of England
 Lincolnshire – City, Country & Aviation Heritage
 Valkenburg & the Eifel National Park
 Royal Rivers, Towns & Gardens to Remember
 Gardens & Trains of South Wales
 Houses & Gardens Fit for a King
 Delightful Dorset & the New Forest
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 The Isles of Scilly
 Autumn Colours of Mid Wales & the Elan Valley
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 Welsh Borders & Waterways
 Autumn Tints of the Yorkshire Dales
 Entertainment Break on the English Riviera
 On Top of the World in the Italian Dolomites
 Autumn Colours of the Lake District
 Autumn Colours of Scotland inc The Enchanted Forest
 Isle of Wight
 West Wales & Cardigan Bay
 A Weekend in Cornwall
 A Mystery Weekend
 Disneyland® Paris
 Kent Coast & Bruges
 Autumn Colours of the Peak District
 Autumn Colours of Shropshire
 York, Whitby & Scarborough
 Autumn in Cornwall
 London Theatre Weekend ... choice of 10 Shows
 A Weekend in London
 Luxury in London
 A Little Bit of Luxury in Cornwall
 Beautiful Bath & Afternoon Tea in the Pump Room

9 – 12 August	4 days	£395.00
12 – 16 August	5 days	£525.00
12 – 16 August	5 days	£495.00
12 – 16 August	5 days	£525.00
18 – 24 August	7 days	£725.00
26 – 30 August	5 days	£495.00
26 – 30 August	5 days	£485.00
26 – 30 August	5 days	£495.00
26 – 30 August	5 days	£565.00
1 – 5 September	5 days	£495.00
2 – 6 September	5 days	£485.00
9 – 13 September	5 days	£435.00
15 – 19 September	5 days	£545.00
16 – 20 September	5 days	£395.00
23 – 27 September	5 days	£525.00
27 – 30 September	4 days	£349.00
30 Sept – 4 October	5 days	£335.00
2 – 6 October	5 days	£630.00
6 – 10 October	5 days	£445.00
7 – 12 October	6 days	£950.00
7 – 11 October	5 days	£525.00
14 – 18 October	5 days	£495.00
14 – 18 October	5 days	£495.00
14 – 18 October	5 days	£535.00
18 – 21 October	4 days	£245.00
19 – 26 October	8 days	£825.00
20 – 24 October	5 days	£475.00
20 – 26 October	7 days	£735.00
21 – 25 October	5 days	£495.00
21 – 25 October	5 days	£485.00
25 – 28 October	4 days	£295.00
25 – 28 October	4 days	£279.00
27 – 30 October	4 days	From £550.00
28 Oct – 1 November	5 days	£475.00
Oct – 1 November	5 days	£445.00
28 Oct – 1 November	5 days	£475.00
28 Oct – 1 November	5 days	£385.00
29 Oct – 2 November	5 days	£445.00
2 – 3 November	2 days	£255.00
2 – 3 November	2 days	£145.00
3 – 4 November	2 days	£159.00
4 – 8 November	5 days	£595.00
10 – 11 November	2 days	£185.00

FESTIVE TOURS STILL AVAILABLE FROM OUR 2024 HOLIDAY BROCHURE



Holly & Mistletoe. North Wales	5 – 9 November	5 days	£525.00
Coronation Street Tour & Manchester Christmas Markets NEW	8 – 11 November	4 days	£315.00
Falmouth Turkey & Tinsel	8 – 11 November	4 days	£249.00
Eastbourne Turkey & Tinsel	11 – 15 November	5 days	£345.00
Warner Festive Break, Alveston Hall, Cheshire	11 – 15 November	5 days	£475.00
Christmas at Chatsworth House (change of date)	13 – 15 November	3 days	£245.00
Tenby Turkey & Tinsel	15 – 18 November	4 days	£295.00
Isle of Wight Turkey & Tinsel	15 – 18 November	4 days	£245.00
Christmas Shopping Weekend	16 – 17 November	2 days	£135.00
Lake District Turkey & Tinsel	18 – 22 November	5 days	£345.00
Christmas at Chatsworth House	19 – 21 November	3 days	£245.00
Royal Marines Band Christmas Spectacular, Bournemouth NEW	21 – 22 November	2 days	£165.00
Chester & Liverpool Christmas Markets	22 – 25 November	4 days	£299.00
York St Nicholas Christmas Fayre & Christmas at Castle Howard	22 – 25 November	4 days	£299.00
Blenheim Palace at Christmas & Gloucester Quays Christmas Fayre	23 – 24 November	2 days	£149.00
Fizz & Fayre in Festive Yorkshire	22 – 25 November	5 days	£345.00
Warner Festive Break, Bodelwyddan Castle, North Wales	25 – 29 November	5 days	£399.00
Thursford Christmas Spectacular	26 – 28 November	3 days	£275.00
Christmas at Waddesdon Manor (Nat Trust)	26 – 28 November	3 days	£259.00
Bruges & Ghent Christmas Markets	29 Nov – 2 December	4 days	£395.00
Bournemouth Turkey & Tinsel	29 Nov – 2 December	4 days	£295.00
Blackpool Turkey & Tinsel	2 – 5 December	5 days	£359.00
Warner Festive Break, Sinah Warren, South Coast	2 – 5 December	5 days	£399.00
Christmas Celebrations at the Royal Albert Hall	5 – 6 December	2 days	£179.00
Festive Break in North Cornwall	5 – 9 December	5 days	£345.00
Christmas Shopping Weekend in Bruges & Calais	6 – 8 December	3 days	£215.00
Blenheim Palace at Christmas inc Light Trail & Winchester	7 – 8 December	2 days	£189.00
Blist Hill Victorian Christmas & Cardiff Christmas Market	7 – 8 December	2 days	£139.00
Longleat Festival of Light & Winchester Christmas Market	7 – 8 December	2 days	£159.00
Scarborough Turkey & Tinsel NEW	9 – 13 December	5 days	£309.00
Christmas at Kew Gardens & Winchester Christmas Market	10 – 11 December	2 days	£169.00
Warner Festive Break, Cricket St Thomas,	13 – 17 December	5 days	£345.00
Blenheim Palace at Christmas inc Light Trail & Winchester	14 – 15 December	2 days	£189.00
Longleat Festival of Light & Winchester Christmas Market	14 – 15 December	2 days	£159.00
Christmas in Canterbury	23 – 27 December	5 days	£775.00
Christmas on the Isle of Wight	23 – 27 December	5 days	£645.00
Christmas in the Lake District	23 – 27 December	5 days	£685.00
New Year in Bournemouth	30 Dec – 02 Jan 2025	4 days	£459.00
New Year in Stratford upon Avon	30 Dec – 02 Jan 2025	4 days	£459.00
New Year in Harrogate	30 Dec – 02 Jan 2025	4 days	£525.00

Monday 30th Sept – Friday 4th Oct 2024



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.

ITINERARY

MONDAY 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, 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 This morning we travel to the traditional seaside resort of Southport, with its bustling town centre, tranquil parklands, promenade and elegant pier. There are many independent shops with wrought iron canopies and quaint colourful shops to browse in Lord Street. After lunch we return to Blackpool with time to spend at leisure.

WEDNESDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we travel to the beautiful Lake District, to experience its beautiful scenery including visits to delightful Windermere and Kendal. With stops for coffee and lunch along the way, we return to Blackpool late afternoon with more 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

TOUR
PRICE

£335

5 DAYS

Friday 8th – Monday 11th Nov 2024



CORONATION STREET TOUR & MANCHESTER CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Calling all Coronation Street fans! You may have been lucky enough to have walked the cobbles of the original Coronation Street set of 50 years before it closed and moved to its new location at MediaCity UK on Salford Quays. In 2014 the set was painstakingly recreated and is welcoming visitors to its new home to enjoy a guided tour of the external sets, including a walk down the cobbles and past landmarks such as the Rovers Return. Don't miss a chance to visit this iconic set!

YOUR HOTEL Mercure Bolton Georgian House Hotel, Bolton

A delightful 3* hotel built around a Georgian Manor House with view across the West Pennine Moors. All bedrooms are ensuite and furnished with TV, Wi-Fi, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious choice evening menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool and fitness suite.

ITINERARY

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

SATURDAY A whole day to enjoy Manchester's Christmas Markets, with over 300 wooden hut festive stalls spread across the city centre, offering local and international specialities of hand-crafted wares, jewellery, clothes and wooden toys and gifts. Enjoy a glass of warm mulled wine and delicious festive food from German Sausages to Dutch pancakes! We return to our hotel with time to freshen up before dinner.

SUNDAY After breakfast we make the short journey to Coronation Street's new home on MediaCity UK. We enjoy a guided tour of the external sets of Coronation Street where you will be able to wander along its famous cobbles and take photographs of your favourite buildings (The Rovers Return, Roy's Rolls Café and The Kabin to name a few). Learn behind the scenes gossip, reminisce plots of yesteryear, hear the filming secrets and walk in the footsteps of your favourite characters! This afternoon you will have free time to explore Salford Quays, Manchester's contemporary waterfront with the Lowry Gallery, the Outlet Shopping Centre, Imperial War Museum North and many cosy cafes, before we return to our hotel for our final evening dinner.

MONDAY We leave the hotel after breakfast and make our way south, with regular comfort stops on route. We complete our journey back in the West Country early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

TOUR
PRICE

£315

4 DAYS

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £90.00

Thursday 21st – Friday 22nd Nov 2024



ROYAL MARINES BAND CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR CONCERT, BOURNEMOUTH

Join us for a military musical spectacular performed by His Majesty's Royal Marines with festive music, military marches, bug band hits and popular show-stoppers, featuring the world renown Corps of Drums. A truly musical treat not to be missed!

YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn Bournemouth, Bournemouth

A 3* hotel located within easy walking distance of both the town centre and Bournemouth Beach. All rooms are ensuite with TV, Wi-Fi access and USB charging point. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include a fitness suite.

ITINERARY

THURSDAY We leave our home area and make our way to Dorchester for lunch, before continuing to our hotel with time to settle in and enjoy an early dinner. We later make the short journey to the Bournemouth Pavilion Theatre for a spectacular evening concert with festive themed music performed by the world-famous Royal Marines Band. Together with military marches, solo performers, big band Christmas hits, and the popular Corps of Drums rhythmic performances, the evening is guaranteed to get your toes tapping!

FRIDAY After a leisurely breakfast we leave our hotel and make our way to picturesque Poole. Whilst here you may like to visit the excellent shopping centre, the old town or the scenic harbour, and enjoy lunch in one of a large choice of restaurants. We later complete our homeward journey back in the West Country, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Ticket for Royal Marine Band Christmas Spectacular Concert
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single Supplement £38.00

TOUR
PRICE

£165

2 DAYS

Monday 9th – Friday 13th Dec 2024



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 Cumberland Hotel, Scarborough

A delightful 3* hotel ideally situated on the South Cliff, close to the beach and town centre. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious choice evening menu and generous breakfast. A lift serves most rooms and entertainment is provided each evening.

TOUR
PRICE

£309

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. A traditional Christmas lunch is served at the hotel with a special visit from Santa, followed by mince pies with tea/coffee. With the afternoon free to continue exploring Scarborough, an evening buffet is served tonight followed by a Christmas party.

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 each evening
- Traditional Christmas Lunch at hotel
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £36.00 (Max 2)
Town View Supplement £24.00 per person

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th Dec 2024



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

TOUR
PRICE

£775

5 DAYS

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th Dec 2024



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 en 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

TOUR
PRICE

£685

5 DAYS

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th Dec 2024



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

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

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)

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

TOUR
PRICE

£525

4 DAYS

Monday 6th – Friday 10th January 2025



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 the World of James Herriot Museum, which offers an unforgettable interactive experience of the life and times of the vet in the series All Creatures Great and Small. After lunch we travel to Harrogate, a spa town renowned for its floral beauty and elegant buildings – it's one the UK's most attractive towns. Smart streets and mews are filled with stylish restaurants, bars and cafés, and Betty's Tea Shop is highly recommended! There is also a tempting choice of shops, from boutiques to antiques.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £94.00

TOUR
PRICE

£245

5 DAYS

Monday 6th – Friday 10th January



HOLME LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE... WARNER BREAK

On a Warner holiday, you will understand what it means to be spoilt for choice; excellent accommodation, delicious food, great things to do and fantastic entertainment each evening. Located in the Wye Valley, this magnificent Grade I listed Georgian mansion hotel is set in 20 acres of landscaped parkland with a pond, a beautifully hedged garden and picture-perfect views.

YOUR HOTEL Holme Lacy House Hotel, Hereford

A magnificent 4* hotel with elegant drawing rooms, ornate ceilings, imposing staircases and fabulous views. All rooms are ensuite with tea & coffee facilities, TV, hairdryer and toiletries. Indoor facilities include an indoor heated pool, sauna, beauty treatment rooms & fitness centre. There are a variety of outdoor activities available and live entertainment and dancing provided each evening. Warner now operates a cashless payment system ... debit & credit cards only.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave the West Country and make our way to Gloucester Quays – Britain's most inland port with its National Waterways Museum, shopping outlets, gift shops and restaurants. After lunch we complete our journey to our hotel, with time to relax before dinner and our first night of showstopping entertainment.

TUESDAY The morning is free for you to enjoy some of the many facilities and activities available at the hotel. Join us, if you wish, for an afternoon excursion to the picturesque town of Hay-On-Wye, situated on the edge of the Brecon Beacons National Park. It's the world largest book town with over 30 book shops (including many second hand & antiquarian book shops). With time to browse and enjoy afternoon tea, we return to our hotel with time to relax before dinner and another evening's entertainment.

WEDNESDAY Join us today for a full day excursion to the historic city of Worcester. Whilst here you may like to visit the Porcelain Museum housing the world's largest collection of Worcester Porcelain. There is the fine cathedral, overlooking the River Severn, together with many shops to browse and places to enjoy a leisurely lunch. Dinner tonight will once again be followed by more excellent entertainment.

THURSDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we make the short journey into the centre of the ancient cathedral city of Hereford, sitting alongside a loop of the River Wye. With time to explore this attractive city and maybe visit the Norman Cathedral, home to the famous "Mappa Mundi". After lunch we return to our hotel with the afternoon free to continue enjoying the wonderful facilities, before our final evening meal and top-class entertainment.

FRIDAY We leave our hotel after breakfast and begin our journey south, stopping in Abergavenny for lunch and time to explore this Welsh market town. We later complete our homeward journey, arriving early-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:
No single supplement (Max 5 only)
Signature Upgrade £20.00 per person

TOUR
PRICE

£289

5 DAYS

Saturday 11th – Sunday 12th 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 **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, Mrs Doubtfire, The Curious Case of Benjamin Button, Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap or The Play That Goes Wrong.

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button is a new musical based on F. Scott Fitzgerald's iconic story about Benjamin Button, born old and growing younger each day, re-written to be based in a Cornish fishing village.

Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap is the world's longest running play and much-loved murder mystery about seven strangers in a remote country manor with a killer in their midst! Can you solve this great whodunnit? But remember, never tell a soul!

The Play That Goes Wrong follows a drama society who put on a 1920's murder mystery, but as the title suggests ... everything that can go wrong, does! With laughs around every corner, this play offers non-stop fun from start to finish.

(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

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 & maybe pick up a bargain in the January Sales, 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
- Top priced theatre ticket (if applicable)
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £34.00

TOUR
PRICE

LONDON
THEATRE
WEEKEND

£249

LONDON
WEEKEND

£129

2 DAYS

Monday 13th – Friday 17th January



ALL THINGS BRIGHTON BEAUTIFUL

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

YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn Brighton Seafront, Brighton

A modern 4* hotel ideally located along Brighton's seafront. All ensuite rooms are furnished with TV, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and hearty breakfast.

TOUR
PRICE

£299

5 DAYS

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 £160.00 (Max 5)

Saturday 11th – Monday 20th 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 a 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

SATURDAY 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 Dijon.

SUNDAY 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.

MONDAY 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.

TUESDAY Today we make a journey into the lower foothills of the

TOUR
PRICE

£795

10 DAYS

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.

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

FRIDAY 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.

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

SUNDAY 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 Dijon in time for dinner.

MONDAY 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 £256.00



Monday 13th – Friday 17th January



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

TOUR PRICE

£315

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 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 with time 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 3 days
- Boat trip on Lake Windermere
- Complimentary drink vouchers (3 per day) for selected bar & soft drinks
- Evening entertainment on 2 nights
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £64.00

Saturday 18th – Sunday 19th January



A WINTER WARMER WEEKEND IN CORNWALL

TOUR PRICE

£95

2 DAYS

Regardless of the time of year, Cornwall is a special place to visit with spectacular cliffs, rugged coastlines, rolling countryside and bustling fishing towns. 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, 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

Certain departure points are unavailable on this tour. Please enquire

Saturday 18th – Sunday 19th 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.

**TOUR
PRICE**

£195

2 DAYS

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 2025 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 £28.00

Monday 20th – Friday 24th January



CLASSIC CORNWALL

Regardless of the time of year, Cornwall is a special place to visit with spectacular cliffs, rugged coastlines, rolling countryside and bustling fishing towns..

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 most nights. The bar has a large lounge area with wonderful views across the channel.

**TOUR
PRICE**

£295

5 DAYS

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 £40.00 per person

Monday 20th – Friday 24th January



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. Our tour is 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 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 A morning visit to the historic market town of Colchester and the first Roman-founded city in Britain. Explore the centre surrounded by its city walls, its Norman castle and ancient priory, with a vibrant shopping district and cosy cafes. We return to our resort for a tasty 3-course lunch and the afternoon free 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 travel to Bury St Edmunds, a 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 we make an afternoon excursion to Clacton-on-Sea, the largest town on the Essex Sunshine Coast. Stroll along the promenade, visit the pleasure pier or take afternoon tea in one of the seafront cafes. We return to our hotel with for 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

TOUR
PRICE

£529

5 DAYS

Wednesday 22nd – Sunday 26th 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

WEDNESDAY 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.

THURSDAY 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.

FRIDAY 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.

SATURDAY 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, 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.

SUNDAY 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 5)
Premier Chalet Upgrade £20.00 per person

TOUR
PRICE

£245

5 DAYS

Friday 24th – Monday 27th January



ENTERTAINMENT BREAK ON THE ENGLISH RIVIERA

Enjoy a few days away in a warm hotel, enjoying good food and comfort but without having to travel far. 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)

TOUR
PRICE

£199

4 DAYS

Friday 24th – Tuesday 28th 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, telephone 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

FRIDAY 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.

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 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!

MONDAY A day free to explore Bournemouth. You may like to walk along the promenade and 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! Relax before a final evening dinner and entertainment.

TUESDAY 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)

TOUR
PRICE

£239

5 DAYS



AUSTRIAN WINTER WONDERLAND – CRYSTALS & SLEIGH BELLS

Austria is a picture-perfect landscape in the wonder of winter with a back drop of snow-capped Tyrolean mountains. Join us and explore some of the best towns of the Tyrol, experience a horse drawn sleigh ride and the wonderful Swarovski Crystal World visitor attraction where art, light & crystals come together in magnificent chambers of art installations.

YOUR HOTEL Fischerwirt am See Hotel, Achenkirch

A delightful family run traditional hotel located on the edge of Lake Achensee, where a warm Tyrolean welcome awaits. All rooms are ensuite and decorated in traditional style, with TV & telephone. The restaurant serves a delicious choice menu and hearty Austrian buffet breakfast. There is a cosy bar area to enjoy in the evenings and a sauna to unwind in.

TOUR
PRICE

£785

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 continue south, stopping on route for dinner, to our overnight accommodation in Metz.

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

MONDAY This morning we enjoy our local surroundings and explore the northern end of Lake Achensee. Join us for a delightful horse drawn sleigh ride (depending on weather conditions, it may be on wheels) as we sit back and enjoy the countryside surroundings from our carriage. Coffee and cake will be served back at the hotel later this afternoon.

TUESDAY Join us today as we travel south along the lake and along the Inn Valley to the charming city of Innsbruck, the Tyrolean capital. Surrounded by the spectacular Nordekette mountain range, explore the medieval old town with beautiful architecture, narrow streets and Habsburg heritage, including the Golden Roof where Emperor Maximilian looked down across his subjects. After lunch we visit Swarovski Crystal

World where dazzling light and art installations designed by various artists have interpreted crystals into their work within crystalline chambers, indoors and out, celebrating the world-class crystal art founded in Austria in 1895.

WEDNESDAY Today we enjoy a scenic day travelling through the Ziller Valley, a popular region for Austrian ski resorts, and on to the Tyrolean town of Mayrhofen for time to explore and enjoy a warming lunch.

