

# BLAKES

Day Excursions from the East Devon area

6 NEW  
HOLIDAYS



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# WELCOME TO BLAKES COACHES

**Quality, reliability and value for money are the essential ingredients for any good excursion. And here at Blakes Coaches we are totally committed to providing a personal, friendly and professional service to ensure that your day out is one to remember for all the best reasons.**

Many thousands of customers have enjoyed a **Blakes Coaches** day excursion from our traditional North Devon area, and many of those have made further bookings or recommended us to friends. From 2026 we would now like to offer the same range of quality day excursions from the East Devon area with departure points to include Honiton, Sidford, Sidmouth, Newton Poppleford, Budleigh Salterton, Exmouth, Lympstone & Exeter Moto Services.

Your comfort, safety and satisfaction are of great importance to us. We value your business and want you to travel with us on more than one occasion.

Our brochure has something for everyone.

Our fleet of coaches are always well maintained, every vehicle is fitted with seat belts, and all have air-conditioning. We take great care in recruiting experienced drivers who take pride in their profession and who are committed to making your day out as special as you deserve.

We hope you enjoy browsing through our brochure. If you've travelled with us before, you will know that we pride ourselves on providing a personal service throughout your booking. If you are new to **Blakes Coaches** why not give us a try? You won't be disappointed.

## COACHES

- Reclining seats with extra leg room
- On-board toilet and washroom facilities available on all coaches
- Hot drinks facilities available on all coaches
- Double or triple braking systems
- Air-conditioning on all coaches
- Individual lighting controls
- Air suspension for a smooth ride
- TV, video, PA and music systems

## DRIVERS

Throughout your excursion or holiday you will be looked after by one of our own professional, friendly, experienced (and sometimes witty!) coach drivers. They are selected for their knowledge, enthusiasm and most of all their customer care. The standards we set are far greater than most other operators and this is reflected in the glowing reports we have received from hundreds of satisfied customers year by year. We are very proud to have them act as ambassadors for our company and feel confident that they are among the best in the industry.

# COACH HIRE & PRIVATE GROUP TRAVEL

We operate a great many 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... 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 how 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 IN LUXURY

Sit back in comfort on one of our luxury coaches, owned and maintained by us, and offering you the very highest level of quality coach travel. As standard all our coaches are



fitted with 53 seats, (all reclining for extra leg room), air conditioning or climate control, toilet, hot drinks facility, refrigerator, video and audio system, double glazing, insulated windows and of course seat belts. All this is to ensure you have a comfortable journey. All our coaches conform to the very latest in safety standards are fitted with speed limiters and anti-lock braking to ensure that your safety comes first.

# DAY EXCURSIONS

		DEPARTURE CODE	ADULT	SENIOR CITIZEN
<b>APRIL</b>				
THU 9	SOUTH MOLTON FOR MARKET DAY & BARNSTAPLE	C	£22.00	£21.00
THU 16	BOSCASTLE & TINTAGEL	C	£24.00	£23.00
WED 22	ARLINGTON COURT (NAT TRUST) HOUSE & CARRIAGE MUSEUM*	C	£40.00	£39.00
TUE 28	CASTLE HILL GARDENS, NR SOUTH MOLTON*	D	£30.00	£29.00
<b>MAY</b>				
TUE 5	TAVISTOCK FOR MARKET DAY & DARTMOOR INC CREAM TEA*	D	£34.00	£33.00
MON 11	BATH FOR SHOPPING & SIGHTSEEING	C	£25.00	£24.00
SUN 17	SUNDAY CARVERY 2 COURSE LUNCH AT BREND'S ROYAL HOTEL, BIDEFORD*	D	£50.00	£49.00
WED 20	DORCHESTER FOR MARKET DAY & SHERBORNE	G	£24.00	£23.00
<b>JUNE</b>				
WED 3	DUNSTER & MINEHEAD	C	£24.00	£23.00
TUE 16	LOOE & POLPERRO	C	£25.00	£24.00
SAT 27	RHS GARDEN ROSEMOOR (ROSE SEASON)*	C	£38.00	£37.00
TUE 30	TEWKESBURY & GLOUCESTER-WARWICKSHIRE STEAM RAILWAY*	B	£47.00	£46.00
<b>JULY</b>				
THU 9	RHS BADMINTON FLOWER SHOW*	B	£61.00	£60.00
SUN 12	SUNDAY LUNCH (3 COURSE) AT LANGSTONE CLIFF HOTEL & DAWLISH*	PHONE	£52.00	£51.00
WED 15	BRIDPORT FOR MARKET DAY & WEST BAY	C	£20.00	£19.00
MON 20	SALTRAM HOUSE & GARDENS (NATIONAL TRUST)*	C	£40.00	£39.00
WED 22	WOODY BAY STEAM RAILWAY & LYNTON*	D	£34.00	£33.00
TUE 28	POOLE & SWANAGE INCLUDING BOAT CRUISE & STEAM RAILWAY)*	F	£52.00	£51.00
THU 30	BARNSTAPLE (PANNIER MARKET) & QUINCE HONEY FARM (TOUR & TALK)*	C	£30.00	£29.00
<b>AUGUST</b>				
THU 6	STRAWBERRY FIELDS (COFFEE STOP) & BUDE	C	£24.00	£23.00
SAT 8	TAUNTON FLOWER SHOW*	C	£40.00	£39.00
SAT 8	TAUNTON FOR SHOPPING	C	£22.00	£21.00
TUE 11	BIDEFORD (PANNIER MARKET) & HARTLAND ABBEY (HOUSE & GARDENS)*	C	£42.00	£41.00
SUN 16	BOAT CRUISE TOTNES TO DARTMOUTH, DARTMOUTH & STEAM RAILWAY FROM KINGSWEAR TO DARTMOUTH*	D	£59.00	£58.00
WED 19	ILFRACOMBE INC SMUGGLERS COVE BOAT CRUISE*	C	£39.00	£38.00
TUE 25	SANDERS GARDEN CENTRE (COFFEE STOP) & WESTON SUPER MARE	C	£24.00	£23.00
THU 27	WEYMOUTH INC COASTAL BOAT CRUISE WITH CREAM TEA*	C	£48.00	£47.00

