

BLAKES

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Holidays 2025



Where memories and friendships are made

BLAKES Holidays

It gives us great pleasure to present our new and exciting 2025 holiday brochure featuring a wide range of quality and value for money holidays both within the UK and Europe.



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

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

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

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

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

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

Have a great holiday!

Janet, David & Hannah Blake

Our guarantee

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



GIFT VOUCHERS

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



Financial Security

The 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

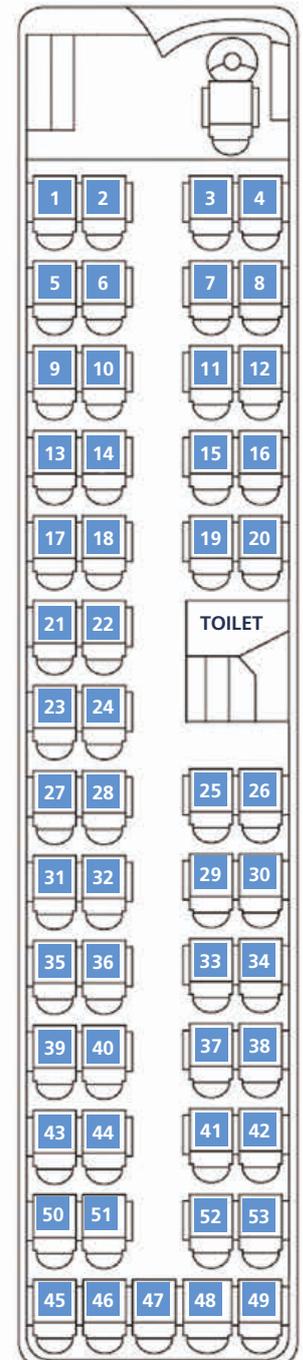
IVYBRIDGE

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

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

EMAIL ADDRESSES

For those of you who are computer literate, we at Blakes Coaches want to keep up with you! In order for you to be able to receive special offers etc, we would like to keep your email address on file.

You can either phone us or write your email address in the correct space on your booking form when you have booked a holiday with us. Thank you.

COACH HIRE & PRIVATE GROUP TRAVEL

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

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



CLIENT HOLIDAY TRAVEL INSURANCE

Our Client Holiday Travel Insurance is available for all eligible passengers travelling on our holidays which is arranged by Wrightsure Services (Hampshire) Limited and underwritten by AWP P&C SA and administered in the UK by Allianz Partners, a trading name of AWP Assistance UK Ltd. AWP Assistance UK Limited is registered in England (registration number 1710361). Registered office: PO Box 74005, 60 Gracechurch Street, London, EC3P 3DS. AWP Assistance UK Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) (Firm reference number 311909).

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Wrightsure Services (Hampshire) Ltd is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (their registration number is 311394) and is permitted to advise on and arrange general insurance contracts. You can check these details online using the Financial Services Register (accessible from <https://register.fca.org.uk>) or by contacting the Financial Conduct Authority Consumer Helpline on 0800 1116768.

Should you wish to take out this travel insurance please include the appropriate premium when booking your holiday.

DEMANDS & NEEDS

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

IMPORTANT

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

We summarise below the details of the insurance cover provided which also includes 24-hour emergency service from Allianz Assistance.

The following is a brief summary of the cover available. Full details of cover and exclusions will be forwarded with your confirmation of booking. In any event you may ask for a specimen copy of the policy wording before booking should you wish to examine this in advance.

HEALTH DECLARATION & HEALTH EXCLUSIONS

It is very important that you read the following and, where necessary, declare any pre-existing medical conditions.

FOR UK, CHANNEL ISLANDS AND ISLE OF MAN TRIPS ONLY (EXCEPT AIR & CRUISE HOLIDAYS)

You will not be covered under this policy for any claims arising as a direct or indirect of any pre-existing medical condition, unless you can comply with the following:

1. You are fit to travel and undertake your planned trip when you take out this policy, book your trip or at the time you travel (whichever is later).
2. Following any claim investigation, your doctor confirms they would have agreed with or recommended your travel plans when you took out this policy, booked your trip or at the time you travelled (whichever is later).
3. You are not travelling for the purpose of having medical treatment or a consultation during your trip.
4. You are not awaiting any medical tests, investigations or surgery, or the outcome of any tests or investigations when you take out this policy or book your trip (whichever is later).

FOR TRIPS OUTSIDE OF THE UK PLUS ALL AIR & CRUISE HOLIDAYS

You will not be covered for any claims arising as a direct or indirect result of any pre-existing medical condition if, in the 12 months before taking out this policy or booking your trip (whichever is later), you:

1. Were prescribed medication;
2. Received treatment or consulted a doctor or other medical practitioner for any medical condition;
3. Attended a hospital or a clinic as an outpatient or inpatient;
4. Were referred for tests, investigations, treatment or surgery, or are waiting for either results or a diagnosis;
5. Had any symptoms of an undiagnosed medical condition or have had a terminal illness; unless you told us about the pre-existing medical condition and we have agreed in writing to cover it.

To declare a pre-existing medical condition(s), you should contact insurers confidential medical screening service on 023 92 41 9063 as soon as possible after taking out this insurance policy and/or booking your trip.

Based on the medical information you provide, it will be confirmed to you if cover can be offered for your declared pre-existing medical condition (or conditions), and if an extra premium needs to be paid. Occasionally, insurers may need you to get extra medical information (at your cost) from your doctor to enable us to make a decision.

If an extra premium is required, cover will not start until this has been paid in full and we have issued written confirmation.

If we are unable to cover the pre-existing medical condition (or conditions), this will mean that you and any other person insured by us will not be covered for any directly or indirectly related claims arising from the pre-existing medical condition (or conditions). This applies even if the person with the pre-existing medical condition (or conditions) decides to buy cover from another provider.

Each person insured by us would still be covered for any unrelated (or conditions), subject to the terms and conditions of this policy.

FOR ALL TRIPS:

You will not be covered if:

- Following any claim investigation, your doctor confirms they would not have agreed with or recommended you travel as planned either when you took out this policy, booked your trip or at the time you travelled (whichever is later).
- You know you will need medical treatment or a consultation at a medical facility during your trip.
- You are travelling specifically for the purpose of having surgery, medical procedures or hospital treatment, whether medically necessary or not.
- You had been diagnosed with a terminal illness prior to the date you took out this policy or booked your trip (whichever is later).

Exclusions relating to the health of someone not insured on this policy, but whose health may affect your decision whether to take or continue with your trip:

You will not be covered for any directly or indirectly related claims (see note at the end of this section) arising from the health of a travelling companion, someone you were going to stay with, a family member or a business associate if at the time your policy was issued:

- You were aware they had undiagnosed medical condition(s) for which they were awaiting tests, investigations or the results of these;
- You were aware that their medical condition(s) were unstable, were likely to get worse in the next 12 months or they had been diagnosed as having a terminal condition.

Note: Only claims relating to a medical condition where any of the above apply will be affected. This includes indirectly related claims. For example, if someone breaks a bone and a doctor confirms it is related to an existing diagnosis of osteoporosis (brittle bone disease), this would not be covered if we have not agreed in writing to cover the osteoporosis.

LEVEL OF MEDICAL COVER PROVIDED

This is not a private medical insurance policy and only gives cover for emergency medical treatment and/or transport in the event of an accident or unexpected illness occurring during your trip.

This also means that any other person insured by us will not be covered for any directly or indirectly related claims arising from the pre-existing medical condition (or conditions). This applies even if the person with the medical condition (or conditions) decides to buy cover from another provider.

RESIDENCY

You must have your primary residence in and be registered with a doctor in the UK, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man; and have not spent more than six months abroad during the 12 months before this policy was issued or your trip was booked (whichever is later).

SIGNIFICANT EXCLUSIONS

- ✓ Any existing medical conditions unless they have been declared to (where appropriate) and accepted by the insurer.
- ✓ Your intentional self-harm or if you attempt or commit suicide.
- ✓ An epidemic or pandemic, except when an epidemic or pandemic is expressly referenced in and covered under Trip Cancellation, Trip Interruption, Travel Delay or Emergency Medical/Dental Cover Abroad.
- ✓ Terrorist events.
- ✓ Any travel supplier's complete cessation of operations due to financial reasons, with or without involving insolvency or bankruptcy.

For full terms and conditions and your policy contact details please refer to your policy wording.

HOW TO MAKE A CLAIM

All claims should be made direct to Allianz Assistance. Please visit the website www.allianz-protection.com. This will lead you to insurers online claims notification service where claim forms can be completed directly from the site. Alternatively, please phone 0208 666 9233 and ask for a claim form alternatively write to: Wrightsure Travel Claims c/o Allianz Partners, PO Box 528, Manchester, M28 8FQ, or email travel.claims@allianz-assistance.co.uk

PROTECTING YOUR INFORMATION

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

Blakes Coaches Limited is an appointed Representative of Wrightsure Services (Hampshire) Limited who are authorised and regulated by the FCA (their registration number is 311394) and which is permitted to advise on and arrange general insurance contracts.

You can check these details online using the Financial Services Register (accessible from www.fca.org.uk) or by contacting the Financial Conduct Authority Consumer Helpline on 0800 111 6768.

Should you have personal circumstances, for which you may need additional support or accommodations, please let us know and we will do our best to support you. These could include issues with sight, hearing impairments, capability restrictions, welfare/health issues or anything else you feel is important for us to know about.

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

Please note: The insurance information (including premiums) as detailed above, is correct at time of publication November 2024) and may be subject to change. Details of any changes to our current insurance arrangements, as detailed above, will be provided at the time of booking.

SUMMARY OF COVER

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

Cover	Sum Insured	Excess
Trip Cancellation	Up to £3,000	£75*
Trip Interruption	Up to £3,000 (Extra Accommodation Sub-Limit £500)	£75
Travel Delay	Up to £300	Nil
Baggage	Up to £1,500 (£200 High Value Item Limit)	£75
Baggage Delay	Up to £100	12 Hours
Emergency Medical Expenses	Up to £1,000,000	£75
Emergency Transport	Unlimited (Reasonable Cost)	£75
Personal Liability	Up to £1,000,000	£75
Travel Accident	Up to £10,000	Nil
Loss of Travel Documents	Up to £200	Nil
Personal Money	Up to £200	£75

* Excess only applies for cancellation of a journey over three days in duration (Nil for Loss of Deposit).

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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
- PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED (WITH A MINIMUM VALIDITY OF 6 MONTHS)
- AN OVERNIGHT BAG WILL BE REQUIRED ON ANY OVERNIGHT STAYS AT HOTELS
- TRAVEL INSURANCE IS ESSENTIAL FOR ALL EUROPEAN TRAVEL

Saturday 11th – Monday 20th January



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

TOUR PRICE

£795

10 DAYS

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

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 – Gaudí'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
Travel insurance £88.00

Saturday 25th January – Saturday 1st February



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
Travel insurance £88.00

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 on route for dinner.

SUNDAY After breakfast, we continue our journey south, making comfort and lunch stops on route. We arrive in Riva Del Garda with time to settle in before dinner and the evening free for you to enjoy at leisure.

MONDAY 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
Travel insurance £88.00

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.

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
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR
PRICE

£395

5 DAYS

Saturday 29th – Sunday 30th March



MICHAEL BALL & ALFIE BOE IN CONCERT, CARDIFF

Two legends of the stage are together again for another long-awaited UK tour. Michael Ball, one of the nation's largest West End theatre stars and Alfie Boe, Britain's acclaimed tenor – most famous for his lead role in Les Miserables as "Jean Valjean", are joining forces and taking to the stage for their fabulous brand new concert, following the release of their 6th album in November 2024, celebrating 10 years of a musical partnership.

YOUR HOTEL Mercure Cardiff North, Cardiff

A 4* hotel. All rooms are en-suite and furnished with TV, safe, hairdryer, and Wi-Fi access. There is a lift. The restaurant serves a generous buffet hot and cold breakfast. Leisure facilities include a fitness suite.

ITINERARY

SATURDAY We leave the West Country and make our way, with a comfort stop on route to the centre of Cardiff where you will be able to choose a restaurant of your choice for an early evening meal, before rejoining the coach to travel the short distance to the Utilita Arena Cardiff for this evening's concert. Michael Ball & Alfie Boe come together to perform an exquisite celebration of music with a mixture of Broadway hits, classic favourites and a wide range of duets.

SUNDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we travel to the city of Bath with the day free to explore the many shops and attractions that the city has to offer, with plenty of time to enjoy a relaxing lunch. We leave mid-late afternoon, arriving in the West Country early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Bed & Breakfast
- Ticket to Michael Ball & Alfie Boe Concert
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £25.00 (max 5)
Travel insurance £35.00

TOUR
PRICE

£195

2 DAYS

Monday 31st March – Friday 4th April



NORTON GRANGE COASTAL VILLAGE, ISLE OF WIGHT

On a Warner holiday, you will understand what it means to be spoilt for choice; excellent accommodation, delicious food, great things to do and fantastic entertainment each evening. With its ruggedly beautiful sea views, Norton Grange is the perfect Leisure Resort location.

YOUR HOTEL Norton Grange, Isle of Wight

Ideally located with fabulous views of the western Solent, which stretches from Cowes to the Needles. All chalets are en-suite with TV and tea & coffee facilities. The restaurant and coffee shop offer a delicious variety and leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, fitness studio, 9-hole pitch-and-put, all-weather bowls green, archery, shooting range... and much more! Excellent entertainment is provided each evening by the resident band. Warner now operates a cashless payment system ... debit & credit cards only.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave our home area and make our way to Lymington for the short ferry crossing to Yarmouth. Once on the island, we make the short journey to Norton Grange, with plenty of time to settle in before dinner and the first night of entertainment.

TUESDAY This morning we make a short visit to St Mildred's Church at Whippingham, full of history with strong links with Osborne House & Queen Victoria. We continue to Osborne House, Queen Victoria's palace by the sea. Much more than a royal residence, it was also a family home, and as you walk through the Queen's bedroom, the nursery rooms and even the royal bathrooms, you're offered a glimpse into the royal family's life. There are acres of gardens to explore, Swiss Cottage, the Royal Playhouse to visit and a large restaurant & gift shop. We return for dinner and another evening of excellent entertainment.

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

THURSDAY This morning we travel to the very picturesque village of Godshill – the most-photographed village in Britain! Spend the morning admiring the thatched cottages and the 15th Century church, visiting the immaculate Model Village, browsing the gift shops, and maybe treat yourself to coffee and a large cream cake from the Old Smithy. We return to our resort with the afternoon to spend as you please, maybe take a stroll into Yarmouth before our final evening dinner and entertainment.

FRIDAY We leave after breakfast, and make the short journey to Yarmouth for the return ferry crossing back to Lymington. We continue to Poole for lunch and complete our journey back to the West Country, arriving early-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to St Mildred's Church, Whippingham
- Entrance to Osborne House
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 3)
Premier Chalet Upgrade £30.00 per person
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£295

5 DAYS

Saturday 5th – Wednesday 9th April



SPRINGTIME IN DORSET – COAST & GARDENS

Dorset is one of southern England's most popular holiday destinations with beautiful sandy coastlines, bustling harbour towns and rolling countryside landscapes. Bournemouth offers a long sandy beach with a flat promenade and coastal views together with landscaped public gardens to enjoy.

YOUR HOTEL Norfolk Royale Hotel, Bournemouth

An elegant hotel located near Bournemouth Square, close to the gardens, town centre and pier and beach. 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 choice evening menu and hearty breakfast. Entertainment is provided on some evenings and leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool.

ITINERARY

SATURDAY We leave our home area and journey east, stopping in Dorchester for lunch and a chance to browse the shops. We continue to our hotel in Bournemouth, with time to settle in and maybe take a stroll along the cliff promenade before dinner and an evening at leisure.

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

MONDAY Join us this morning as we make the short journey to the picturesque town of Poole, which boasts the second largest natural harbour in the world. Stroll down to the quayside or browse the shopping centre and enjoy a leisurely lunch before we travel to the charming seaside town of Swanage, with time to stroll along the flat promenade and Victorian pier, and perhaps enjoy an ice cream!

TUESDAY After breakfast we make our way to the ancient market town of Romsey. Wander through medieval streets clustered around the Norman Abbey and enjoy coffee in one of the local cafes. We continue to Mottisfont, an 18th century house with exquisite interiors, art works and fine furnishings. Discover its transformation from medieval priory through to its 20th century developments which now houses some of the finest collections of art, sculpture and rare book collections in the National Trust. The gardens are a delight to explore with spring plants, magnificent trees coming into bloom and woodland walks. With time to enjoy lunch and browse the gift shop, we return to our hotel to relax before dinner.

WEDNESDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we leave our hotel and begin our homeward journey. Stopping in Sherborne to explore the town with its honey-coloured buildings, abbey, museums and numerous shops to browse and cafes & restaurants to enjoy lunch. We complete our journey, reaching the West Country early-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Mottisfont House & Gardens (Nat Trust)
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £60.00 (Max 1)
Superior Room £28.00 per person
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£385

5 DAYS

Monday 14th – Friday 18th April



CHESHIRE – SUNLIGHT & SPRING GARDENS

Cheshire is home to many award-winning gardens whether part of privately owned country estates or public parklands. We visit two of the secret gems of the region including the charming Cholmondeley Castle Gardens and Ness Botanic Gardens, and also explore the unique village of Port Sunlight, built for the workers of the Sunlight Soap factory in 1888.