THURSDAY After a leisurely breakfast we visit the charming town of Rattenberg, the smallest in Austria dotted with medieval townhouses, cobbled streets and pedestrianised alleyways home to many glassblowers. We continue to the quaint town of Kufstein, affectionately known as the "Pearl of the Tyrol". Sitting high above the town lies the fortress housing the world's largest indoor organ – which rings out across the town at midday! With many shops and cafes to explore, we later return to our hotel, with time to relax before dinner.

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

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:

- 5 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- 1 night bed & breakfast at overnight hotel
- 1 night Dinner, Bed & Breakfast at overnight hotel
- Horse drawn sleigh (or cart) ride
- Entrance to Swarovski Crystal World
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £85.00 (Max 3)
Subsequent Singles £228.00

Friday 31st Jan – Monday 3rd 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

FRIDAY 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.

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 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.

SUNDAY 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.

MONDAY 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:

- 3 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

TOUR
PRICE

£299

4 DAYS

Saturday 1st – Sunday 2nd February



A WEEKEND IN WINDSOR & OXFORD ... SHOP & DISCOVER

Explore the historic locations of Oxford & Windsor for a short winter break. Oxford, affectionately names the "City of Dreaming Spires" is famous world over for its prestigious University and home to royalty and scholars for over 800 years. Windsor is home to the iconic Castle, the oldest inhabited castle in the world, surrounded by beautiful countryside along the Thames.

YOUR HOTEL Doubletree by Hilton Newbury North, Newbury

A 4* modern hotel designed with comfortable surroundings. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant offers a variety evening menu and hearty breakfast, with a relaxing lounge bar. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool and fitness suite.

ITINERARY

SATURDAY We leave our home area and travel east, stopping for coffee on route, to Windsor, with the rest of the day free to explore this historic royal town. You may like to visit 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 our late Queen Elizabeth II, or enjoy browsing the independent shops and have a warming lunch in the many cafes and restaurants. We rejoin our coach and travel to our hotel with time to settle in before dinner and an evening to relax.

SUNDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we make our way to the centre of Oxford, with the day free to explore the city and all its attractions and honey coloured architecture. You may like to visit one of the many museums including the Ashmolean Museum, Pitt Rivers Archaeology Museum, Bodleian Library or Natural History Museum. The city centre has a modern shopping district full of high street shops, independent traders and cafes and restaurants for a warming lunch. We later return to the West Country, arriving early-mid evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 night dinner, bed & breakfast
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £35.00 (Max 5)
Certain departure points are unavailable on this tour. Please enquire

TOUR
PRICE

£109

2 DAYS

Monday 3rd – Friday 7th February



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

One of our most popular tours, which we are delighted to repeat each year... **early booking recommended!** ... you will not be disappointed!

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'

TOUR
PRICE

£475

5 DAYS

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 Jamaica, to a traditional welcome by the captain. Afternoon tea is served whilst the cabin crew take care of your luggage, and you can have a wander around the decks and take a photo in the land of reggae! Enjoy pre-dinner aperitifs as we set sail across the "Caribbean". 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 along the Rhine in Cologne, Germany. 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. Fabulous canapes & beer festival "cocktails" is followed by dinner and more cabaret entertainment and another complimentary finger buffet.

WEDNESDAY Good morning from Skopelos, Greece! The day is free to explore the local area but be sure to be back on board for afternoon tea whilst watching cinematic drone footage of the Greek island on the big screen. In the Duty-Free bar all drinks are at tax free prices, so pop along as we set sail and you enjoy another fabulous evening meal followed by more top entertainment and a complimentary buffet.

THURSDAY MV Tynedale berths in Phuket, Thailand where we board our coach for a scenic drive, arriving back on board for afternoon tea, and have your photo taken with the dancing lion. Tonight, meet the Captain and crew at our cocktail party and casino, where guests are encouraged to dress for the occasion. Enjoy a delicious Captains Dinner with 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 11pm each evening
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement
Executive Room/Pent Suite
Supplement £60.00 per person

Monday 3rd – Friday 7th 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 friendly 3* hotel. All rooms are en-suite with TV, telephone, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. Although there is not a lift, ground floor room may be available. The restaurant serves a choice evening menu and a generous breakfast. Entertainment is provided on 2 evenings, and there is a lounge bar to relax in.

TOUR
PRICE

£299

5 DAYS

ITINERARY

MONDAY 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!

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

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



PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

No Single Supplement (Max 5)
Subsequent Singles £80.00

Friday 7th – Monday 10th 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 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

TOUR
PRICE

£349

4 DAYS

Saturday 8th – Sunday 9th February



AN ICON REBORN ... BATTERSEA POWER STATION & LONDON

Battersea Power Station's silhouette has long been a prominent fixture on the London skyline, built in the 1930's as an operational power station until the early 1980's it generated one fifth of London's power.. Today the Grade II listed building has been transformed into a modern leisure facility with trending shops, restaurants, an exhibition and London's newest viewing experience "Lift 109".

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

SATURDAY We leave the West Country and make our way to London, stopping for coffee en route. We arrive at London's most exciting and new facility at the iconic Battersea Power Station to explore this remarkably transformed historic building, after decades of dereliction. From high-end fashion to high street favourites, discover British and international brands. There are over 50 world class bars, cafes and restaurants offering a wide variety of on the go bites to fine dining inside the Power Station, by the riverside and along Electric Boulevard. You may wish to add the "Lift 109" experience to your day, a one of a kind "chimney lift" travelling to the top of the North-West chimney for unrivalled 360 degrees views of London's skyline, starting in the Turbine Hall with an exhibition of the history of the Power Station. We later make the short journey to our Kensington based hotel, with the evening free for you to choose a restaurant for dinner and explore the local area.

SUNDAY 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 London has to offer. 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 afternoon, and make our way back to the West Country, with a comfort stop on route, arriving mid-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 night's bed & buffet breakfast
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £57.00
Lift 109 – Battersea Power Station
Chimney Lift Experience £18.00

TOUR
PRICE

£139

2 DAYS

Sunday 9th – Thursday 13th 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 as these delicate flowers push their way through frosted soil, Lincolnshire's landscape comes alive as the new season begins to bloom.

YOUR HOTEL The Barn Hotel & Spa, Grantham

A 3* modern, yet comfortable hotel based in rural countryside, just a short walk from the charming village of Marston. All rooms are ensuite with TV, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee facilities and are accessible by a lift. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and a hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include indoor pool, spa pool and gym.

ITINERARY

SUNDAY We leave the West Country and make our way east, with comfort and lunch stops on route, arriving at our hotel with time to settle in and relax before dinner.

MONDAY This morning we visit Barnsdale Gardens with many garden areas to discover including the Geoff Hamilton Winter Border teeming with brightly coloured bark and berries, drifts of Hellebores and featuring over 9000 snowdrops, all individually planted by hand with classic and rare varieties. Enjoy a warming lunch in the café and visit the garden centre before we head to the quaint market town of Stamford, one of England's finest Georgian towns with pretty building facades and independent shops to browse.

TUESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we visit Melton Mowbray, a charming market town known for its local produce including stilton cheese and pork pies! A market has been held on Tuesday since Doomsday times and has been a favourite haunt of many royal dignitaries over the centuries. Affectionately known as the "Rural Capital of Food" there are many award-winning shops and suppliers selling baked goods, cheese and pies for a tasty day out! With time to enjoy a warming lunch we visit Oakham, the county town of Rutland brimming with historic buildings, a castle and independent shops.

WEDNESDAY This morning we visit the 400 year old Lincolnshire Easton Walled Gardens where drifts of the delicate snowdrops bring the first signs of life following a cold winter season, along Snowdrop bank and cascade down towards the River Witham. There is a gift shop and café to enjoy a warm drink and piece of cake. We return the coach and make our way to the city of Lincoln, with time this afternoon to enjoy lunch in one of the many cafes, and explore the cathedral, Bishops Palace or shopping district.

THURSDAY We begin our journey home, with comfort and lunch stops on route, arriving in the West Country late afternoon/early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Barnsdale Gardens
- Entrance to Easton Walled Gardens
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £92.00

Sunday 9th – Thursday 13th February



KENT – HISTORIC TOWNS & COASTAL DELIGHTS

The south-east corner of England has long been a popular destination and crammed full of historic towns, castles, cathedrals and miles of beaches overlooking the English Channel.

YOUR HOTEL Mercure Maidstone Great Danes Hotel, Maidstone

A modern 4* hotel set within 26 acres of countryside, adjoining Leeds Castle. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious choice menu and leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool, sauna, spa bath and fitness suite.

ITINERARY

SUNDAY 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.

MONDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the walled city of Canterbury, steeped in medieval history and boasting the beautiful Canterbury Cathedral, which has welcomed "pilgrims" for over 100 years. The cathedral is a must-see with its medieval stained-glass windows (the oldest in Britain), carved tombs & peaceful chapels. You may like to visit the Roman Museum, St Augustine's Abbey ruins, Greyfriars Gardens or browse the shopping district and enjoy a warming lunch in a local café.

TUESDAY Join us today as we explore part of Kent's coast, travelling along Herne Bay, on to Margate for a stop for coffee at this popular seaside destination. We continue to the "Wonderworks", the Hornby model exhibition which featured on the TV Series "Hornby: A Model World". Here you will discover all the favourite model toys that Hornby has produced over the last 100 years, from classic train sets to modern Scalextrics. Discover the history of the Hornby brand from humble beginnings and have a go at controlling a model railway and other miniature model sets. There is an extensive shop & café too. We continue to Ramsgate with time to explore the harbour front and marina.

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. We continue to the maritime town of Chatham located on the River Medway with its pedestrian high street and numerous cafes to enjoy lunch.

THURSDAY 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 Hornby Wonderworks
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £80.00 (Max 5)
Subsequent Singles £120.00

Monday 17th – Friday 21st February



EASTBOURNE & THE SUSSEX COAST

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

YOUR HOTEL The Queens Hotel, Eastbourne

A magnificent Victorian 3* hotel overlooking the pier. All en-suite bedrooms have TV, hairdryer, and tea & coffee making facilities. A lift serves all floors, the restaurant offers a choice 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.

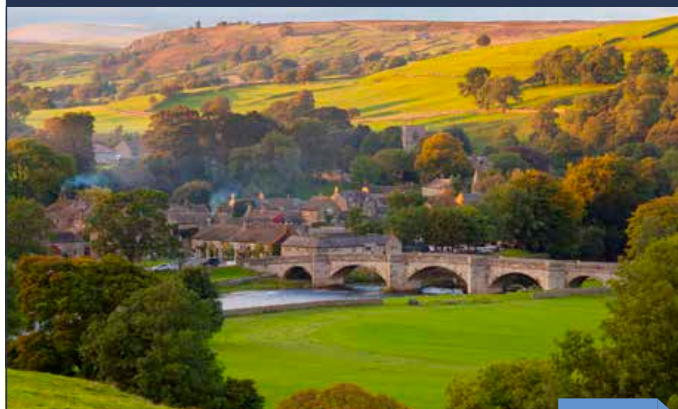
PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (max 1)
Subsequent Singles £60.00
Sea View Supplement £28.00 per person

Monday 24th – Friday 28th February



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

£359

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 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

Monday 24th – Friday 28th February



ALVESTON HALL, CHESHIRE ... WARNER BREAK

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

YOUR HOTEL Alveston Hall Hotel, Nantwich, Cheshire

A beautiful 3* half-timbered Victorian country hotel. 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 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 Today we travel 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. The more adventurous might like to 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 for dinner and another evening of top-class entertainment.

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

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (max 5)
Signature room upgrade £20.00 per person

TOUR
PRICE

£395

5 DAYS

Friday 28th Feb – Monday 3rd March



A WINTER WARMER 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 The Babbacombe Hotel Babbacombe, Torquay

A 3* friendly hotel ideally located on the sea front overlooking the famous Babbacombe Downs, with far reaching views across to Lyme Bay. Each of the bedrooms is ensuite with TV and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift, together with ground floor rooms. The restaurant serves a delicious home cooked evening menu and hearty breakfast, and there is a lounge bar to relax in.

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 first evening of leisure.

SATURDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we make our way across Dartmoor National Park 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, gifts and confectionery and enjoy tea in the Pottery Café. We return to our hotel where you might like 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 with incredible views of Plymouth from Smeaton's Tower.

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
- Half Price Bar Promotion (7.30 – 10.30pm)
- Entertainment on some evenings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement (Max 5) £15.00
Sea View Room Supplement from £30.00 per room

TOUR
PRICE

£209

4 DAYS

Saturday 1st – Sunday 2nd 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 Holiday Inn Express, London Royal Docks

A stylish 3* hotel located in the modern London Docklands area. All ensuite 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.

ITINERARY

SATURDAY We leave the West Country and make our way east, with a coffee stop on route, to London's Covent Garden area with time to find a late lunch/early dinner in a restaurant of your choice. We continue to our hotel, with time to settle in and change, before we travel the short distance to the purpose-built ABBA arena. 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! We rejoin the coach and travel back to our hotel.

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. 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. 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
- Seated Ticket for Abba Voyage Concert
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £75.00

**TOUR
PRICE**

£269

2 DAYS

Saturday 1st – Sunday 2nd 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 Sheraton 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.

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

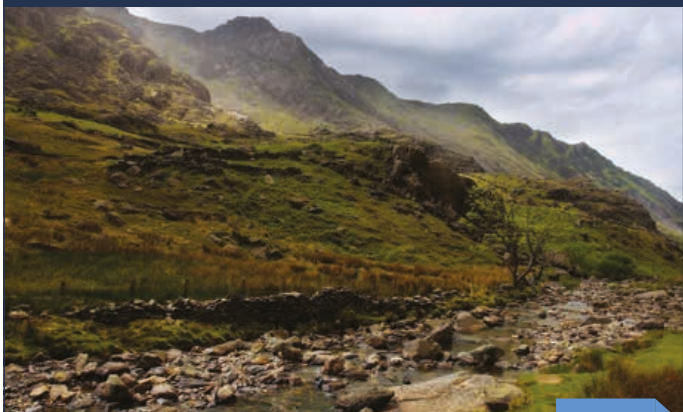
SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £45.00

**TOUR
PRICE**

£179

2 DAYS

Monday 3rd – Friday 7th March



WINTER WARMER IN 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. Bets-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. We return to Llanberis with a scenic drive across Snowdonia, through to Blaenau Ffestiniog and Porthmadog, stopping for tea on route.

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 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
- Free Bar each evening (selected alcoholic/soft drinks)
- Entertainment on 1 evening
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single Supplement (max 5)
Subsequent Singles from £142.00

TOUR
PRICE

£395

5 DAYS

Monday 3rd – Friday 7th March



ISLE OF WIGHT

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

YOUR HOTEL 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

£299

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 Godshell – the most-photographed village in Britain, to admire the thatched cottages and 15th-century church and browse the many gift shops. There are also some lovely cafés in which to a sumptuous cream tea (or a very large cream cake!).

THURSDAY Today we take a wonderful circular tour of the island, travelling through Ventnor and along the picturesque west coast to Alum Bay to see the best views of the Needles. We continue 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)
Subsequent Singles £60.00
Sea View Room Supplement £28.00 (per person)

Friday 7th – Saturday 8th 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. We arrive at our hotel with time to freshen up & choose a restaurant of your choice for an early dinner, before we make the short journey by coach to the Royal Albert Hall for the evening concert, 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 rejoin the coach and travel back 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's Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- The Mountbatten Festival of Music concert ticket
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £57.00

TOUR PRICE

£199

2 DAYS

Friday 7th – Monday 10th March



STEP 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

£299

4 DAYS

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £90.00

Saturday 8th – Sunday 9th March



A WEEKEND IN CARDIFF & BATH ... SHOP & DISCOVER

Cardiff, capital of Wales, is a modern cosmopolitan city with a warm Welsh welcome. Blending rich Welsh heritage with a modern city centre there's much to discover and explore. The World Heritage city of Bath is awash with beautiful Georgian architecture and ancient Roman spa baths, gently nestled alongside the River Avon. Here you'll find many museums, galleries, Bath Abbey and a bustling shopping district.

YOUR HOTEL Mercure Bristol North The Grange, Bristol

A charming 4* hotel set amongst 18 acres of landscaped gardens. All rooms are ensuite and furnished with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. Although there is no lift, ground floor rooms are available. The traditional restaurant serves a delicious fresh evening menu and generous breakfast. The Conservatory Bar offers a quiet place to relax in the evening.

TOUR
PRICE

£99

2 DAYS

ITINERARY

SATURDAY We leave our home area, stopping for coffee en route, and make our way to Cardiff to explore and discover at leisure. You may like to visit the castle with over 2000 years of history in the heart of the city, or perhaps wander around some of Cardiff's many museums and galleries (many of which are free to visit), explore the waterfront of Cardiff Bay bustling with cafes and restaurants or perhaps indulge in some retail therapy in the shopping district with many high street brands and independent retailers. Late afternoon we rejoin the coach and travel to our hotel, arriving in time for dinner and an evening at leisure.

SUNDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we travel to the historic centre of Bath with the rest of the day free to enjoy the sights and sounds of this charming, compact city. You may like to take a sightseeing bus tour with guided commentary to learn more about its fascinating past, or visit the Roman Baths for a rejuvenating experience, explore the museums (such as Jane Austen Centre or Victoria Art Gallery) or indulge at the Pump Room restaurant. With many shops and cafes in the central district, there's plenty for all to do. We rejoin our coach and make our way home, arriving early-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £20.00 (Max 5)
Subsequent Singles £25.00
Certain departure points are unavailable
on this tour. Please enquire

Monday 10th – Friday 14th March



LITTLECOTE HOUSE, BERKSHIRE ... 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. 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 wine and dined here. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee-making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The excellent leisure facilities include an indoor pool, sauna, gym, library and gift shops. Sports activities include archery, croquet, tennis and fencing, and top-class entertainment is provided each evening.

TOUR
PRICE

£435

5 DAYS

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, with 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.

THURSDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we make our way to the tranquil market town of Winchester – ancient capital of Alfred The Great's Kingdom of Wessex. There are many interesting sights including the cathedral and Great Hall (home to King Arthur's Round Table). With time to enjoy lunch and browse the shops, we return to our hotel to continue to use the leisure facilities, before dinner and 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 cafes 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

Saturday 8th – Saturday 15th March



ITALY - LAKE GARDA & VERONA

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

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.

TOUR
PRICE

£799

8 DAYS



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 near Saint Avold, making a stop en route for dinner.

SUNDAY After breakfast, we continue our journey south, making comfort and lunch stops en 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 Today is free to relax and explore your local surroundings at leisure. Enjoy a stroll down to the marina and along the flat promenade to the centre of Riva and the historic waterfront. Here you will find local shops & cafes to try the local cuisine and classic spritz (Aperol). You may also like to take a scenic boat cruise across the lake to the quaint village of Limone Sul Garda, famous for its citrus and oil groves, with a charming vibrant fishermen's houses and narrow alleys.

TUESDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we make our way to the romantic city of Verona, one of Italy's oldest cities and fictitious home of Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet. As you enter the spacious Piazza Bra with its numerous Italian cafes and restaurants, the towering 1st

century Roman Ampitheatre is a sight to behold. Wander through Verona's narrow streets, browse the designer shops on Via Giuseppe Mazzini, the central market square of Piazza Delle Erbe with great monuments and grand buildings and discover Juliet's balcony secretly tucked behind Via Cappello. With many medieval gates, churches and crenelated bridges along the River Adige, there is so much to see in this compact city.

WEDNESDAY Today we enjoy a scenic tour into the lower foothills of the Dolomite region set behind Lake Garda, with panoramic views all around. We make a stop at the charming village of Canale de Tenno, one of the most medieval secret villages in Italy with a winding pathway that leads to the centre of the hamlet that time forgot! We continue through the foothills, stopping for a late lunch in Arco at the end of the Sarca Valley, before returning to our hotel to relax before dinner.

THURSDAY 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 near 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
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £226.00

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Monday 10th – Friday 14th 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.

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. The more adventurous may like to 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 £80.00 (Max 5)

TOUR
PRICE

£315

5 DAYS

Monday 10th – Friday 14th March



YORKSHIRE WINTER WARMER

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

YOUR HOTEL **Queens Hotel, York**

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

ITINERARY

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

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

WEDNESDAY The whole day is free for you to explore York. You may like to visit the Minster, the National Railway Museum, The Chocolate Story, or the JORVIK Viking Centre and Little Shambles is an absolute delight. There are also many shops to browse, and numerous venues where you may enjoy coffee, lunch and 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 £94.00

TOUR
PRICE

£349

5 DAYS

Friday 14th – Monday 17th March



SINGLES GALORE IN THE HEART OF ENGLAND

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!

YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn Coventry M6, J2, Coventry

A modern, contemporary 3* hotel. All rooms are ensuite and furnished with TV, Wi-Fi access, safe, mini bar and tea & coffee making facilities located on ground floor. The spacious restaurant offers a delicious evening menu and hearty hot and cold buffet breakfast. There is a bar area to relax in during the evenings.