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<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
THU 3	DARTMOUTH & PADDLE STEAMER BOAT CRUISE*	D	£37.00	£36.00
SAT 5	PLYMOUTH HARBOUR SCENIC BOAT CRUISE & PLYMOUTH*	C	£37.00	£36.00
WED 16	TIVERTON & TIVERTON HORSE DRAWN BARGE CANAL*	D	£42.00	£41.00
SUN 20	CLOVELLY (INC VISITOR CENTRE, FILM, MUSEUM, GARDENS & VILLAGE)*	C	£36.00	£35.00
SUN 20	AFFINITY DEVON SHOPPING OUTLET (WAS ATLANTIC VILLAGE), BIDEFORD	C	£25.00	£24.00
WED 23	KNIGHTSHAYES HOUSE, GARDEN & PARKLAND (NATIONAL TRUST)*	D	£38.00	£37.00
SUN 27	PADSTOW	C	£24.00	£23.00
WED 30	WEST SOMERSET STEAM RAILWAY & MINEHEAD*	D	£47.00	£46.00
<b>OCTOBER</b>				
THU 8	TYNTESFIELD HOUSE & GARDENS (NATIONAL TRUST)*	C	£45.00	£44.00
THU 15	DARTMOUTH & DARTMOUTH ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE GUIDED TOUR*	D	£42.00	£41.00
THU 15	DARTMOUTH	D	£24.00	£23.00
WED 28	WELLS FOR MARKET DAY & GLASTONBURY	C	£24.00	£23.00
THU 29	SOUTH MOLTON PANNIER MARKET & DARTINGTON CRYSTAL FACTORY*	C	£27.00	£26.00
<b>NOVEMBER</b>				
WED 11	CRIBBS CAUSEWAY FOR EARLY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING	C	£25.00	£24.00
THU 19	CARDIFF CHRISTMAS MARKET	B	£26.00	£25.00
TUE 24	CLARKS VILLAGE FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING	G	£18.00	£17.00
WED 25	BRENT HOUSE CARVERY (2 COURSE LUNCH) & SANDERS GARDEN CENTRE*	D	£49.00	£48.00
THU 26	BUCKFAST ABBEY CHRISTMAS MARKET	D	£20.00	£19.00
<b>DECEMBER</b>				
THU 3	BATH CHRISTMAS MARKET	C	£32.00	£31.00
TUE 8	SALISBURY & SALISBURY CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICE*	F	£47.00	£46.00
TUE 8	SALISBURY FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING	F	£24.00	£23.00
WED 16	ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CHRISTMAS LUNCH WITH AFTERNOON ENTERTAINMENT & DANCING, DAWLISH WARREN*	D	£46.00	£46.00

**\* PRICE INCLUDES ADMISSION, FERRY, TICKET OR MEAL AS APPROPRIATE**

£46.00

# Join us for our annual fundraising charity event

**22nd year of fundraising**

Christmas lunch with afternoon entertainment and dancing at the Langstone Cliff Hotel, Dawlish Warren

For a great day out, and all for a worthwhile cause, please phone to book... and avoid disappointment. Nothing to pay until October.

Wednesday  
16th December  
2026



Dancing and entertainment with Matthew

This year's charity, North Devon Hospice



Over £110,000 raised for local charities to date

This year's chosen charity is the North Devon Hospice

Wednesday 9th – Tuesday 15th September

## CRUISING THE RIVER RHINE (RHINE IN FLAMES SPECTACULAR)

NEW &  
EXCLUSIVE



Experience a once in a lifetime, unique Rhine River Cruise and be part of the spectacular "Rhine in Flames" flotilla with extraordinary fireworks lighting up the riverbanks and illuminating the dark sky from the comfort of your ship. Sail past beautiful scenery, fairytale castles and rolling vineyards with a full attraction excursion package to enhance your cruise.

**MS Gérard Schmitter Premium Ship** An elegant 3 deck premium 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.

**WEDNESDAY** Short sea crossing Dover – Calais and on to overnight hotel in Laon for dinner.

**THURSDAY** We visit the champagne capital of France at Reims with its remarkable cathedral, stunning basilica and underground champagne cellars. After lunch we travel to Strasbourg to board our ship for the next 4 nights, to settle into our cabins and enjoy a Captain's welcome cocktail reception before dinner.

**FRIDAY - SUNDAY** Our cruise continues along the River Rhine, stopping off for excursions at Rudesheim, Koblenz and Heidelberg. The highlight of our tour takes place on Saturday evening as we join the flotilla of ships at Oberwesel for a truly close up experience of the "Rhine in Flames" where the riverside bursts into colour, illuminating the night sky and hill tops with a musically choreographed

firework spectacular from barges alongside us on the river. A night to be remembered for many years to come!