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 breakfast we travel into Chester and start our day with a city river cruise along the River Dee, passing riverside homes and gardens, with guided commentary to learn about the history and heritage of the city and its river life. The rest of the day is free to explore Chester at leisure with its varied history from Roman times, Viking and Norman invasions. Discover the 700 year old medieval Rows, a gallery of black and white buildings filled with shops and eateries. You may like to visit the glorious cathedral, or perhaps walk the complete city walls, or enjoy a spot of shopping in the modern shopping centre and enjoy a relaxing lunch in one of the cafes or restaurants, before we rejoin the coach and return to our hotel.

WEDNESDAY This morning we visit Port Sunlight, the remarkable village built in 1888 for the workers of the Sunlight Soap Factory. We enjoy a guided coach tour of the village to learn more about its fascinating past and discover the beautiful houses and buildings of nearly every type of British architecture. With parkland and gardens to stroll through and an Art Gallery to visit, plus many places to eat in the village, we rejoin the coach and travel to Ness Botanic Gardens this afternoon. Spread across 64 acres with views across the River Dee and North Wales, wander through the many garden areas including water features, meadows, herbaceous borders and rhododendron woodlands.

THURSDAY Today we visit the small historic market town of Nantwich, with time to browse the shops and enjoy morning coffee and cake in one of its many local cafes. Enjoy its beautiful timber framed buildings and riverside location, before we rejoin the coach and travel to Cholmondeley Castle Gardens. Nestled in historic parkland this 70 acre site designed by Capability Brown offers magnificent garden areas filled with seasonal colours and planting with views of the castle across the mere. There is a tea rooms on site for light refreshments and a farm shop with local produce.

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
- City River Cruise in Chester
- Guided Coach Tour of Port Sunlight Village
- Entrance to Ness Botanic Gardens
- Entrance to Cholmondeley Castle Gardens
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single Supplement £100.00 (Max 5)
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£455

5 DAYS

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
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£565

5 DAYS



SPRINGTIME IN SWITZERLAND – CHEESE, CHOCOLATE & THE ALPS

Switzerland is truly magical at any time of year, but as spring blooms there is a 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
 Travel insurance £88.00



THE DUTCH BULBFIELDS & THE BEST OF HOLLAND

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

TOUR PRICE

£655

5 DAYS

YOUR HOTEL Leonardo Hotel, Lelystad

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

ITINERARY

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

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



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

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

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

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



PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £152.00
Entrance to some attractions at Zaanse Schans
Travel insurance £88.00

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

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £105.00
Travel insurance £88.00

TOUR
PRICE

£455

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
Travel insurance £35.00

TOUR
PRICE

£255

LONDON/
WINDSOR
WEEKEND

£135

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 **Mercurie 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)
Travel insurance £36.00

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
Travel insurance £36.00

Sunday 27th April – Thursday 1st May



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

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
Travel insurance £88.00

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 on 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
Travel insurance £36.00

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.

TOUR
PRICE

£325

4 DAYS

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
Travel insurance £36.00

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)
Travel insurance £36.00

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 Sausmarez Manor, with its magnificent gardens and Art Park. The island offers many inspiring walks along the 28.5 miles of cliff paths, and Castle Cornet – Guernsey's ancient royal fortress – is well worth a visit, as is the former home of famous French poet Victor Hugo. In addition, there's the German Occupation Museum, Oatlands Craft Centre and the Candle Factory, where you can make your own souvenir. You'll never be short of things to do and see, and the island boasts a number of restaurants and tempting tearooms. Dinner is served each evening at the hotel.

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
Travel insurance £88.00



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.

TOUR
PRICE

£945

11 DAYS

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.

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



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 Familia, Gaudi'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.



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
Travel insurance £138.00

Monday 5th – Friday 9th May



A CUMBRIAN JOURNEY & CARLISLE TO SETTLE RAILWAY

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

YOUR HOTEL Crown & Mitre Hotel, Carlisle

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

ITINERARY

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

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

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

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

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £48.00 (Max 5)
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£475

5 DAYS

Monday 5th – Friday 9th May



SPRINGTIME IN YORKSHIRE'S HERRIOT COUNTRY

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
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£495

5 DAYS

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
Travel insurance £36.00

Friday 9th – Monday 12th May



SPALDING FLOWER PARADE & CAMBRIDGE

TOUR PRICE

£315

4 DAYS

Once upon a time, Spalding was known world wide for it's annual flower parade but sadly, due to lack of funding and support, it ceased to exist almost ten years ago. Well, the good news is, it's back! The 2025 parade will have a whole new, fresh look but we will incorporate some elements of nostalgia... and it's all for FREE! Millions of surplus tulip heads from acres of fields are crafted into brilliantly colourful decorated floats which are paraded through the town of Spalding accompanied by marching bands..

YOUR HOTEL **Marriott Hotel, Peterborough**

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

ITINERARY

FRIDAY We leave the West Country and, with a comfort stop on route, stop in Tewkesbury for lunch and time to browse the shops and visit the Abbey. We complete our journey to our hotel, with time to settle in before dinner.

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

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

MONDAY We leave our hotel and travel to the historic city of Worcester, with time to visit the Porcelain Museum, the Cathedral, which overlooks the River Severn, where you will find the tomb of King John and have lunch. We complete our journey back to the West Country, arriving early-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £105.00
Travel insurance £36.00

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
Travel insurance £35.00

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
Travel insurance £44.00

Monday 12th – Friday 16th May



THE LOVELY LAKE DISTRICT

An area renowned for its exceptional natural beauty, the Lake District provides the ideal retreat from the hustle and bustle of daily routine. Join us for a tour taking in some of the area's most stunning scenery.

YOUR HOTEL **Cumbria Grand Hotel, Grange-over-Sands**

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

TOUR
PRICE

£485

5 DAYS

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave the West Country and begin our journey north, stopping for coffee and lunch en route and reaching our hotel with time to freshen up before dinner and an evening at leisure.

TUESDAY Join us today as we journey through some of the most spectacular scenery you'll see anywhere in England, as we travel up the breathtaking Kirkstone Pass and along Ullswater to Glenridding, where we board a steamer for a cruise the seven mile length of Ullswater to Pooley Bridge. We rejoin the coach and continue to Keswick for lunch and time to explore the charming town, before a scenic drive back to our hotel.

WEDNESDAY Today we enjoy a circular tour through some of the Lake District's loveliest sights. We travel through the village of Haverthwaite, following part of Coniston Water and Coniston Village, to Ambleside for coffee and time to look around. We then make our way to the pretty village of Grasmere for lunch, with time if you wish to visit Wordsworth's Museum and Dove Cottage – his home from 1799 to 1808, the years of his supreme work as a poet.

THURSDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to Lakeside, the most southerly part of Lake Windermere, where we take a leisurely cruise, with magnificent views of mountain scenery, secluded bays and wooded islands to Bowness. Here at the heart of the Lake District you will find a town which boasts every sort of shop you can imagine, as well as many cafes and restaurants. Whilst here, you may like to visit the delightful World of Beatrix Potter attraction where the 23 tales are brought to life in a magical indoor recreation of the Lakeland countryside complete with sights, sounds and even smells! We later return to Grange-Over-Sands with time to relax before dinner and our final evening on resort.

FRIDAY Sadly it's time to leave the Lake District and begin our homeward journey. With stops for coffee and lunch en route, we reach the West Country early-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Boat trip on Lake Ullswater
- Boat trip on Lake Windermere
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £64.00
Travel insurance £36.00

Monday 12th – Saturday 17th May



THE ISLES OF SCILLY

The Isles of Scilly sit 28 miles southwest of Lands End and enjoy an exceptionally mild climate. When you first arrive, you may not realise just how much there is to see and do! Each island has its own unique character and charm and offers its own treasure trove of adventures and experiences. There are a variety of beaches, and many different venues in which to enjoy the local cuisine.

YOUR HOTEL **The Atlantic Inn, St Mary's**

You are always assured of a warm welcome at our chosen hotel, located in the heart of St Mary's, where the buildings are golden granite, the beaches are white, and both the coast and countryside are stunning all year round. All rooms are ensuite with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. Many enjoy uninterrupted views of the harbour. There is no lift at the hotel. The restaurant serves excellent menu with locally sourced ingredients.

TOUR
PRICE

£1150

6 DAYS

ITINERARY

MONDAY After an early departure we make our way to Penzance where you will board the Scillonian ferry for the crossing to St Mary's, the largest of the Scilly Isles. There are restaurant facilities on board, and you may even see dolphins, porpoises or pilot whales on route. On arrival, your luggage will be taken to the Atlantic Inn and you will make the short walk to the hotel, where after settling in, the remainder of the afternoon is free to familiarise yourself with your new surroundings. An early evening reception from the hotel management will be followed by a delicious three course dinner.

TUESDAY – FRIDAY The hotel will organise a programme of events to help you explore and enjoy all that the Scilly Isles have to offer. This will include two days of planned itineraries including a guided walking tour of St Mary's and boat fares and entrances to Tresco Abbey Gardens. Remember to pack sturdy walking shoes. On the other two days you have time free to spend as you please, browsing the small selection of shops and exploring at your leisure ... or you may simply choose to relax, enjoy the scenery and beaches and do nothing else! Dinner is served at the hotel each evening.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £165.00 (Max 1)
Sea view supplement £50.00 per person
Travel insurance £44.00

Tuesday 13th – Saturday 17th May



LLANDUDNO & THE WELSH HIGHLAND RAILWAY

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

YOUR HOTEL Tynedale Hotel, Llandudno

We're delighted to return to this welcoming 4* hotel, located along the central promenade with sea views. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The hotel's restaurant serves a fabulous full Welsh breakfast and choice evening menu, and there is live entertainment each evening.

ITINERARY

TUESDAY We leave our home area and travel over the border into Wales, stopping for coffee and lunch en route. On arrival at our hotel, enjoy a cup of tea while your luggage is delivered to your room. There will then be time to settle in before dinner and our first evening of entertainment.

WEDNESDAY After breakfast, we travel along the coast, to board the Welsh Highland Railway, Snowdonia's newest railway for a spectacular 25 mile scenic journey, hauled by the world's most powerful narrow-gauge steam locomotive. The journey starts from beneath the 13th century castle walls of Caernarfon climbing from sea level to over 650ft on the foothills of Snowdon, before zig-zagging dramatically down the steep hillside through village of Beddgelert in the heart of the National Park to the harbour town of Porthmadog. Here we stop for lunch and time to explore.

THURSDAY The morning is free for you to spend as you please and explore Llandudno, known as the 'Queen of Welsh Resorts'. You may like to take a ride on the Great Orme Tramway to the summit on one of only three cable-hauled street tramways in the world. There is also a fine pier, over 700 metres long, attractive gardens, shops and restaurants. This afternoon we visit Conwy, medieval walled town with an imposing castle and lively quay, on which you will find what is claimed to be the smallest house in Great Britain!

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

SATURDAY Sadly we leave North Wales and make our way home, stopping for coffee and lunch en route. We complete our homeward journey back into England, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Welsh Highland Railway Ticket
- Entrance to Portmeirion Village
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement
Penthouse & Executive Rooms £60.00 (per person)
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£585

5 DAYS

Wednesday 14th – Sunday 18th May



CORNWALL ... COAST TO COAST

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

YOUR HOTEL Membly Hall Hotel, Falmouth

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

ITINERARY

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

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

FRIDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way south-west to the scenic shores of Marazion with views across to St Michael's Mount. With time to enjoy coffee, we rejoin the coach and make our way to the north Cornwall coast to the picturesque fishing village of St Ives. Wander through narrow streets with galleries, gift shops and cafes.

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

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 5)
Sea view room supplement £100.00 per person
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£465

5 DAYS

Friday 16th – Monday 19th May



CITY BREAK...YORK

The city of York is full of history, retaining so much of its medieval structure, and walking through its centre is like stepping back in time. Packed full of fascinating visitor attractions and famous landmarks, there is so much to do and explore in this beautiful city.

YOUR HOTEL The Queens Hotel, York

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

ITINERARY

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

SATURDAY – SUNDAY Each day is free for you to spend as you please exploring all this magnificent city of architecture has to offer. York Minster is a world-class cathedral with its beautiful stained-glass windows and stone masterpieces, with spectacular views from the top of the 275 steps to the tower! Why not take a sight seeing bus for a guided commentary tour of the city to learn more about York's past and famous residents. Or maybe you'd prefer a gentle boat trip along the River Ouse to see the city from the water's edge. The National Railway Museum is an iconic heritage centre with trains, carriages and exhibitions to explore. The Jorvik Centre invites you to learn about York's Viking history, and York's Chocolate Story is a visitor attraction where you will learn about the city's connection to the sweet treat through three floors of interactive exploration, even try your hand at creating your own chocolate souvenir. The centre is home to an excellent array of shops and the famous "Little Shambles" an ancient alleyway with picturesque, crooked buildings is a delight to wander along and discover times gone by in the majestic city.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £71.00
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR
PRICE

£295

4 DAYS

Monday 19th – Friday 23rd May



NATIONAL TRUST TREASURES ... BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

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

YOUR HOTEL Doubletree by Hilton Oxford Belfry, Oxford

A modern 4* hotel set within 17 acres of landscaped grounds. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, safe, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift at the hotel and ground floor rooms. The restaurant offers a delicious choice evening menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, spa, fitness centre & tennis courts.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave the West Country, with a coffee stop on route, travel to the charming town of Marlborough for lunch. We continue our journey to our hotel, with time to settle in and relax before dinner.

TUESDAY This morning as we visit the delightful Georgian town of Marlow, along the banks of the River Thames and woodland valley of the Chiltern Hills with a variety of shops, cafes and riverside walks. We continue to Hughenden Manor, home to the charismatic Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli (Queen Victoria's favourite PM) for over 30 years. Its secret wartime past has been recreated in the cellars with an air raid shelter, 1940's living room and ice bunker house, because Hughenden was a target for Hitler's plans. View Disraeli's personal memorabilia, enlighten your senses in the interactive WWII exhibits and enjoy lunch in the lovely Stableyard Café.

WEDNESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we travel to Waddesdon Manor, a French Renaissance style chateau set within a 6000 acre estate and the country home of the famous Rothschilds family. It was built to house a fine collection artwork, porcelain, clocks, exquisite furniture and beautifully carved wall panels, many taken from 17th century Parisian houses. Explore the stately rooms and historic wine cellar vaults, discover the beautiful gardens and grounds and enjoy a relaxing lunch in the multiple restaurant and café areas.

THURSDAY Today we visit the privately owned Stowe House, an exquisite Georgian mansion. We enjoy a guided tour of the house to learn about its history, intrigue, scandal and the rise and fall of its previous owners (the Dukes of Buckingham), view the state rooms, artwork and Discovery Centre Museum. We continue to the nearby Stowe Gardens (owned and managed by National Trust), to explore the 18th century landscape garden with temples, monuments and water features which used to belong to Stowe House in its days of grandeur. There is also a café, coffee shop and a book & plant shop to browse.

FRIDAY We begin our homeward journey, we travel to Oxford with time to enjoy lunch and browse the shops. We complete our homeward journey arriving early-mid evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Hughenden Manor (NT)
- Entrance to Waddesdon Manor & Grounds (NT)
- Guided Tour of Stowe House (Privately owned)
- Entrance to Stowe Gardens (NT)
- All coach travel

TOUR
PRICE

NT
MEMBER

£485

NON NT

£535

5 DAYS

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £140.00
Travel insurance £36.00

Monday 19th – Friday 23rd May



RUNNYMEDE ON THAMES ... 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. Runnymede On Thames is the newest addition to the Warner hotel collection.

YOUR HOTEL Runnymede-On-Thames Hotel & Spa, Runnymede-On-Thames

A beautiful riverside location overlooking the River Thames, close to the iconic town of Windsor. Each of the stylishly decorated bedrooms are ensuite with TV, tea & coffee facilities, Wi-Fi access and mini fridge. The restaurant offers an excellent choice menu and a coffee shop serving light meals and snacks throughout the day. Activities and leisure facilities include tennis, rifle shooting, laser clay & laser pistol shooting, archery, aqua aerobics, with other activities available to book on site (extra charge), together with live music & top-class entertainment is provided each evening. Warner now operates a cashless payment system ... debit & credit cards only.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave our home area and make our way east, with stops for coffee and lunch en route, to our resort with time to settle in before dinner and our first evening's entertainment.

TUESDAY The morning is free for you to familiarise yourself with your new surroundings and enjoy some of the many facilities available in the hotel. Join us if you wish for an afternoon excursion to the charming riverside town of Henley-On-Thames with river walks and green spaces, quirky shops, restaurants and taverns. We return to our hotel in time for dinner and a second evening of live entertainment.

WEDNESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to Royal Windsor with the day free to explore this iconic town, perhaps visit Windsor Castle, take a boat cruise along the Thames, stroll through Windsor's parklands or just browse the many gift shops. We return to our hotel in time for dinner and another evening of live entertainment.

THURSDAY Join us this morning as we make our way to RHS Garden Wisley, the world-class flagship garden of the Royal Horticultural Society with its 12 metre cathedral-like glasshouse, dazzling spring garden displays and one of the largest plant collections in the world. We later return to our resort with the remainder of the day free to continue to enjoy some of the wonderful facilities and activities before a final evening dinner and entertainment.

FRIDAY Sadly it's now time to leave our resort and journey back towards the West Country, stopping once again for coffee and lunch en route and arriving home early-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entry to RHS Garden Wisley
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 3)
Deluxe Twin or Double Supplement
(No standard twins) £25.00 per person
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£735

5 DAYS

Tuesday 20th – Saturday 24th May



JERSEY

Jersey has charmed generations of visitors – only 14 miles from the French coast, it has the continental flavour of France while remaining part of the British Isles. Although only a small island, Jersey has so much to offer ... sandy beaches, rugged coastlines, beautiful countryside and a wide variety of attractions.