ITINERARY

FRIDAY We leave our home area with a comfort stop on route and make our way to the spa town Cheltenham for lunch. This elegant Cotswolds town is brimming with Georgian regency architecture, independent shops and friendly cafes to enjoy lunch. We continue to our hotel, with time to settle in and relax before dinner.

SATURDAY Join us today as we visit the National Memorial Arboretum, a thought-provoking landscape featuring over 25,000 trees amongst 400 memorials for the Armed Forces, Emergency Services, Civilian organisations and many more, all set within a peaceful 150 acre site or woodlands and gardens. There is also a café and gift shop on site. This afternoon we return to Coventry to the historic Cathedral Quarter. Here you can visit the new cathedral, the Blitz Museum, Herbert Art Gallery or the stunning St Marys Guildhall – one of the UK's finest surviving medieval Guildhalls, to discover Coventry's Wool Trade, its Victorian history and was even a prison for Mary Queen of Scots. The shopping district is a stone's throw from the cathedral quarter with cafes to enjoy afternoon tea.

SUNDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the historic town of Stratford Upon Avon, home to the English playwright William Shakespeare. Discover the town with over 800 years of history with attractions including Shakespeare's Birthplace to explore his childhood family home, or the School Room & Guildhall where he was educated, or the unique MAD museum of mechanical art & design, take a sightseeing bus tour or river cruise and browse the shops and enjoy a warming lunch.

MONDAY After breakfast we leave our hotel and begin our journey home, stopping for lunch in the city of Worcester, with its medieval cathedral housing Royal tombs and medieval crypts, Tudor House Museum & Porcelain Museum together with many shops and cafes. We complete our journey back to the West Country, arriving late afternoon/early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

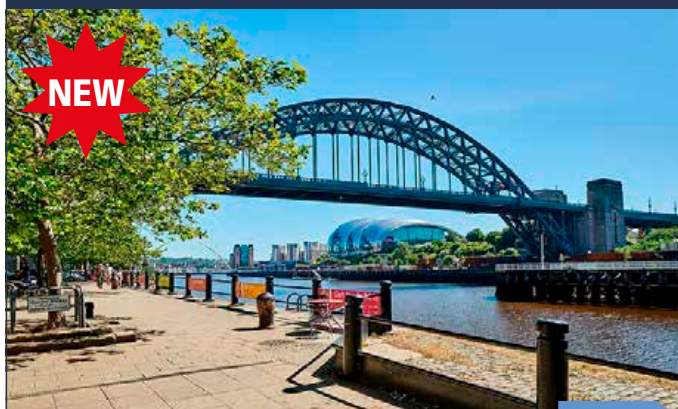
SUPPLEMENTS:
No Single supplement

TOUR
PRICE

£335

4 DAYS

Friday 14th – Monday 17th March



CITY BREAK ... NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

Newcastle Upon Tyne is a true regional capital located alongside the mighty River Tyne, a "county town" of Northumberland and one of the largest cities in England and very easy to navigate on foot! With a variety of historical attractions, a delightful shopping district and buzzing nightlife with theatres, Opera House and live music venues, there is so much to experience in this friendly city break.

YOUR HOTEL Copthorne Hotel, Newcastle

A modern 4* hotel located along the River Tyne and a short walk to the vibrant city centre & attractions. All rooms are ensuite and comfortably furnished with TV, safe, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The spacious and airy restaurant has views across the river and serves a delicious evening menu and hearty breakfast. There is a lounge bar to relax in and a fitness suite.

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 architectural delights and historical attractions. Explore the quayside where street markets often appear, and here you will also find the superb cathedral and castle sitting high above the riverbank. View the seven iconic bridges that span the River Tyne, including the prominent Tyne Bridge & hydraulic swing bridge, seen in many iconic TV programmes. The city centre boasts a brilliant shopping district set within marvellous Victorian architecture, and to the west is "China Town" where you will find the interesting Discovery Centre (well worth a visit!). You may like to do a sightseeing boat cruise or perhaps book a tour of the Newcastle United stadium & museum to learn about footballing legends! ... subject to football fixtures.

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

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £120.00

TOUR
PRICE

£275

4 DAYS

Saturday 15th – Sunday 16th March



A WEEKEND IN PORTSMOUTH & WINCHESTER

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

YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn, Portsmouth

A modern 3* hotel in the heart of Hampshire. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, safe 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 fitness suite.

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 £45.00

Certain departure points are unavailable on this tour. Please enquire

TOUR
PRICE

£109

2 DAYS

Monday 17th – Friday 21st 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 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 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.

THURSDAY This morning we travel to Carmarthen; a neat little county town, full of pretty shops and indoor market, 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. Here you will find his boathouse and writing shed where he wrote Under Milk Wood. There are also imposing castle ruins and a tearoom nearby.

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 7)

TOUR
PRICE

£359

5 DAYS

Monday 17th – Friday 21st March



MOCK CRUISE IN BOURNEMOUTH... A TASTE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN

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. You may like to join us for "onshore" excursion, stopping for coffee & 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 We wake this morning in "France" and enjoy breakfast at leisure – easy on the croissants! This morning 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 hotel 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, with the whole day is free to continue exploring "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 on 1 afternoon
- 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)

TOUR
PRICE

£335

5 DAYS

Monday 17th – Friday 21st March



LAKE DISTRICT MORE INCLUSIVE

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

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

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

ITINERARY

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

TUESDAY Join us today as we journey through some of the most stunning scenery you will see anywhere in England. We travel up the breathtaking Kirkstone Pass (weather permitting), along Ullswater and on to Keswick for lunch and time to browse the shops in this lovely town. We then make our way to the pretty village of Grasmere with time, if you wish and if open, 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.

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 Conistown Water and Conistown 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

TOUR
PRICE

£395

5 DAYS

Wednesday 19th – Saturday 22nd March



PARIS MINI CRUISE

Paris is the perfect mini cruise destination. From the banks of the Seine, the capital's iconic landmarks are even more captivating with an endless list of sights to explore and discover. The "City of Light" never fails to shine! This floating hotel provides an ideal springtime break. Sailing with Croisi Europe Cruises you can be assured of excellent accommodation, great food and superb customer service.

YOUR HOTEL MS Botticelli, 2 Deck Ship

An elegant 2 deck ship with comfortable interiors. Each cabin is en suite with TV, safe, climate control and hairdryer and Upper Deck upgrades subject to availability. The spacious restaurant is located on the upper deck with large panoramic windows and there is a lounge bar at the front of the ship with panoramic views and a Sun Bridge deck to admire the views.

TOUR
PRICE

£575

4 DAYS



ITINERARY

WEDNESDAY 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 continue our journey through France to our ship in Paris, moored in the centre of the city, close to the Eiffel Tower, with time to settle in before dinner and an evening to relax.

THURSDAY After a delicious choice buffet continental breakfast we board our coach and with an experienced local guide take a tour of Paris's famous sights, including the Bastille, Latin Quarter, the Louvre, Concorde, Champs Elysees, the Arc de Triomphe and Notre-Dame Cathedral (due to re-open December 2024), with short stops for photographs along the way. We return to our ship for lunch and the afternoon free to continue exploring; maybe take a journey up the Eiffel Tower or return to one of the attractions we passed by this morning. There are also

countless museums, historic sites and designer boutiques and cafes. Enjoy an evening of dining and dancing and maybe a cruise to La Défense water levels on the Seine permitting.

FRIDAY This morning we take another guided coach tour, this time a visit to old Montmartre, famous for its artistic heritage and distinctive village atmosphere characterised by winding, cobbled streets which makes it feel different from the rest of Paris. The white Sacré Coeur basilica crowns its highest point and offers extensive views of the city. We return to our ship for lunch on-board and the afternoon free to continue enjoying the capital city. Our final evening includes a gala dinner and "Paris by Night" cruise, again depending on river levels.

SATURDAY After breakfast, we disembark and travel back to Calais for the return ferry crossing to Dover. We continue our journey home, with a comfort stop, arriving mid evening.



PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- 2 on-board lunches
- Captain's Welcome Cocktail Reception
- Gala dinner on 1 evening
- Panoramic Coach Tour of Paris
- Guided coach tour of Old Montmartre
- Paris Cruise By Night (subject to water levels on the Seine)

- Ferry crossings

- All coach travel Single supplement £187.00 (subject to availability)

SUPPLEMENTS:

Upper Deck Cabin £90.00 per person

Please see page 9 for River Cruise payment and cancellation terms. Deposit £250.00 per person

Wednesday 19th – Sunday 23rd 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 £132.00
Car hire on the island
Deposit £150.00 per person

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TOUR
PRICE

FROM
£665

5 DAYS

Friday 21st – Monday 24th March



FOUR DAY BRITISH SEASIDE MYSTERY

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

YOUR HOTEL Mystery Hotel, Mystery Location!

A 3* hotel in a great location, overlooking the sea. 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 freshly prepared choice evening menu and hearty English breakfast.

TOUR
PRICE

£245

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 2)
Room with View Supplement £30.00 per person
Room with Balcony & View £60.00 per person

Monday 24th – Friday 28th 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.

TOUR
PRICE

£395

5 DAYS

ITINERARY

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

TUESDAY After 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) and on to Holmfirth for coffee, famous for its connection with the popular TV vintage TV series "Last of the Summer Wine"! We complete our circular day with a stop in Sheffield for a late lunch and time to browse the shops.

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

Monday 24th – Friday 28th 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 on the Broads with a full commentary about its wildlife and points of interest along the way. Time after to enjoy a leisurely lunch in Wroxham and browse the abundance of shops.

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 1)
Subsequent Singles £60.00

Sea View Room Supplement £28.00 per person

Monday 24th – Friday 28th 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'. There is 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 5)
Signature Room upgrade £20.00 per person

TOUR
PRICE

£365

5 DAYS

Friday 28th – Monday 31st 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

£295

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. With time to have lunch and browse the shops, 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 evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £60.00



SPRINGTIME IN SCOTLAND – MORE INCLUSIVE IN PERTHSHIRE

TOUR
PRICE

£435

6 DAYS

Scotland is scenic at any time of year but starts to burst into life as spring unfolds. Combining the ruggedness of the countryside with the bustle of the city, Perthshire lies at the heart of Scotland, with dramatic mountain glens, lochs and some of Europe's most remarkable woodlands and nearby Trossachs boasting spectacular scenery & Scottish history.

YOUR HOTEL **Salutation Hotel, Perth**

A warm welcome awaits at the 3* Salutation Hotel, located close to the centre of the city. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a traditional evening menu and hearty Scottish breakfast, with a spacious lounge bar to relax in the evenings with a tipple or two!

ITINERARY

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

TUESDAY Join us today as we travel to the waterfront city of Dundee, situated on the Tay Estuary and Scotland's sunniest city! There are many attractions to explore along the Waterfront, including the V&A Museum of Design (free entry), HMS Unicorn (Scotland's oldest ship) preserved as a museum for the Royal Navy, RRS Discovery (Royal Research Ship Discovery) where you can learn all about the Antarctic expedition in 1901 led by Captain Scott and the Verdant Works Museum to discover the city's industrial past. A short walk in the centre you'll find many shops, art gallery and cafes to enjoy lunch. You may also like to take a sightseeing bus tour with audio guide to see more of this fascinating city.

WEDNESDAY After a leisurely 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.

THURSDAY The morning is free to enjoy Perth, once Scotland's ancient capital, located along Scotland's longest River – the Tay, 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. You'll also find the newly opened Perth Museum housing the Stone of Destiny, Black Watch Castle & Museum, Georgian townhouses, cobbled streets and medieval spires. A soup and sandwich lunch is provided at the hotel. Join us this afternoon if you wish as we make the short journey north to Dunkeld, with its stately Cathedral, part ruined but still the parish church, and the Beatrix Potter Garden, celebrating some of her famous characters and recreated as bronze sculptures within a beautiful landscaped garden.

FRIDAY Today we uncover the scenery of Highland Perthshire. We begin with a visit to the Victorian town of Pitlochry known for its salmon ladder and hydro-electric dam, in the shadow of the mighty Ben Vrackie mountain range. With plenty of time here to explore and enjoy a warming lunch, we continue along Loch Tummel passing Queens View (once of Queen Victoria's favourite viewpoints in the region), through Killin and the Falls of Dochart and on to the market town of Crieff for afternoon tea, before returning to Perth for our final evening.

SATURDAY 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
- Lunch on 3 days (2 packed lunch & 1 soup and sandwich at hotel)
- Drinks Vouchers for selected alcoholic & soft drinks
- Entertainment on 2 nights
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £80.00 (Max 5)

Friday 28th – Monday 31st March



SPRINGTIME ON THE SOUTH COAST

The South Coast has been a popular seaside destination for tourists for many years with over 400 miles of coastline, blue flag beaches and two National Parks and reportedly the UK's sunniest place! An ideal springtime break.

YOUR HOTEL Royal Norfolk Hotel, Bognor Regis

A 3* hotel delightfully situated on the seafront with views across the English Channel. All bedrooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant has views across to the sea and serves a freshly prepared traditional evening menu and generous breakfast. There is a lounge bar and outside patio areas to relax in.

ITINERARY

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

SATURDAY This morning we travel the short distance to Chichester, Sussex's only city with plenty of time to visit the cathedral, Bishop's Palace gardens, the canal wharf and harbour front, together with a plethora of independent shops and cafes to enjoy lunch. We return to Bognor Regis with the afternoon free to enjoy the promenade, pier, sandy beach and regency townhouses that line the seafront. The town centre is just a short walk offering a mixture of high street brands and quirky independent retailers, and many places to enjoy afternoon tea.

SUNDAY After a leisurely breakfast we travel further along the coast to the vibrant seaside resort of Brighton. Whilst here you may like to visit the stunning Royal Pavilion or take a ride up to the top of the world's tallest moving observation tower (Brighton i360), explore the Sealife Aquarium, enjoy an ice cream on the sandy beach and wander along the pier or indulge in some retail therapy in the shopping centre. We return to our hotel with time to relax before dinner.

MONDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we leave our hotel, and with comfort stops make our homeward journey, 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)
Subsequent Singles from £45.00
Sea View Supplement £21.00 per person

TOUR
PRICE

£215

4 DAYS

Sunday 30th March – Thursday 3rd April



YORK, WHITBY & SCARBOROUGH

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

YOUR HOTEL Royal Hotel, Whitby

A 3* hotel with a stunning cliff top location with views across to the beach, harbour and town. All rooms are ensuite with TV and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a traditional evening menu and hearty Yorkshire breakfast. There is a lounge bar which offers a comfortable place to relax.

ITINERARY

SUNDAY 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.

MONDAY The day is free to explore the charming harbour town of Whitby famous for its ruins of the 13th Century Abbey, where the views from the top are stunning. Historic fishermen cottages are hidden in yards behind the fish market and fine Georgian houses in town. Subject to timetables, you may be able to take a return journey on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway. 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. As our hotel is located in the heart of Whitby you can do as much or as little exploring as you wish.

TUESDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we make our way to the seaside resort of Scarborough, one of Yorkshire's much-loved coastal destinations, with its dramatic cliffs and castle headland. As well as exploring the town with shops and cafés, 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.

WEDNESDAY A full day excursion as we travel inland to the historic city of York, across the stunning North Yorkshire Moors National Park. 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.

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:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £60.00 (Max 5)

TOUR
PRICE

£395

5 DAYS

Sunday 30th March – Thursday 3rd April



NEW

SPRINGTIME IN SOUTH WALES

South Wales has a wealth of heritage and charm and a variety of landscapes from country to coast, valley to mountain, village hamlets to cities. Join us for a new tour this spring as we discover some of the best of the region.

YOUR HOTEL Mercure Swansea, Swansea

A 4* hotel set within landscaped gardens and with tranquil lake views on the outskirts of the city. All bedrooms are ensuite and furnished with TV, Wi-Fi access, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious choice evening menu and hearty Welsh breakfast. Leisure facilities include a fitness centre.

ITINERARY

SUNDAY We leave the West Country with a coffee stop on route and make our way to Chepstow for lunch and time to explore the charming town with its ancient castle overlooking the River Wye. We continue across south Wales, arriving at our hotel on the outskirts of Swansea with time to relax before dinner.

MONDAY This morning we travel around Swansea Bay to the coastal town of The Mumbles, gateway to the Gower Peninsula. Here you'll find the 18th century lighthouse, Victorian pier and Oystermouth Castle, many gift shops and cafes. After an early lunch we visit Swansea marina to visit the National Waterfront Museum which tells the story of industry and innovation in Wales over the last 300 years. Just a short walk, you'll find the marina, maritime quarter and beach or the Quadrant Shopping Centre is also a short walk away from the museum.

TUESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way across the Brecon Beacons National Park, which covers an area of 520 square miles between south and mid Wales. We stop for coffee in the market town of Brecon, before travelling on to Abergavenny, the gateway to Wales. Enjoy lunch in one of the many cafes or find a bargain in the Market Hall and one of the town's quirky shops.

WEDNESDAY Today we visit the market town of Carmarthen, located on the River Tywi, the longest tidal river in Wales, where fishermen can still be seen fishing for trout in handmade wooden coracles (small one person boats). The outdoor market can be found in town, together with independent shops and antique traders. With delicatessens and cafes, there's something for everyone for a tasty local lunch. From here we make the short journey to Gwili Steam Railway for a return nostalgic journey on the vintage line travelling through the beautiful South Wales countryside.

THURSDAY 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:

- 4 night's dinner, bed & breakfast
- Entrance to National Waterfront Museum (free entry)
- Return Journey on Gwili Steam Railway
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £95.00 (Max 5)

TOUR PRICE

£395

5 DAYS

Monday 7th – Friday 11th 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.

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 cafes 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 cafes 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
- Entrance to St Mildred's Church with Introductory Talk
- Entrance to Osborne House
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No Single supplement (max 5)

TOUR PRICE

£425

5 DAYS

Monday 7th – Friday 11th April



NEW

WONDERFUL WARWICKSHIRE & BEYOND

Perhaps one of England's most tranquil of counties, with swathes of beautiful countryside threaded by rivers, canals and dotted with villages, towns and cities. Discover some of Warwickshire's gems in this new springtime tour.

YOUR HOTEL Stratford Manor Hotel, Stratford Upon Avon

A luxurious 4* hotel set within 21 acres of beautiful Warwickshire countryside. All rooms are ensuite with luxury toiletries, TV, Wi-Fi access, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant offers a choice menu and generous breakfast, and the Terrace Lounge offers guests a quiet area to relax in. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, steam and sauna room and fitness suite.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave the West Country, and make a coffee stop on route to the charming riverside town of Tewkesbury, famous for its 900 year old Norman Abbey. With time to and enjoy lunch, we continue to our hotel with time to settle in and relax before dinner.

TUESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to Moreton-In-Marsh, a thriving market town in the heart of the Cotswolds. Today is market day which can be found on the high street where you may find a bargain or an unusual gift. With time to browse the stalls, we continue to the medieval wool town of Banbury for lunch. With its ancient Banbury Cross, a variety of shops and cafes, you may like to try the local Banbury Cake – a delicious fruit and pastry cake, perfect for an afternoon tea treat!

WEDNESDAY Today we visit the pretty town of Warwick with its magnificent castle, the 14th century half timber framed Lord Leicester Hospital and Fusilier Museum, plus many gift shops and cafes to enjoy an early lunch. We rejoin the coach and make the short journey to Warwickshire's Charlecote Park, House & Gardens with its compact Tudor house with Victorian extensions home to the Lucy family for nine generations. The house ground floor has five beautiful Victorian rooms to explore including the Great Hall, Drawing Room and Victorian kitchen. The relaxed gardens and parkland are well worth a stroll, where you may see free roaming deer herds and afternoon teas are available at the cafe.

THURSDAY Join us today as we visit the cathedral quarter of Coventry with a guided tour of Coventry Cathedral to learn about the ruins of the original building, destroyed during the blitz in 1940 and the rebuilding of its stunning modern replacement. If you wish, climb the 180 tower steps for a magnificent city view and visit the on-site Blitz Museum. Also, within the cobbled streets of the cathedral quarter you may wish to St Marys Guildhall, one of the UK's finest surviving medieval guildhalls which houses a glorious tapestry or Herbert Art Gallery & Museum, home to "Dippy" the dinosaur! A short walk away is the shopping centre with Lady Godiva's statue where there are an abundance of high street shops, and cafes galore to enjoy a quiet lunch.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Charlecote Park House & Parkland (NT)
- Guided Tour of Coventry Cathedral
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £160.00 (Max 5)

TOUR
PRICE

£445

5 DAYS

Monday 14th – Friday 18th 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 recently opened RHS Garden Bridgewater to enjoy some of the best attractions in the region.

YOUR HOTEL Mercure Dunkenhall Hotel & Spa, Clayton Le Moors

A delightful, recently refurbished 4* hotel set within and around a beautiful country manor, with many of its original features including turrets and porticos. All comfortable en-suite bedrooms are equipped with TV, telephone, Wi-Fi access, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to some bedrooms and ground floor rooms are available too. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities includes a fitness suite & indoor pool (small fee).