**MONDAY** After breakfast we disembark in Strasbourg and rejoin our coach for the short journey into the centre to discover the delightful city of Strasbourg. Wander through the pedestrianised cathedral district with its majestic Cathedral, 15th century buildings or stroll into "Petite France" a former area of millers, tanners and fishermen with half-timbered houses, narrow streets and romantic waterfront. After lunch we travel to our overnight hotel in Laon, arriving in time for dinner.

**TUESDAY** Short sea crossing back to the UK (Calais – Dover) and continue our journey home, arriving mid-late evening.

TOUR  
PRICE

£1795

7 DAYS

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 2 nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast at overnight hotels
- 4 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast on the ship
- Lunch on-board the ship each day & On-board nightly entertainment
- Captain's Welcome Cocktail Reception & Gala dinner on 1 evening
- Complimentary house drinks during meals & from the bar (12:00 – 23:00hrs)
- Wine Tasting in Rudesheim
- Entrance to Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Museum
- Guided Tour of Heidelberg Castle Ruins & Grounds
- "Rhine in Flames" experienced onboard from our ship
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Main Deck supplement  
£570.00 (Max 2)  
Middle Deck Cabin £94.00  
per person  
Upper Deck Cabin £130.00  
per person  
Please see page 9 of our 2026  
Holiday Brochure for payment  
and cancellation terms  
Deposit £250.00 per person

Sunday 19th – Thursday 23rd July 2026

## THE GLORIOUS GOWER & SOUTH WALES

TOUR  
PRICE

£495

5 DAYS

Introducing a new tour to discover the stunning landscapes, coastline & heritage of the Gower Peninsula with guided coach tour, along with visits to remarkable gardens and a nostalgic steam train journey.

**Ivybush Royal Hotel, Carmarthen** A charming 3\* hotel in the heart of town.

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 delicious menu.

**SUNDAY** We travel to South Wales, stopping for lunch in the market town of Abergavenny, to our hotel based in Carmarthen for a warm welcome of Welsh cakes and tea/coffee.

**MONDAY** This morning we visit the National Botanic Gardens of Wales set across 500 acres in Carmarthenshire's countryside, with a focus on conservation and endangered species.

Explore the great glasshouse, walled gardens, regency parkland, nature reserve and Bird of Prey centre. This afternoon we visit the charming seaside resort of Saundersfoot with its harbour, beach front & cafes.

**TUESDAY** Today we enjoy the landscapes & heritage of the Gower Peninsula, with a guided coach tour to Rossili and far-reaching views across to Worms Head, the Gower's famous landmark. We return to the Gower Heritage

Centre for a delicious Welsh vegetable soup lunch and guided tour of the iconic 12th century flour mill & history of the Gower's rural setting.

We return to our hotel via The Mumbles, a popular seaside resort with a Victorian Pier, lighthouse & castle.

**WEDNESDAY** Explore Carmarthen this morning with its weekly market, independent shops, cafes and history spanning from Roman to medieval times. After lunch we board the Gwili Steam Railway for a nostalgic journey through the picturesque Gwili Valley.

**THURSDAY** We bid a fond farewell to our hosts, stopping for lunch in the Welsh capital of Cardiff with its ancient castle, museums and host of shops to explore and enjoy a bite to eat, before continuing our homeward journey.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entry to National Botanic Garden of Wales
- Guided Coach Tour of the Gower Peninsula & tour of Gower Heritage Centre
- A traditional Welsh Vegetable Soup Lunch (Vegetable Cawl), bread roll & tea/coffee
- Train Journey of Gwili Steam Railway
- 1 night live entertainment
- 1 night in-house entertainment
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £80.00  
Travel insurance £38.00

Monday 20th – Saturday 25th July 2026

## JEWELS OF SCOTLAND – CASTLES & PALACES

Join us for a Scottish adventure exploring Scone Palace – the crowning place of Scottish Kings and the remarkable Blair Castle & Gardens – teaming with 700 years of Scottish history. Discover the historic city of Stirling, gateway to the Scottish Highlands, with its iconic castle & old jail perched high above the modern city below.

**Salutation Hotel, Perth** A charming hotel located in the heart the city of Perth. All ensuite bedrooms are furnished with TV, hairdryer & tea/coffee making facilities. There is a lift at the hotel. The restaurant offers a choice menu using locally sourced ingredients wherever possible.

**MONDAY** We travel to Scotland, with comfort and lunch stops on route, arriving at our hotel in Perth, our base for the next four nights.

**TUESDAY** We travel to the outskirts of Cairngorms National Park to the stunning Blair Castle & Gardens. Ancestral home to the Dukes of Atholl for over 700 years, wander through its 30 rooms with fine interiors, medieval weaponry displays & Scottish baronial architecture. The gardens and grounds are a delight to stroll through with walled gardens and red deer park. We continue to Pitlochry on the River Tummel, with amazing walks and the Pitlochry Hydroelectric Dam and salmon fishing ladder.

**WEDNESDAY** Today we visit the ancient city of Stirling with two levels – a higher old town and lower modern shopping centre. Visit Stirling Castle, favoured residence of the Stewart Kings, the Old Town Jail with legendary stories of past prisoners and the Stirling Smith Art Gallery &

Museum. The lower town offers shops, cafes and restaurant galore to enjoy a relaxing lunch.

**THURSDAY** Discover Scone Palace, crowning place of Scottish Kings including MacBeth & Robert the Bruce. See the iconic “Stone of Scone” and wander through the castle state rooms to immerse yourself in all its glorious 1000 year history. With time to stroll through the gardens & grounds we return to Perth for the afternoon free to discover this amazing compact city with museums, galleries & Black Watch Castle.