YOUR HOTEL Runnymede Court Hotel, St Helier

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

ITINERARY

TUESDAY We leave our home area, after a possible early departure (time to be advised) and make our way east to Poole for the ferry crossing to St Helier. Upon arrival, you will be greeted by a 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.

WEDNESDAY – FRIDAY Each day is free for you to spend exploring Jersey's wonderful coastline and inland attractions. Perhaps you'd like to visit the Jersey War Tunnels, parts preserved as they were left after World War II occupation. Other worthwhile attractions include the Living Legend, the zoo and Mont Orgueil Castle. We also recommend a trip to Corbiere Lighthouse with its stunning views which you can walk out to when the tide is out. A regular bus service operates on the island and is useful for visiting the many picturesque bays and harbours, or you may like to hire a car during your stay (the hotel can help with this if required). There are numerous venues on the island in which to enjoy coffee, lunch, afternoon tea and Jersey ice cream!

SATURDAY Sadly it's time to leave Jersey. You will be collected again by coach and transferred back to the ferry port for the return crossing to Poole. On arrival, you will be met by a Blakes coach and driver, who will return you to your home area.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Coach transport to and from Poole
- Return ferry crossings
- Hotel transfers in Jersey

SUPPLEMENTS:

No Single Supplement (Max 3)
Subsequent Singles £132.00
Travel insurance £88.00

TOUR PRICE

£525

5 DAYS



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 en-suite room is well equipped with TV, hairdryer and air-conditioning. The spacious restaurant serves a delicious home-cooked menu and the bar offers a peaceful area to relax. Leisure facilities include an indoor and outdoor swimming pool, spa and sauna.

ITINERARY

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

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

MONDAY 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.

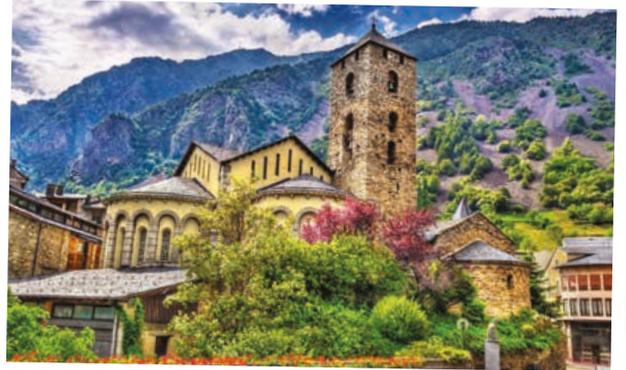
TUESDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we travel over the French border to visit the lovely town of Foix, with its magnificent castle, founded by Charlemagne and key in French history and their crusades. The heart of the old town has retained its medieval character with narrow streets



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
Travel insurance £88.00

Thursday 22nd – Friday 23rd May



RHS Chelsea Flower Show



RHS CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW & RHS GARDEN WISLEY

TOUR PRICE

£299

2 DAYS

Each year, the RHS Chelsea Flower Show is held in the grounds of the Royal Hospital Chelsea. It is the world's most famous flower show and a celebration of the highest quality horticulture and a feast for your imagination, bursting with inspiration for you to take home. A catwalk of colour and creativity, the show features the latest trends and ultimate garden design from the cream of garden designers, nurseries, plantsmen & women and exhibitors.

YOUR HOTEL Courtyard by Marriott London Heathrow, London

A luxuriously appointed 4* modern hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, phone, mini fridge, 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

THURSDAY After an early departure we leave the West Country and make our way east, with a comfort stop on route to London, where you will have the remainder of the day free to enjoy the spectacle of Chelsea Flower Show, the premier horticultural event of the year. It draws exhibitors and visitors from around the globe, and as well as admiring the many wonderful gardens and exhibits, you can also indulge in a bit of celebrity spotting! There are many places to enjoy a leisurely lunch and maybe a glass of Pimms, and whether you are a gardener, a would-be-gardener or a non-gardener, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Late afternoon we make the short journey to our hotel with time to relax before dinner.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £30.00
Travel insurance £35.00

Monday 26th – Friday 30th May



THE DELIGHTFUL YORKSHIRE DALES

TOUR PRICE

£535

5 DAYS

The Yorkshire Dales boasts some of the most spectacular scenery in Great Britain. But it isn't just a series of nice views – it is a living landscape brimming with rich history, tradition and nature.

YOUR HOTEL The Skipton Hotel, Skipton

You are always assured a warm Yorkshire welcome at this 3* waterfront hotel on the outskirts of the delightful town of Skipton (formerly known as the Hotel Rendezvous). All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant offers a delicious evening menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool and gym.

ITINERARY

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY After breakfast, we leave our hotel and begin our journey home. With comfort stops en route, we reach the West Country early-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Boat Trip on the Leeds & Liverpool Canal
- Train Journey on Keighley & Worth Valley Railway
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £120.00
Travel insurance £36.00

Monday 26th – Friday 30th May



CHESHIRE FROM RAGS TO RICHES

Cheshire is home to beautiful countryside and vibrant towns and cities, with a rich history of culture and heritage. The area around Northwich was rich in salt deposits from where rock salt was mined, and the industrial revolution grew with the textile and silk production. Discover the lives and experiences of people who lived and worked in the region.

YOUR HOTEL **Cottons Hotel & Spa, Knutsford**

A beautifully modern 4* hotel near Knutsford, surrounded by Cheshire countryside. All rooms are ensuite and comfortably furnished with TV, hairdryer, mini fridge, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious freshly prepared evening menu and hearty breakfast. There is a lounge bar to relax in and leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, jacuzzi, sauna, steam room and fitness suite.

TOUR PRICE

NT MEMBER

£569

NON NT

£595

5 DAYS



ITINERARY

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

TUESDAY Join us today as we visit Quarry Bank, one of Britain's greatest industrial heritage sites, set within picturesque gardens and countryside. Discover the 18th century cotton mill, built by Samuel Greg, with working heritage machinery and weave looms, enjoy a guided tour of the Apprentice house where many children were housed who worked 10 hour daily shifts at the mill. Wander through the elegant Georgian family home, built for the industrialist Greg and learn how a community of workers and owners lived side by side in contrasting worlds. Stroll into the nearby 19th century Styal Village (still a thriving community today), built by the Greg family for the mill workers, with exhibitions and workers' cottages to visit. Enjoy the restored glasshouses and kitchen garden and 400 acres estate with a restaurant, café, gift shop, garden shop and second-hand bookshop all on site. Please note there is some walking required around the site, but a buggy-car is available if required.



WEDNESDAY We begin our day with a visit to the fascinating Weaver Hall Museum & Workhouse, located within the original Northwich Union Workhouse. Giving refuge to the poor of mid Cheshire, explore the lives of the paupers who lived here, discover their diets, clothing, daily routines and education of the young, through films, models and artefacts. We travel into Northwich with time for lunch and browse the shops, before making the short journey to Lion Salt Works, a restored historic open-pan salt making site, one of the last in the world, to learn how salt deposits have been mined for centuries, and the impact the industry has had on local people since Roman times and the process and methods used to extract this valuable commodity.

THURSDAY This morning we visit the pretty village of Lymm with the peaceful Bridgewater Canal with colourful barges, before visiting Tatton Park, a stunning historic estate in the heart of Cheshire. A magnificent mansion with its rich State Apartments exquisitely decorated and furnished, home to the Egerton family from 1598 to 1958. Discover the extensive Servants' Quarters where technology and innovation helped the house run like clockwork. Discover the Old Medieval Hall and the 40 acre farm with rare breeds, a rich history of past & present farm workers and watch fascinating demonstrations. With over 50 acres of landscaped gardens and 1000 acres of parkland, there's also a large stable restaurant, Garden Cottage Tea Rooms, local produce shop and book shop to explore during your visit.

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 Quarry Park with Guided Tour of Apprentice House (NT)
- Entrance to the Weaver Hall Museum & Workhouse
- Entrance to Lion Salt Works
- Entrance to Tatton Pak, Farm, Gardens and Parkland (NT)
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £160.00 (Max 5)
Travel insurance £36.00

Sunday 25th – Saturday 31st May



IRELAND ...KILLARNEY & THE RING OF KERRY

Ireland's beauty is legendary – from the lush, green pastures to the deep, moody lakes and the wild, rolling hills – and the country is numbered among the world's greatest travel experiences. The Kingdom of Kerry is renowned for its natural magnificence; it is an area of colourful contrasts, with its rugged coastline and dramatic mountain views.

TOUR PRICE

£749

7 DAYS

YOUR HOTEL The Killarney Towers Hotel, Killarney

A fabulous 4* hotel situated in the heart of Killarney itself. All rooms are en suite, with 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.



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 Slea Head, the most westerly mainland point in Europe, where there are splendid views especially of the Blasket Islands and the scattered rocks, all part of an exploded volcanic area. We also stop in the village of Dingle, before returning to our hotel for a final evening dinner and traditional entertainment.

FRIDAY Sadly, we today leave Killarney and make our way back across Ireland's lovely countryside to Waterford with time to browse the town and maybe visit the Waterford Crystal Visitors Centre, before returning to our overnight hotel in time for evening dinner.

SATURDAY After a final Irish breakfast, we leave our hotel and travel back to 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
Travel insurance £88.00

Friday 30th May – Monday 2nd June



STUDLEY CASTLE HOTEL ... WARNER BREAK

TOUR PRICE

£475

4 DAYS

On a Warner holiday, you will understand what it means to be spoilt for choice; excellent accommodation, delicious food, great things to do and fantastic entertainment each evening. Studley Castle Hotel is one of Warners' newest properties, located within a beautiful castle boasting modern facilities, in rural Warwickshire.

YOUR HOTEL Studley Castle Hotel, Warwickshire

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

ITINERARY

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

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

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

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 3)
Travel insurance £36.00

Sunday 1st – Thursday 5th June



NORTH WALES, ANGLESEY & PUFFIN ISLAND

TOUR PRICE

£485

5 DAYS

North Wales has a mix of dramatic coastal landscapes and a magnificently rugged mountain range. With many pretty villages, coastal towns and spectacular scenery, this is a beautiful region to visit any time of year. We have included a boat cruise to Puffin Island to see these remarkable seabirds in their natural habitat during their breeding season, together with a guided coach tour of Anglesey to learn about the isle's fascinating heritage.

YOUR HOTEL Celtic Royal Hotel, Caernarfon

A 3* hotel located in the Welsh harbour town of Caernarfon. All bedrooms are ensuite with TV, free Wi-Fi access, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to some bedrooms. The Castell Restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and generous breakfast using local Welsh produce and the Summit Bar offers a place to relax in the evenings. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, steam room & sauna.

ITINERARY

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

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

TUESDAY After a leisurely start, we make our way across Snowdonia National Park, as the dramatic and rugged landscape unfolds before our eyes. Winding roads alongside streams and brooks, open up as we travel through towering mountain passes and ancient rock formations, creating breathtaking scenery along our journey to Betws-Y-Coed, a picturesque village on the north-east side of the National Park, situated along the River Conwy with delightful shops and cafes in which to enjoy a relaxing lunch

WEDNESDAY We are joined this morning by a local tour guide for a guided coach tour of the Isle of Anglesey to discover more about its beautiful coastline, ancient history and famous Welsh Princes. We will ascend Holyhead Mountain by coach to glorious rugged coastal views, learn about shipwrecks, it's once thriving copper capital and the island's geology, before returning to Caernarfon. This afternoon is free to explore the harbour town, perhaps visit the mighty castle or discover the town's narrow streets and restyled waterfront. Slate Quay offers artisan craft shops, art gallery and cafes for lunch.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Guided Boat Cruise of Puffin Island
- Guided Coach Tour of the Isle of Anglesey
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £140.00
Travel insurance £36.00



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.

TOUR PRICE
€1095
 10 DAYS

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!

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, Baptistery 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)
 Travel insurance £88.00

AMBASSADOR CRUISE LINE OCEAN CRUISE SELECTION

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Your Ship: **Ambition**

This cruise ship offers a unique sense of intimacy. All cabins are ensuite with a shower, flat screen TV, hairdryer, safe, tea & coffee facilities, UK three-pin plug sockets & USB ports. There are two main dining rooms and a more casual dining option, all serving a choice of dishes. There are entertainment areas and lounge bars, 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.

ICELAND'S LAND OF FIRE AND ICE OCEAN CRUISE

15 DAY TOUR Departure: **Saturday 31st May – Saturday 14th June**

An Icelandic adventure discovering the captivating landscapes and rich culture of this unique island, including a stop at the Faroe Islands. Despite the recent volcanic activity on the Reykjanes Peninsula, Iceland remains a safe and open destination for travellers with 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

Please see our Winter/Spring 2024/25 brochure (page 64) for more detailed itinerary information, supplements & inclusions

TOUR PRICE FROM £1649.00

Price includes:

- 14 nights Full Board Cruise
 - Return Coach Transfers to Falmouth
- Deposit 10% of total price*

Travel insurance – to be arranged individually



MARVELS OF FRANCE, PORTUGAL & SPAIN OCEAN CRUISE

17 DAY TOUR Departure: **Saturday 14th – Monday 30th June**

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, Spanish coastal towns blending modernity with tradition; Andalusian coastal resorts and iconic Gibraltar together with some of Portugal's majestic sights.

Please see our Winter/Spring 2024/25 brochure (page 69) for more detailed itinerary information, supplements & inclusions

TOUR PRICE FROM £1949.00

Price includes:

- 16 nights Full Board Cruise
 - Return Coach Transfers to Falmouth
- Deposit 10% of total price*

Travel insurance – to be arranged individually

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Sunday 1st – Sunday 8th June



THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS & THE WEST HIGHLAND LINE

TOUR PRICE

£935

8 DAYS

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

YOUR HOTEL The Alexandra Hotel, Fort William

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

ITINERARY

SUNDAY We leave the West Country and make our way north, with comfort stops enroute, to our overnight hotel in Carlisle, with time to freshen up before dinner.

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

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

WEDNESDAY Join us today for the highlight of the tour, as we board a train and travel along the West Highland Line. We pass through some stunning scenery, and just after leaving Fort William keep a look out for the ruins of Old Inverlochy Castle, before crossing the River Lochy. At Banavie, look right to see Neptune's Staircase, the series of locks on the Caledonian Canal. We continue



to travel through mountain scenery and heather clad moorland and along the saltwater banks of Loch Eil. The train crosses the spectacular Glenfinnan Viaduct with the best views out to the left side of the carriage, before passing along Loch Shiel and Loch Elit with stunning views to the right side., and finally arriving at the busy fishing port of Mallaig. With time for lunch, we rejoin our coach and travel back to Fort William.

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

FRIDAY Today we travel a little further north into the Scottish Highlands, first making a stop at the Spean Bridge Commando memorial, located in the area where thousands of Allied troops came to train in preparation for warfare during World War Two is this special three figure bronze statue to commemorate those who gave their lives. We continue north along the shores of Loch Lochy and on to Fort Augustus to the foot of Loch Ness. With time, for those who wish to visit the Caledonian Canal Centre, to learn more about the area and the great 60 mile canal and enjoy lunch, we enjoy a leisurely boat cruise on the famous loch (remember to keep a good look out for legendary Nessie)!

SATURDAY Sadly we leave our Scottish hosts after breakfast and stopping for coffee and lunch on route, we travel to our overnight hotel near Penrith, arriving in time to settle in before dinner.

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



PRICE INCLUDES:

- 7 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Ticket for the West Highland Line Railway
- Boat Cruise on Loch Ness
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £120.00
Travel insurance £44.00

Monday 2nd – Friday 6th June



HERTFORDSHIRE & WIND IN THE WILLOWS COUNTRY

We are pleased to introduce a new tour to discover the gems of Hertfordshire. As one of England's "home counties" you will find a mix of stately homes, cathedral cities, gentle flowing rivers and peaceful countryside landscapes.

YOUR HOTEL Aubrey Park Hotel, Redbourn, St Albans

A 4* hotel located in peaceful woodland surroundings. All bedrooms are ensuite and decorated in a warm, contemporary style, furnished with TV, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift. The restaurant offers a freshly prepared evening menu and hearty breakfast. There is a terrace and lounge bar to relax in the evenings.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave the West Country, with a coffee stop on route to Moreton-in-Marsh with time to enjoy lunch and browse the charming market town in the Cotswolds. We rejoin our coach and travel to our hotel, with plenty of time to settle in before dinner this evening.

TUESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we travel to Reading and board our boat at Caversham Pier for a relaxing cruise. Following the River Thames upstream, with riverbank wildlife, islands and on to Mapledurham Lock and weir, gliding through Wind in the Willows country with views across to the Berkshire Downs. Upon our return to Reading, we rejoin the coach and travel to the riverside town of Marlow with its quirky shops, local cafes, Georgian buildings and riverside walks, with time to enjoy lunch and explore at leisure.

WEDNESDAY Join us today as we visit the cathedral city of St Albans, with incredible history, beautiful architecture, stunning parks, independent shops and enticing eateries. This former Roman settlement gave way to a Norman town, built using Roman bricks and was also the battleground in the War of the Roses. During your visit you may like to visit the magnificent cathedral surrounded by wonderful parkland, or the art gallery and museum showcasing local and worldly treasures and art. The clock tower, built 1405, is the only surviving medieval town belfry in England and the Roman museum offers a glimpse into the city's ancient past. The charter market is held on Wednesdays, always good for a bargain, and there are many places to enjoy lunch.