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. Take a stroll along the canal, a boat ride or perhaps visit the castle. After 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. Time here 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 £100.00 (Max 5)

TOUR
PRICE

£425

5 DAYS

Monday 14th – Friday 18th April



A TASTE OF FOUR COUNTIES

Join us as we travel around four of Central England's attractive counties, towns and compact cities - Staffordshire, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Warwickshire, full of quintessential English character and historic charm.

YOUR HOTEL Best Western Appleby Park Hotel, Tamworth, Staffordshire

A recently refurbished 3* hotel set within its own leafy grounds on the outskirts of Tamworth. All bedrooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The hotel is served by a lift, with some ground floor rooms available too. The restaurant serves a traditional evening and breakfast menu and the lounge bar offers a quiet area to relax.

TOUR
PRICE

£445

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 castle and historic charm give Warwick a by-gone age feel. With traditional tea rooms, antique shops, art galleries and independent gift shops, we continue to our hotel, with time to settle in before dinner.

TUESDAY Join us today as we travel to Nottingham. There is so much to discover in this compact city, from the Castle Quarter with a statue of the legendary Robin Hood, to the Lace Market and Grade I St Mary's Church, the largest remaining medieval building in the city. You may like to explore the City of Caves to uncover the history of the curious subterranean landscape of 800 caves below the city, or the National Justice Museum with medieval dungeons, Georgian cells & Victorian courtrooms, the Contemporary art gallery or the shopping district with cafes and restaurants.

WEDNESDAY Today we explore Staffordshire, beginning with a visit to the National Memorial Arboretum, a 15 acre site with over 30,000 trees and 350 memorials to our service men & women from different battles across the ages. At 10.50am there is a daily act of remembrance in the Millenium Chapel, a series of volunteer led talks around the site during the day (please ask for details at reception), 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. There is a café and gift shop on site. After lunch we visit the elegant town of Lichfield featuring a medieval cathedral & Charles Darwin's grandfather's house and much more besides.

THURSDAY After breakfast visit the city of Derby, famous for setting in motion Britain's Industrial Revolution. Discover it's stunning cathedral, Pickford House Museum of Georgian life and costumes, Derby's Museum & Art Gallery with ancient treasures and 18th century artwork, Silk Mill (on the site of the world's first factory), 14th century Bridge Chapel and Derby Arboretum, Britain's first public park and inspiration for New York's Central Park. You will find many high street shops, cafes and restaurants to enjoy a leisurely lunch.

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:

No Single Supplement (Max 5)

Friday 18th – Monday 21st April



EASTER IN THE COTSWOLDS

The beautiful stone towns and villages of the Cotswolds with their honey-coloured houses bedecked in flowers, pretty river streams and lush grassy countryside sums up a quintessential, nostalgic England.

YOUR HOTEL Whately Hall Hotel, Banbury

A 3* 17th century characterful hotel based in Banbury. All rooms are ensuite and superbly furnished with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is no lift, due to the historic nature of the hotel. The characterful restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and hearty breakfast. There is a cosy lounge and bar to relax in the evening, and a beautifully maintained garden to explore.

TOUR
PRICE

£325

4 DAYS

ITINERARY

FRIDAY We leave our home area, making a coffee stop on route to Cheltenham for lunch. As Britain's most complete regency town you will find many different striking Georgian buildings. Take a stroll down the tree lined Promenade with smart cafes and shops, wander through the Imperial Gardens or explore the stylish Montpellier shopping district. We continue to our hotel in Banbury, with time to settle in and relax before dinner.

SATURDAY Today we visit two of the most iconic of the Cotswolds villages, stopping first in the market town of Moreton-in-Marsh with time to explore and enjoy coffee, before travelling on to Stow-on-the-Wold for lunch. This afternoon we travel to Cheltenham to board the Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway for a heritage train journey to Broadway, before returning to Banbury.

SUNDAY Happy Easter! Join us today as we visit Stratford Upon Avon, famous as the birthplace of William Shakespeare. From boat cruises along the River Avon, to Shakespeare attractions, half timbered buildings and a modern shopping district with many cafes and restaurants, there is so much to discover. We return to our hotel with time to rest and relax before dinner.

MONDAY After breakfast, we begin our homeward journey, stopping in Bath for lunch and time to enjoy its many attractions and modern shopping district. Take a sightseeing bus tour with guided commentary to learn more about its fascinating past, explore the museums (such as Jane Austen Centre or Victoria Art Gallery) or indulge at the Pump Room restaurant. We complete our journey home, reaching the West Country early-evening.

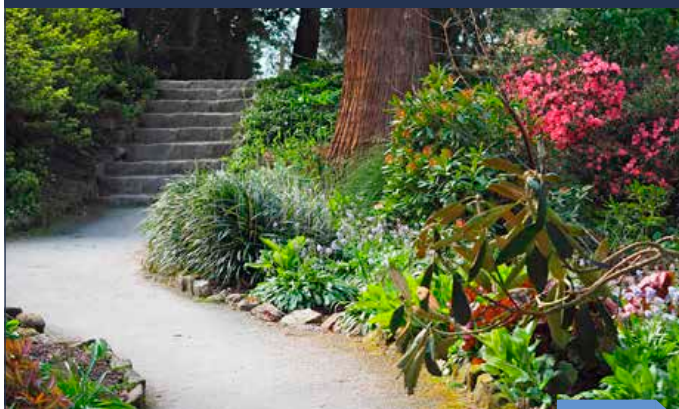
PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Single Journey on Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £105.00 (Max 5)

Sunday 20th – Thursday 24th 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 beautifully 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 Looe with time to explore the fishing harbour and enjoy a relaxing lunch. We complete our journey to our hotel, with time to settle in before dinner.

MONDAY This morning we visit the 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 here. We continue to the attractive harbour town of Mevagissey, with links to the Cornish pilchard industry, the harbour is always buzzing with fishermen, and the narrow streets and filled with gifts shops and cafes.

TUESDAY Join us this morning we make our way towards the north coastline to the picturesque fishing village of St Ives with its delightful galleries, shops and cafes, with plenty of time to explore and enjoy lunch. We return to Falmouth with time free to explore the town with its mix of high street and independent shops, or perhaps visit the National Maritime Museum or Pendennis Castle, before we return to our hotel with time to relax before dinner.

WEDNESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we travel to Truro, with time to visit the cathedral and browse the shops. You will find an outdoor and indoor market on Lemon Quay, with local produce to try. After lunch we visit Trelissick Gardens, set on its own peninsula with panoramic views over the Fal Estuary. Explore the formal gardens with exotic plants and herbaceous borders, surrounded by historic parkland and woods. Enjoy afternoon tea in the Crofters Café or Kitchen Tearooms and browse one of the National Trust's largest second-hand book shops and gift shops.

THURSDAY Sadly, we leave our hotel and make our way to Padstow, 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 The Lost Gardens of Heligan
- Entrance to Trelissick Gardens (Nat Trust)
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

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

TOUR
PRICE

£445

5 DAYS

Monday 21st – Friday 25th 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 Fishguard, 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. This afternoon we visit the scenic village of Avoca, the setting for the TV series Ballykissangel, returning 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 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 Fishguard. 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

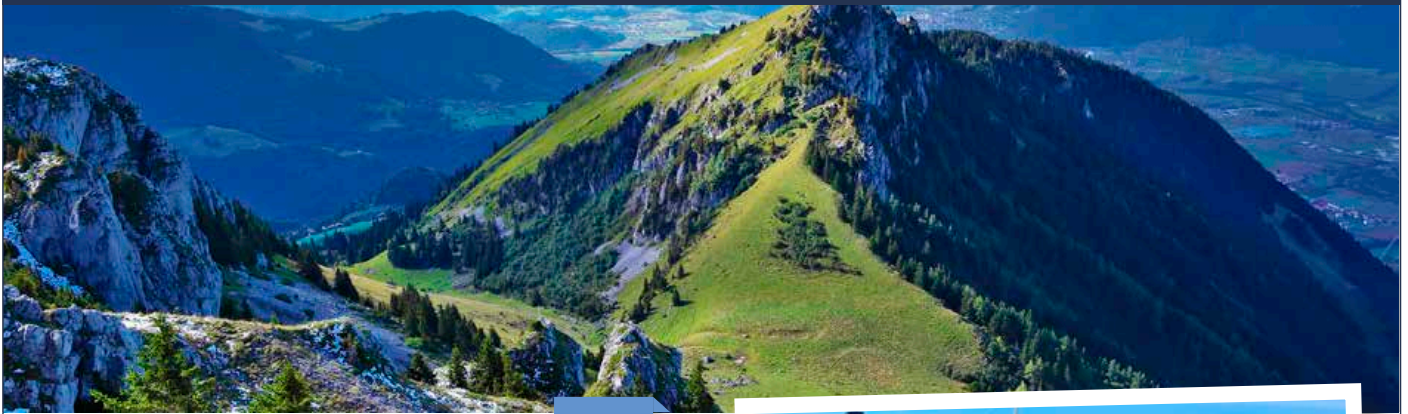
TOUR
PRICE

£455

5 DAYS

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £105.00



SPRINGTIME IN SWITZERLAND – CHEESE, CHOCOLATE & THE ALPS

Switzerland is truly magical at any time of year, but as spring blooms there is sense of new life awakening in the Alps. With visits to a local cheese and chocolate factory, and a cruise on Lake Geneva, see Switzerland at it's springtime best!

TOUR
PRICE

£785

7 DAYS

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.

ITINERARY

SUNDAY After an early departure we make our way to Dover, with a comfort stop en route, for the ferry crossing to Calais. We continue our journey through France, to our overnight hotel in Laon, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

MONDAY 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.

TUESDAY This morning we visit a cheese factory to learn about the long tradition of cheesemaking in the region, before stopping in the pretty town of Gruyeres for lunch. This picture-postcard village centre has a castle, medieval buildings, cobbled pedestrian area and water fountain has experienced over 800 years of history. This afternoon we travel the short distance to Broc to visit the Maison Callier Chocolate Factory (Switzerland's oldest chocolate brand) for a fascinating history of chocolate and how it is made, experiencing chocolatiers at work in the studio. With a café and chocolate gift shop on site, it's difficult to resist temptation!



WEDNESDAY Today we make our way to the shores of Lake Geneva, starting in the charming town Vevey where a flower bedecked lakeside promenade lies in the shadow of breathtaking alpine views. This was home to Charlie Chaplin for his last 25 years and a monument to him can be found by the lake edge. We board a Paddle Steamer for a gentle cruise across the lake to the cosmopolitan town of Montreux. Stroll along the flat promenade with views to Chillon Castle and enjoy a relaxing lunch in one of the waters' edge cafes.

THURSDAY After breakfast join us for a morning excursion to 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. We return to Leysin for the remainder of the day to explore at leisure, perhaps take a ride on the gondolas cable car in the centre of town to the revolving restaurant with stunning views across the alpine mountain peaks.

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:

- 6 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Entrance to La Maison du Gruyere (Cheese Factory)
- Entrance to Maison Callier (Chocolate Factory)
- Paddle Steamer Cruise on Lake Geneva
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £50.00 for 1st two singles
Subsequent Singles £152.00



THE DUTCH BULBFIELDS & THE BEST OF HOLLAND

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

YOUR HOTEL 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 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

£655

5 DAYS

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 £152.00
Entrance to some attractions at Zaanse Schans

Monday 21st – Friday 25th April



HEYTHROP PARK, CHIPPING NORTON - 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. 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, & gym. Outdoor activities include archery, rifle shooting and laser clay plus boules & croquet. The restaurant serves delicious food and live entertainment is 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 and make a 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 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 town, with antique, gift and souvenir shops 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

TOUR
PRICE

£565

5 DAYS

Saturday 26th – Sunday 27th 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, Mrs Doubtfire, The Curious Case of Benjamin Button, Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap or The Play That Goes Wrong.

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button is a new musical based on F. Scott Fitzgerald's iconic story about Benjamin Button, born old and growing younger each day, re-written to be based in a Cornish fishing village.

Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap is the world's longest running play and much-loved murder mystery about seven strangers in a remote country manor with a killer in their midst! Can you solve this great whodunnit? But remember, never tell a soul! The Play That Goes Wrong follows a drama society who put on a 1920's murder mystery, but as the title suggests ... everything that can go wrong, does! With laughs around every corner, this play offers non-stop fun from start to finish.

(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

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
- Top priced theatre ticket (if applicable)
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £34.00

TOUR
PRICE

LONDON
THEATRE
WEEKEND

£255

LONDON/
WINDSOR
WEEKEND

£135

2 DAYS

Saturday 26th – Sunday 27th April



TORVILL & DEAN "OUR LAST DANCE" 50th ANNIVERSARY TOUR, BIRMINGHAM

In 2025, after 50 years of skating together, Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean will be hanging up their skates for good, so don't miss this chance to see them for one last time, in their 50th Anniversary tour. We have tickets for both the afternoon and evening show.

YOUR HOTEL **Holiday Inn Birmingham M6, J7, 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, and depending on your choice of show, you will either go to the World Resorts Arena for the afternoon show and then to our hotel for dinner, or have an early dinner in the hotel and travel to the Arena for the evening show. Enjoy this special farewell tour and tribute to this iconic pair who have been wowing audiences for 50 years from their gold medal performance of Bolero at the 1984 Winter Olympics to the coaching of celebrities on the much-loved TV series "Dancing on Ice". We rejoin the coach after the show and return to our hotel.

SUNDAY After a leisurely breakfast we begin our journey home, stopping for lunch in Stratford Upon Avon, with its Shakespeare-based attractions, delightful shops, river cruises and many cafes and restaurants to enjoy a leisurely lunch. We later complete our homeward journey, arriving very early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Ticket for Torvill & Dean "Our Last Dance" show
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single Supplement £30.00

TOUR PRICE

£185

2 DAYS

Monday 28th April – Friday 2nd May



SPRINGTIME BLOOM IN KENT

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

YOUR HOTEL **Mercure Maidstone Great Danes Hotel, Maidstone**

A modern 4* hotel set in 26 acres of countryside adjoining the beautiful Leeds Castle. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool, sauna, spa bath and fitness suite.

TOUR PRICE

£449

5 DAYS

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 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 Ightham Mote, a 14th century moated manor house. Built almost 700 years ago, it includes a pretty courtyard, a Great Hall, crypt, Tudor painted ceilings and peaceful gardens with an orchard, water features, lakes and woodland walks. There is a restaurant onsite which serves delicious lunches and afternoon teas.

WEDNESDAY This morning we visit the medieval walled city of Canterbury, with its world-famous cathedral, the seat of the Archbishop of Canterbury and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. There are also many museums and a wonderful shopping centre. After an early lunch we continue to Tenterden where we board a train on the Kent & Sussex Railway for a relaxing journey to Bodiam Station.

THURSDAY 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 Hever Castle. Set in 125 acres and filled with spring bulbs, camellias, hyacinths and pansies creating a riot of colour in the gardens of the castle and childhood home of Anne Boleyn. Explore the exquisite interior rooms, beautifully furnished state rooms and galleries, before browsing the gift shop & visiting the café for afternoon tea and cake.

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 Ightham Mote (NT)
- Train journey on Kent & East Sussex Railway
- Entrance to Hever Castle & Gardens
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £80.00 (Max 5)

Sunday 27th April – Thursday 1st May



THE DUTCH BULBFIELDS & THE BEST OF HOLLAND

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YOUR HOTEL Leonardo Hotel, Lelystad

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TOUR
PRICE

£655

5 DAYS



ITINERARY

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

MONDAY After breakfast, we 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.

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

WEDNESDAY 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.

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



PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £152.00
Entrance to some attractions at Zaanse Schans

Monday 28th April – Friday 2nd 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

£465

5 DAYS

ITINERARY

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

TUESDAY 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.

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 After breakfast we journey to Holy Island (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.

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

Monday 28th April – Friday 2nd May



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

£465

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 to the world famous Bodnant Garden, home to National collections and Champion trees with over 80 acres of 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 continue 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 continue 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, with a coffee and lunch stop en route. We complete 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 £120.00

Friday 2nd – Monday 5th May



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 only) £30.00 per person
Superior River View with Balcony (Twin or Double) £60.00 per person

TOUR
PRICE

£325

4 DAYS

Friday 2nd – Monday 5th May



LLANDUDNO VICTORIAN EXTRAVAGANZA & TRANSPORT FESTIVAL

Every May Day Bank Holiday weekend, Llandudno plays host to a Victorian Extravaganza featuring a Victorian street fair, old time fair rides, fun stalls, steam engines, people dressed in Victorian costume, street parades and street entertainment the whole family will enjoy.

YOUR HOTEL 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 right 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

TOUR
PRICE

£325

4 DAYS

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £60.00 (Max 4)



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. Also included are visits to the medieval cities of Carcassonne and Avignon to marvel at their stunning architectural beauty.

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

£945

11 DAYS



modern resort of Empuriabrava (the largest residential marina in the world) or enjoy a catamaran or glass bottom boat cruise from the harbour.

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, Gaudí's testament to modern architecture. The view across the high plateau of the Monique Mountain overlooking the city is also stunning.

THURSDAY 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 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.

FRIDAY Join us if you wish for an afternoon excursion to the pretty whitewashed village of Cadaqués with its maze of narrow streets that tumble down to the water, and stylish art galleries which stand alongside the souvenir shops, cafés and seafood restaurants. We return to Roses after lunch with time on resort.

SATURDAY Sadly, this morning we bid farewell to our hotel in Roses and begin our homeward journey. We enjoy a stop for lunch in the historic city of Avignon, known as the "City of Popes" with its prestigious papal palace. Located in the heart of Provence on the River Rhone, explore the breathtaking architecture amongst cobbled streets. We rejoin the coach and travel to our first overnight hotel in Lyon, for evening dinner.

SUNDAY After breakfast we depart Lyon, and make our way north, with comfort stops on route to our final overnight hotel in the Belgian walled city of Mouscron arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

MONDAY After breakfast, we travel back to Calais for the return ferry crossing to Dover. From here we then continue our journey home, arriving mid/late-evening.

ITINERARY

FRIDAY 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, to our first overnight hotel in Laon, with time to relax before dinner.

SATURDAY After breakfast we continue our journey south, with comfort stops on route, to our second overnight hotel in Orange, arriving with time for dinner and perhaps take a stroll into town this evening.

SUNDAY After breakfast, we continue our journey through France, stopping for lunch into the beautiful medieval city of Carcassonne with its 52 towers and rampart walls. Said to be the best-preserved medieval city in the world, you will have time to explore its ancient landmarks, before we continue our journey across the border into Spain, to our hotel in Roses for the next six nights, with time to settle in and relax 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 along the promenade, 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 and Cap de Creus mountainous landscapes overlooking the bay.

TUESDAY Enjoy a second day on resort. Perhaps take a walk along to the nearby



PRICE INCLUDES:

- 10 nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £255.00 (Max 4)
Sea View Room Supplement (subject to availability)
£81.00 per person

Sunday 4th – Thursday 8th 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

£699

5 DAYS

ITINERARY

SUNDAY After a possible early departure we leave our home area, and make our way east to Poole for the ferry crossing to Guernsey. On arrival, you will be met by a local coach or taxi and taken to your hotel, with the remainder of the day free to spend as you please before dinner.

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY 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 Saumarez 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.

THURSDAY Sadly, it's today time to leave Guernsey. Once again, a local coach or taxi will take you to the ferry port for the return crossing to Poole. On arrival, you will be met by our 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

Monday 5th – Friday 9th May



A CUMBRIAN JOURNEY & CARLISLE TO SETTLE RAILWAY

TOUR
PRICE

£475

5 DAYS

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

YOUR HOTEL Crown & Mitre Hotel, Carlisle

Situated close to the historic cathedral in the heart of the city, this 3* hotel offers the perfect mix of Edwardian grandeur (complete with beautiful original 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 (Max 5)

Sunday 4th – Friday 9th May



SCOTLAND ... THE AGE OF STEAM, BOATS & WHEELS

Join us as we steam and cruise through some of central Scotland's famous sights from a different perspective, as we travel by train, boat and a wheel! We bring you the majestic Royal Yacht Britannia in all her glory and fabulous views of the famous Firth of Forth Bridge, and the regal city of Edinburgh herself.

YOUR HOTEL Doubletree by Hilton Glasgow Westerwood Spa & Golf Resort, Westerwood

A 4* hotel set within 120 acres of gardens. All rooms are ensuite and comfortably furnished with TV, hairdryer, safe, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors and ground floor rooms are available. The restaurant serves a freshly prepared evening menu and hearty Scottish breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, spa, sauna, whirlpool and fitness suite.