**FRIDAY** We bid a fond farewell to our Scottish hosts and travel back into England, with stops for comfort & lunch on route to Lancashire, for an overnight stay.

**SATURDAY** We continue our journey home, arriving back in our home area early to mid-evening.

TOUR PRICE

£595

6 DAYS

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 5 nights’ Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entry to Blair Castle & Gardens
- Entry to Scone Palace & Grounds
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £99.00  
Travel insurance £46.00

Sunday 26th – Friday 31st July 2026

## GARDENS & TRAINS OF IRELAND

Discover this remarkable corner of beautiful Southern Ireland. Experience stunning landscapes of County Waterford’s Copper Coast with dramatic cliffs, former copper mines & rich heritage. Enjoy a nostalgic journey on the Waterford & Suir Valley Railway, explore the delightful city of Kilkenny and the beauty of Altamont Gardens.

**Dooley’s Hotel, Waterford** A charming 3\* hotel ideally located in Waterford’s city centre. All ensuite bedrooms have TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea/coffee making facilities. There is lift access to some bedrooms. The restaurant serves a delicious home-cooked menu and the bar offers a friendly area to relax.

**SUNDAY** We travel across to Wales to board the ferry from Pembroke to Rosslare, and on to our hotel in Waterford, our base for the next five nights.

**MONDAY** Join us for a scenic coach journey along the Copper Coast with scalloped beaches, coves and rocky headlands where former copper mines can be found. Enjoy lunch in the harbour town of Dungarvan followed by a nostalgic heritage railway journey on the Waterford & Suir Valley Line.

**TUESDAY** Enjoy the whole day exploring the charming city of Waterford, the oldest in Ireland, known for its Viking links and the famous Waterford Crystal. Take a tour of the “House of Waterford” to learn about the ancient art of glass blowing and see how beautiful pieces are created & designed. Enjoy a river cruise from the quay, or discover some of the city’s fascinating museums.

**WEDNESDAY** We visit the quaint city of Kilkenny, beginning with a fun land-train guided tour with commentary of the city’s highlights. The rest of the day is free to enjoy its castle, St Candice’s Cathedral and narrow streets with historic buildings. Enjoy Irish hospitality in one of the cafes or taverns.

**THURSDAY** This morning we explore the peaceful riverside town of Carlow with strong Celtic heritage, cathedral, courthouse & museum. After lunch we travel to nearby Altamont Gardens, one of Ireland’s most romantic settings with formal and informal gardens, an impressive rose collection and parade of oak trees leading to an ice age Glen.

**FRIDAY** After an early departure we board our ferry, with breakfast included on board, and continue our homeward journey, back through south Wales to our home area, arriving mid evening.

TOUR PRICE

£695

6 DAYS

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 nights’ Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- 1 night dinner & room (with breakfast included on the return ferry)
- Ticket for a Heritage Train – Waterford & Suir Valley Railway
- Kilkenny Land-Train with Guided Commentary Tour
- Entrance to Altamont Gardens
- Return ferry crossings
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £142.00  
Travel insurance £92.00

Monday 27th – Friday 31st July 2026

TOUR PRICE

£515

5 DAYS

## LAZY CANALS, HAUNTED HALLS & PENDLE WITCH COUNTRY

Discover Lancashire's landscapes with rich history and heritage. Enjoy a guided tour of the countryside and learn about the famous Pendle Witches, visit the glorious Gawthorpe Hall, the famous Bury market and enjoy a leisurely boat cruise on the Lancaster Canal.

**Mercure Blackburn Dunkenhagh Hotel & Spa** A beautiful 4\* country manor house hotel which has retained much of its original features set within landscaped grounds. All ensuite bedrooms offer TV, hairdryer, telephone, Wi-Fi access and tea/coffee making facilities. Lift access to some bedrooms and ground floor rooms. Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, fitness suite & spa.

**MONDAY** We make our way north, with comfort & lunch stops on route, to our hotel in Lancashire, our base for the next four nights.

**TUESDAY** This morning we have time to browse the Oswaldtwistle Shopping Mill with retail outlets and restaurants to enjoy lunch, before rejoining our coach for a guided tour of the surrounding Ribble Valley to learn about the famous Pendle Witches, and the history & heritage of the area.

**WEDNESDAY** Spend the morning browsing the award winning Bury Market with over 350 outdoor and indoor stalls, selling local produce, clothing, household goods and gifts. After lunch we travel to National Trust's Gawthorpe Hall, a stunning Elizabethan

mansion with landscaped gardens and woodlands. Discover the stories of the hall's past with ghostly hauntings and remarkable collections.

**THURSDAY** We make our way to Barton Grange marina for a leisure boat cruise along the Lancaster Canal, returning to the garden centre with time to browse the shop and enjoy lunch. This afternoon we visit the compact city of Lancaster, with time to explore the castle where many of the area's medieval witchcraft trials took place, museums and historic city walls and buildings.

**FRIDAY** After breakfast we make our way back south, stopping for lunch on route, arriving in our home area early to mid-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- "Pendle Witch Country" guided coach tour
- Entry to Gawthorpe Hall (National Trust)
- Boat Cruise on Lancaster Canal
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £120.00  
Travel insurance £38.00

Thursday 24th – Friday 25th September 2026

TOUR PRICE

£199

2 DAYS

## A RIGHT ROYAL "STYLISH" AFFAIR

Introducing a short break filled with majestically regal attractions in our London capital. Visit one of the finest working stables at the Royal Mews with historic royal carriages. Discover the new exhibition held in King's Gallery showcasing some of the most iconic clothing worn by Britain's longest reigning monarch, and enjoy the magnificent state rooms at Buckingham Palace.