THURSDAY This morning we visit the historic corn market town of Hertford located where four rivers meet (the Rib, Beane, Mimram & Lea). Here you will find a castle (built by Alfred the Great's son in 912 AD), museum of local history and many independent shops and local cafes to enjoy a relaxing lunch. This afternoon we visit the fine Jacobean Hatfield House, steeped in over 400 years of history and 40 acres of tranquil gardens. Built by Robert Cecil, where Elizabeth I spent much of her childhood, discover the exquisite interiors with beautiful decorations, art treasures, beautiful furnishings, chapel and servants' kitchen quarters, and the gardens are a joy to explore.

FRIDAY After breakfast, we leave our hotel and make our way to Oxford with time to enjoy lunch, browse the shops and perhaps take a sightseeing bus tour of the city's attractions and landmarks. We rejoin the coach and continue our journey home, reaching the West Country early-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Boat Cruise to Mapledurham & Wind in the Willows Country
- Entrance to Hatfield House & Gardens
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £100.00 (Max 4)
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£485

5 DAYS

Saturday 7th – Sunday 8th June



LONDON THEATRE WEEKEND OR A WEEKEND IN LONDON

A weekend away with a choice ... On Saturday to see a top London West End Show **OR** explore the capital over two days. Take your pick from one of 10 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, The Curious Case of Benjamin Button, Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap or Titanic The Musical.

Titanique The Musical is based on the award-winning film of Titanic which turns one of the world's greatest love stories into a hysterical musical fantasia, with laughter, drama and camp moments all wrapped up in the wonderful music of Celine Dion!

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!

(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 TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a generous buffet breakfast and evening dinner. Leisure facilities include a fitness suite.

ITINERARY

SATURDAY We leave the West Country and make our way to London, stopping for coffee en route. You will either have time for lunch before enjoying the afternoon performance of the show of your choice **OR** spend the afternoon as you please... shopping, visiting one of the museums or exploring the many attractions London offers. Late afternoon, we all re-join the coach and travel to our hotel, with time to freshen up before dinner.

SUNDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we leave our hotel and return to central London where you will have plenty of time to shop or visit one of the enormous choice of attractions. Two great ways to see the best of London's sites is via a bus tour or a river cruise along The Thames with 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 £36.00
Travel insurance £35.00

TOUR PRICE

LONDON THEATRE WEEKEND

£259

LONDON/WEEKEND

£145

2 DAYS



**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, Seville

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 Algeiras. 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 Castille 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)
 Travel insurance £138.00

Monday 9th – Friday 13th June



NORTON GRANGE COASTAL VILLAGE, ISLE OF WIGHT

On a Warner holiday, you will understand what it means to be spoilt for choice; excellent accommodation, delicious food, great things to do and fantastic entertainment each evening. With its ruggedly beautiful sea views, Norton Grange is the perfect Leisure Resort location.

YOUR HOTEL Norton Grange, Isle of Wight

Ideally located with fabulous views of the western Solent, which stretches from Cowes to the Needles. All chalets are en-suite with TV and tea & coffee facilities. The restaurant and coffee shop offer a delicious variety and leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, fitness studio, 9-hole pitch-and-put, all-weather bowls green, archery, shooting range... and much more! Excellent entertainment is provided each evening by the resident band. Warner now operates a cashless payment system ... debit & credit cards only.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave our home area and make our way to Lymington for the short ferry crossing to Yarmouth. Once on the island, we make the short journey to Norton Grange, with plenty of time to settle in before dinner and the first night of entertainment.

TUESDAY This morning we make a short visit to St Mildred's Church at Whippingham, full of history with strong links with Osborne House & Queen Victoria. We continue to Osborne House, Queen Victoria's palace by the sea. Much more than a royal residence, it was also a family home, and as you walk through the Queen's bedroom, the nursery rooms and even the royal bathrooms, you're offered a glimpse into the royal family's life. There are acres of gardens to explore, Swiss Cottage, the Royal Playhouse to visit and a large restaurant & gift shop. We return for dinner and another evening of excellent entertainment.

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

THURSDAY This morning we travel to the very picturesque village of Godshill – the most-photographed village in Britain! Spend the morning admiring the thatched cottages and the 15th Century church, visiting the immaculate Model Village, browsing the gift shops, and maybe treat yourself to coffee and a large cream cake from the Old Smithy. We return to our resort with the afternoon to spend as you please, maybe take a stroll into Yarmouth before our final evening dinner and entertainment.

FRIDAY We leave after breakfast, and make the short journey to Yarmouth for the return ferry crossing back to Lymington. We continue to Poole for lunch and complete our journey back to the West Country, arriving early-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to St Mildred's Church, Whippingham
- Entrance to Osborne House
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 3)
Premier Chalet Upgrade £30.00 per person
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£495

5 DAYS

Monday 9th – Friday 13th June



DELIGHTS OF COUNTY DURHAM

Join us for a new tour as we discover delightful County Durham with its variety of cultural heritage, sweeping countryside, historic market towns and the glorious cathedral city of Durham – packed full of gems to enjoy.

YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn Washington, Washington

A 4* modern hotel. All bedrooms are ensuite and furnished with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a choice evening menu and there is a lounge bar to relax in. Leisure facilities include a fitness suite.

ITINERARY

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

TUESDAY Today we visit the historic city of Durham with its fine Norman Cathedral, variety of shops, Victorian Market in the cobbled marketplace 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. Crook Hall Gardens are also well worth a visit with the Jacobean manor house. Enjoy a relaxing lunch on one of the many cafes, restaurants or taverns in the heart of the city.

WEDNESDAY This morning we travel to the historic town of Barnard Castle in the Durham Dales, overlooked by its 12th century castle & nearby Bowes Museum. Here you will find the weekly market in the high street together with a variety of independent shops and great delis, butchers and bakeries. With time to explore and enjoy coffee, we continue to one of the most impressive, intact castles in the north of England, Raby Castle, built by the Nevilles in the 14th century, a fine example of a medieval estate. Discover the breathtaking architecture, exquisite interior rooms, the superb walled gardens, forest and picturesque parkland with herds of red and fallow deer roaming free. Enjoy lunch in the wonderful restaurant and browse the well-stocked gift shop.

THURSDAY After breakfast we visit the historic market town of Bishop Auckland. The day is free to explore this bustling market town at leisure, and we have included entrance to the famous Auckland Castle & Gardens (country residence of the Prince Bishops for over 900 years and the impressive Faith Museum. Discover the grand interiors, St Peter's Chapel, private apartments and the wonderful Spanish Zurbaran paintings in the long dining room. The Faith Museum offers a unique journey of different faiths throughout British history with many treasures on display and an unusual but beautiful "burning blue iris" visual installation. Whilst here you may also like to visit the Spanish Art Gallery, Mining Gallery or Auckland Tower, whilst enjoying lunch in town or at the castle, and browsing local shops.

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 Raby Castle, Garden & Parklands
- Entrance to Auckland Castle (Prince Bishops residence)
- Entrance to Faith Museum
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £140.00
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£465

5 DAYS



Monday 16th – Friday 20th June



A SHIPFUL OF TEA & HISTORY IN KENT

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

YOUR HOTEL Bridgewood Manor Hotel & Spa, Chatham

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

ITINERARY

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY Sadly we leave our hotel after breakfast and begin our homeward journey, stopping for coffee & lunch as we travel and completing our journey back to the West Country arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Historic Dockyard Chatham with Victorian Ropery Tour
- Entrance to the Cutty Sark with Guided "History of Tea" tour (with tea & scones)
- Entrance to Chartwell (Nat Trust)
- Entrance & Guided Tour RAF Biggin Hill Memorial Museum
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £100.00
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£575

5 DAYS

Monday 16th – Friday 20th June



TENBY & PEMBROKESHIRE

A coastal resort in attractive Pembrokeshire, Tenby is situated on a narrow promontory jutting out into Camarthen 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 teashop 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)
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£485

5 DAYS

Thursday 12th – Thursday 19th June



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.

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



TOUR
PRICE

£995

8 DAYS



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
Travel insurance £88.00

Monday 16th – Friday 20th June



BLACK COUNTRY EXPLORER

The affectionate term "Black Country" is a name given to the midlands where the coal seams came to the earth surface and where 19th century folk worked the coal mines, iron foundries and forges. Discover this region full of heritage as we visit an open-air museum, a stately home and the local RAF museum.

TOUR PRICE

£485

5 DAYS

YOUR HOTEL Mercure Telford Centre Hotel, Telford

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

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave the West Country and make our way to Tewkesbury for lunch, with time to explore the Abbey, and browse the shops with its many antiques and collectables. We continue to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

TUESDAY Today we visit the Black Country Open-Air Living Museum, set in 26 acres offering an insight into 300 years of industrial history. Explore the areas which vividly bring to life how life and work in the Black Country developed through the ages, with vintage vehicle rides, traditional shops, a 1920's cinema, Edwardian School and industrial demonstrations from past trades. After lunch we make the short journey to the Dudley Canal and Tunnel Trust for a guided boat cruise through underground tunnels, limestone mines and caverns with fantastic light shows inside, as we learn about folk from the past who carved and worked these canals and tunnel routes.

WEDNESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to RAF Museum Midlands near Cosford with time to explore the hangers which tell the story of the RAF through its people and collections including an exhibition on The Falklands War & National Cold War. You may like to enter the 4D experience to discover the thrills of an RAF Typhoon flying over the Lake District or a Spitfire flight (extra charge). Discover the world's oldest Spitfire and many other classic aircraft besides. With an onsite café, enjoy lunch and afternoon tea during your visit.

THURSDAY After a slightly earlier start this morning we travel to Kidderminster to join the Severn Valley Railway for a heritage train journey to Bridgnorth, which is actually two towns – the High Town (with great views down) and the Low Town (with great views up), connected by the steepest inland funicular railway in Britain! After lunch we return along the route of the River Severn with an afternoon stop in the village of Ironbridge, to see the world's first ever engineered cast iron bridge and birthplace of the industrial revolution.

FRIDAY We leave our hotel and travel to the historic city of Worcester, with time to visit the Porcelain Museum (the world's largest collection of Worcester Porcelain), or the fine cathedral which overlooks the river, where you will find the tomb of King John. We later complete our homeward journey, arriving back in the West Country early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to the Black Country Living Museum
- Boat Cruise on the Dudley Canal
- Entrance to RAF Museum Midlands (free entry)
- Ticket for the Severn Valley Railway
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £120.00
Travel insurance £36.00

Monday 16 – Friday 20 June



CHESHIRE – STEAM TRAINS, CANALS & BOATS

Cheshire offers some of the country's most picturesque scenery, and tranquil rivers and canals. Join us as we explore a region with its heritage cities and beautiful waterways.

TOUR PRICE

£515

5 DAYS

YOUR HOTEL Mercure Haydock Hotel, Haydock

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

ITINERARY

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

TUESDAY Today we make the short journey to the Wirral to embark upon a memorable cruise inland along the 35 mile stretch of the Manchester Ship Canal, with live commentary offering an insight into the dramatic history of one of Britain's major waterways. We travel through locks, under bridges, passing historical buildings, industrial landscapes and beautiful countryside, as we get a sense of how this spectacular canal's construction shaped England's northwest. Refreshments are available on board through the journey, which lasts 5-6 hours.

WEDNESDAY After breakfast we travel to Northwich to browse the shops and enjoy an early lunch. We continue to the canal for a ride on the Anderton Boat Lift, (celebrating 150 years of the boat lift opening in 2025) one of the greatest monuments to Britain's last canal age, known as the cathedral of canals, we begin with a relaxing 30 minute pleasure cruise to Northwich town Swing Bridge with commentary. We remain on board for a guided tour through the Boat Lift – a 60 feet hydraulic lift system built in 1875, which transports narrow boats. There is also a visitor centre with interactive exhibition, shop and café.

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

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Manchester Ship Canal Cruise
- Anderton Boat Lift ticket & Canal Boat Cruise
- Ticket for the East Lancashire Railway
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £140.00
Travel insurance £36.00

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th June



NEW

THE CREAM OF THE CROP – SEASIDE SOUTHEND

We are delighted to bring you a brand new tour for 2025, bringing together seaside charms, beautiful gardens, vineyards, wine tasting and famous English jam (with an afternoon cream tea of course!) Join us as we explore some of the Home County countryside, coastline and Roman roots of this corner of England.

YOUR HOTEL Park Inn by Radisson Palace, Southend-On-Sea

A delightful 3* historic hotel with modern facilities, enjoying a prominent hillside location with sweeping views above Southend's promenade, pier and coastline. All rooms are ensuite with TV, safe, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. A lift serves all floors. The spacious and airy restaurant serves a variety evening menu and generous breakfast. The cosy bar area has views out to sea. Leisure facilities include a fitness room.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave the West Country this morning and travel north, stopping for coffee and lunch enroute, arriving at our hotel in Southend-On-Sea with plenty of time to settle in before dinner.

TUESDAY After breakfast we visit RHS Garden Hyde Hall, an oasis of peace and tranquility which is home to many different garden areas including colourful herbaceous borders, wild woodlands, stylish garden creations, majestic meadowlands, ponds and reservoirs plus courtyards and arboreta. There is a restaurant and café serving delicious lunches and light bites. This afternoon we continue to Clayhill Vineyard located in the peaceful Crouch Valley with estuary and tidal marsh views. Beginning with a taste of their sparkling wine, we enjoy a talk & tour of the vineyard, learn about wine production and finish with more wine tasting opportunities.

WEDNESDAY Enjoy the day free to explore the coastal resort of Southend-On-Sea. You may like to enjoy a stroll along the wide promenade, dip a toe or two into the cool waters along the beach, discover the world's longest 1.33 mile length pier on foot or take the pier railway and visit the Lifeboat Station to learn more about the life saving work the volunteers do. Attractions in the town also include a Planetarium, Sealife Centre, local museum, cliff lift and large shopping centre.

THURSDAY Join us this morning as we visit Colchester, Britain's first city and former capital of Roman Britain. With over 2000 years of history, discover the fascinating past of this vibrant city with old buildings, museums and galleries, a Norman castle and medieval gates where you can walk the ancient walls. With a large shopping centre and many restaurants and cafes to enjoy a light lunch, we continue to Tiptree Jam Visitor Centre for tractor & trailer farm tour, a visit to the Jam shop & museum followed by an afternoon cream tea served with the famous Tiptree Jam!

FRIDAY After breakfast we leave the southeast coastline, and start our home-ward journey, stopping for coffee and lunch enroute, before we arrive back in the West Country early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to RHS Garden Hyde Hall
- Tour & Tasting at Clayhill Vineyard
- Tractor/Trailer Tour of Tiptree Farm
- Entrance to Tiptree Jam Museum
- Afternoon Cream Tea at Tiptree Visitor Centre
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

- Single supplement £115.00
- Sea View Room Supplement £52.00 per person
- Sea View Room Single Supplement £104.00
- per person
- Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£545

5 DAYS

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th June



NIDD HALL, YORKSHIRE... WARNER BREAK

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

YOUR HOTEL Nidd Hall, Harrogate

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

ITINERARY

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

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

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

THURSDAY After a leisurely breakfast we travel a little further north to Thirsk, a small Market Town mentioned in the Domesday book. The cobbled Market Place dates from medieval times and is still the centre of the town. Whilst here you may like to visit the award-winning James Herriot Museum, in the house he actually lived and used as his surgery. After lunch we return to our hotel with time to spend as you please and continue to make use of the wonderful facilities. Dinner this evening will be followed by a final evening's entertainment.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

- No single supplement (Max 3)
- Signature room upgrade £30.00 per person
- Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£515

5 DAYS

Saturday 21st – Friday 27th June



IRELAND'S BEAUTIFUL NORTHERN COAST

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

TOUR PRICE

£735

7 DAYS

YOUR HOTEL Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana

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



ITINERARY

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY Join us today for a scenic tour of Glenveagh National Park via the cathedral town of Letterkenny. The Glenveagh Visitor Centre is located on the northern shore of Lough Veagh in north-western Southern Ireland and has extensive displays of the park's natural history. The National Park is a remote and hauntingly beautiful natural landscape with oak woodlands, tumbling waterfalls and crystal lakes. There is a shuttle bus that transfers visitors to the Glenveagh Castle Gardens (and for those wishing to visit the castle itself, tickets can be purchased at the visitor centre for a small fee). There are restaurant facilities at the visitor centre and a teashop at the castle.

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

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



PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

- Single supplement £210.00
- Shuttle bus at Giants Causeway
- Admission to Glenveagh National Park Castle
- Travel insurance £88.00

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)
Travel insurance £88.00

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th June



SUFFOLK'S TRANQUILL VILLAGES & PICTURESQUE COAST

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

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

ITINERARY

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

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

WEDNESDAY Today we are joined by an experienced local guide for a fully guided day visiting some of Suffolk's most picturesque towns & villages, collectively known as the Wool Towns, including Sudbury, Stradishall, Cavendish, Bury St Edmunds, Long Melford and Lavenham, perhaps the prettiest of all the Suffolk villages and England's best preserved medieval village with a visit to the superb Lavenham Guildhall. With stops for coffee and lunch along the way, we discover the best of the region's architecture and charming history.

THURSDAY After a leisurely breakfast we enjoy a peaceful day discovering Suffolk's heritage coast, beginning with a stop in Southwold with a sandy beach and beach-hut lined promenade. With time to take a stroll and enjoy morning coffee, we continue further south to the coastal resort of Aldeburgh with pastel coloured holiday villas lining the promenade, pebble beach and fishermen's huts. With plenty of time to explore, perhaps enjoy a fish and chip lunch or afternoon ice cream we return to our hotel with time to relax before dinner.