ITINERARY

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

MONDAY Join us today as we travel to the centre of Edinburgh with the day free to explore. Why not jump on a sightseeing bus to explore the city's many beautiful sights with on-board commentary. You may like to visit the famous castle, some of the city's museum (some of which are free entry), Holyrood Palace or perhaps stroll along the Royal Mile with its numerous shops and restaurants. This vibrant city has something for everyone to enjoy.

TUESDAY This morning we travel to Bo'Ness and board a steam train for a return journey on the Bo'Ness and Kinneil Railway. Climbing through woodlands, passing majestic waterfalls and tunnelling through fields, across the impressive viaduct with impressive views, we re-join the coach and make our way to The Helix Visitor Centre to see The Kelpies (magnificent equine sculptures at 30 metres tall) and



TOUR
PRICE

£595

6 DAYS



time to enjoy lunch in the café. This afternoon we travel to Falkirk to board the stunning Falkirk Wheel, the world's only rotating boat lift which connects the Forth & Clyde and Union Canals in central Scotland. Marvel at this incredible piece of engineering and stunning views, as we complete a full rotation.

WEDNESDAY After breakfast we travel across the Trossachs for a scenic tour of the area, travelling through picturesque villages and stunning landscapes, with spectacular views from Duke's Pass, stopping for coffee in Aberfoyle along the way. We arrive in peaceful Loch Katrine with time to enjoy lunch and perhaps a boat cruise on the lake. We return to our hotel later this afternoon, with time to relax before dinner.

THURSDAY Today we visit the world class Royal Yacht Britannia. Step aboard and experience this truly magical floating palace, view the captain's bridge, state apartments, royal bedrooms, crew's quarters and gleaming engine room (fully accessible with lifts and ramps throughout the ship). With time for lunch at the nearby Ocean Terminal Centre, we travel to the pier and step aboard for a boat cruise around the Firth of Forth. This is the best way to see the iconic Forth Bridge, a monument to Victorian engineering. Keep a close eye out for seals, dolphins and puffins around the smaller islands.

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 & buffet breakfast
- Ticket for the Bo'Ness & Kinneil Railway
- Ticket for the Falkirk Wheel
- Entrance to the Royal Yacht Britannia
- Three Bridge Boat Cruise on the Forth Estuary
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £185.00

Monday 5th – Friday 9th May



SPRINGTIME IN YORKSHIRE'S HERRIOT COUNTRY

TOUR PRICE

£495

5 DAYS

Yorkshire's rural landscape blooms into life during the spring season, dotted with picturesque villages, towns and hand built stone walls across moorland within the beautiful Yorkshire Dales National Park. The Yorkshire born vet James Herriot's books have provided a foundation to the area that we lovingly refer to as "Herriot's Country" today.

YOUR HOTEL Crowne Plaza Hotel, Harrogate

A modern 4* hotel located in the centre of Harrogate. Each of the ensuite bedrooms are comfortably furnished with TV, telephone, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The spacious restaurant serves a delicious choice evening menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include a fitness suite and lounge bar area to relax in.

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 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. We return to Harrogate with time to spend at leisure before dinner this evening.

WEDNESDAY Join us this morning as we visit the delightful RHS Garden Harlow Carr with specially designed garden spaces to reflect the surrounding Yorkshire landscape with running and still waters, woodlands and wildflower meadows. Explore the alpine house, sub-tropical garden, border garden, trails and log maze and delightful tea rooms to enjoy lunch. We return to Harrogate with afternoon free to explore the elegant Victorian spa town with its green open spaces. You may like to visit the Royal Pump Room Museum to learn about its spa heritage, browse the various shops or enjoy afternoon tea in the famous Bettys Café Tea Rooms.

THURSDAY Today we journey north 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. Today is market day, found in the town square with many traditional market traders. With time to enjoy lunch, we continue to Thirsk, a lovely old-fashioned market town, best known as Darrowby in the well-loved TV series, All Creatures Great and Small. We visit the World of James Herriot Museum, which offers an unforgettable interactive experience of the life and times of the vet, with free time later to explore the delightful town.

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
- Entrance to RHS Garden Harlow Carr
- Entrance to the World of James Herriot
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £100.00

Monday 5th – Friday 9th May



NORFOLK – THE BROADS & SANDRINGHAM

TOUR PRICE

£475

5 DAYS

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.

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 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.

WEDNESDAY After breakfast we travel 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 enjoy a leisurely cruise on The Broads, before returning to our hotel.

THURSDAY The morning is free to explore 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.

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £112.00

Saturday 10th – Sunday 11th 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. ... **EARLY BOOKING ADVISEABLE**

YOUR HOTEL **Holiday Inn Birmingham M6J7, Birmingham**
A 4* modern hotel. Each en-suite bedroom is equipped with TV, Wi-Fi, hairdryer, and tea & coffee 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

SATURDAY 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.

SUNDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we begin our homeward journey via Stratford-Upon-Avon, famous as the birthplace of William Shakespeare. From boat cruises along the River Avon, to Shakespeare attractions, half timbered buildings and a modern shopping district with many cafes and restaurants, there is so much to discover. 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

TOUR PRICE

£249

2 DAYS

Monday 12th – Saturday 17th 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 and the restaurant offers a choice menu.

TOUR PRICE

£635

6 DAYS

ITINERARY

MONDAY 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.

TUESDAY After breakfast make a short stop in Morecombe before continuing to Heysham for the afternoon ferry crossing to Douglas. We complete our journey to our hotel, arriving in time for dinner.

WEDNESDAY 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.

THURSDAY 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!

FRIDAY 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.

SATURDAY After breakfast, we make the very short journey 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



ANDORRA... A PYRENEES MOUNTAIN PARADISE

Tucked away in the eastern Pyrenees is the tiny Catalan principality of Andorra, a paradise of ragged mountain peaks, narrow valleys and breathtaking natural scenery. In addition to the stunning landscape, Andorra contains many historic towns and pretty villages, as well as one of Europe's oldest parliaments.

YOUR HOTEL Nordic Hotel, El Tarter

A modern 4* hotel located in the picturesque town of El Tarter. Each ensuite room is well equipped with TV, hairdryer and air-conditioning. The spacious restaurant serves a delicious home-cooked menu and the bar offers a peaceful area to relax. Leisure facilities include an indoor and outdoor swimming pool, spa and sauna.

TOUR
PRICE

£835

8 DAYS



and half-timber framed houses. After a relaxing lunch, we make our way back into Andorra making a visit to Meritxell, to discover the Sanctuary, home to the patron saint of Andorra "Our Lady of Meritxell", and where seven wooden figures represent the seven parishes of Andorra.

WEDNESDAY Today we are joined by a local guide, as we make our way over the border, into Spain, and across the Catalan countryside to the village of Ribes de Freser. Our guide will provide us with an informative tour on route. We board the historic rack railway and take in the stunning views in the Vall de Nuria, and out across the Pyrenees, as we wind our way up the mountain to a height of 2,000 metres! At the summit, there are many walking trails to explore the area, or visit the Basilica Sanctuary, exhibition and enjoy lunch in the café.

THURSDAY Join us this morning, if you wish, for an excursion over the Spanish border to Le Seu d'Urgell, a lively town once governed by Andorra. Historically one of the most important cities in medieval Catalonia, here you will find the cathedral Santa Maria. After lunch we make our way back to El Tarter with this afternoon free to explore the pretty town and maybe make use of the hotel's leisure facilities.

FRIDAY Sadly, after a hearty breakfast we today bid a fond farewell to the Pyrenees, making our way back into France, with stops on route, before we arrive at our overnight accommodation in time for evening meal.

SATURDAY After breakfast, we continue our journey to Calais, for the ferry crossing to Dover, arriving back in the West Country mid-late evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 6 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- 1 nights' bed & breakfast at first overnight accommodation
- Welcome drink in Andorra
- House wine & water with dinner in Andorra
- Live musical entertainment most evenings
- Ticket for the mountain rack railway
- Guided coach tour of Andorra
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £342.00

ITINERARY

SATURDAY After an early departure, we make our way, with a comfort stop on route to Dover, for the ferry crossing to Calais. We continue our journey, making a stop for dinner on route, to our overnight accommodation south of Paris.

SUNDAY This morning we continue our journey down through central France, with comfort stops on route. We cross the Andorra border and make our way up through the mountain roads to our hotel, and base for the next five nights, in the charming town of El Tarter, with time to settle in before dinner this evening.

MONDAY This morning we are joined by an experienced guide for a coach tour of Andorra's four scenic valleys. Travelling through some outstanding natural mountain scenery, we visit Ordino, La Massana, Pal and Escalades, before stopping for lunch in Andorra's capital, Andorra La Vella, with its wealth of shops and designer boutiques. Whilst here you can explore the Barri Antic (old town) – the original heart of the town, when it was little more than a village.

TUESDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we travel over the French border to visit the lovely town of Foix, with its magnificent castle, founded by Charlemagne and key in French history and their crusades. The heart of the old town has retained its medieval character with narrow streets





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

£749

7 DAYS



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

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.



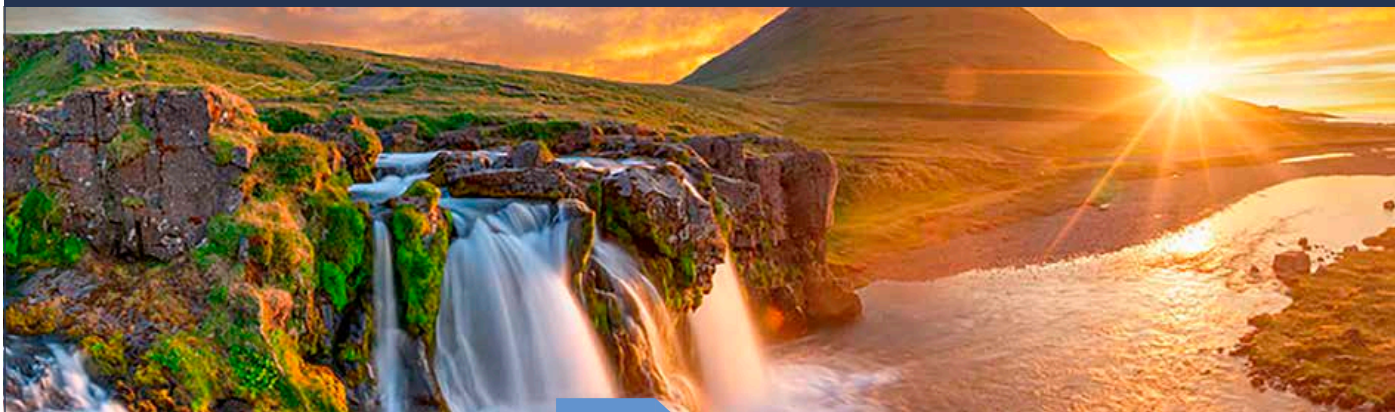
PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Entrance to Muckross House & Gardens
Cart ride / Boat Trip in Killarney
Single supplement £210.00

Saturday 31st May – Saturday 14th June



AMBASSADOR CRUISE LINE - ICELAND'S LAND OF FIRE AND ICE OCEAN CRUISE

Embark on an Icelandic adventure to discover the captivating landscapes and rich culture of this unique island, including a stop at the fascinating Faroe Islands. Despite the recent volcanic activity on the Reykjanes Peninsula, Iceland remains a safe and open destination for travellers. Discover charming towns at the base of snow-capped mountains, surrounded by stunning fjords and the vibrant capital city of Reykjavik known for its geothermal wonders. A truly magical place and a truly magical ocean cruise for a holiday of a lifetime!

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

SATURDAY 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.

SUNDAY At sea today

MONDAY At sea today

TUESDAY The ship arrives in the Faroe Islands this morning at the seaside town of Runavik, set alongside the deepest fjord on the island with several mountain backdrops. Enjoy the historic harbour, take in the stunning landscape and sample local cuisine in the charming cafes (all accessible from the port), with optional excursions available from Ambassador.

WEDNESDAY At sea today

THURSDAY The ship arrives in Iceland this morning, docking at Seydisfjordur, perhaps one of the most picturesque villages with colourful streets. Explore the local area or perhaps book an optional excursion to witness the cascading waterfalls outside the town and marvel at the eastern region's spectacular fjord landscape.



TOUR
PRICE
FROM
£1649
15 DAYS



FRIDAY Cradled by stunning mountains and fjords, the ship arrives in Akureyri in Northern Iceland today, the second largest city. Known for its Botanic gardens, museums and a rich maritime history, and known for its subtle Northern lights in the night sky (if you are lucky to witness them) and a popular spot for whale watching, if you can catch a glimpse of these majestic creatures.

SATURDAY The ship arrives in Isafjordur after breakfast. This settlement dates back many centuries offering stunning fjord-side vistas and a rich historic charm. Wander around its quiet streets, admire the panoramic views and coastal ambience of this Arctic Circle Icelandic town.

SUNDAY The ship docks in the Icelandic capital of Reykjavik today. A city that has plenty of Nordic elegance and Arctic wonders, with stunning architecture such as the Hallgrímskirkja church, the largest on the island. The city centre is easily accessible on foot with many museums and attractions to visit, and soak up the local café culture, or perhaps choose an optional excursion offered by Ambassador to the nearby Blue Lagoon geothermal waters.

MONDAY Enjoy a second day in the vibrant capital, with time to perhaps join a whale watching tour from the harbour side where minke and humpback whales, white-beaked dolphins and puffins can often be spotted, or perhaps take a city sightseeing bus tour of the capital to learn more about its fascinating history and people, before the ship sets sail once again this evening.

TUESDAY At sea today

WEDNESDAY At sea today

THURSDAY At sea today

FRIDAY 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.

SATURDAY 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.

(PLEASE PHONE US TO DISCUSS CABIN OPTIONS)

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Ambassador Expedition Drinks Package £560.00 per person
(see page 8 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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ITALY - TREASURES OF NORTHERN TUSCANY

Timelessly alluring, Tuscany is perhaps Italy's most picturesque landscape with rolling valleys and vineyards dotted with cities of fine architecture, Renaissance art, gourmet delights and fine wines. We visit ancient hill-top towns and remarkable medieval cities, based in the spa town of Montecatini Terme. A perfect Italian tour to make lasting memories.

YOUR HOTEL Ercolini & Savi Hotel, Montecatini Terme

A charming, traditional hotel with modern amenities, retaining the elegance and charm of its grandeur past. All bedrooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer and air conditioning. There is a lift at the hotel. The restaurant serves a delicious traditional evening menu including regional specialities. The lounge and bar offer a great place to relax and maybe sample some of the wines grown in the hotel owner's vineyards!

TOUR
PRICE

£1095

10 DAYS

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, and into Italy, with comfort stops along the way, arriving at our second overnight hotel with time to freshen up before dinner.

MONDAY After breakfast we continue our journey south through Italy, to the spa town of Montecatini Terme, our base for the next five nights. With time to explore your new surroundings and settle into the hotel with time to relax before dinner.

TUESDAY This morning we make our way to the town of Pisa, home to the famous leaning tower located on the Square of Miracles (Piazza dei Miracoli). Standing at 60 metres and tilting at 10 degrees, for those wishing to brave the heights, tickets can be purchased to climb the belltower. Nearby you will also find the Cathedral, Baptistry and Clock Palace. We rejoin the coach and make our way to the beautiful walled city of Lucca, "city of one hundred churches" with time for lunch and the afternoon to explore at leisure. Home to the composer Puccini, famous for his operas *Tosca* & *Madame Butterfly*, there are many architectural treasures to discover including a Basilica, Roman Amphitheatre remains, clock tower and Guinigi Tower with spectacular views at the top!

WEDNESDAY Join us today for the highlight of our Tuscan tour, as we travel by local train to the ancient city of Florence, a once powerful political and economic



power ruled by the infamous Medici dynasty. The city became a world stage for artists such as Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci. We are joined this morning by a local guide for a walking tour of the city to take in some of its landmarks such as the Piazza del Duomo with the majestic Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, the Palazzo Vecchio, Uffizi gallery and Ponte Vecchio which spans the river Arno. With time to enjoy lunch and continue exploring this remarkable city, we later return to Montecatini Terme by local train.

THURSDAY Today is free to explore Montecatini Terme, its captivating lower spa town and higher old town of Montecatini Alto reached by a funicular railway. Up here you will find a small castle, churches and large square with outdoor cafes and fabulous views across the Tuscan countryside. There is a weekly market selling local produce such as honey, olive oil, cheese, rustic breads and fresh Tuscan fruits.

FRIDAY This morning we visit the medieval city of Sienna, with its narrow streets, open spaces and grand architecture, stroll through the Square of the Campo surrounded by splendid medieval palaces and venue for the famous horse race, the "Palio". After lunch we continue to the ancient hilltop town of San Gimignano, with towers that spear the skyline. After a flourishing period during the Middle Ages, the town split into two warring factions and families began to build a total of 72 protective towers, only 14 remain today. Torre Grossa is the only one you can climb today with its spectacular views!

SATURDAY We begin our journey home, leaving our hosts in Tuscany, travelling north, with comfort stops on route, to our overnight hotel with time to relax before dinner.

SUNDAY After breakfast, we continue our journey out of Italy and into France, with comfort stops on route, arriving our overnight hotel in Metz for dinner and evening at leisure.

MONDAY 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)
- 8 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Ticket for local train to Florence
- Guided Walking Tour of Florence
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £240.00 (Max 4)





OUR 2025 GRAND TOUR ... SPAIN - ALLURING ANDALUSIA, THE IBERIAN PENINSULA & GIBRALTAR

**TOUR
PRICE**
£1695
14 DAYS

Join us for a spectacular tour around Spain to see some of it's most beautiful and alluring landscapes, cities and coastal resorts. Discover some of Spain's most fascinating ancient cities, Moorish architecture, Andalusian treasures and sherry country to sample some of the highlights Spain has to offer, including a visit to the British overseas territory of Gibraltar.

YOUR HOTEL Hotel Bardo Recoletos Coco, Salamanca

A 4* hotel located a short walk from the city centre. All ensuite bedrooms are comfortably furnished with TV, safe, hairdryer and Wi-Fi access. The restaurant offers a freshly prepared evening menu and leisure facilities include an outdoor pool.

YOUR HOTEL Exe Sevilla Macarena Hotel, Sevilla

A 4* modern hotel located by the Macarena Basilica and Parliament building. All ensuite bedrooms offer a TV, telephone, hairdryer, safe and air-conditioning. The restaurant offers a delicious evening menu and hearty Spanish breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor courtyard lounge area and outdoor pool with city views.

YOUR HOTEL Hotel Guadacorte Park, Los Barrios, nr Algeciras

This 4* modern hotel has ensuite bedrooms comfortably furnished with TV, telephone, hairdryer, air conditioning and Wi-Fi access. The restaurant serves a freshly prepared evening menu. Facilities include a spacious lounge, tennis court, gym and large outdoor pool and garden areas.

ITINERARY

WEDNESDAY We leave the West Country, making our way to Plymouth, to board a luxurious ferry for a late afternoon departure an overnight sailing to Santander. The ferry boasts a swimming pool, leisure area, elegant bars and lounges, with a choice of dining from award-winning to a wide selection of self-service menus. There are two cinemas and great shopping in stylish malls. All cabins are en-suite and air conditioned.

THURSDAY We continue our cruise today while you continue to make use of the ship's facilities. We arrive in Santander just after lunch, re-join the coach and travel with a comfort stop on route, to our hotel



in Salamanca where we will spend the next 2 nights. Settle in and unpack before dinner and an evening at leisure.

FRIDAY We are joined today by a local guide for a half day coach and walking tour of Salamanca to discover the historical centre and its many landmarks including the oldest university in Europe, with the rest of the day free to explore at leisure. You will find one of Europe's most beautiful squares at Playa Major, surrounded by 88 arches with many cafes located around its terraces. You may like to visit the 2 cathedrals (one old, one new), or the House of Shells decorated by thousands of shells used as tokens of marriage between two noble families and stroll along the historic thoroughfare behind. We return to our hotel with time to relax before dinner.

SATURDAY After breakfast, we leave Salamanca and journey south towards Seville, stopping for lunch on route. We arrive at our hotel, our base for the next 2 nights, with time to freshen up and start exploring your new surroundings before dinner and an evening at leisure, maybe wander into town to enjoy Tapas with the locals.

SUNDAY Today is free to continue exploring the alluring Andalusian city of Seville. Visit the Santa Cruz district with its maze of narrow streets and the historic Jewish quarter from the late 15th century, today packed with gift shops, cafes and pretty squares. You may like to visit the impressive gothic cathedral in the centre of the Old Town where the remains of Christopher Columbus were interred, or perhaps take a stroll along the river to see the Torre del Oro (Golden Tower) once a military watchtower and medieval prison or the majestic Royal Palace.