**Holiday Inn London Heathrow Bath Road** A luxuriously appointed 4\* hotel. All rooms are ensuite with TV, Wi-Fi access and tea/coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a generous buffet breakfast and evening dinner.

**THURSDAY** We travel to royal Windsor with time to explore the historic town with regal connections. You may like to stroll through Great Windsor Park, enjoy a boat cruise along the Thames or perhaps a sightseeing bus tour with guided commentary. We continue to our overnight hotel, with time to freshen up before dinner.

**FRIDAY** We travel into central London to begin our royal day. Begin with a visit the Royal Mews to discover behind the scenes at a working stables in the heart of the city, and see the iconic 260 year old Gold Coach used on state occasions. With time to grab a bite to eat, we then visit Kings Gallery to see the brand-new exhibition "Queen

Elizabeth II: Her Life in Style". Featuring over 200 items see the largest exhibition of the late Queen's fashion ever shown alongside jewellery, hats, shoes, accessories and gowns including her bridesmaid dress, wedding gown, Coronation dress and many outfits through her ten decades of royal life. We end with a visit to Buckingham Palace's State Rooms with access to the Throne Room, Ballroom and Drawing Rooms with fine artwork collections, portraits & furnishings. We return to our home area, early to mid-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 night's dinner bed & breakfast
- Entrance to The Royal Mews
- Entrance to Kings Gallery's "Queen Elizabeth II: Her Life In Style" Exhibition
- Entrance to Buckingham Palace State Rooms
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £32.00  
Travel insurance £37.00

6 APRIL	5 DAYS	CROSS COUNTIES EXPLORER
6 APRIL	5 DAYS	LANCASHIRE'S RED ROSE COUNTY
11 APRIL	7 DAYS	SPRINGTIME IN SWITZERLAND – SPECTACULAR LAKES & MOUNTAINS
12 APRIL	5 DAYS	THE DUTCH BULBFIELDS & BEST OF HOLLAND
19 APRIL	5 DAYS	SPRINGTIME IN SUSSEX & THE SOUTH DOWNS
27 APRIL	5 DAYS	GUERNSEY
1 MAY	11 DAYS	SPAIN – ROSES & THE COSTA BRAVA
1 MAY	4 DAYS	LLANDUDNO VICTORIAN EXTRAVAGANZA & TRANSPORT FESTIVAL
4 MAY	5 DAYS	MERSEY EXPLORER – CANALS, RIVERS & SUNLIGHT SOAP
9 MAY	5 DAYS	JERSEY
10 MAY	5 DAYS	THE LOVELY LAKE DISTRICT
13 MAY	5 DAYS	CORNWALL COAST TO COAST
15 MAY	4 DAYS	CITY BREAK YORK
17 MAY	6 DAYS	HIDDEN TREASURES OF LUXEMBOURG
18 MAY	5 DAYS	HOLME LACY – WARNER BREAK
21 MAY	2 DAYS	RHS CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW & RHS GARDEN WISLEY
24 MAY	5 DAYS	LLANDUDNO & THE LITTLE TRAINS OF WALES
24 MAY	8 DAYS	LITTLE BOATS & TRAINS OF THE AUSTRIAN TYROL
25 MAY	5 DAYS	SPRINGTIME IN THE YORKSHIRE DALES – PROSECCO & PUDDINGS
29 MAY	4 DAYS	CITY BREAK DURHAM
29 MAY	4 DAYS	LAKESIDE COASTAL RESORT – WARNER BREAK
1 JUNE	5 DAYS	VINTAGE CHARMS OF DERBYSHIRE
1 JUNE	5 DAYS	NORTH WALES, ANGLESEY & PUFFIN
5 JUNE	5 DAYS	DORSET & THE JURASSIC COAST
5 JUNE	11 DAYS	NORWAY'S SPECTACULAR FJORDS, GLACIERS, LAKES & MOUNTAINS
6 JUNE	7 DAYS	IRELAND'S BEAUTIFUL NORTHERN COAST INC THE GIANT'S CAUSEWAY
8 JUNE	5 DAYS	NORTON GRANGE COASTAL RESORT, ISLE OF WIGHT – WARNER BREAK
13 JUNE	2 DAYS	LONDON THEATRE WEEKEND OR A WEEKEND IN LONDON
14 JUNE	5 DAYS	NORMANDY COAST & D-DAY MEMORIES
14 JUNE	6 DAYS	SCOTLAND – EDINBURGH & THE ROYAL HIGHLAND SHOW
15 JUNE	5 DAYS	TENBY & PEMBROKESHIRE
15 JUNE	5 DAYS	BLACK COUNTRY EXPLORER
16 JUNE	2 DAYS	BARRY MANILOW – LAST EVER UK CONCERT TOUR, BIRMINGHAM
19 JUNE	5 DAYS	IN SEARCH OF THREE DETECTIVES
21 JUNE	7 DAYS	IRELAND – WEST CORK COAST & BANTRY BAY
22 JUNE	5 DAYS	LITTLECOTE HOUSE – WARNER BREAK
22 JUNE	5 DAYS	HOUSES & GARDENS OF THE HOME COUNTIES
26 JUNE	4 DAYS	A WEEKEND IN PARIS
29 JUNE	5 DAYS	LLANDUDNO & THE WELSH HIGHLAND RAILWAY
29 JUNE	5 DAYS	THE DELIGHTFUL YORKSHIRE DALES
29 JUNE	5 DAYS	THE LAKE DISTRICT – BOATS, CASTLES & TRAINS
4 JULY	8 DAYS	GERMANY – BAVARIA & THE ROMANTIC ROAD
5 JULY	5 DAYS	COTSWOLDS SUMMER GARDENS & STately HOMES
6 JULY	5 DAYS	ISLE OF WIGHT
6 JULY	5 DAYS	SCENIC SHROPSHIRE – CANAL BOATS & TRAINS
6 JULY	6 DAYS	SCOTLAND – KELPIES, LOCHS & GLENS
11 JULY	2 DAYS	RHS BADMINTON FLOWER SHOW & BEAUTIFUL BATH