FRIDAY After breakfast, we leave our hotel and begin our journey home. With comfort stops en route, we reach the West Country early-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Guided Coach Tour of Suffolk's Towns & Villages
- Entrance to Lavenham Guildhall
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £180.00
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE
£585
5 DAYS

Monday 30th June – Friday 4th July



ALVASTON HALL, CHESHIRE ... WARNER BREAK

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

YOUR HOTEL Alvaston Hall Hotel, Nantwich, Cheshire
A beautiful 3* half-timbered Victorian country hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, lounge chairs and tea & coffee- facilities. Enjoy dinner in the splendid Cabaret Restaurant, before sitting back to take in the fantastic dancing and live entertainment. Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, spa pool, sauna, steam room and gym. Sports facilities include archery, croquet, darts and snooker. Warner now operates a cashless payment system ... debit & credit cards only.

ITINERARY

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

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

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

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

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:
No single supplement (max 3)
Signature room upgrade £30.00 per person
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE
£495
5 DAYS

Friday 4th – Saturday 5th July

RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival



RHS HAMPTON COURT PALACE GARDEN FESTIVAL & ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS KEW

TOUR
PRICE

£259

2 DAYS

Organised by the Royal Horticultural Society, Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival is the world's largest flower show held in the grounds of Hampton Court Palace. On show will be water gardens, conceptual gardens, contemporary and traditional gardens to suit all tastes. Hundreds of the UK's best nurseries will fill the floral marquees and floral art, floristry, fruit and vegetables will also be a major part of the show, with opportunities to buy gifts, making it a glorious day out.

YOUR HOTEL Courtyard by Marriott London Heathrow, London

A luxuriously appointed 4* modern hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, phone, mini fridge, 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

FRIDAY After an early departure we leave the West Country and make our way east, with a comfort stop on route to the world-class Royal Botanic Gardens Kew. There is so much to see and explore here, from the newly re-opened Victorian glasshouse – the largest in the world, home to some of the world's rarest plants, the famous Palm House filled with rainforest flora, and the Princess of Wales Conservatory with ten different climate zones including orchids, cacti and interesting carnivorous plants! The treetop walkway spans treetops, over 18 metres above the floor, offering breathtaking views of the gardens and beyond. The Hive is a multi-sensory experience designed to highlight the extraordinary life of bees, standing at 17 metres in height in a wild-flower meadow. There is a land train which will take you around the gardens, together with many gift shops and cafes and restaurants on site. Late afternoon we make the short journey to our hotel with time to freshen up before dinner.

SATURDAY We leave our hotel after breakfast and make our way to Hampton Court Palace, where you will have the day free to enjoy the spectacular RHS flower and garden show. As well as the stunning floral displays, you can learn about growing your own fruit and vegetables, and get tips on gardening in a changing climate, so whether you are a keen green fingered expert, novice, or enthusiastic garden lover, there is something for everyone to enjoy. With cafes and eateries, shopping opportunities, we leave late afternoon, making our way back to the West Country, arriving mid-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £30.00
Travel insurance £35.00

Friday 4th – Monday 7th July



THE WONDERS OF WESSEX

TOUR
PRICE

£335

4 DAYS

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

YOUR HOTEL Crown Hotel, Weymouth

A characterful 3* hotel ideally situated close to the historic fishing harbour and the town centre. Each ensuite bedroom is comfortably furnished with TV and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a traditional home cooked evening menu and generous breakfast.

ITINERARY

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

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

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

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (max 5)
Travel insurance £36.00

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
Travel insurance £88.00

Sunday 6th – Thursday 10th July



CATHEDRAL CITIES OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Discover some of Cambridgeshire's most extraordinary cathedral cities with grand architecture, stunning cathedrals and streets full of English history. Explore the popular university city of Cambridge with its medieval buildings sitting astride the River Cam and marvel at the pretty, compact city of Ely with its links to Oliver Cromwell. We also visit one of England's grandest mansions Audley End House with fascinating history of its Victorian servants and their masters.

YOUR HOTEL Cambridge Belfry Hotel & Spa, Cambridge

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

ITINERARY

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

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

TUESDAY We begin today with a visit to the picturesque market town of Saffron Walden just over the border of Cambridge with a rich heritage of old buildings reflecting its former wealth as a rural market town. Tuesday is market day with traditional stalls to browse and find a bargain. We rejoin the coach and continue to Audley End House with the rest of the day to explore the spacious grounds and mansion with beautiful state rooms, servants wing, stables and kitchen garden of this glorious Victorian country house.

WEDNESDAY Join us this morning as we make our way to Bury St Edmunds, just over the border into Suffolk. Explore this delightful historic market town with Georgian and Regency architecture and glorious cathedral and Abbey Gardens and the shrine of England's first patron Saint – Edmund. There is a small weekly market held on Wednesday and many cafes to enjoy a light lunch. This afternoon we travel to England's second smallest city, Ely. We begin our visit with a guided tour of Oliver Cromwell's House to learn about life in the 17th century, the Civil War and family life in recreated period rooms. The rest of the afternoon is free to explore the city, perhaps visit the cathedral & stained-glass museum or Ely Museum of Fenland life, together with an array of shops and cafes.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Entrance to Audley End House & Gardens
- Guided Tour of Oliver Cromwell's House
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement
£140.00 (Max 5)
Subsequent Singles £180.00
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR
PRICE

£445

5 DAYS

Monday 7th – Friday 11th July



THE YORKSHIRE DALES & THE GREAT YORKSHIRE SHOW

Join us for a tour around the remarkable Yorkshire Dales region with rolling countryside, beautifully constructed stone walls and wonderful market towns, together with one of the highlights of the agricultural and countryside calendar – The Great Yorkshire Show 2025! First held in 1838 this fabulous show culminates in a celebration of food, country life and crafts and farming.

YOUR HOTEL Best Western Craiglands Hotel, Ilkley

A delightful 3* grand Victorian hotel set within 6 acres of landscaped grounds and woodland. Each of the ensuite bedrooms is comfortably furnished with TV, Tea & Coffee making facilities and Wi-Fi access. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a freshly prepared evening menu and hearty Yorkshire breakfast. The Antler Bar offers a cosy area to relax with terrace.

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 for one of the highlights of North England's farming calendar, the Great Yorkshire Show for a full day to enjoy the Main Ring events with horse displays, sheep shearing competitions and country craft demonstrations. View the best on class of many farming breeds, watch farriers at work celebrating their trade, cookery demonstrations and entertainment throughout the day. There are many stalls to browse selling country goods, gifts and crafts, together with multiple places to eat and drink. A fabulous day out for all country lovers!

WEDNESDAY Join us if you wish today as we travel to the market town of Skipton, for its weekly outdoor market in the high street surrounded by independent shops of the town. Situated on the cobbled street, traditional stalls offer a range of produce and goods. Whilst here you may like to visit the castle, one of the best-preserved medieval fortresses in England, or stroll along the Leeds & Liverpool canal that runs through the town centre. After lunch we return to Harrogate with the remainder of the afternoon at leisure in the Victorian spa town. Bettys Tea Rooms is well worth a visit for a much-deserved indulgent afternoon tea treat!

THURSDAY Join us this morning as we travel to Yorkshire's cathedral city of Ripon, steeped in history with magnificent historical buildings, narrow atmospheric streets and a 7th century gothic cathedral with tiny Anglo-Saxon crypt. Whilst here you may also like to visit the Ripon Workhouse Museum, Spa Gardens or stroll through the weekly market with traditional stalls selling Yorkshire produce. With time to explore the city and have lunch, we rejoin the coach and enjoy a scenic drive across the Yorkshire Dales, with a stop for tea this afternoon in the pretty village of Grassington.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Ticket for The Great Yorkshire Show
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £120.00
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR
PRICE

£545

5 DAYS

Monday 7th – Friday 11th July



MANCHESTER'S PLANES, BOATS & GARDENS

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

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

ITINERARY

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

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

WEDNESDAY Join us this morning, as we make our way to RHS Garden Bridgewater, a recently opened new garden for the RHS collection. This heritage landscape has been transformed into an iconic garden and oasis of calm and relaxation so close to the hustle and bustle of Manchester. Discover its varied garden areas, from kitchen garden, walled garden to Japanese streamside garden, with two cafes and garden centre to browse.

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

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £98.00
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£495

5 DAYS

Monday 7th – Friday 11th July



VINTAGE CHARMS OF DERBYSHIRE

The wonderful scenery of the Peak District National Park is hard to rival and the rolling hillsides of the Derbyshire Dales are dotted with picturesque villages and bustling market towns. Join us as we visit some of the region's vintage charms and national treasures!

YOUR HOTEL **Mercure Kenwood Hall Hotel, Sheffield**

A former stately home, now a country house hotel, set in 12 acres of beautiful parkland. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift at the hotel. The restaurant serves a delicious evening meal and buffet breakfast and the lounge bar offers a cosy place to relax and enjoy drinks with friends.

ITINERARY

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

TUESDAY This morning we make our way across the Peak District National Park to Crich Tramway Village, a period village complete with an old-fashioned sweet shop, tram depot and many other buildings which have been rescued and rebuilt on site. The trams run through the village, transporting passengers out to the local countryside and back again. The indoor exhibitions take you through the history of the tram, including those run by horse, steam and electric. This afternoon we travel to Matlock Bath, a picturesque village set in the beautiful gorge of the River Derwent, where you may like to take the cable car to the Heights of Abraham with breathtaking views over the village below.

WEDNESDAY Join us today as we travel on the Peak Rail Heritage Railway, as we board at Rowsley South Station as we travel back to a nostalgic, bygone age along the former Midland Railway Line to Matlock. We rejoin the coach and make our way to Cromford Mills in the Derwent Valley. We learn about the development of the textile industry in this rural valley which became the cornerstone of the industrial revolution over 250 years ago. Discover the historic cotton spinning machines, the global impact of the cotton industry and the story of the Mill's restoration project. Watch the "Arkwright Experience" CGI video which brings to life the story of Sir Richard Arkwright, from his humble beginnings to the richest commoner in the country! There is also a café on site for lunch and light bites, together with several gift shops and riverside walks to enjoy.

THURSDAY After breakfast we travel to Bakewell, home to the famous Bakewell Pudding – a 19th century dessert which went wrong and accidentally created a local delicacy! After an early lunch we make the short journey to the Chatsworth Estate, an exquisite country mansion and home to the Duke & Duchess of Devonshire, which has been in the family for 16 generations. With 23 rooms to visit from the magnificent Painted Hall, regal state rooms, restored Sketch Galleries, State Drawing Room, grand Bedchamber and chapel, there is so much to discover inside. Outside the gardens and grounds are well worth a visit, together with the estate farm shop, restaurant and gift shop.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Crich Tramway Village
- Ticket for the Peak Rail Heritage Railway
- Entrance to Cromford Mills & The Arkwright Experience
- Entrance to Chatsworth Estate
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £100.00
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£495

5 DAYS

Sunday 6th – Sunday 13th July



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.

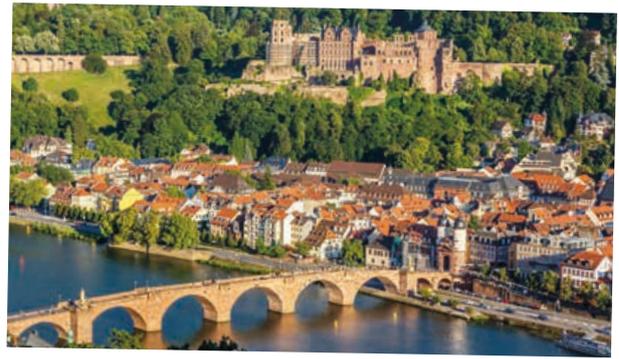
ITINERARY

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
Travel insurance £88.00

Saturday 12th – Sunday 13th July



GOODWOOD FESTIVAL OF SPEED

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

YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn, Guildford

A 4* modern hotel. All rooms are ensuite and furnished with TV, hairdryer, air conditioning, tea & coffee making facilities and Wi-Fi access. The modern restaurant serves a fresh evening menu and generous buffet breakfast. There is a lounge bar, indoor heated pool, sauna steam room and fitness suite.

ITINERARY

SATURDAY After an early departure we leave the West Country and make our way, with a comfort stop on route, to Goodwood for the world's largest car event. From current Formula One racers and 200 mph supercars to steam powered carriages of the 19th century, from 3000bhp top fuel dragsters to classic rally cars, the Festival of Speed attracts the heroic from every era in an exuberant display of colour, style, sound and smell. All cars and motorcycles are painstakingly selected to reflect the event's major theme of the year and ensure their authenticity and provenance, all competing vehicles are presented in their original condition and livery. You can expect to see cars and motorbikes from over 100 years of worldwide motor racing history, driven by celebrity and professional drivers, attempting Goodwood Hill Climb – the event's principal attraction. The gruelling course covers 1.16 miles and rises 300 feet along the steep and narrow estate road. No fewer than 300 cars are expected to complete the course each day, grouped thematically with the oldest first. Early evening we travel to our hotel, with time to enjoy dinner and perhaps make use of the hotel's facilities.

SUNDAY After breakfast we return to Goodwood for another full day to continue exploring all the excitement of the weekend event. With public access to all vehicles on display, and many major brands exhibits as well as more vehicles attempting the Hill Climb, there is plenty to see and do. We leave Goodwood late afternoon and with a comfort stop on route, we return to our home area, arriving mid-late evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- 2 day tickets to Goodwood Festival of Speed
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £45.00
Travel insurance £35.00

TOUR PRICE

£375

2 DAYS

Monday 14th – Friday 18th July



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

We are delighted to repeat this popular tour, discovering one of England's last ancient forests and first designated National Forest Park in 1938. The natural beauty of this region has attracted writers, poets and artists through the ages, drawing inspiration from the natural elements of the land.

YOUR HOTEL Bells Hotel & Country Club, Coleford

A delightful 3* hotel in the heart of the Forest of Dean, with views across the golf course. All bedrooms are ensuite with TV, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a freshly prepared evening menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include a fitness suite and entertainment is provided on some evenings.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave our home area and stopping for coffee, we travel just over the border into Wales to Abergavenny for lunch. We complete our journey to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in and freshen up before dinner.

TUESDAY Join us today as we make our way to the delightful county town on Hereford, located on the banks of the River Wye. This compact city is full of black and white timber framed buildings and the cathedral which houses the famous 13th century Mappi Mundi, the largest medieval map of the world in existence today. With time to browse the shops, perhaps visit the Cider Museum for the county's "golden amber" and enjoy a leisurely lunch, we move on to Hay-On-Wye, the tranquil market town famous for its numerous book shops and antique stores on almost every street.

WEDNESDAY This morning we are joined by a knowledgeable guide for a tour of the Forest of Dean, to learn about the fascinating natural environment and discover the forest's hidden secrets. We make a stop for lunch in the Welsh market town of Monmouth, with its iconic 13th century gatehouse bridge and historic links to Henry V. This afternoon we board the Dean Forest Railway at Norchard Station, for a heritage railway return picturesque journey along the route of the River Lyd.

THURSDAY After breakfast we travel to Tintern Abbey Mill for coffee before being joined by a knowledgeable guide for a 2 hour coach tour of the Wye Valley and Tintern area, returning to the Mill for a buffet lunch and time to browse the craft and gift shop in the Old Mill, overlooking the River Wye. This afternoon we travel to Symonds Yat to board a boat for a leisurely cruise along the River Wye.

FRIDAY We leave our hotel and travel to the charming town of Ross-On-Wye, gateway to the Wye Valley. With time here to explore the town with its 17th century Market Hall and Tudor timber framed buildings, browse the shops and have lunch, we complete our journey home, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Guided coach tour of the Forest of Dean
- Ticket for the Forest of Dean Heritage Railway
- Guided Coach Tour from Tintern Abbey Mill & 2 course buffet lunch
- Boat Cruise on the River Wye
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £80.00
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£499

5 DAYS

Monday 14th – Friday 18th July



LAKE DISTRICT – RAIL, SAIL & BOBTAIL

An area renowned for its exceptional natural beauty, the Lake District provides the ideal retreat from the hustle and bustle of daily routine. Join us for a tour taking in some of the area's most stunning scenery. Join us as we make a magical scenic steam train journey, cruise across Lake Windermere and visit the beautiful World of Beatrix Potter!

YOUR HOTEL Cumbria Grand Hotel, Grange-over-Sands

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

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave the West Country and begin our journey north, stopping for coffee and lunch en route and reaching our hotel with time to freshen up before dinner and an evening at leisure.

TUESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we journey through some of the most spectacular scenery you'll see anywhere in England. We stop in Kendal for coffee then continue north up the breathtaking Kirkstone Pass and along part of Ullswater to Keswick for lunch and time to explore this charming town. We complete our scenic drive back to our hotel, with time to relax before dinner.

WEDNESDAY Join us today for the highlight of the tour ... rail, sail and bobtail! We make our way to Haverthwaite to board a nostalgic steam train for a scenic journey to lakeside, the most southerly tip of Lake Windermere. From here we take a gentle boat cruise across Windermere, with refreshments available on board. We arrive in the delightful town of Bowness, with time to enjoy lunch, before a visit to the wonderful World of Beatrix Potter. Our visit starts with a short film presentation of the author's life, stories and illustrations, before we explore the magical world of characters with 3D scenes, exhibitions and atmospheric lighting. Visit Peter Rabbit's Garden, Mrs Tiggywinkle's kitchen and Jeremy Fisher's lily pad boat plus many others, and the beautifully stocked shop with a treasure trove of gifts.