MONDAY After breakfast we continue travelling south, stopping for a Sherry tasting session near Jerez at one of the region's great Sherry producers. The region of Jerez de la Frontera is synonymous with the English word "sherry", and equally famous for its fine horses and Flamenco music and dance. With a stop for lunch in Jerez, we arrive at our hotel in Los Barrios, our base for 4 nights, with time to settle in and relax before dinner.

TUESDAY Join us today as we make the short journey to the British overseas colony of Gibraltar. With so many familiar shops and brands, you'll feel like you are back home! You may like to take a cable ride





to the Rock of Gibraltar summit with magnificent views and a chance to see the famous Barbary Apes. There is also the Moorish Castle, the Great Siege & WWII Tunnels, Botanic Gardens and the glorious marina bay to discover.

WEDNESDAY Today is free to explore the nearby port town of Algeciras. Stroll through Plaza Alta, some say this is the second-best Andalusian square outside Seville, with its opulent charm and colourful ceramic tile decoration and large fountain plus plenty of tapas bars. With regular crossings to Morocco, there is a strong Arabian influence in town and a Moroccan quarter with traditional tea shops and bakeries.

THURSDAY Join us today for an excursion to the seaside port of Cadiz, the oldest city in Western Europe, with the peninsula on the Andalusian Atlantic Coast boasting many historical landmarks. Wander through the modern quarter with its wide avenues, fine beaches and sailing clubs, then cross the walls into the old medieval district with a Roman theatre, cathedral, Turtle fountain and two ancient fortresses. The lively market, the oldest in Spain, is well worth a visit with more than 150 stalls selling a fascinating range of local produce!

FRIDAY We leave our hotel after an early breakfast and travel along the south coast, turning north through the Sierra Nevada National Park, home to more than 15 mountains in the Iberian Peninsula. We arrive in Granada with time for an early lunch before we enjoy a guided walking tour of the historic eastern Albaicin Moorish Quarter and visit the magnificent Alhambra Palace & Fortress of the Moorish monarchs. We rejoin the coach and travel the short distance to our overnight hotel, located a short walk from the centre of Granada for those wishing to explore after dinner.



SATURDAY We depart Granada after breakfast, to start our journey through central Spain, stopping for lunch on route, to our next overnight hotel in Segovia. With time to settle in the rest of the day is free to explore the historic centre (12 minutes on foot from hotel) to view the magnificent Aqueduct, dating from the 1st century AD, one of the largest ever built in the Roman world, with a total of 167 arches. From here you can discover the Jewish quarter, the glorious cathedral and Alcazar fortress.

SUNDAY After breakfast we continue our journey north further into the Castile and Leon region, to its ancient capital, Burgos. Arriving mid-morning you have the rest of the day free to explore this compact city of medieval splendour. The Spanish gothic cathedral is well worth a visit. Climb to the top of the Mirador Del Castillo for panoramic views across the city and enjoy lunch in the Plaza Mayor with its coloured houses and shaded terraces. Our overnight hotel is located along the banks of the river with fabulous views of the city from the roof terrace.

MONDAY Sadly we begin our journey home today, travelling north into Cantabria, with time to explore and enjoy lunch in Santander. Our ferry departs early evening for our overnight crossing, where once again you will have the comfort of a lower berth cabin, choose dinner in one of the many restaurants and make use of the wonderful facilities onboard.

TUESDAY Enjoy a relaxing breakfast and morning at leisure before our ship arrives in Plymouth mid-afternoon, where we resume our homeward journey to the West Country, arriving mid evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 11 nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- 2 night's ferry accommodation in lower berth inside cabins
- Guided Tour of Salamanca
- Sherry Tasting near Jerez
- Guided Tour of Granada's Albaicin Moorish Quarter
- Entrance to the Alhambra Palace and Fortress
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £530.00
Meals on board ferry
Outside Cabin Supplement £105.00 per person
(subject to availability)



THE STUNNING FRENCH ALPS

With a beautiful position in the French Alps in the high alpine resort of La Clusaz, our itinerary covers the beautiful resorts of Chamonix, Annecy and the chic lakeside spa town of Evian. Based at the Hotel Alpen Roc, it's a matter of Haute cuisine in the high Alps!

YOUR HOTEL Hotel Alpen Roc, La Clusaz, French Alps

A traditional, wooden, chalet-style hotel ideally located in the centre of the mountain village resort of La Clusaz, between Chamonix and Annecy. All rooms are ensuite with a TV, hairdryer and safe. There is a lift to all floors. The ground floor restaurant serves a fabulous buffet breakfast and a choice evening meal, while the first floor is home to an open plan bar with open fireplace in the middle of the room. Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, sauna, steam room and Jacuzzi.

TOUR
PRICE

£995

8 DAYS



ITINERARY

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

FRIDAY After breakfast, we continue our journey through France, with regular comfort stops on route, to our hotel, for five nights, arriving with time to freshen up before dinner and an evening to relax.

SATURDAY This morning we embark on an excursion to Annecy. Often described as the 'Venice of the Alps', this beautiful lakeside town is blessed with charming canals and narrow streets waiting to be explored. On Tuesday these canals and streets are lined with a bustling market. Our guided walking tour gives us an insight into the history of this popular summer resort. You then have free time for lunch in one of the many waterside restaurants, before we enjoy a circular cruise on the lake itself.

SUNDAY Today we travel to the chic mountain resort of Chamonix. We spend the day here enjoying the relaxing town centre and taking in the numerous sights, including the impressive Aiguille du Midi. We have included a ticket for the Train du Montanvers for a return journey to view the impressive glacier known as the Mer de Glace. Departing from Chamonix, this famous rack and pinion railway will transport you to the Montanvers site at 1,913 metres for an imposing panorama of

the Mer de Glace glacier. At the summit, you can descend via cable car and walk within the glacier itself. (Please note: this requires a significant number of steps and is not suitable for those with walking difficulties). You may also like to visit the museum at the summit known as the "Glaciorium" with its ice cave carved into the glacier, which charts the evolution of the glacier over the centuries.

MONDAY The whole day is free to spend as you please and explore our resort. Monday is market day, so you may like to browse this delightful alpine stalls. You may also like to take a ride on one of the numerous gondolas or chairlifts to enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the mountains. Local cafés invite you to sample the local cuisine.

TUESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we travel through the majestic Alps to the lakeside spa town of Evian – famous for its mineral water, with time to explore at leisure. We continue to the lakeside village of Yvoire on the shores of magnificent Lake Geneva. This charming medieval village has hardly changed over the centuries, with beautifully decorated houses and gardens, and lots of shops and cafés to explore. You may like to take a cruise on Lake Geneva from Yvoire's pretty port.

WEDNESDAY Sadly, it's time to say a fond farewell to our hotel as we begin our journey back to our overnight accommodation in Laon, arriving in time for dinner.

THURSDAY We resume our homeward journey to Calais, for the return ferry crossing to Dover. We continue to the West Country, with comfort stops on route, arriving mid evening.



PRICE INCLUDES:

- 7 nights' dinner bed & buffet breakfast
- Free bar 10:00 am – 11 pm daily (selected drinks) in Alpen Roc Hotel
- Afternoon tea/coffee & cake each day
- Guided walking tour of Annecy
- Circular cruise of Lake Annecy
- Mer de Glace return rack railway journey, Chamonix including glacier visit
- Ferry Crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £280.00

Saturday 14th – Monday 30th June



AMBASSADOR CRUISE LINE - MARVELS OF FRANCE, PORTUGAL & SPAIN OCEAN CRUISE

TOUR
PRICE
FROM
£1949
17 DAYS

Discover the coastal landscapes of France, Portugal and Spain on this idyllic sailing expedition. Experience the maritime charm of French ports rich in naval history, and a variety of Spanish coastal towns blending modernity with tradition, Andalusian coastal resorts and iconic Gibraltar together with some of Portugal's majestic sights. A truly magical cruise to inspire fond memories of travel.

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ITINERARY

SATURDAY 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.

SUNDAY At sea today

MONDAY The ship arrives this morning along the Brittany coastal town of Lorient, a historic fishing port with relics of the old French naval base. Uncover this charming town with its French charm and Celtic twist and discover its many churches and WWII German submarine base or take a stroll through the town with its many shops and cafes.

TUESDAY Today the ship docks in Le Verdon, a coastal town on the doorstep to the famous Bordeaux wine country. You may like to book an optional tour to enjoy the local vineyards along the Gironde Estuary or visit coastal harbours such as Port Medoc, offered by Ambassador.

WEDNESDAY The ship arrives along the Spanish Basque coast at historic Getxo after breakfast with gorgeous promenade walks and traditional Basque cuisine in its many cafes and restaurants in the town's famous Old Port. With the day to explore at leisure or perhaps book an optional tour to nearby Bilbao, available from Ambassador, there's much to see and enjoy.

THURSDAY At sea today



FRIDAY The ship docks further south along the Portuguese seaport of Leixos where much of the country's port wine is exported from. Enjoy a peaceful day along the quayside beaches or perhaps choose to book an optional excursion to the World Heritage City of Porto, offered by Ambassador.

SATURDAY At sea today

SUNDAY After sailing around the coast of Portugal, the ship arrives in the ancient Spanish seaport of Cadiz, the oldest city in Western Europe. With its seafaring history, sun drenched beaches and Andalusian allure, discover the fishing quarter, medieval district with traditional houses, narrow alleys, stunning cathedral and Tavira Tower.

MONDAY Perhaps the highlight of the cruise, the ships sails into the overseas British territory of Gibraltar with its iconic rock and maritime history. Explore the historic fortifications, get close to the iconic Barbary apes that roam the streets, visit the underground WWII tunnels or take a cable car to the upper rock nature reserve with sensational views across the bay. With so many attractions there is something for everyone to enjoy.

TUESDAY At sea today

WEDNESDAY This morning the ship arrives in the historic old Galician town of Vigo, on the stunning Spanish waterfront boasting medieval streets, a fortress and fresh seafood cafes. The pristine Cies Islands are just a short boat ride away or you may prefer to book an optional excursion to Santiago de Compostela where thousands of pilgrims have flocked over many centuries to this ancient capital of Galicia.

THURSDAY At sea today

FRIDAY The ship returns to the French coast of Brittany arriving at the port of Brest with its many maritime attractions, quaysides and historic fortifications. Sample some of the delicious Breton cuisine and admire the stunning bay from the harbour.

SATURDAY At sea today

SUNDAY 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.

MONDAY 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.

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PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Ambassador Expedition Drinks Package £640.00 per person
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Saturday 21st – Saturday 28th June



AUSTRIA'S SPECTACULAR LAKE DISTRICT & SALZBURG

The Austrian Lake District is perhaps one of most scenic landscapes of Austria, feeling like it was taken out of the pages of a picture book. With glittering lakes and quaint villages from a bygone time, together with the elegant city of Salzburg and famous location for many scenes from "The Sound of Music", this beautiful region is a favourite amongst tourists.

YOUR HOTEL Ferienhotel Hofer, Kronberg

A classic Austrian style chalet hotel enjoying hillside views in Kronberg, near Lake Attersee. All rooms are ensuite and decorated in an alpine style with TV, safe, hairdryer and Wi-Fi access. There is lift access to bedrooms. The wood panelled restaurant serves a delicious fresh evening menu and buffet breakfast. There is also a bar and sun terrace offering splendid lake views. Leisure facilities include an outdoor pool, mini golf, spa, wellness centre with sauna, steam bath and salt cave.

ITINERARY

SATURDAY 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, making a stop for dinner, to our overnight accommodation in Metz.

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 Kronberg, arriving with time to settle in and relax before dinner.

MONDAY Join us today as we enjoy a whole day exploring the delightful Lake District region. We begin our day with a visit to the charming lakeside village of Mondsee where the wedding scenes were filmed at the local church. We continue to the village of St Gilgen, ancestral home to the composer Mozart. We board a boat for a gentle cruise across the lake to the village of St Wolfgang, located at the foot of Schafberg Mountain. With time to stroll through its historic plazas and alleyways and enjoy lunch, we later rejoin the coach and make our way back to our hotel with time to enjoy the leisure facilities and relax.

TUESDAY Today we travel to the elegant city of Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart and filming location of many scenes from the "Sound of Music". Perhaps the best way to explore the city is by taking a sightseeing bus

TOUR
PRICE

£895

8 DAYS



tour to see the sights and learn about its fascinating history. Here you will find the stunning Mirabell Palace and Gardens, Hellbrunn Palace with its Trick Fountains, Salzburg Cathedral and the bustling old town with numerous shops and cafes along the charming Getreidegasse.

WEDNESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way south with a stop for coffee in the imperial spa town of Bad Ischl and historic summer residence to the Habsburg Emperor Franz Joseph. We continue to the delightful village of Hallstatt, perhaps the most photographed spot in the Lake District region. A picture postcard perfect location with its iconic church and stunning Bavarian buildings around the cobblestone marketplace. There are plenty of gift shops and cafes to enjoy lunch.

THURSDAY This morning we enjoy a gentle boat cruise on Lake Attersee, the largest of the Lake District region. We later travel across to Lake Traunsee and along its western shoreline. With a stop at the charming lakeside village of Traunkirchen we make our way to the tip of the lake to board a cable car at Ebensee. Used to film Richard Burton's fight on top of the cable car in "Where Eagle's Dare", at the summit you will have a 360 degree panoramic view of the Dachstein and lake region below. There are a selection of cafes and restaurants at the summit to enjoy an afternoon treat.

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 Wolfgangsee
- Boat Cruise on Lake Attersee
- Return Cable Car Journey
- Ferry Crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £230.00 (Max 4)



Sunday 29th June – Saturday 5th July



GERMANY - THE HEART OF THE BLACK FOREST

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 farmhouses, 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 Klosterbräustuben, Zell am Harmersbach

A charming family run, locally 3* rated hotel in a quiet part of the town. All rooms are ensuite with TV & hairdryer. (Please note bedrooms have "German Twin" style beds – one base, 2 mattresses). The restaurant serves a freshly prepared evening menu and buffet breakfast. There is a lounge bar with outside terrace and leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool, plunge pool and sauna.

TOUR
PRICE

£825

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 Zell am Harmersbach, in the heart of the Black Forest, with time to settle in before dinner.

TUESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we visit the peaceful town of Triberg, known for its wood carvings and hand-crafted cuckoo clocks. We make a stop further on to view the world's largest cuckoo clock (small fee for those wishing to do a short tour) and visit the souvenir shop. We continue to Gutach to visit the Black Forest Open Air Museum to see how agricultural life was over 500 years ago in the region ... and to experience a traditional Black Forest Gateaux cooking demonstration followed by a delicious piece of the traditional cake and coffee.

WEDNESDAY Join us today as we travel through the heart of the Black Forest to admire the views from Mummelsee, the deepest and

largest of the Ice Age made lakes in the region, located on the Black Forest High Road, with a scenic back drop of the Hornisgrinde mountain and stunning views across the landscape. We arrive at the elegant spa town of Baden-Baden, situated on the northern fringe of the Black Forest, home to 12 natural thermal springs, beautiful parks and gardens and a world-famous casino.

THURSDAY This morning we cross the Rhine to the enchanting city of Strasbourg, the Alsatian capital. We begin our visit with a boat cruise to discover the different districts of the city from the river. This afternoon is free to discover old town, with quaint narrow cobbled alleyways, filled with crooked half-timbered buildings, which lead on to the impressive 13th century Cathedral of Notre Dame, one of Europe's most beautiful Gothic religious buildings. Inside you can visit the mesmerising Astronomical Clock. A picturesque network of canals flow through the city and into the old quarter known as "Petite France".

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
- Entrance to the Open-Air Black Forest Museum
- Black Forest Gateaux Demonstration with Cake & Coffee
- Boat Cruise in Strasbourg
- Ferry Crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £90.00
Tour of World's Largest Cuckoo Clock



NEW

A GRAND GERMAN RIVER CRUISE – INCLUDING THE RHINE, MOSELLE & MAIN ... WITH FULL EXCURSION PACKAGE

TOUR PRICE
£1945
8 DAYS

Sailing on three delightful rivers in Northern Europe: The Rhine, Moselle and Main, our cruise is packed with pretty landscapes, charming riverside towns, historic fortifications and majestic castles that tower over the meandering rivers. We have included the full attraction excursion package to make the most of your river cruise experience. Sailing with Croisi Europe Cruises you can be assured of excellent accommodation, great food and superb customer service.

SHIP MS Gérard Schmitter, Premium Ship

An elegant 3 deck ship named in homage to the Croisi Europe company founder. All cabins are ensuite with TV, safe, climate control and hairdryer. Middle and Upper deck cabins are available, subject to availability. The light and airy restaurant, located on the middle deck, has large panoramic windows. There is a lounge bar with dance floor, together with a piano bar, terrace and sun deck for relaxing whilst admiring the spectacular river views. Free Wi-Fi in lounge & bar.

ITINERARY

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 Kronberg, arriving with time to settle in and relax before dinner.

MONDAY After breakfast we continue our journey through France, making stops for coffee and lunch enroute, reaching our ship at Strasbourg, with time to settle into our cabins before a Captain's welcome cocktail before dinner. We have included a riverboat cruise through Old Strasbourg this evening to enjoy the historic canal quarter of this beautiful Alsace city.

TUESDAY As the ship sets sail early morning, we wake to enjoy breakfast along the Rhine, turning into the River Main (the longest tributary of the Rhine), with time to relax on the terrace before lunch on-board as we approach the modern German city of Frankfurt. This afternoon we enjoy a guided tour, taking in Frankfurt Cathedral, Römerberg Square and Old Frankfurt (a remodelled quarter, undergone intensive restoration since its destruction in WWII air raids). We set sail late evening.

WEDNESDAY We arrive in Cochem, on the Moselle along Germany's famous wine route, as we enjoy lunch on-board, with a guided tour of Reichsburg Castle followed by free time in Cochem with its narrow, cobbled streets lined with half-timbered houses. We return to the ship for dinner and entertainment and a relaxing evening on the Moselle.



THURSDAY We enjoy breakfast as we continue to sail along the Moselle, arriving in Koblenz after lunch. With plenty of time to explore this delightful old town located where the Rivers Rhine & Moselle meet at "Deutsches Eck" (German corner). Enjoy the cosy wine taverns and stroll through the narrow alleyways, before dinner back on board and more entertainment.

FRIDAY After breakfast, we set sail along the River Rhine, arriving in Rudesheim after lunch. Here we enjoy a tour of the town with a wine cellar tasting experience and visit to Siegfried's Mechanical Museum with more than 400 self-playing musical instruments. With time to wander down the famous Drosselgasse (a quaint narrow alley bustling with wineries, taverns, markets and historic features) we return to our ship for dinner and another relaxing evening.

SATURDAY As we sail towards Mannheim, we enjoy a guided tour of Heidelberg including the gardens and grounds of the magnificent castle ruins and the old city with its elaborate fountains, historic buildings, churches and monasteries. Tonight, we enjoy a Gala Dinner for our final evening on board the MS Gérard Schmitter, as we sail back along the Rhine.

SUNDAY After breakfast, disembarking in Strasbourg, we rejoin our coach for our journey back to Calais, for the ferry crossing to Dover. We continue to the West Country, arriving mid-late evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 night Dinner, Bed & Breakfast at overnight hotel
- 6 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast on the ship
- Lunch on-board for 5 days
- Captain's Welcome Cocktail Reception
- Gala dinner on 1 evening
- Complimentary house drinks during meals & from the bar (12:00 – 23:00hrs)
- On-board nightly entertainment
- Riverboat Cruise in Old Strasbourg by Night
- Guided Tour of Frankfurt
- Guided Tour to Reichsburg Castle (Cochem)
- Wine Tasting in Rudesheim
- Entrance to Siegfried's Mechanical Museum
- Guided Tour of Heidelberg Castle Ruins & Grounds
- Ferry Crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £585.00 (subject to availability)
Middle Deck Cabin £156.00 per person
Upper Deck Cabin £174.00 per person

Please see page 9 for River Cruise payment and cancellation terms
Deposit £250.00 per person

Monday 28th July – Monday 4th August

NEW



BAVARIAN CASTLES & SHOWTIME IN AUSTRIA

The spectacular Austrian Tyrol and neighboring Germany's Bavaria provide the backdrop to this delightful tour to experience a fairytale castle, opulent palace and picturesque alpine villages with majestic mountain scenery. Together with a unique Austrian evening of dinner and humorous entertainment, this is a region which will tempt you back time and time again!

YOUR HOTEL Hotel Edelweiss, Lermoos

A delightful 4* hotel, situated a short stroll from the pretty village of Lermoos. Each ensuite bedroom is comfortably furnished with TV and hairdryer. There is a lift. The large restaurant offers a wonderful traditional menu and leisure facilities include an outdoor and indoor pool, sauna and mountain view sun terrace.

TOUR
PRICE

£985

8 DAYS

ITINERARY

MONDAY 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.