13 JULY	5 DAYS	YORKSHIRE DALES – INCLUDING THE GREAT YORKSHIRE SHOW
13 JULY	5 DAYS	STUDLEY CASTLE HOTEL – WARNER BREAK
13 JULY	5 DAYS	FOREST OF DEAN, WYE VALLEY & BIG PIT NATIONAL COAL MINE
19 JULY	5 DAYS	<b>THE GLORIOUS GOWER &amp; SOUTH WALES NEW</b>
20 JULY	5 DAYS	NORFOLK INCLUDING RHS SANDRINGHAM FLOWER SHOW
20 JULY	5 DAYS	THE VERY BEST OF YORKSHIRE
20 JULY	6 DAYS	<b>JEWELS OF SCOTLAND NEW</b>
26 JULY	12 DAYS	THE BEAUTIFUL BLUE DANUBE RIVER CRUISE
26 JULY	5 DAYS	<b>GARDENS &amp; TRAINS OF IRELAND NEW</b>
27 JULY	5 DAYS	<b>LAZY CANALS, HAUNTED HALLS &amp; PENDLE WITCHES NEW</b>
27 JULY	5 DAYS	NORTHUMBERLAND & HOLY ISLAND
29 JULY	5 DAYS	EASTBOURNE & THE SUSSEX COAST
3 AUGUST	5 DAYS	GLORIOUS GARDENS & HOUSES OF SURRY
3 AUGUST	5 DAYS	BODELWYDDAN CASTLE – WARNER BREAK
3 AUGUST	5 DAYS	KENT – MANORS, GARDENS & MARITIME HISTORY
7 AUGUST	4 DAYS	LIVERPOOL
8 AUGUST	6 DAYS	THE ISLES OF SCILLY
9 AUGUST	5 DAYS	MID WALES – HERITAGE RAILWAYS, COAST & CASTLES
9 AUGUST	8 DAYS	CLASSIC AUSTRIA – LAKES & MOUNTAINS
10 AUGUST	5 DAYS	RUNNYMEDE ON THAMES – WARNER BREAK
10 AUGUST	5 DAYS	SCOTLAND ... THE ROYAL EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO
16 AUGUST	5 DAYS	JERSEY INCLUDING THE BATTLE OF THE FLOWERS
14 AUGUST	4 DAYS	JUST LONDON
16 AUGUST	7 DAYS	IRELAND – KILLARNEY & THE RING OF KERRY
17 AUGUST	5 DAYS	CORTON COASTAL RESORT – WARNER BREAK
17 AUGUST	5 DAYS	REACH FOR THE SKIES IN ENGLAND'S HEARTLAND
19 AUGUST	5 DAYS	MINT, MINES & MOUNTAINS – HERITAGE OF SOUTH WALES
20 AUGUST	5 DAYS	VERSAILLES, A CANDLELIT CHATEAU & MONET'S GARDEN
23 AUGUST	2 DAYS	A TASTE OF LUXURY IN WINDSOR WITH AFTERNOON CREAM TEA
24 AUGUST	5 DAYS	LINCOLNSHIRE'S AVIATION HERITAGE & BOMBER COMMAND COUNTRY
24 AUGUST	5 DAYS	VALKENBURG – VELVET CAVES & MEDIEVAL MONSCHAU
24 AUGUST	5 DAYS	CAMBRIDGESHIRE'S STately HOMES, GARDENS & MILLS
28 AUGUST	4 DAYS	A WEEKEND IN BRUGES
30 AUGUST	5 DAYS	GARDENS & TRAINS OF SOUTH WALES
31 AUGUST	5 DAYS	FOREST OF DEAN & THE WYE VALLEY BY COACH, BOAT & TRAIN
2 SEPTEMBER	14 DAYS	OUR GRAND TOUR FOR 2026: STUNNING CROATIA
4 SEPTEMBER	3 DAYS	WARTIME HEROES ENTERTAINMENT
4 SEPTEMBER	4 DAYS	DUTCH DAHLIAS ON PARADE – THE WORLD'S LARGEST FLOWER PARADE
6 SEPTEMBER	5 DAYS	WARWICKSHIRE & SHAKESPEARE'S COUNTRY
7 SEPTEMBER	5 DAYS	LANCASHIRE'S HOUSES, GARDENS & VIBRANT WATERFRONT
7 SEPTEMBER	5 DAYS	BEMBRIDGE COAST – ISLE OF WIGHT – WARNER BREAK
9 SEPTEMBER	7 DAYS	THE RHINE IN FLAMES RIVER CRUISE SPECTACULAR
12 SEPTEMBER	2 DAYS	LONDON THEATRE WEEKEND OR A WEEKEND IN LONDON & WINDSOR
13 SEPTEMBER	5 DAYS	GARDENS & TRAINS OF DORSET & THE NEW FOREST
14 SEPTEMBER	5 DAYS	NORFOLK – THE BROADS & SANDRINGHAM
14 SEPTEMBER	5 DAYS	HIGHLIGHTS OF NORTHUMBERLAND
14 SEPTEMBER	5 DAYS	BLACKPOOL ILLUMINATIONS & THE LAKE DISTRICT