THURSDAY Today we enjoy a circular tour through some of the Lake District's loveliest sights. We travel a little further north, following part of Coniston Water and Coniston Village, to Ambleside for coffee and time to see this picturesque village. We then make our way to the pretty village of Grasmere for lunch with its many gift stops and tea rooms, perhaps visit Wordsworth's Dove Cottage and museum, his home from 1799 – 1808, and years of his supreme work as a poet. We return with some time to explore Grange Over Sands.

FRIDAY Sadly it's time to leave the Lake District and begin our homeward journey. With stops for coffee and lunch en route, we reach the West Country early-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Train ride on Lakeside & Haverthwaite Steam Railway
- Entrance to the World of Beatrix Potter
- Boat trip on Lake Windermere
- All coach travel

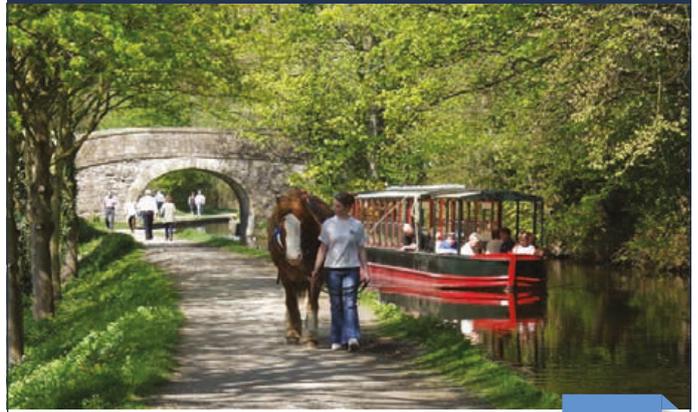
SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £64.00
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR
PRICE

£555

5 DAYS

Monday 14th – Friday 18th July



SCENIC SHROPSHIRE ... CANAL BOATS & STEAM TRAINS

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

YOUR HOTEL Mercure Telford Centre Hotel, Telford

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

ITINERARY

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

TUESDAY This morning we travel south to Ludlow with time to explore this historic market town, with its medieval castle and 500 beautiful, listed buildings. There is a good selection of shops and plenty of tearooms to enjoy coffee. We continue to Shropshire's County town of Shrewsbury. Explore higgledy-piggledy streets, following the loop of the river and perhaps visit the cathedral, museum & art gallery, castle or historic jail. There are many cafes to enjoy lunch and the centre is full of the usual high street shops and independent gift shops. You may also like to take a leisurely boat cruise along the River Severn.

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

THURSDAY This morning we make a stop for coffee in the village of Ironbridge, to see the world's first ever engineered cast iron bridge and birthplace of the industrial revolution. We continue to Bridgnorth, which is actually two towns, the High Town (with great views down) and the Low Town (with great views up), connected by the steepest inland funicular railway in Britain! With time to explore and enjoy lunch, we board the Severn Valley Railway at Bridgnorth station for a heritage train journey to Kidderminster, following the route of the River Severn, the longest river in Great Britain. We rejoin the coach and make our way back to our hotel.

FRIDAY We leave our hotel and travel to the historic city of Worcester, with time to visit the Porcelain Museum (the world's largest collection of Worcester Porcelain), or the fine cathedral which overlooks the river, where you will find the tomb of King John. We later complete our homeward journey, arriving back in the West Country early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Heritage Train Journey on Llangollen Railway
- Horse Drawn Canal Boat Trip
- Ticket for the Severn Valley Railway
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £120.00
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR
PRICE

£495

5 DAYS

Sunday 20th – Thursday 24th July



SOUTHERN IRELAND – TRAINS, GARDENS & THE COPPER COAST

TOUR PRICE

£625

5 DAYS

Discover this peaceful corner of the emerald isle, Southern Ireland's "ancient east". Travel along the Copper Coast with stunning coastal views and explore charming Irish towns including Waterford & Kilkenny. Step back in time on the Waterford & Suir Valley Railway & enjoy a visit to the beautiful Mount Congreve Gardens.

YOUR HOTEL Dooley's Hotel, Waterford

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

ITINERARY

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

MONDAY After a leisurely breakfast we visit the famous Waterford Crystal, with a guided factory tour to see the moulding room where craftsmen shape the molten crystal, through to the blowing platform to see skilled glass blowers transforming glowing balls into majestic pieces, and the hand marking and cutting department where intricate designs are laid into the glassware, together with sculpting and engraving workshops. Our final stop is the gift shop where you can purchase a souvenir of your visit! The rest of the day is free to explore Ireland's oldest city, founded by the Vikings showcasing over 1000 years of history. Explore some of the town's historic attractions such as Reginald's Tower, the elegant Bishop's Palace, Grayfriar's Abbey ruins or several museums.

TUESDAY Today we make our way to the medieval town of Kilkenny with its spectacular castle to the south and the magnificent St Candice's Cathedral to the north. For a time in 17th century, Kilkenny was the unofficial capital of Ireland with its own Parliament, and it remains Ireland's medieval capital with its narrow streets and historic buildings to explore. Enjoy a laid-back lunch in one of the many taverns or cafes.

WEDNESDAY This morning we board a heritage train at Waterford as we enjoy a scenic journey through the beautiful Suir Valley, across rolling farmland landscape and offering views across the riverbanks. We rejoin our coach at Kilmeaden and make the short journey to Mount Congreve Gardens with a 4 acre walled garden, a glorious woodland and 16km of walkways and paths to discover the colourful blooms of the summer season. We later visit the seaside town of Dungarvan for a late lunch, before returning to our hotel via the stunning views along the "Copper Coast" road.

THURSDAY After an early departure, we leave our hotel and travel back to Rosslare for the return ferry crossing to Pembroke, with breakfast included onboard (rather than at the hotel). We then continue our homeward journey through Wales, with a comfort stop en route, reaching the West Country mid-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast (breakfast on ferry on departure day)
- Guided Tour at Waterford Crystal
- Kilkenny Road Train City Tour
- Ticket for the Waterford & Suir Valley Railway
- Entrance to Mount Congreve Gardens
- Ferry crossings inc breakfast on return ferry
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £110.00
Travel insurance £88.00

Sunday 20th – Friday 25th July



NORTHUMBRIA & HOLY ISLAND

TOUR PRICE

£615

6 DAYS

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

YOUR HOTEL Marriott Hotel, Newcastle-Gateshead

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

ITINERARY

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

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

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 We enjoy a full day today at Beamish, an extensive open-air museum which effectively recreates an authentic picture of family, community and working life in the north-east prior to World War I. It has a typical High Street of the time with many shops as well as a colliery and farm, and there are guides in period costume and a restored tramline serving all areas of the attraction with several restaurants across the site.

THURSDAY After a leisurely breakfast we travel to Holy Island (or Lindisfarne), where twice daily a narrow neck of land sinks beneath the North Sea, separating the island from the mainland. Made famous by St Aidan, St Cuthbert and the Lindisfarne Gospels, marvel at the 11th-century priory's magnificent arches – the only remains of the Celtic monks' monastery, visit Lindisfarne Castle, browse the gift shops and enjoy lunch before the tide washes back across the slipway. We rejoin the coach and make our way to the most northerly town in England, Berwick-upon-Tweed. Whilst here you may like to walk the Elizabethan town walls (1 ¾ miles) surrounding the town with ramparts, built to keep out the marauding Scots! Or perhaps visit the Pier & lighthouse, the Townhall museum, the former jail and prison cells, or a boat trip from the quayside.

FRIDAY After breakfast we begin our homeward journey. With comfort stops en route, we reach the West Country early/mid-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 5 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Beamish Open-Air Museum
- Entrance to Alnwick Castle & Gardens
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £150.00
Travel insurance £44.00

Monday 21st – Friday 25th July



LLANDUDNO & THE LITTLE TRAINS OF WALES

Llandudno – the premier resort of North Wales – is set along a wide, curving bay overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, with the magnificent mountains of Snowdonia as its backcloth. One of the best ways to see the Welsh scenery is from the comfort of a train as the landscapes roll by.

YOUR HOTEL Tynedale Hotel, Llandudno

We're delighted to return to this welcoming 3* hotel, located along the central promenade with sea views. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The hotel's restaurant serves a fabulous full Welsh breakfast and choice evening menu, and there is live entertainment each evening.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave our home area and travel over the border into Wales, stopping for coffee and lunch on route. On arrival at our hotel, enjoy a cup of tea while your luggage is delivered to your room. There will then be time to settle in before dinner and our first evening of entertainment.

TUESDAY The morning is free for you to spend as you please and explore Llandudno, known as the 'Queen of Welsh Resorts'. You may like to take a ride on the Great Orme Tramway to the summit on one of only three cable-hauled street tramways in the world. There is also a fine pier, over 700 metres long, attractive gardens, shops and restaurants. This afternoon we visit Conwy, medieval walled town with an imposing castle and lively quay, on which you will find what is claimed to be the smallest house in Great Britain!

WEDNESDAY After breakfast, we travel through stunning scenery around Snowdon and the Llanberis Pass, to board a train for a return journey on the Snowdon Mountain Cog Railway which travels to the summit (weather permitting), with spectacular views across Snowdonia at 1,085 metres above sea level. We continue to the picturesque village of Betws-y-Coed, North Wales' most popular resort with its railway museum, craft shops and tearooms.

THURSDAY This morning we travel to Blaenau Ffestiniog and board the world's oldest narrow-gauge railway for a 13½ mile journey to the harbour in Porthmadog. The train climbs over 700 feet from sea level into the mountains, past lakes and waterfalls and round tight bends, clinging to the side of the mountain or tunneling through it. We then make the short journey to Portmeirion, an Italianate village famous for its pretty porcelain. While here, marvel at the beautiful gardens, browse the many gift shops, and enjoy a bite to eat.

FRIDAY Sadly we leave North Wales and make our way home, stopping for coffee and lunch on route. We complete our homeward journey back into England, arriving early/mid-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:
No single supplement
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR
PRICE

£625

5 DAYS

Monday 28th July – Friday 1st August



NORFOLK & THE BROADS - STately HOMES & FIELDS OF LAVENDER

Norfolk is one of England's most picturesque counties, best known for its windmills and the Broads, Britain's largest protected wetland which enjoys status equivalent to a National Park. Join us for a tour to enjoy waterside towns, steam trains and a cruise around The Broads and visit one of Norfolk's finest country houses.

YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn Norwich City, Norwich

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

ITINERARY

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

TUESDAY After breakfast we make our way to Aylsham where we board a train at the Bure Valley Railway for a scenic journey to Wroxham, a beautiful town considered to be the capital of the Broads. With time to browse the abundance of shops and famous Roys of Wroxham local department store and enjoy lunch in one of the cafes. This afternoon we board a boat for a gentle cruise around the Norfolk Broads to enjoy the unique landscape.

WEDNESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we travel to the centre of Norwich with plenty of time to enjoy this lovely city with its Norman cathedral and 900 year old castle, a former royal palace, and now a museum and art gallery. There is a wonderful shopping district with all the usual high street stores, and an array of cafes and restaurants to enjoy an early lunch. Join us this afternoon for a visit to Thursford to see the world's largest collection of steam engines, fairground organs & attractions and enjoy a wonderful Wurlitzer organ show this afternoon!

THURSDAY This morning we enjoy a visit to Norfolk Lavender – the world-famous lavender farm, oil distillery and national lavender collection with over 100 acres of beautiful purple fields and tranquil gardens with over 100 different varieties of this English favourite plant grown here. Explore the gift shop, herb garden & plant centre and café, before we rejoin the coach and travel to Holkham Hall. Explore the 18th century Palladian style mansion, home of the Earls of Leicester. Wander at the sight of the Marble Hall with its 50ft dome ceiling, the rich red-velvet Saloon, sumptuous bedchambers, Art Gallery with Old Master paintings and the Old Kitchen with rows of polished copper pots from days gone by. Discover the enchanting walled garden and enjoy a quiet lunch in the courtyard café.

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
- Train Ticket on Bure Valley Railway
- Boat Cruise on Norfolk Broads
- Entrance to Thursford Collection
- Entrance to Norfolk Lavender (free entry)
- Entrance to Holkham Hall
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single Supplement £120.00
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR
PRICE

£535

5 DAYS

Monday 28th July – Friday 1st August



THE VERY BEST OF YORKSHIRE

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

YOUR HOTEL **Queens Hotel, York**

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

ITINERARY

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

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

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

THURSDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make the short journey north to Thirsk, a lovely old-fashioned market town, best known as Darrowby in the 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 the Victorian spa town of Harrogate, renowned for its floral beauty and elegant buildings. Betts Tea Rooms is highly recommended for an indulgent afternoon tea treat! You will also find an abundance of shops from antiques to boutiques to browse.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Ticket for the North Yorkshire Moors Railway
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £94.00
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£475

5 DAYS

Monday 28th July – Friday 1st August



ISLE OF WIGHT

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

YOUR HOTEL **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, first stopping in Shanklin Old Village to see its quaint thatch cottages, then traveling through Ventnor and along the delightful coast to Alum Bay. Whilst here you may like to take the chair lift down to the sea for the best views of The Needles or make yourself a souvenir with the multi-coloured sands found around the bay. We continue to the historic harbour town of Yarmouth with time to explore the old buildings and 16th century castle and have lunch. We return to Ryde with time at leisure to discover the town, or perhaps enjoy the sandy beach and take a stroll along the flat promenade.

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

THURSDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the St Mildred's Church at Whippingham, full of history with strong links with Queen Victoria. We continue to Osborne House, Queen Victoria's palace by the sea. Much more than a royal residence, it was also a family home, and as you walk through the Queen's bedroom, the nursery rooms and even the royal bathrooms, you're offered a glimpse into the royal family's life. There are acres of gardens to explore, Swiss Cottage, the royal playhouse to visit and a large restaurant & gift shop.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Ticket for Isle of Wight Steam Railway
- Entrance to St Mildred's Church with Introductory Talk
- Entrance to Osborne House
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 5)
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£555

5 DAYS

Friday 1st – Monday 4th August



JUST LONDON

London... not just the Capital of England, but a city full of so much history, and so many attractions, theatres, shops and so much more that a day or a weekend is never enough! With this tour you organize what you want to do and where you want to go, and also stay in a luxurious 4* hotel in Central London, close to the transport network.

YOUR HOTEL Copthorne Tara Hotel, Kensington

A luxurious & modern 4* hotel ideally located in the Kensington district of London. All rooms are ensuite and furnished with TV, mini fridge, safe, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a generous British and continental breakfast, and a wide variety of evening meals if you choose to dine at the hotel.

ITINERARY

FRIDAY We leave the West Country and make our way east, stopping for coffee on route, to London. We arrive at our hotel where, after checking in, the remainder of the day is free to spend as you please and choose an evening meal at a restaurant of your choice.

SATURDAY – SUNDAY Each day is free for you to continue exploring as you please. There are a great many museums along with numerous other attractions, such as The Shard, London Eye, the Tower of London, Madame Tussauds, St Paul's Cathedral and the London Dungeons – to name just a few! You may also like to book tickets to tour one of the royal palaces – Buckingham Palace, Clarence House or Kensington Palace. Perhaps you'd rather see one of the West End's top shows or take an open-top bus sightseeing tour or boat trip on the Thames to see the best views from the waters' edge. There are countless shopping opportunities for retail therapy, along with cafes, restaurants and taverns in which to enjoy coffee, lunch and an evening meal.

MONDAY We leave London mid-afternoon and return to the West Country, with a comfort stop en route, arriving mid-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £232.00
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR
PRICE

£375

4 DAYS

Monday 4th – Friday 8th August



GUNTON HALL COASTAL VILLAGE, SUFFOLK ... WARNER BREAK

TOUR
PRICE

£495

5 DAYS

On a Warner holiday, you will understand what it means to be spoiled for choice; excellent accommodation, delicious food, great things to do and fantastic entertainment each evening. Gunton Hall is set within 50 acres of gardens with its own freshwater fishing lake and has a host of indoor and outdoor on-site activities to enjoy.

YOUR HOTEL Gunton Hall Coastal Village, Lowestoft

A 4* resort in a wooded glade, yet just a short walk from the sea. Each ensuite chalet is tastefully decorated with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant offers an extensive choice menu and the coffee shop serves light snacks throughout the day. The leisure facilities include an indoor pool, indoor and outdoor sport and leisure activities, gym, spa and beauty treatments, with live entertainment each evening. Warner now operates a cashless payment system ... debit & credit cards only.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave our home area and make our way east, with stops for coffee and lunch en route, to our resort with time to settle in before dinner and our first evening's entertainment.

TUESDAY The morning is free for you to familiarise yourself with your new surroundings and enjoy some of the many facilities available in the hotel. Join us if you wish for a late morning excursion to the seaside resort of Clacton-On-Sea with its pier, seafront walks, shops and cafes ... and don't forget the ice cream!

WEDNESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the Norfolk Broads, to Wroxham, considered the capital of the Norfolk Broads, with time to browse the abundance of shops and enjoy lunch. This afternoon we take an afternoon cruise on the beautiful Norfolk Broads, with full commentary as you enjoy the wonderful scenery. We return to our hotel in time for dinner and another evening of live entertainment.

THURSDAY Join us this morning as we travel to Bury St Edmunds with time free to explore the market town and home to the original patron saint of England – Edmund. Here you will find the glorious cathedral, a ruined abbey and gardens together with a vibrant shopping centre and cafes to enjoy lunch. We return to our resort with the remainder of the day free to continue to enjoy some of the wonderful facilities and activities before a final evening dinner and entertainment.

FRIDAY Sadly it's now time to leave our resort and journey back towards the West Country, stopping once again for coffee and lunch en route and arriving home early-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 3)
Premier Chalet Up-Grades from £45.00 per person
(subject to availability)
Travel insurance £36.00

Monday 28th July – Monday 4th August



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



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.