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

WEDNESDAY Join us this morning as we visit the fairytale-like 19th century castle of Neuschwanstein, built by King Ludwig II as a private retreat, with mock medieval architecture and Bavarian legendary artwork. Please note there is a steep walk to the castle (shuttle bus available at additional cost). Experience the impressive interiors including the majestic throne room, oak panelled dining room, opulent bedroom & dressing room and glorious Singers Hall. We rejoin the coach and make our way to the Bavarian town of Fussen for lunch before a boat cruise on lake Forggensee.

THURSDAY Enjoy a leisurely morning at the hotel and take a stroll into the village, before we join our coach late morning and travel to the Austrian Tyrolean capital of Innsbruck. A compact city with baroque and gothic architecture in the old town, and the famous 16th century Golden Roof, built for Emperor Maximilian I to watch his subjects from! Enjoy lunch in one of the many cafes and browse gift shops for a souvenir. Early evening we will visit a traditionally styled venue in Innsbruck to experience



a fabulous Tyrolean evening show complete with dinner, drink and entertainment with folk music, Tyrolean dancing, yodelling and shoe-slapping all performed with care and humour throughout. We return to our hotel late evening.

FRIDAY After a leisurely morning breakfast and time to relax, we travel to the quaint Bavarian alpine town of Garmisch-Partenkirchen, lying in the shadow of Germany's highest mountain, the Zugspitze. Stroll through the charming colourful cobble stone streets with hand painted buildings, interesting shops, cafes and bakeries, returning to our hotel later this afternoon.

SATURDAY Join us today to visit the magnificent Linderhof Palace, the smallest of the three Bavarian palaces built by King Ludwig II, completed in 1878. Inside you will see opulent rooms such as the grand bedroom chamber decorated in rich blue and gold, the spectacular Hall of Mirrors, private dining room and tapestry rooms. Outside discover the manicured gardens with Neptunes Fountain, Venus Grotto and Moorish cottage. We rejoin the coach and travel the short distance to the small Bavarian town of Oberammergau, with beautifully decorated traditional buildings, and famous for its 10 yearly Passion Play.

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

MONDAY 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
- Entrance to Neuschwanstein Castle
- Boat Cruise on Lake Forggensee
- Tyrolean Evening Dinner & Show, Innsbruck
- Entrance to Linderhof Palace & Grounds
- Ferry Crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £86.00 (Max 2)
Subsequent Singles £189.00
Shuttle Bus at Neuschwanstein Castle





THE BEST OF HOLLAND – CHEESE, CLOGS, TRAMS & BOATS

The Dutch always offer a warm welcome to Holland, where quaint towns & villages meet modern cities, National Parks meet green lush farmland, and harbourside meet inland canals. Synonymous with cheese and clogs - we bring you this summer tour to experience some of highlights of 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

£655

5 DAYS



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 Join us today as we travel to the most beautiful, fairytale-like village of Giethoorn, where Dutch 18th and 19th century island houses are only accessible on foot along narrow pathways or by small boats on the hand-dug canals. It feels like stepping back in time as you wander through this unique village, and perhaps take a canal cruise through narrow canals and below wooden bridges. We later travel to the charming fishing village of Urk, a former island in the Zuiderzee with typical Dutch fishermen's houses along cobbled streets and bustling quayside. We return to Lelystad with time to explore the local town.

WEDNESDAY After breakfast, we make our way to the town of cheese – Edam! Here you will find the weekly summer cheese market held in the historic square, where locals re-enact the scenes

of yesteryear when merchants would race to offload their merchandise to gain the best prices. With time to enjoy lunch, we continue to the picturesque fishing harbour of Volendam, with characteristically small houses and the famous Spaander Hotel, where merchants would trade paintings for a night's lodging. There are many gift shops and cafes along the front. We return to our hotel via a visit to a family-run Dutch cheese and clog factory to experience demonstrations of cheese and clog making at first hand, and a chance to taste some of the local cheeses.

THURSDAY Today we explore the region by boat and steam train, beginning with a gentle boat cruise across the IJsselmeer from the historic town of Enkhuizen to Medemblik, with a coffee and pastry served onboard. With time to enjoy lunch and perhaps visit the delicious Bakery Museum we board our carriage for a steam tram journey to Hoorn. Here you will have time to explore the museum at the station to learn about the history of Dutch steam trams and a working signal box.

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
- Boat Cruise on the IJsselmeer
- Ticket for the Hoorn Steam Tram
- Ferry Crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £124.00
Canal Cruise at Giethoorn

Friday 8th – Monday 18th August



NORWAY – A LAKELAND ADVENTURE

Join us for a wonderful tour through one of the world's most unique landscapes. Norway's Telemark region offers magnificent scenery with high mountain plateaus, deep valleys, forests, rivers and crystal-clear lakes. Based in the lakeside village of Vrådal, we will explore the Telemark Canal and Hardangervidda National Park.

YOUR HOTEL Straand Hotel, Vrådal

Located on the northern shore of Lake Nisser in Norway's Telemark region this family-run hotel offers a perfect place to rest and relax, close to the centre of the village. All bedrooms are ensuite and comfortably furnished with TV, hairdryer and Wi-Fi access. There is a lift at the hotel, although some steps will be encountered. The restaurant offers a delicious evening menu and hot buffet breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool, outdoor terrace and gardens and comfortable lounges.

ITINERARY

FRIDAY 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.

SATURDAY 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 in Kolding, with time to settle in before dinner.

SUNDAY 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 through pristine Lakeland scenery to our hotel in Vrådal, our base for the next five nights, with time to settle in before dinner tonight.

MONDAY The whole day is free to explore your new surroundings and enjoy the leisure facilities and grounds at the hotel. The centre of the village or lakeside beach is just a short walk from the hotel, with a silversmith workshop next door, or perhaps take a vintage boat cruise on the lake from the pier by the hotel passing through locks, narrow straits and islands. After dinner, for those who wish, we sit down to watch the blockbuster film "The Heroes of Telemark" to set the scene for tomorrow's excursion.

TUESDAY After breakfast we travel up to the Hardangervidda Plateau with spectacular views of wild scenery and beautiful lakes, this is the largest mountain plain in Europe and the largest of Norway's National Parks. We visit the infamous Heavy Water Sabotage site at Vemork, accessed by a shuttle ride across the gorge and up to the Vemork Power Station. The visit offers an insight into Norwegian industrial heritage and the incredible story of the partisan saboteurs' mission to destroy Hitler's heavy water plant, succeeding to halt German efforts to build a nuclear bomb! There is a café at the site. We return to our hotel via the shoreline of Lake Tinnsjø.



TOUR
PRICE

£1565

11 DAYS



WEDNESDAY Join us today as we cross the Telemark Canal towards Eidsborg to visit the Telemark Museum. Here the old farmhouse has been converted into one of Norway's largest open air museums, with several buildings to view including a 13th century stave church. We rejoin the coach, travelling to Dalen, the starting point of the famous Telemar Canal, with its pretty village centre. We later return to our hotel via the hairpin bends of Skafsavenge before descending to Lake Nisser and on to Vrådal.

THURSDAY Today we enjoy perhaps the highlight of our tour with a heritage boat trip on the Telemark Canal, considered to be one of the world's most beautiful waterways. Carved into the rock over 100 years ago, and when completed in 1892 it was called the "eighth wonder". The canal consists of a series of rivers, lakes and man-made waterways that connect the coast to the interior of the Telemark region. Cruising on one of the canal's historic vessels there is plenty of time to sit back and relax on the 3 hour trip as we pass through lakes, narrow channels and two locks along the way, with refreshments available on board.

FRIDAY We bid a fond farewell to our hosts in Vrådal, as we travel east, with a photo stop in Heddal, Norway's largest stave church built in 1100 and still in use today, with a café nearby. We continue to Oslo, Norway's maritime capital with time to explore at leisure. There is a pretty harbour area, the majestic parliament building, a stunning Opera House and Arkershus Fortress, plus many other attractions. We rejoin the coach late afternoon and travel south to our overnight hotel in Skien, arriving in time for dinner and final evening in Norway.

SATURDAY After an early breakfast we travel to catch the fast ferry from Norway across to Denmark, arriving in Hirtshals late morning. We continue our journey through Denmark and on to our overnight hotel near Hamburg, Germany, arriving in time for dinner.

SUNDAY 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 in an outside lower berth cabin.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 9 nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- 1 overnight ferry crossing (accommodation only)
- Entrance to Vemork Heavy Water Museum
- Entrance to West Telemark Open Air Museum
- Telemark Canal Boat Cruise (3 hours)
- Ferry Crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Meals on board overnight ferry
Single Supplement £345.00

NEW

VERSAILLES, A CANDLELIT CHATEAU & MONET'S GARDEN

A fabulous tour taking in some of the best attractions around the outskirts of Paris. We have included a visit to the spectacular Palace & Gardens of Versailles, the imperial town of Fontainebleau (with the option to visit Napoleon's Palace), the beautiful Monet's Gardens at Giverny and the sensational Chateau de Vaux-le-Vicomte whose gardens inspired Versailles, experienced at night lit by over 2000 candles.

YOUR HOTEL Novotel Paris Saclay, Saclay

A modern 4* hotel built around a renovated French farmhouse, located in the Parisian countryside in the charming town of Saclay. Each of the ensuite bedrooms are comfortably furnished with TV, hairdryer, safe, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift at the hotel. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and buffet breakfast. Leisure facilities include a lounge bar, gardens, terrace and outdoor pool.

ITINERARY

THURSDAY After an early departure we make our way to Dover, with comfort stops en route, for the ferry crossing to Calais. We continue with a comfort stop on route, to our hotel south of Paris, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

FRIDAY Join us today as we travel to the Palace & Gardens of Versailles, a former hunting lodge transformed into a stunning palace by Louis XIV. We enjoy a guided tour of the Palace to discover some of its many state rooms including the magnificent Hall of Mirrors with 357 mirrors bedecking 17 arches opposite windows to flood the chandelier lit hallway. You will also explore the War Room, Peace Room, elaborately decorated living rooms, the Great Hall, royal chapel and King & Queen's apartments and many more besides. Whilst outside explore beautifully landscaped gardens, ornate ponds, sculptures and vast parklands. (Please note there is quite a bit of walking required today, due to the size of the Palace).

SATURDAY Spend a morning at leisure in Saclay, perhaps wander into the centre of the village, or relax in the gardens by the swimming pool.



TOUR
PRICE

£695

5 DAYS



After lunch at the hotel, we board our coach and travel to the imperial town of Fontainebleau, the French horse capital. It has a lively town centre and the glorious Fontainebleau Palace, restored by Napoleon Bonaparte. There is a small fee to enter the palace (well worth a visit!), but parks and gardens are free to visit. We rejoin the coach early evening and travel the short distance to Chateau de Vaux-le-Vicomte for a magical experience. Explore the majestic 17th century residence with opulent rooms illuminated by over 2000 candles with a light show in the Hall offering a history of the place, together with manicured illuminated gardens and grounds. Enjoy dinner in the self-service restaurant (open until 11pm). We depart late evening and return to our hotel. (Please note that there will be some walking involved to access the chateau).

SUNDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to Giverny to experience the wonderful Monet's House & Gardens. Explore the beautiful gardens of the famous impressionist painter with a superb flower garden and famous waterlily gardens and discover the house where he lived until his death in 1926. The rest of the day is free to explore the quaint village of Giverny with its galleries and teashops. We return to our hotel with time to relax and our final evening dinner.

MONDAY After breakfast we begin 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:

- 3 nights' dinner bed & buffet breakfast
- Lunch on one day at hotel
- Guided Tour of the Palace of Versailles
- Entrance to candlelit chateau de Vaux-le-Vicomte
- Entrance to Monet's House & Gardens, Giverny
- Ferry Crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £170.00
Dinner at Chateau Vaux Le Vicomte
Entrance to Palace at Fontainebleau

Monday 25th – Friday 29th August



NEW

VALKENBURG – VELVET CAVES & MEDIEVAL MONSCHAU

Valkenburg is perhaps one of The Netherlands most treasured gems, with narrow cobble streets, medieval city gates, an old hilltop castle and secret velvet caves. With a friendly café culture, this beautiful town welcomes visitors to explore and experience a much-loved region of the Low Countries. Join us as we discover Valkenburg and the delightful medieval town of Monschau just over the German border.

YOUR HOTEL Hotel Walram, Valkenburg

This 3* family run hotel offers a warm welcome to all, idyllically situated along the River Geul in the centre of this beautiful town, just a short walk from cafes and shops. Each en-suite room is equipped with TV, telephone, and hairdryer. There is a lift serving all floors, and the cosy bar offers the perfect area to relax. The restaurant serves a delicious menu and buffet breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool and sauna.

TOUR
PRICE

£525

5 DAYS



ITINERARY

MONDAY After an early departure we travel east to Dover, with a comfort stop en route, for the ferry crossing to Calais. We continue our journey to our hotel, and base for the next four nights, with time to settle in before dinner.

TUESDAY Today is free to discover the quaint town of Valkenburg with its narrow, cobble streets, an array of shops, cafes and historic buildings. We have included a visit to 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 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 continue to the small German city of Aachen, home to the first cathedral in Northern Europe which served as the coronation for nearly every German King (well worth a visit!). Uncover its squares, winding alleys, city hall and historic monuments or perhaps visit the Charlemagne Museum to learn more about the city and its famous inhabitant, Emperor Charlemagne. We return to our hotel to relax before dinner.

FRIDAY This morning we make our way back to Calais for the return ferry crossing to Dover. We then continue, with comfort stops en route to the West Country, arriving mid evening.



PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 nights' dinner bed & buffet breakfast
- Tour of the Velvet Caves
- Ferry Crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £100.00



GRAND TOUR OF SCOTLAND INCLUDING ROUTE NC500

Join us for a grand tour of Scotland to experience some of the highlights of this majestic country, to see a wide range of spectacular landscapes and sample the Scottish way of life from the big cities to the remotest corners. We travel along part of the iconic NC500 route with breathtaking views along our journey.

TOUR PRICE
£1365
11 DAYS

YOUR HOTEL Fishers Hotel, Pitlochry

A traditional 3* hotel located in the centre of town. All rooms are ensuite with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to some floors. The restaurant, serves freshly prepared menu and hearty Scottish breakfast.

YOUR HOTEL Castletown Hotel, Nr Thurso

A family run hotel located in Castletown. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious selection at dinner & breakfast

YOUR HOTEL Gairloch Hotel, Gairloch

A lovely traditional hotel nestled beside Gairloch Bay. All rooms are ensuite with TV, Wi-Fi and tea & coffee facilities. The large spacious restaurant offers a choice evening menu and generous breakfast.

YOUR HOTEL Killin Hotel, Killin

A delightful 3* hotel in the peaceful village of Killin, a short walk from the Falls of Dochart. All rooms are ensuite with TV, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee facilities. The restaurant offers a delicious choice menu and there is a lounge bar.

ITINERARY

FRIDAY We leave the West Country and make our way north, with comfort stops enroute, to our hotel in Pitlochry, our base for two nights, with time to freshen up before dinner.

SATURDAY Join us today as we enjoy a day exploring the Cairngorms National Park. We begin with a visit to the Royal Burgh of Ballater with many shops displaying the "By Royal Appointment" notices. The Old Royal Station has been used by Queens Victoria and at least five other reigning monarchs. We continue past Cathie Church, used by the Royal family during their residence at Balmoral Castle and on to the quaint village of Braemar, famous for its annual Highland Games.

SUNDAY This morning we leave Pitlochry and make our way to the grand city of Inverness, located on the River Ness, which leads into the Moray Firth, a well-known spot for dolphins, seals and other marine mammals. Explore this Highland capital with a castle, cathedral, museum & art galleries, gift shops and high street brands. With plenty of time to discover the city and enjoy lunch, we later rejoin the coach and make our way to our overnight hotel in Beaulieu, arriving with time to relax before dinner.

MONDAY We leave Beaulieu and travel north, following the east coast and the start of the NC500 route. We make a visit to the glorious Dunrobin Castle & Gardens, one of the largest in the Northern Highlands with 189 rooms. Resembling a French chateau with its conical towering spires and is the ancestral home of the Dukes of Sutherland. With plenty of time to explore at leisure, we visit the delightful town of Thurso with time to enjoy a



late lunch and explore at leisure. We rejoin the coach and travel the short distance to our hotel in Castletown, our base for two nights.

TUESDAY This morning we continue to travel along the NC500 route and visit John O'Groats, the most northerly settlement of mainland Great Britain. Visit the local shops, take a photo at the iconic signpost, visit the cafes, Woollen Mill and grab a souvenir of your visit. We continue to the former Viking settlement of Wick and busiest herring port in Europe during the 19th century, for lunch and time to explore at leisure.

WEDNESDAY Enjoy a hearty breakfast this morning in preparation for a long day travelling, but one full of breathtaking scenery and varied highland landscapes, as we travel across the north of Scotland on the NC500 towards Tongue, then head south towards Lairg, travelling through the centre of the northern Highlands. We arrive at our hotel in Gairloch late afternoon (our base for two nights), with time to rest and relax before dinner.

THURSDAY After a leisurely breakfast we depart our hotel and travel along part of the NC500 along Loch Maree, Loch Glascarnoch and Loch Broom all with fabulous viewpoints on route, to the fishing town of Ullapool for lunch and time to explore at leisure. We later rejoin the coach and make our way back around the peninsula following the NC500, with stunning views across Gruinard Bay and Loch Ewe.

FRIDAY We depart our hotel after breakfast and travel across the centre of the Highlands and down towards the shores of Loch Ness (keep your eyes peeled for an allusive creature!). We enjoy time for lunch in Fort Augustus at the bottom end of the loch before a gentle boat cruise with breathtaking vistas. We continue our journey south, via Fort William and the spectacular scenery of Glencoe, arriving at our hotel in Killin (our base for two nights).

SATURDAY Join us today as we visit the town of Inverary, on the shores of Loch Fyne. Discover its delightful Scottish Georgian architecture, its castle (ancestral home to the Campbell Clan) and fascinating Jail and Courthouse Museum, with time to explore and enjoy coffee. We continue to Oban, with views across to the Isles of Mull, it is known as the seafood capital of Scotland. Visit the local distillery, the chocolate shop or War & Peace Museum, or for more adventurous, climb to McCraig's Tower with stunning views across Oban Bay to the islands beyond.

SUNDAY Sadly, we begin our journey home, stopping for comfort and lunch stops on route, to our overnight hotel in Preston, arriving in time for dinner.

MONDAY After breakfast we continue our journey south, stopping for regular comfort breaks on route, and reaching the West Country early-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 10 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Entrance to Dunrobin Castle & Gardens
- Boat Cruise on Loch Ness
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £340.00 (Max 2)
Subsequent Singles £410.00 (Next 3 singles)



Sunday 7th – Sunday 14th September



SPECTACULAR SWITZERLAND AND THE GLACIER EXPRESS

The eminent Glacier Express travels a panoramic route through the very heart of the spectacular Swiss Alps – across 291 bridges, through 91 tunnels and over the majestic Oberalp Pass at an altitude of 2033 metres. Join us for a journey through unspoilt stunning alpine landscapes, ancient forests and deep river valleys, experiencing the very best of Switzerland.

YOUR HOTEL Hotel Kristall-Saphir, Saas-Almagell

A charming family run hotel set within a picturesque mountain village. Each ensuite bedroom is comfortably furnished with TV, safe, hairdryer and Wi-Fi access. There is a lift. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and hearty Swiss breakfast. Leisure facilities include a sauna, steam room and jacuzzi.

TOUR
PRICE

£1425

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 to our overnight accommodation in Troyes, arriving with time to freshen up before dinner.

MONDAY After breakfast, we continue our journey, with regular comfort stops en-route, through France and into scenic Switzerland, to our hotel in the Swiss Alps at Saas-Almagell, arriving with time to relax before dinner this evening.

TUESDAY Today we travel by coach to Tasch, to board a shuttle train up to the charming pedestrianised mountain town of Zermatt. With its chic shops, restaurants and Matterhorn Museum with a fascinating insight into the history of the village and mountain. Whilst here, you may like to board Europe's highest cog railway to the Matterhorn's Gornergrat summit over 300 metres above sea level (additional cost) in just over 30 minutes over dramatic bridges, through tunnels and rocky ravines to the panoramic summit of Switzerland's highest peak and second largest glacier, with a café and viewing area. We later return to Tasch by shuttle train and rejoin the coach to return to our hotel.

WEDNESDAY Join us for the highlight of the tour, as we leave the hotel after breakfast and join the spectacular Glacier Express for an unforgettable five hour journey from Brig to Chur, the slowest but most panoramic



express train in the world! The train travels through the heart of the Swiss Alps, over mighty bridges, plunges into rock-carved tunnels, and past some of the most scenic Swiss alpine landscapes imaginable. There are dining refreshments available on board the train. At the end of our journey we are met by the coach, and travel the short distance to Klosters, to our hotel, and base for the next three nights, arriving in time for dinner.