20 SEPTEMBER	6 DAYS	THE ISLE OF MAN
20 SEPTEMBER	10 DAYS	THE BEST OF SCOTLAND – FROM COAST TO THE CAIRNGORMS
21 SEPTEMBER	5 DAYS	A CUMBRIAN JOURNEY & CARLISLE TO SETTLE RAILWAY
24 SEPTEMBER	2 DAYS	A RIGHT ROYAL “STYLISH” AFFAIR <b>NEW</b>
25 SEPTEMBER	2 DAYS	MAMMA MIA! THE PARTY
26 SEPTEMBER	5 DAYS	LLANDUDNO & THE LITTLE TRAINS OF WALES
28 SEPTEMBER	5 DAYS	NORTH YORKSHIRE – CITY, COAST & HERITAGE
28 SEPTEMBER	5 DAYS	KENT – CASTLES, TRAINS & WHITE CLIFFS COUNTRY 94
28 SEPTEMBER	5 DAYS	TENBY & PEMBROKESHIRE
2 OCTOBER	4 DAYS	ENTERTAINMENT BREAK ON THE ENGLISH RIVIERA
4 OCTOBER	5 DAYS	JERSEY
3 OCTOBER	12 DAYS	GRAND TOUR OF IRELAND
4 OCTOBER	5 DAYS	THE VERY BEST OF CORNWALL
5 OCTOBER	5 DAYS	BLACKPOOL ILLUMINATIONS & THE LAKE DISTRICT
4 OCTOBER	12 DAYS	THE ITALIAN RIVIERA AND LAKE GARDA
5 OCTOBER	5 DAYS	AUTUMN COLOURS OF THE PEAK DISTRICT
5 OCTOBER	6 DAYS	THE ISLES OF SCILLY
9 OCTOBER	4 DAYS	TRIBUTE BREAK 50’S, 60’S & 70’S LANCASHIRE
12 OCTOBER	5 DAYS	WEST WALES & CARDIGAN BAY
12 OCTOBER	5 DAYS	THORESBY HALL – WARNER BREAK
12 OCTOBER	5 DAYS	GUERNSEY
12 OCTOBER	5 DAYS	WELSH BORDERLANDS – BOATS IN THE SKY & CASTLES UP HIGH
16 OCTOBER	4 DAYS	CITY BREAK YORK
16 OCTOBER	4 DAYS	A WEEKEND ON THE CORNISH COAST
19 OCTOBER	5 DAYS	AUTUMN COLOURS OF THE LAKE DISTRICT
18 OCTOBER	10 DAYS	NORTHERN SPAIN ... THE CANTABRIAN COAST
18 OCTOBER	7 DAYS	AUTUMN COLOURS OF SCOTLAND INCLUDING THE ENCHANTED FOREST
19 OCTOBER	5 DAYS	ISLE OF WIGHT
19 OCTOBER	5 DAYS	AUTUMN TINTS OF THE YORKSHIRE DALES
23 OCTOBER	4 DAYS	MYSTERY WEEKEND
25 OCTOBER	4 DAYS	DISNEYLAND® PARIS
26 OCTOBER	5 DAYS	AUTUMN COLOURS OF SHROPSHIRE & BEYOND
26 OCTOBER	5 DAYS	AUTUMN COLOURS OF NORTH WALES & SNOWDONIA
26 OCTOBER	5 DAYS	HEYTHROP PARK – WARNER BREAK
26 OCTOBER	5 DAYS	NORTH YORKSHIRE COASTAL EXPLORER
30 OCTOBER	4 DAYS	BLACKPOOL ILLUMINATIONS
31 OCTOBER	2 DAYS	ABBA VOYAGE
1 NOVEMBER	2 DAYS	LUXURY IN LONDON
1 NOVEMBER	5 DAYS	HOLLY & MISTLETOE IN NORTH WALES
2 NOVEMBER	3 DAYS	INDULGENT PLANES, TRAINS & AUTOMOBILES
6 NOVEMBER	4 DAYS	FALMOUTH TURKEY & TINSEL
6 NOVEMBER	4 DAYS	IRISH COUNTRY MUSIC WEEKEND
6 NOVEMBER	4 DAYS	WEYMOUTH TURKEY & TINSEL
7 NOVEMBER	2 DAYS	LONDON THEATRE WEEKEND OR A WEEKEND IN LONDON
8 NOVEMBER	4 DAYS	A LITTLE BIT OF LUXURY IN CORNWALL
9 NOVEMBER	5 DAYS	EASTBOURNE TURKEY & TINSEL
9 NOVEMBER	5 DAYS	SCARBOROUGH TURKEY & TINSEL