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



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
Travel insurance £88.00

Monday 4th – Friday 8th August



ROYAL RIVERS, PALACES & WORLD CLASS GARDENS

Join us as we explore the glorious Royal Windsor, home to the iconic Windsor Castle, enjoy a gentle boat cruise along the River Thames, discover the world-class RHS Garden Wisley and the magnificent Hampton Court Palace – the former royal home to King Henry VIII, his wives and children and Tudor court.

YOUR HOTEL The Holiday Inn, Shepperton

This 4* hotel set in 11 acres of leafy grounds close the River Thames offers comfortable well-appointed ensuite bedrooms with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The bright Regatta Restaurant has a delicious evening and breakfast menu. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, fully equipped gym, hot tub and steam room.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave the West Country and make our way east, stopping for coffee and lunch on route, to our hotel in the leafy riverside village of Shepperton, set close to the majestic River Thames, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

TUESDAY Join us today as we visit the magnificent Hampton Court Palace with audio guide to help you navigate the whole site. Experience the private life of Henry VIII, the public dramas and the glamorous world of the Tudor court. Discover the Great Hall with majestic tapestries, Tudor Kitchens where huge feasts were prepared, the exquisite chapel and a special baroque palace built for William III (William of Orange) and his & joint monarch Mary II. With time to enjoy a leisurely lunch, complete your day exploring the world-renowned gardens and maze. We rejoin the coach and travel back to our hotel with time to rest before dinner.

WEDNESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we travel to the RHS's flagship garden at Wisley, where you will have the day to explore what can rightly claim to be one of the finest gardens in the world. In addition to its spectacular floral displays, there is the Wild Garden and the Model Gardens, and the state-of-the-art Glasshouse showcasing Wisley's world-class plant collection with its three climate zones recreating tropical temperate and dry habitats. There are several restaurants and tearooms and a plant centre and gift shop.

THURSDAY This morning we travel to Runnymede and Ankerwycke, the Thames-side location that witnessed King John's historic sealing of the Magna Carta over 800 years ago (the birthplace of democracy). With time to view the memorials including ones for John F Kennedy and the Commonwealth Air Forces, we board a boat and cruise upstream towards Royal Windsor, travelling through the castle grounds themselves. The remainder of the day is free to explore ... maybe visit the castle or take an open top bus tour of Windsor & Eton with guided commentary. There are also shops and many restaurants to enjoy lunch.

FRIDAY We leave our hotel and begin our journey home, stopping for coffee and lunch on route. We complete our journey back to the West Country, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Hampton Court Palace & Gardens (with audio guide)
- Entrance to RHS Garden Wisley
- Boat Cruise on the River Thames
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £160.00
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£565

5 DAYS

Monday 4th – Friday 8th August



A CUMBRIAN JOURNEY & CARLISLE TO SETTLE RAILWAY

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

YOUR HOTEL Crown & Mitre Hotel, Carlisle

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

ITINERARY

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

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

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

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

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £48.00
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£535

5 DAYS

Friday 8th – Monday 11th August



KYNREN – AN EPIC TALE OF ENGLAND SPECTACULAR SHOW

Join us for the spectacle that is Kynren, an open-air summer show set within the backdrop of the mighty Auckland Castle. With a wonderful cast of performers who take you on a spell-binding journey through 2000 years of English history, tales and legends with thrilling choreography, amazing stunts, equestrianism, special effects and pyrotechnics in an award-winning outdoor theatre production.

YOUR HOTEL Redworth Hall Hotel, Newton Aycliffe, County Durham

A stunning 4* 17th century Jacobean Manor House hotel set within 26 acres of peaceful, landscaped grounds. Each of the ensuite bedrooms are beautifully furnished with TV, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to some rooms. The restaurant offers a delicious evening menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, jacuzzi, steam room, sauna, fitness suite and a relaxing lounge bar area.

ITINERARY

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

SATURDAY Today we visit the historic town of Barnard Castle in the Durham Dales, overlooked by its 12th century castle. Here you will find a variety of independent shops and great delis, butchers and bakeries. With time to explore, perhaps visit the mighty castle ruins or the fascinating Bowes Museum set within a 19th century French-style chateau building and enjoy lunch in town. We return to our hotel for an early dinner before travelling to Bishop Auckland for tonight's evening performance of Kynren. Before the show begins, explore the magical Viking Village with blacksmiths, woodworkers and warriors of this bygone age. Take your seats as we journey through the ages with 29 dramatic scenes of tales, legends and characters in history are brought to life with narration, musical soundtracks, lighting and pyrotechnic effects on a truly cinematic scale. We later rejoin our coach and make the short journey back to our hotel.

SUNDAY After a leisurely breakfast we visit the historic city of Durham with its fine Norman Cathedral, variety of shops, Victorian Market in the cobbled marketplace and street entertainment and many paths leading down to the riverbank, where you can enjoy a boat cruise along the river. Whilst here you may like to visit the castle, Botanic Garden or Crook Hall Gardens to enjoy the greener areas of the city. With time to enjoy lunch, we return to our hotel for time at leisure before our final evening meal.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £105.00
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£445

4 DAYS

Saturday 9th – Thursday 14th August



THE ISLES OF SCILLY

The Isles of Scilly sit 28 miles southwest of Lands End and enjoy an exceptionally mild climate. When you first arrive, you may not realise just how much there is to see and do! Each island has its own unique character and charm and offers its own treasure trove of adventures and experiences. There are a variety of beaches, and many different venues in which to enjoy the local cuisine.

YOUR HOTEL The Atlantic, St Mary's

You are always assured of a warm welcome at our chosen hotel, located in the heart of St Mary's, where the buildings are golden granite, the beaches are white, and both the coast and countryside are stunning all year round. All rooms are ensuite with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. Many enjoy uninterrupted views of the harbour. There is no lift at the hotel. The restaurant serves excellent menu with locally sourced ingredients.

ITINERARY

SATURDAY After an early departure we make our way to Penzance where you will board the Scillonian ferry for the crossing to St Mary's, the largest of the Scilly Isles. There are restaurant facilities on board, and you may even see dolphins, porpoises or pilot whales on route. On arrival, your luggage will be taken to the Atlantic Inn and you will make the short walk to the hotel, where after settling in, the remainder of the afternoon is free to familiarise yourself with your new surroundings. An early evening reception from the hotel management will be followed by a delicious three course dinner.

SUNDAY – WEDNESDAY The hotel will organise a programme of events to help you explore and enjoy all that the Scilly Isles have to offer. This will include two days of planned itineraries including a guided walking tour of St Mary's and boat fares and entrances to Tresco Abbey Gardens. Remember to pack sturdy walking shoes. On the other two days you have time free to spend as you please, browsing the small selection of shops and exploring at your leisure ... or you may simply choose to relax, enjoy the scenery and beaches and do nothing else! Dinner is served at the hotel each evening.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

TOUR PRICE

£1215

6 DAYS

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £178.00 (max 1)
Sea View Supplement £50.00 per person
Travel insurance £44.00



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
Travel insurance £88.00

Wednesday 6th – Sunday 10th August



JERSEY INCLUDING THE BATTLE OF THE FLOWERS SPECTACULAR

TOUR PRICE

£675

5 DAYS

Jersey has charmed generations of visitors – only 14 miles from the French coast, it has the continental flavour of France while remaining part of the British Isles. Although only a small island, Jersey has so much to offer ... sandy beaches, rugged coastlines, beautiful countryside and a wide variety of attractions.

In 1902, to celebrate the coronation of King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra, Jersey decided to hold a parade. Large floats of up to 45 feet long compete for the Prix d'Honneur. The fresh flowers are predominantly chrysanthemums, which have been shipped in from the UK and Holland, together with locally-grown asters. The parade also includes marching bands and takes place on two days – the first an afternoon parade and the following evening, a moonlight parade.

YOUR HOTEL Pomme d'Or Hotel, St Helier

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

ITINERARY

WEDNESDAY We leave our home area, after a possible early departure (time to be advised) and make our way east to Poole for the ferry crossing to St Helier. Upon arrival you will be met by a local coach to be transported, with your luggage, to the hotel with time to settle into your new surroundings.

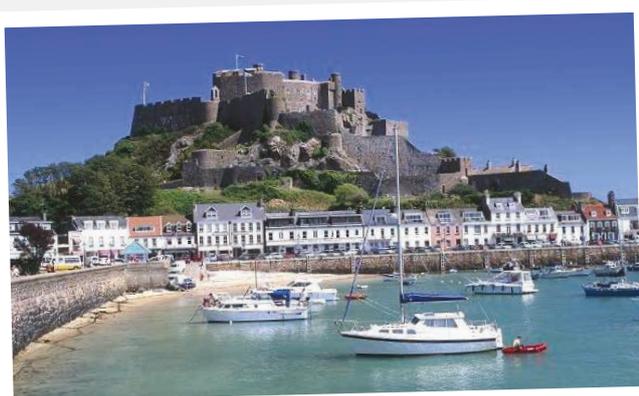
THURSDAY - SATURDAY Each day is free for you to spend exploring Jersey's wonderful coastline and inland attractions. Perhaps you'd like to visit the Jersey War Tunnels, parts preserved as they were left after World War II occupation. Other worthwhile



attractions include the Living Legend, the zoo and Mont Orgueil Castle. We also recommend a trip to Corbiere Lighthouse with its stunning views which you can walk out to when the tide is out. A regular bus service operates on the island and is useful for visiting the many picturesque bays and harbours, or you may like to hire a car during your stay (the hotel can help with this if required). There are numerous venues on the island in which to enjoy coffee, lunch, afternoon tea and Jersey ice cream!

FRIDAY The highlight of our tour – the Battle of Flowers takes place this afternoon, and we have included a ticket in a seated area to allow you to enjoy in comfort one of the highlights in the Jersey calendar – a spectacle of flower-covered floats, musicians, dancers and entertainers. The grand parade takes place today at 5pm, but tomorrow (Saturday) the moonlight parade begins at 9pm when the flower-covered floats are further festooned with thousands of lights, a truly magical sight and a fitting finale to this floral extravaganza. **If you would also like to purchase tickets to the Saturday evening parade, please let us know at the time of booking.**

SUNDAY Sadly it's time to leave Jersey. You will be collected again by coach and transferred back to the ferry port for the return crossing to Poole. On arrival, you will be met by a Blakes coach and driver, who will return you to your home area.



PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Return Ferry Crossings
- Hotel transfers in Jersey
- Ticket to Battle of Flowers Day Parade (pavement seated ticket)
- Coach transport to and from Poole

SUPPLEMENTS:

Ticket to Moonlight Parade (seated ticket) £27.00
Single Supplement £210.00
Travel insurance £88.00

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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 Skafsavegen 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
Travel insurance £138.00

Monday 11th – Friday 15th August



KENT ... PALACES & CASTLES IN THE GARDEN OF ENGLAND

TOUR PRICE

£485

5 DAYS

Affectionately known as the “Garden of England”, Kent is one of Britain’s well-loved counties, with landscaped gardens, castles and grand country mansions. Join us as we discover some of the region’s finest attractions of this corner of England.

YOUR HOTEL Mercure Great Danes Hotel, Maidstone

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

ITINERARY

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

TUESDAY This morning we visit the historic city of Rochester, famous for its association with the novelist Charles Dickens. Here you can see the Norman castle and splendid cathedral, and many shops and cafes to enjoy coffee. We continue to Eltham Palace & Gardens, a former medieval palace and Tudor royal residence transformed into a beautiful art-deco home in the 1930’s. Discover the contrasting architectural designs from a medieval Great Hall to Minstrel’s Gallery where monarchs stayed and hunted in surrounding parkland, to the millionaire mansion that Stephen & Virginia Courtauld rescued and transformed in the 1930’s, a unique mix of styles across the ages. Explore the 19 acres of delightful gardens with water cascades, rock garden and cross the moat on London’s oldest working bridge into the sunken rose garden and enjoy the café & gift shop.

WEDNESDAY After breakfast we make our way to the Kent coast and board the Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway for a heritage train journey from the shingle beach at Dungeness, through the marshland at Romney and on to Hythe. We rejoin the coach and travel to the medieval city of Canterbury, with plenty of time to visit the cathedral and the modern shopping district with many cafes and restaurants.

THURSDAY This morning we visit Royal Tunbridge Wells with its quintessential English charm, heritage and Georgian and Victorian architecture including the Pantiles (a Georgian colonnade now home to unique shops, galleries and cafes). With time to explore and enjoy an early lunch, we continue to Hever Castle, childhood home of Anne Boleyn and residence to Anne of Cleves after her divorce from Henry VIII. With glorious, panelled rooms filled with fine furniture, tapestries and Tudor portraits, uncover 600 years of history, intrigue and tales of the former medieval defensive castle. Wander through some of the 125 acres of gardens and grounds with over 5000 rose bushes, water cascades, grottoes and fountains Rhododendron Walk and a Tudor Garden plus many other beautiful corners of the estate.

FRIDAY Sadly we leave our hotel after breakfast and begin our homeward journey, stopping for coffee & lunch as we travel and completing our journey back to the West Country arriving early-mid evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights’ Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Eltham Palace
- Ticket for the Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway
- Entrance to Hever Castle & Gardens
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £80.00
Subsequent Singles £120.00
Travel insurance £36.00

Monday 11th – Friday 15th August



CHESHIRE’S WATERWAYS

TOUR PRICE

£495

5 DAYS

Cheshire offers some of the country’s most picturesque scenery, and tranquil rivers and canals. Join us as we explore a region with its heritage cities and beautiful waterways.

YOUR HOTEL Mercure Haydock Hotel, Haydock

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

ITINERARY

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

TUESDAY After breakfast we travel to Northwich to browse the shops and enjoy an early lunch. We continue to the canal for a ride on the Anderton Boat Lift, (celebrating 150 years of the boat lift opening in 2025) one of the greatest monuments to Britain’s last canal age, known as the cathedral of canals, we begin with a relaxing 30 minute pleasure cruise to Northwich town Swing Bridge with commentary. We remain on board for a guided tour through the Boat Lift – a 60 feet hydraulic lift system built in 1875, which transports narrow boats. There is also a visitor centre with interactive exhibition, shop and café.

WEDNESDAY Join us today as we visit the delightful city of Chester, which has one of the best-preserved city walls in the UK. Discover this wonderful ancient place where Roman soldiers marched to war, Viking raiders wreaked havoc and Norman invaders conquered the Anglo Saxons! There is so much to see and do, including the magnificent 1000 year old cathedral with some of Europe’s finest medieval carvings, and the 700 year old “Rows” galleries where you will find many shopping opportunities and places to eat. You may also like to visit the castle, Roman museum or take a boat cruise on the River Dee – so much to choose from!

THURSDAY Today we make the short journey to the Wirral to embark upon a memorable cruise inland along the 35 mile stretch of the Manchester Ship Canal, with live commentary offering an insight into the dramatic history of one of Britain’s major waterways. We travel through locks, under bridges, passing historical buildings, industrial landscapes and beautiful countryside, as we get a sense of how this spectacular canal’s construction shaped England’s northwest. Refreshments are available on board through the journey, which lasts 5-6 hours.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights’ Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Anderton Boat Lift Ticket & Canal Boat Cruise
- Manchester Ship Canal Cruise
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £140.00
Travel insurance £36.00

Sunday 10th – Saturday 16th August



IRELAND ... KILLARNEY & THE RING OF KERRY

Ireland's beauty is legendary – from the lush, green pastures to the deep, moody lakes and the wild, rolling hills – and the country is numbered among the world's greatest travel experiences. The Kingdom of Kerry is renowned for its natural magnificence; it is an area of colourful contrasts, with its rugged coastline and dramatic mountain views.

YOUR HOTEL The Killarney Towers Hotel, Killarney

A fabulous 4* hotel situated in the heart of Killarney itself. All rooms are en suite, with TV, 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

£769

7 DAYS



bus or taxi ride away is Muckross House and Gardens, a 19th century magnificent Victorian mansion, one of Ireland's leading stately homes. situated close to the shores of Muckross Lake and set against the stunning beauty of Killarney National Park. The elegantly furnished rooms portray the lifestyles of the landed gentry, while downstairs in the basement you can experience the working conditions of the servants employed in the House. The Gardens are renowned world-wide for their beauty which include an extensive water garden, and an outstanding rock garden hewn out of natural limestone. Queen Victoria, Prince Albert and four of the princes and princesses stayed at the mansion for 2 nights in 1861.

THURSDAY Join us this morning as we begin a full day travelling around the breathtaking Dingle Peninsula. Unlike the Ring of Kerry, where the cliffs tend to dominate the ocean, it's the ocean that dominates the smaller Dingle Peninsula. The opal-blue waters surround the green hills and golden sands which once was the setting for the film *Ryan's daughter*. Once again we stop for coffee, lunch and photographs en route. We pause at Slea Head, the most westerly mainland point in Europe, where there are splendid views especially of the Blasket Islands and the scattered rocks, all part of an exploded volcanic area. We also stop in the village of Dingle, before returning to our hotel for a final evening dinner and traditional entertainment.

FRIDAY Sadly, we today leave Killarney and make our way back across Ireland's lovely countryside to Waterford with time to browse the town and maybe visit the Waterford Crystal Visitors Centre, before returning to our overnight hotel in time for evening dinner.