THURSDAY Today is free to explore Klosters, maybe take advantage of the Davos/Klosters transport card issued by the hotel, which allows free travel by local cable cars and trains to explore the surrounding area. The nearby town of Davos is the highest resort in Europe, famous as a winter sports resort. Our local resort of Klosters has an elegant chalet-style charm with traditional flair, which has been a second home to many European royals, film stars and rock stars over the last century.

FRIDAY Join us today as we travel to the small Principality of Lichenstein, nestled between Switzerland & Austria. We enjoy a guided walking tour in its compact capital, Vaduz together with a ride on the city land train which also includes a visit to the Postal Museum and wine tasting at the Prince of Lichenstein Winery, with a souvenir wine glass to take home!

SATURDAY Sadly it's now time to say a fond farewell to our hotel as we begin our journey back through more stunning scenery, again with regular comfort stops, to our overnight accommodation in Metz, arriving in time for dinner.

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



PRICE INCLUDES:

- 7 nights' dinner bed & buffet breakfast
- Ticket for Shuttle Train (Tasch – Zermatt)
- Ticket for Glacier Express
- Davos/Klosters Local Transport Card for free use of local trains
- Guided Walking Tour of Lichenstein
- Entrance to Lichenstein Postal Museum
- Wine Tasting at Prince of Lichenstein Winery
- Ferry Crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £235.00 (max 3)

Subsequent Singles £265.00

Ticket for Gornergrat Bahn (Cog Railway) to Matterhorn Summit



AUSTRIAN TYROL – TRAINS, CASTLES & MOUNTAIN PASSES

Join us for a stunning tour of the Austrian Tyrol to experience spectacular mountain views from the Gerlos Pass, enjoy a nostalgic train journey on the Achensee Cog Railway and a visit to the fascinating Tratzberg Castle, from our base at Lake Achensee, the largest lake in the Tyrol, surrounded by natural beauty.

YOUR HOTEL Fischerwirt am See Hotel, Achenkirch

A delightful family run traditional hotel located on the edge of Lake Achensee, where a warm Tyrolean welcome awaits. All rooms are ensuite and decorated in traditional style, with TV & telephone. The restaurant serves a delicious choice menu and hearty Austrian buffet breakfast. There is a cosy bar area to enjoy in the evenings and a sauna to unwind in.

TOUR
PRICE

£885

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 continue south, stopping on route for dinner, to our overnight accommodation in Saarbrücken.

SUNDAY This morning we continue our journey, and on into Austria, to our hotel, where we stay for the next five nights, arriving with time to settle in before dinner and first evening at leisure.

MONDAY After a leisurely breakfast we travel along the Inn Valley to visit the charming town of Hall in Tirol, with one of the finest medieval town centres in Austria. Explore its cobbled streets, pastel buildings, and 500 year old Mint Tower, where Austria's silver coins were historically produced. With a rich cultural heritage, this often, forgotten town is a gem to visit.

TUESDAY Today is free to enjoy the natural surroundings of Lake Achensee. Relax at the hotel, enjoy a stroll along the lake or perhaps take a boat cruise around Achensee, the largest lake in the Tyrol, enjoying a relaxing lunch at the southern end in the small village of



Pertisau. Our hotel hosts offer us Austrian coffee and cake this afternoon.

WEDNESDAY Today we enjoy a scenic coach tour of the Gerlos Pass, the alpine high road located in the High Tauern National Park, rising to its summit and past the spectacular Krimml waterfalls, the highest in Europe. With coffee and photo stops along the way, we travel to the Tyrolean town of Kitzbuhel for a late lunch, before completing the circular route back to our hotel.

THURSDAY Join us for a nostalgic day as we travel to Jenbach to board a steam train for a journey on Europe's oldest cog railway. For over 130 years, it's puffed its way up the mountain to Lake Achensee. Arriving in Seespitze we are transferred by our coach to Pertisau with time for lunch in this peaceful lakeside village. We rejoin the coach and travel to Tratzberg Castle for a tour of the beautiful 16th century interiors including the Knights Hall & Armory, Hunting Hall, Chapel, parlours and bedrooms with original furniture and decoration. A small express train provides a return journey to the castle entrance. We return to our hotel for our final evening in Austria.

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

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

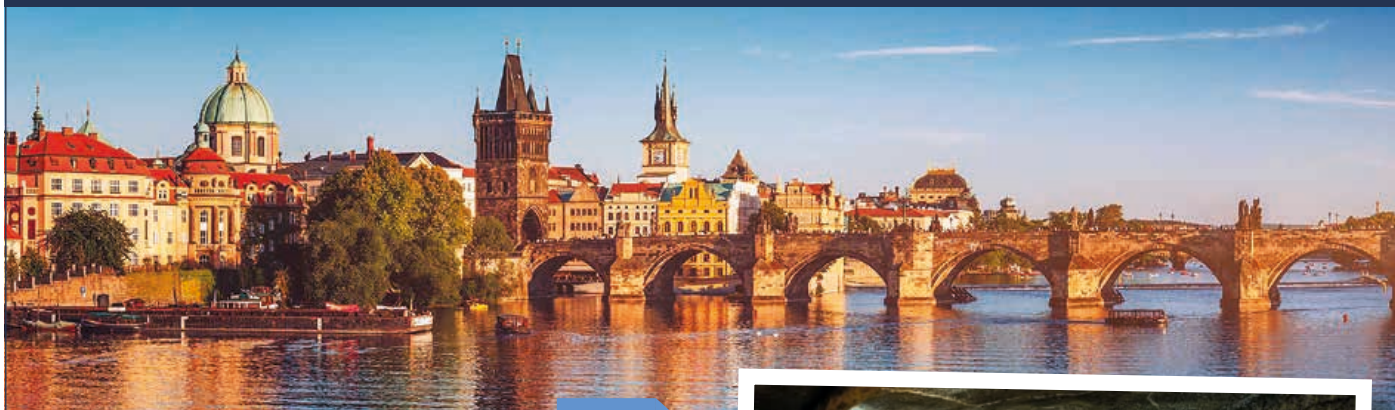


PRICE INCLUDES:

- 6 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- 1 night bed & breakfast at 1st overnight hotel
- Journey on Achensee Cog Railway
- Guided Tour of Tratzberg Castle
- Ferry Crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £50.00 (Max 3)



EASTERN PROMISE ... PRAGUE & POLAND

Join us for a spectacular tour, highlighting some of the most awe-inspiring locations of Eastern Europe. Prague, 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". Zakopane, located in southern Poland, is nestled high in the foothills of the majestic Tatra Mountains. Krakow is Poland's historical capital city, with Europe's largest medieval square, and the nearby Memorial Museum of Auschwitz-Birkenau and its dark history.

TOUR
PRICE

£1495

12 DAYS

YOUR HOTEL Adria Hotel, Prague

An elegant 4* hotel in the heart of Prague, 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.

YOUR HOTEL Sabala Hotel, Zakopane

A warm welcome awaits at this traditional 3* centrally located hotel, a short walk from the main thoroughfare of Zakopane. All rooms are en-suite and equipped with TV, internet access and telephone. The restaurant has a beautifully carved style, and leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, sauna and sun terrace.

YOUR HOTEL Wyspianski Hotel, Krakow

A 3* hotel ideally located a short walk from the historic market square. All rooms are en-suite with TV, telephone and radio. The restaurant serves regional dishes, but also offers international cuisine to suit all palettes. A spacious lounge bar and garden area provide an ideal place to relax.

ITINERARY

SATURDAY After an early departure we make our way to Dover, with comfort stops en route, for the ferry crossing to Calais. We then continue to our overnight accommodation near Cologne, arriving in time for dinner.

SUNDAY 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 and into the vibrant new town district.

MONDAY Join us if you wish this morning for a guided walking tour of the city, which is easily navigated on foot. We will discover some of its landmark highlights including the stunning 14th century Charles Bridge with 30 stone statues. 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 old town hall and medieval astronomical clock (the oldest working clock in the world). The view from the top is spectacular! This afternoon is free to continue exploring the sights.

TUESDAY You have the day free to continue discovering the magical city of Prague, maybe take the opportunity to visit the castle Hradcany district to experience the magnificent St Vitus Cathedral, the Archbishop's Palace, St George's Basilica and Golden Lane with its beautiful colourful houses set within the narrow lane. You may like to take a boat cruise along the Vltava River, or just sit in one of the many cafes and restaurants and watch the world go by!

WEDNESDAY Sadly, we bid a fond farewell to Prague and travel east, to Zakopane in Southern Poland, to our hotel and base for the next three nights, arriving with time to freshen up before dinner this evening.

THURSDAY Join us this morning for a guided walking tour of Zakopane. The remainder of the day is free for you to explore this charming town at leisure, with its beautiful wooden villas and famous pedestrian street "Krupowski" lined with shops, cafes and bars. We have included a ride on the funicular cable car up the Gubalowka Mountain, with its stunning



panoramic views over the summits of the Tatra Mountain, Gorce Mountain and Pieniny Mountains.

FRIDAY Today we experience an unforgettable day, accompanied by a knowledgeable tour guide, we travel into the Pieniny Mountain range for a spectacular raft trip down the dramatic Dunajec Gorge ... trust us, this is a very safe trip, but guarantees a great big smile! From here, we make a short journey to the Niedzica Mountain Castle, one of the most picturesque castles in Poland, which adorns the covers of many tourist guidebooks. Located on an ancient hilltop, high above the Dunajec River, the upper section is the oldest part of the castle, whilst the middle section houses the museum and viewing terraces, with a café in the lower section.

SATURDAY Sadly, we leave Zakopane and travel north towards Krakow, with a guided tour of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the ancient Wieliczka Salt Mines en route. Salt has been harvested here since 3500BC, with rock salt excavations dating from 13th century. It is one of the world's oldest mining sites still in operation. A guided tour of the mine allows access to 22 chambers and a selection of underground chapels. During WWII, Germans tried to adapt the salt chambers for aircraft assembly rooms. Learn about the history of salt mining, the technology involved and how it has evolved through the centuries. We continue our journey to Krakow, arriving at our hotel, our base for the next two nights.

SUNDAY This morning we enjoy a guided walking tour of Krakow, to see the exquisite old town with its medieval street layout, unchanged the centuries. The medieval market, Europe's largest market, is a must, with its Cloth Hall and Church of the Holy Mary with beautiful gothic altarpiece carved from wood. After an early lunch we make the short journey to the Memorial Museum of Auschwitz-Birkenau for a poignant visit to the infamous Nazi concentration camp, built in 1940, extended in 1942, Poland's largest extermination camp, where over 1.5 million people were killed. A stark reminder of Poland & Europe's Jewish community's darkest hour, and an insight into Hitler's Final Solution. A haunting visit to the camp will leave a lasting memory of human depravity, but also remarkable stories of survival and unbelievable humanity in the worse of situations, as we remember the victims of the holocaust. We return to our hotel, with time to reflect, and relax before dinner and spend our last evening in Krakow at leisure.

MONDAY Sadly, we bid a fond farewell to Poland, and make our way west, back into Germany, with comfort stops en route, to our overnight hotel in Chemnitz, arriving with time to freshen up before dinner.

TUESDAY We continue our journey through Germany, stopping for coffee and lunch en route, to our second overnight hotel in Liege, arriving with time to settle in and enjoy an evening meal.

WEDNESDAY 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:

- 11 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Guided Walking Tour of Prague
- Guided walking tour of Zakopane
- Return Cable Car Journey to Gubalowka Mountain
- Dunajec Valley Raft Trip
- Entrance to Niedzica Mountain Castle
- Entrance & guided tour of Wieliczka Salt Mines
- Guided walking tour of Krakow
- Entrance & audio-tour of Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial Museum
- Ferry crossings ■ All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement
£415.00 (Max 4)

Sunday 5th – Tuesday 14th 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.

TOUR
PRICE

£995

10 DAYS

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.

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 £105.00 per person (subject to availability)

Single supplement £360.00 (Max 1)

Subsequent Singles £462.00



Saturday 18th – Saturday 25th October



MAJESTIC LAKES OF ITALY ... MAGGIORE, ORTA & COMO (WITH OPTIONAL CENTOVALLI RAILWAY EXCURSION)

TOUR
PRICE

£975

8 DAYS

Due to its continued popularity, we are delighted to repeat this charming 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 Troyes, 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 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.

TUESDAY 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.

WEDNESDAY Today you have a choice – EITHER to spend the day in Stresa strolling along the elegant lakeside promenade and gardens or explore the compact centre with bustling cafes and souvenir stalls OR join us for a breath-taking journey on the Centovalli Railway to Locarno – for a whole day excursion. We join a local train in Stresa after breakfast and travel to Domodossola, with time to explore the charming medieval centre before we join the Centovalli Railway (the train of a "Hundred Valleys"). This narrow-gauge railway passes 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 time to enjoy lunch and explore this delightful Swiss lakeside town, we board a local coach for the return journey to Stresa.

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 Troyes, 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 £210.00
Centovalli Railway Excursion to Locarno £66.00
Shuttle Land Train in Orta





CRUISING THE RHINE AT CHRISTMAS – RIVER CRUISE

We bring you a special Christmas River Cruise to celebrate 2025 in style. Discover the Romantic Rhine and some of its historic towns including Strasbourg, Rudesheim and Speyer at this festive time of year. Sailing with Croisi Europe Cruises you can be assured of excellent accommodation, great food and superb customer service.

SHIP MS Bohème, 2 Deck Ship

An elegant 2 deck ship with refined decoration throughout. All cabins are ensuite with TV, safe and air-conditioning. Middle and Upper deck cabins are available, subject to availability. The casual, but elegant restaurant, located on the upper deck, has large panoramic windows. There is a lounge bar with dance floor at the front of the ship, together with a sun deck for relaxing whilst admiring the spectacular river views. Free Wi-Fi in lounge & bar.

TOUR
PRICE

£1175

7 DAYS



WEDNESDAY (Christmas Eve) – With breakfast and lunch on board, we arrive in the riverside town of Rudesheim, with the option to enjoy a guided tour of the fascinating Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments via a slow tourist town-train journey to reach the museum. Or you can choose free time to explore this charming town with narrow streets and gift shops and taverns at every corner. We return to our ship and sailing towards Speyer this afternoon. Tonight is when Europeans celebrate their Christmas, and we therefore enjoy a “Christmas Eve” dinner on board to celebrate the festive night. Midnight mass opportunity will be at either Speyer or Worms.

THURSDAY (Christmas Day) – Happy Christmas everyone! We spend the whole day cruising along the Rhine, with time to open presents, relax with friends and loved ones and enjoy the riverside scenery at we south towards Strasbourg once more.

FRIDAY (Boxing Day) After breakfast, we disembark our ship in Strasbourg, and make the journey back to our overnight hotel in Laon, with plenty of time to relax before dinner.

SATURDAY After breakfast, we begin our journey back to Calais, for the ferry crossing to Dover. We continue to the West Country, arriving mid-late evening.

ITINERARY

SUNDAY After an early departure, we leave the West Country and journey east, with a comfort stop, to Dover for the ferry crossing to Calais. We continue our journey, with a comfort stop enroute to our overnight hotel in Laon, arriving in time for dinner.

MONDAY After a relaxing breakfast we continue our journey through France, making stops for coffee and lunch enroute, reaching our ship at Strasbourg, with time to settle into our cabins. This afternoon we visit the historic centre of Strasbourg to experience France’s oldest Christmas market, with time to explore the stalls set out in the cathedral quarter, beautifully decked out with twinkling lights, as the historic centre is illuminated at day turns to dusk. We return to our ship for a welcome cocktail, followed by dinner, as the festivities begin!

TUESDAY After breakfast we spend the morning cruising along the Rhine, with lunch served onboard as the scenery floats by. We arrive in Braubach and enjoy a guided tour of the hilltop monumental Marksburg Castle with glorious views across the Rhine and with splendid medieval interiors, remained mostly intact for centuries. We return to our ship with time to relax and enjoy dinner and a “Christmas Carols” themed evening onboard.



PRICE INCLUDES:

- 2 nights’ Dinner, Bed & Breakfast at overnight hotels
- 4 nights’ Dinner, Bed & Breakfast on the ship
- Lunch on-board for 3 days
- Captain’s Welcome Cocktail Reception
- Gala dinner on 1 evening
- Complimentary house drinks during meals & from the bar (12:00 – 23:59hrs)
- On-board entertainment
- Visit to Strasbourg Christmas Market
- Guided Tour of Marksburg Castle
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Upper Deck Cabin £128.00 per person
Rudesheim Mechanical Museum via tourist land train £28.00 per person

Please see page 9 for River Cruise payment and cancellation terms
Deposit £250.00 per person

Sunday 21st – Sunday 28th December



CHRISTMAS IN THE AUSTRIAN TYROL

Few sights rival the invigorating beauty of snow-capped mountains in the Austrian Tyrol, with such a wealth of spectacular scenery, where better to spend Christmas and escape the grey British winter.

YOUR HOTEL Bon Alpina Hotel, Igls

A charming 3* Austrian chalet style hotel located in the pretty village of Igls along the Inn Valley. Each of the ensuite bedrooms are comfortably furnished with TV, hairdryer, safe and Wi-Fi access. There is a lift. The large restaurant serves a delicious freshly prepared evening menu and buffet breakfast. There is a traditional bar area and leisure facilities include an indoor pool, sauna and fitness suite.

TOUR
PRICE

£945

8 DAYS

ITINERARY

SUNDAY 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 Saarlouis, making a stop on route for dinner.

MONDAY After breakfast, we continue our journey through Germany and into Austria, making comfort and lunch stops on route. We arrive at our hotel in Igls late afternoon, with plenty of time to settle in before dinner and the evening free for you to enjoy at leisure. After dinner, for those who wish, there will be a guided walk of Igls followed by Mulled Wine upon return.

TUESDAY Join us today as we make the short journey to the Tyrolean capital, Innsbruck. A compact city with many historic buildings including the famous "Golden Roof", there are many gift shops and high street shops to find that perfect last-minute present. At this special time of year, you will find the fairytale Christmas market in the old town, with many wooden chalet stalls filled with Christmas ornaments, handicrafts and tasty treats. We return to the hotel for a special local tradition. Wrap up warm as we enjoy Christmas songs around the Christmas tree, a nativity scene and a parade through Igls at 6.00pm for the annual "Christmas in the Mountains" town event.

WEDNESDAY (Christmas Eve) After a leisurely breakfast, for those who wish, we travel the short distance to Hall in Tirol, a beautiful



medieval Tyrolean town, and one of the best preserved in Austria, which made its riches during the Middle Ages with salt mining. It became an important trading hub and minted its own silver coins. Discover its narrow, cobbled streets, pretty houses and historic buildings. We return to Igls for the rest of the day to explore local surroundings and make use of the hotel's facilities. There will be Christmas carols and poems performed by an Austrian family before dinner, and the opportunity to attend midnight mass at a local church for those wishing to take part.

THURSDAY (Christmas Day) Happy Christmas everyone! Enjoy a leisurely breakfast and time to relax with friends and loved one, perhaps open presents before a three course Christmas turkey lunch. Enjoy the day relaxing in the comfort of the hotel, or perhaps take an afternoon stroll through town this afternoon, before a light dinner this evening.

FRIDAY (Boxing Day) Join us today as we enjoy a horse drawn carriage ride (on wheels or sleigh, depending on weather conditions) to enjoy the surrounding countryside and Tyrolean landscape. We continue along the Inn Valley to the Tyrolean town of St Anton, a local ski resort nestled amidst mountain scenery, with time to enjoy a cosy lunch in one of its cafes or restaurants, before returning to our hotel for our final evening in Austria.

SATURDAY Sadly it's now time to say a fond farewell to the Tyrol, as we begin our journey home, again with regular comfort stops, to our overnight accommodation in Metz, arriving in time for dinner.

SUNDAY 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
- Guided Walk in Igls, followed by Mulled Wine
- Horse Drawn Carriage Ride
- Turkey Christmas Lunch
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £260.00 (Max 4)
Subsequent Singles £456.00



ABTOT Trading Charter and Booking Conditions

1. FINANCIAL PROTECTION

The Association of Bonded Travel Organisers Trust Limited (ABTOT) provides financial protection under The Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018 for Blakes Coaches Ltd, Membership number 5552 and in the event of their insolvency, protection is provided for Non-flight packages.

ABTOT cover provides for a refund in the event you have not yet travelled or repatriation if transportation was included in your package. Please note that bookings made outside the UK are only protected by ABTOT when purchased directly with Blakes Coaches Ltd.

In the unlikely event that you require assistance whilst abroad due to our financial failure, please call our 24/7 helpline on 01702 811397 and advise you are a customer of an ABTOT protected travel company.

You can access The Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018 here: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2018/634/contents/made>

You can find out more about ABTOT here: <https://www.abtot.com/>

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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We still have some availability from our 2024 brochure
Please phone for details and to book



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