13 NOVEMBER	4 DAYS	GREAT YARMOUTH TURKEY & TINSEL AND THURSFORD
13 NOVEMBER	4 DAYS	THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR
14 NOVEMBER	2 DAYS	LONGLEAT FESTIVAL OF LIGHT & BATH
16 NOVEMBER	4 DAYS	THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR
16 NOVEMBER	5 DAYS	FIZZ & FAYRE IN FESTIVE YORKSHIRE
16 NOVEMBER	5 DAYS	HOLME LACY FESTIVE BREAK – WARNER
20 NOVEMBER	4 DAYS	TENBY TURKEY & TINSEL
20 NOVEMBER	4 DAYS	YORK CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL & CASTLE HOWARD AT CHRISTMAS
20 NOVEMBER	4 DAYS	ISLE OF WIGHT TURKEY & TINSEL
21 NOVEMBER	2 DAYS	LONGLEAT FESTIVAL OF LIGHT & BATH
23 NOVEMBER	5 DAYS	FESTIVE VALKENBURG & TRIO OF CHRISTMAS MARKETS
23 NOVEMBER	5 DAYS	LAKE DISTRICT TURKEY & TINSEL
24 NOVEMBER	3 DAYS	CHATSWORTH AT CHRISTMAS
24 NOVEMBER	3 DAYS	THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR
27 NOVEMBER	4 DAYS	TRIER & LUXEMBOURG CHRISTMAS MARKETS
27 NOVEMBER	4 DAYS	BOURNEMOUTH TURKEY & TINSEL
28 NOVEMBER	2 DAYS	CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WEEKEND
28 NOVEMBER	2 DAYS	LONGLEAT FESTIVAL OF LIGHT & BATH CHRISTMAS MARKET
28 NOVEMBER	2 DAYS	BLenheim PALACE AT CHRISTMAS & GLOUCESTER QUAYS WINTER MKT
30 NOVEMBER	5 DAYS	BLACKPOOL TURKEY & TINSEL
30 NOVEMBER	5 DAYS	SINAH WARREN FESTIVE BREAK – WARNER
30 NOVEMBER	5 DAYS	GREAT YARMOUTH TURKEY & TINSEL AND THURSFORD
3 DECEMBER	2 DAYS	CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL
4 DECEMBER	4 DAYS	ROCHESTER’S DICKENSIAN CHRISTMAS MARKET & LEEDS CASTLE
4 DECEMBER	5 DAYS	CORNISH CHRISTMAS CRACKERS
5 DECEMBER	2 DAYS	LONGLEAT FESTIVAL OF LIGHT & BATH CHRISTMAS MARKET
5 DECEMBER	2 DAYS	BLenheim PALACE AT CHRISTMAS AND ILLUMINATED LIGHT TRAIL
7 DECEMBER	4 DAYS	THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR
7 DECEMBER	5 DAYS	BODELWYDDAN CASTLE FESTIVE BREAK – WARNER
7 DECEMBER	5 DAYS	GREAT YARMOUTH TURKEY & TINSEL AND THURSFORD
8 DECEMBER	2 DAYS	CHRISTMAS AT KEW & WINCHESTER CHRISTMAS MARKET
11 DECEMBER	3 DAYS	CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WEEKEND – BRUGES CHRISTMAS MKT & CALAIS
11 DECEMBER	4 DAYS	CRICKET ST THOMAS FESTIVE BREAK – WARNER
11 DECEMBER	4 DAYS	TURKEY & TINSEL ON THE ENGLISH RIVIERA & XMAS TRAIN OF LIGHTS
12 DECEMBER	2 DAYS	LONGLEAT FESTIVAL OF LIGHT & BATH CHRISTMAS MARKET
12 DECEMBER	2 DAYS	BLISTS HILL VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS AND CARDIFF CHRISTMAS MARKET
14 DECEMBER	5 DAYS	FIVE LAKES 5* RESORT ALL INCLUSIVE FESTIVE BREAK
19 DECEMBER	2 DAYS	LONGLEAT FESTIVAL OF LIGHT & BATH
19 DECEMBER	2 DAYS	BLenheim PALACE AT CHRISTMAS & ILLUMINATED LIGHT TRAIL
19 DECEMBER	2 DAYS	CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL
21 DECEMBER	8 DAYS	CHRISTMAS IN THE SWISS ALPS
23 DECEMBER	5 DAYS	CHRISTMAS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT
23 DECEMBER	5 DAYS	CHRISTMAS IN STRATFORD UPON AVON
23 DECEMBER	5 DAYS	CHRISTMAS IN NORTH WALES
23 DECEMBER	5 DAYS	CHRISTMAS ALONG THE SOUTH COAST
23 DECEMBER	5 DAYS	CHRISTMAS AT HOLME LACY – WARNER BREAK
30 DECEMBER	4 DAYS	NEW YEAR ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT
30 DECEMBER	4 DAYS	NEW YEAR IN THE HEART OF WALES

## DEPARTURE POINTS

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SIDFORD	Drakes Avenue Bus Stop
SIDMOUTH	The Triangle
NEWTON POPPLEFORD	St Luke's Church
BUDLEIGH SALTERTON	Public Hall
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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
HONITON	06.00	07.00	08.00	09.00	08.00	09.00	10.00
SIDFORD	06.25	07.25	08.25	09.25	07.35	08.35	09.35
SIDMOUTH	06.30	07.30	08.30	09.30	07.30	08.30	09.30
NEWTON POPPLEFORD	06.40	07.40	08.40	09.40	07.20	08.20	09.20
BUDLEIGH SALTERTON	06.55	07.55	08.55	09.55	07.05	08.05	09.05
EXMOUTH TESCO	07.05	08.05	09.05	10.05	06.55	07.55	08.55
EXMOUTH CINEMA	07.10	08.10	09.10	10.10	06.50	07.50	08.50
LYMPSTONE	07.15	08.15	09.15	10.15	06.45	07.45	08.45
EXETER SERVICES	07.30	08.30	09.30	10.30	06.30	07.30	08.30

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