SATURDAY After an early departure we leave our hotel and travel back to Rosslair for the return ferry crossing to Pembroke, with breakfast included on the ferry crossing. We then continue our homeward journey, through Wales, with a comfort stop en route, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 6 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Ferry Crossings inc breakfast on return ferry
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Entrance to Muckross House & Gardens
Cart ride / Boat trip in Killarney
Single supplement £210.00
Travel insurance £88.00

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



Friday 15th – Monday 18th August



LIVERPOOL

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

YOUR HOTEL Mercure Liverpool Atlantic Tower Hotel, Liverpool

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

ITINERARY

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

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

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £75.00
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR
PRICE

£299

4 DAYS

Saturday 16th – Sunday 17th August



ABBA VOYAGE

Calling all ABBA fans! See ABBA as never before in this cutting-edge technology concert with spectacular lighting effects as ABBA take to the stage in a groundbreaking, digital avatar format. Join us as we experience this incredibly popular concert of 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, before continuing to South Mimms Services where you will find a variety of restaurants to choose an early evening dinner. We then travel straight to the purpose-built ABBA arena at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, to enjoy a 90 minute concert like no other, which starts at 7.45pm 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 our coach at the end of the concert and make the short journey 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. 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

TOUR
PRICE

£274

2 DAYS

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £85.00
Travel insurance £35.00

Sunday 17th – Thursday 21st August

Image credit: The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo



SCOTLAND ... THE ROYAL EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO & THE TROSSACHS

TOUR PRICE

£599

5 DAYS

Always very popular, The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo is a spectacular event held each year on the Esplanade of the city's magnificent castle. Celebrating its 75th year in 2025, with its milestone show "The Heroes Who made Us" will include performers from across the world continents including pipers, bagpipers, drummers, military bands, dancers plus many more!

YOUR HOTEL Best Western Garfield House Hotel, Stepps, Glasgow

A 3* modern hotel located near Glasgow, in the more tranquil village setting of Stepps. All rooms are ensuite with TV, Wi-Fi and tea & coffee making facilities. There is no lift access at the hotel. The restaurant serves a delicious menu.

ITINERARY

SUNDAY After an early departure we make our way north, with comfort and lunch stops on route to our hotel, arriving in time for our evening meal.

MONDAY Join us today as we enjoy a scenic journey through some picturesque villages and stunning scenery, passing the historic city of Stirling, and continuing through the Trossachs and along the stunning Duke's Pass, stopping for coffee on route. We continue to Loch Lomond Shores, Scotland's visitor centre combining the fabulous scenery with a mixture of leisure and shopping experiences, overlooking the majesty of Loch Lomond at Balloch. There is also an aquarium and several cafes to enjoy a leisurely lunch and admire the scenery.

TUESDAY We leave our hotel mid-morning and travel to Edinburgh, with time to explore this magnificent city and all its attractions. Maybe visit the Royal Yacht Britannia which served the British Royal Family for more than 40 years, or the famous castle which contains the Scottish Crown Jewels and Stone of Destiny. After choosing a restaurant to have an evening meal, we rejoin the coach for the short journey to the renowned spectacle of The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo for tonight's show set in the backdrop of Edinburgh Castle. (Please bring some wet weather clothing in case the weather is inclement!)

WEDNESDAY After a leisurely breakfast today, we make the short journey to the Riverside Museum in Glasgow. This award-winning museum sits on the banks of the River Clyde and houses an extraordinary collection which reflects Glasgow's important global contribution to industries such as ship building, train manufacturing and engineering. Explore interactive exhibits, travel down a Victorian cobbled street and view a wide range of historic vehicles from trains, trams, vintage cars and boats. There is a large café on site. Nearby you can visit the Tall Ship Glenlee or the Clydeside Distillery, or for the more adventurous, jump on a sightseeing bus from the Museum entrance to enjoy a full sightseeing commentary tour of Glasgow (approx 1.5 hours, extra charge).

THURSDAY After breakfast, we begin our homeward journey, stopping for coffee and lunch on route, arriving back in the West Country early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- 1 night Bed & Breakfast
- Ticket for The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo
- Entrance to Riverside Museum, Glasgow (free entry)
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £160.00
Travel insurance £36.00

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd August



LINCOLNSHIRE & RUTLAND HIGHLIGHTS

TOUR PRICE

£475

5 DAYS

Lincolnshire is one of our most understated counties, the second largest county in England, with serene countryside landscapes, market towns and the beautiful cathedral city of Lincoln. Join us as we visit the wonderful city of Lincoln, a boat cruise on Rutland Water and the magnificent Burghley House.

YOUR HOTEL The Barn Hotel & Spa, Grantham

A delightful 3* hotel. All rooms are ensuite with TV, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. A lift serves most floors. The restaurant offers a delicious choice evening menu and generous breakfast, and the lounge bar provides an area to relax in the evenings. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool, spa and gym.

ITINERARY

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

TUESDAY This morning we make our way to Melton Mowbray, just over the border in Leicestershire, and the food capital of England. Markets here date back to the 1086 Domesday Book and today you will find the weekly farmers, antique and collectables market, alongside the vibrant town centre with its various food shops such as The Olde Pork Pie Shoppe and delicatessen selling local stilton. After an early lunch we travel to Oakham, the pretty county town of Rutland, with time to explore before we travel to Rutland Water for a leisurely boat cruise, before returning to our hotel.

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

THURSDAY This morning we visit the charming and characterful market town of Stamford with Georgian architecture, riverside walks and thriving high street with cafes to enjoy coffee. We continue to Burghley House, one of the most impressive Elizabethan Houses in England. Explore the 18 treasure-filled state rooms boasting rich tapestries, porcelain and paintings and the Great Hall used as a banqueting hall in its Elizabethan days and original Tudor Kitchen. Outside the two formal gardens are a delight to wander through – the Sculpture Garden & Garden of Surprises with water features, shell grotto and maze. The Orangery restaurant and garden café allow for a leisurely lunch, with courtyard and garden shops to browse.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Boat Cruise on Rutland Water
- Entrance to Burghley House & Gardens
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £100.00
Travel insurance £36.00

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd August



LANCASHIRE COAST AND COUNTRY

Discover the heart of Lancashire and beyond in this fully packaged tour. The Ribble Valley is a picturesque area with a rich landscape of rolling hillsides, charming villages and vibrant market towns, lying between the old mill towns of Lancashire and the southern edge of the Yorkshire Dales. We have included a cruise on the Lancaster Canal, a visit to the spectacular Samlesbury Hall and RHS Garden Bridgewater, to enjoy some of the best attractions in the area.

YOUR HOTEL Mercure Dunkenhalgh 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. All en-suite bedrooms are equipped with TV, telephone, Wi-Fi access, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to some bedrooms and ground floor rooms available too. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities available.

ITINERARY

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

TUESDAY Join us today as we make our way a little further north to Lancaster, one of England's heritage cities and the county town of Lancashire. We begin the day with a gentle cruise along the canal, past the cathedral and out into the Lancashire countryside before arriving at the mighty Lune Aqueduct. We return to the centre of Lancaster with time free to enjoy the city. You might like to visit the castle, almost 1000 years old and largely intact or the beautiful cathedral. With time to explore, shop and enjoy lunch, we continue to the Victorian seaside town of Morecombe. Enjoy one of the finest views from the promenade of any seaside town in England, as the magnificent sweep of coastline looks across to the Lakeland mountains. Also here is Eric Morecombe's statue, standing in his famous pose, and many cafes to enjoy afternoon tea.

WEDNESDAY Join us this morning as we visit the award-winning market at Bury, with over 350 stalls to browse and grab a bargain or two! With time to explore and enjoy lunch, we rejoin our coach and travel the short distance to RHS Garden Bridgewater, the newest of the RHS garden collections. Explore the stunning 156 acres landscape, created on the former site of historic Worsley New Hall estate, with a variety of diverse gardens and unique plants, shrubs and trees. There are two places to enjoy lunch and afternoon tea and a garden centre to browse.

THURSDAY After breakfast we travel to the traditional seaside resort of Southport, with its bustling centre, tranquil parklands, promenade and elegant pier. There are many independent shops with wrought iron canopies and quaint colourful shops to browse in Lord Street. This afternoon we travel to the historic Samlesbury Hall. The beautiful exterior decoration is a breath-taking sight, as you step into the black and white half-timbered medieval manor house. Outside you will find the fascinating Bee & Heritage Centre and a delightful rose garden. With time for a leisurely afternoon tea in the Hall's tearoom, we later return to our hotel.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Boat Cruise on Lancaster Canal
- Entrance to RHS Garden Bridgewater
- Entrance to Samlesbury Hall (free entry)
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £130.00
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£475

5 DAYS

Sunday 24th – Monday 25th August



A TASTE OF LUXURY IN WINDSOR WITH AFTERNOON CREAM TEA

Join us for a short break, staying in the Royal town of Windsor with a visit to Windsor Castle and delicious afternoon cream tea at the Castle Hotel.

YOUR HOTEL The Castle Hotel, Windsor

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

TOUR PRICE

£209

2 DAYS

ITINERARY

SUNDAY We leave the West Country and make our way east, stopping for coffee on route, to Royal Windsor, with time to explore this historic royal borough. We have arranged an afternoon cream tea at our hotel later today, with the evening free for you to choose a restaurant of your choice for an evening meal.

MONDAY This morning, we have included entrance to the magnificent Windsor Castle with an audio tour guide to take you through the beautifully decorated state rooms and apartments, and discover all the treasures, artwork and furnishings of the castle interior. Wander through St George's chapel with its intricate ceiling carvings, which has been the location of many royal weddings and house the tombs of 11 monarchs including the late Queen Elizabeth II. The rest of the day is free for you to continue exploring Windsor, perhaps taking a sightseeing bus tour to discover the history & secrets of Windsor and nearby Eton, or a leisurely boat trip along the Thames. We leave late afternoon, to begin our journey home, with a comfort stop on route, arriving back in the West Country mid evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Bed & Buffet English Breakfast
- Afternoon Cream Tea at The Castle Hotel
- Entrance to Windsor Castle
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £69.00
Travel insurance £35.00



VERSAILLES, A CANDLELIT CHATEAU & MONET'S GARDEN

TOUR PRICE
£695
5 DAYS

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.



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
Travel insurance £88.00

Sunday 24th – Thursday 28th August



WELSH BORDERS & WATERWAYS

The Anglo-Welsh border runs for over 160 miles from the Dee Estuary in the north to the Severn Estuary in the south. Join us for a wonderful tour as we explore this corner of Britain with its waterways and border towns.

YOUR HOTEL **Mercure Chester Abbots Well Hotel, Chester**
A delightful 4* modern hotel. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a traditional evening menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include a fitness suite, jacuzzi and sauna.

ITINERARY

SUNDAY We leave our home area and journey north, with stops for coffee and lunch on route, arriving at our hotel with time to settle in and enjoy dinner.

MONDAY Today we make our way to the city of Chester where we enjoy a sightseeing city cruise by boat along the River Dee. We follow the course of the river under the suspension bridge, past Grosvenor Park and following the long sweep of the Meadows to the city limits, and back again. The rest of the day is free to explore Chester at leisure and have lunch, perhaps discovering the almost complete Roman city walls, or the medieval timber framed buildings in the historic centre with the famous "Rows" and the 1000 year old cathedral.

TUESDAY This morning we travel to Mold for market day, with plenty of street stalls selling local produce and other wares. With plenty of time to explore and grab a bargain and enjoy coffee, we make our way to Cheshire's Arley Hall Gardens. These are amongst one of the finest gardens in Europe and created by successive generations of the same family. Within its eight acres of formal gardens, the Herbaceous Border is perhaps its best-known feature. Enjoy lunch in the café and browse the extensive gift shop before we return to our hotel.

WEDNESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the town of Llangollen on the River Dee. Take a stroll along the Victorian promenade, watch the river tumble beneath the bridge or browse the independent shops in the town centre. After an early lunch, we board a boat at Llangollen Wharf for a 5 mile commentary guided-cruise along the Llangollen canal and across the country's highest navigable 18th century aqueduct with World Heritage status, above the River Dee, supported by 18 stone piers with spectacular views across the Welsh & English countryside. We return the coach and make the scenic journey up the Horseshoe Mountain Pass to the summit where you may like to browse the "Shop in the Clouds" or enjoy afternoon tea in the cafe.

THURSDAY After breakfast we leave our hotel and begin our journey south. With comfort stops enroute, we reach the West Country early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Boat cruise in River Dee, Chester
- Entrance to Arley Hall Gardens
- Boat trip on Llangollen Canal & Pontcysyllte Aqueduct
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £100.00 (Max 5)
Subsequent Singles £120.00
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£469

5 DAYS

Monday 25th – Friday 29th August



HOLME LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE... WARNER BREAK

On a Warner holiday, you will understand what it means to be spoiled for choice; excellent accommodation, delicious food, great things to do and fantastic entertainment each evening. 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 3)
Signature Upgrade £30.00 per person
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£515

5 DAYS

Sat 30th August – Wed 3rd September



MINT, MINES & MOUNTAINS - HERITAGE OF SOUTH WALES

We are delighted to bring you a brand new tour which encapsulates the industrial heritage and wondrous landscapes of South Wales. Learn about the life of coal miners in the Valleys, discover how our coins are minted today and the history of our currency and travel on a vintage train on the Brecon Mountain Railway.

YOUR HOTEL Seabank Hotel, Porthcawl

A charming 3* hotel ideally located on the headland, a short walk from the Grand Pavilion & shops. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, and tea & coffee facilities. The restaurant offers a choice evening menu and generous breakfast. There is a lounge bar with entertainment on most evenings.

ITINERARY

SATURDAY We leave the West Country with a coffee stop on route and make our way to Chepstow for lunch. We complete our journey to our hotel with time to settle in and perhaps enjoy a stroll along the seafront before dinner.

SUNDAY After a leisurely breakfast we travel across the Brecon Beacons National Park, an area of 520 square miles between south and mid Wales, with a variety of landscapes to the market town of Brecon for lunch. It has fine Georgian buildings, a variety of shops and cafes and even its own compact Brecon Cathedral! This afternoon we travel south to Pant, to board a vintage train for a return journey on the Brecon Mountain Railway, over 9 miles of scenery across the Brecon Beacons and Taf Fechan Reservoir.

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

TUESDAY This morning we discover what life was like underground for the Welsh coal miners in the Rhondda Valley. Our guided tour is led by an ex-coal miner who worked these valleys when a boy with tales of life underground, the history of "black gold" and the important global role that Welsh coal mining was part of. (For those not wishing to go underground there are many exhibitions and artefacts that tell the story of coal mining and its workers and a restaurant on the surface!) We continue to The Royal Mint, for a Welsh ploughman's lunch with tea/coffee & cake (included), before a fascinating guided tour behind the scenes to learn about striking coins, the history of our currency and discover the story behind those coins in your pocket! There are also exhibitions to explore and a gift shop to browse.

WEDNESDAY We leave our hotel and make the short journey to Cardiff, with time to visit the castle and discover the history of this distinguished city, browse the extensive shopping centre and enjoy lunch. We complete our homeward journey, arriving early-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- National Waterfront Museum (free entry)
- Return Journey on Brecon Mountain Railway
- Guided Tour at The Welsh Mining Experience, Rhondda Heritage Park
- Guided Tour at The Royal Mint Experience
- Welsh Ploughman's Lunch with Tea/Coffee & Cake
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Subsequent Singles £60.00
Sea View Supplement £48.00 per person
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£459

5 DAYS

Monday 1st – Friday 5th September



BEMBRIDGE COAST, ISLE OF WIGHT ... WARNER BREAK

On a Warner holiday, you will understand what it means to be spoiled for choice; excellent accommodation, delicious food, great things to do and fantastic entertainment each evening. With its ruggedly beautiful sea views, hospitable staff and excellent entertainment, Bembridge Coast is the perfect adults-only Warner's Leisure Resort.

YOUR HOTEL Bembridge Coast Hotel, Isle of Wight

A lovely 3* hotel with outstanding views across the Solent. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious menu, and leisure facilities include an indoor pool with many on-site activities and excellent entertainment each evening. Warner now operates a cashless payment system ... debit & credit cards only.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave our home area, with a coffee stop on route, we make our way to Southampton for the short ferry crossing to East Cowes. Once on the island, we make the short journey to Bembridge, to give you plenty of time to settle in and familiarise yourself with your new surroundings before dinner and the first night of entertainment.

TUESDAY This morning we make a short visit to St Mildred's Church at Whippingham, full of history with strong links with Osborne House & Queen Victoria. We continue to Osborne House, Queen Victoria's palace by the sea. Much more than a royal residence, it was also a family home, and as you walk through the Queen's bedroom, the nursery rooms and even the royal bathrooms, you're offered a glimpse into the royal family's life. There are acres of gardens to explore, Swiss Cottage, the Royal Playhouse to visit and a large restaurant & gift shop. We return for dinner and another evening of excellent entertainment.

WEDNESDAY Join us today as we take a wonderful circular tour of the island, travelling through Shanklin and Ventnor, along the coast to Alum Bay to see the world famous "Needles" rock formation and returning to our hotel via Ryde, the island's largest town. Dinner this evening will once again be followed by top entertainment.

THURSDAY This morning we travel to the very picturesque village of Godshill – the most-photographed village in Britain! Spend the morning admiring the thatched cottages and the 15th Century church, visiting the immaculate Model Village, browsing the gift shops, and maybe treat yourself to coffee and a large cream cake from the Old Smithy. We return to our resort with the afternoon to spend as you please, before our final evening dinner and entertainment.

FRIDAY Sadly, we leave after breakfast and make the short journey to East Cowes for the return ferry crossing back to Southampton. We then continue to Poole for lunch. We complete our journey back to the West Country, arriving early-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to St Mildred's Church, Whippingham
- Entrance to Osborne House
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No Single supplement (Max 3)
Signature Room Upgrade £30.00 per person
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£595

5 DAYS

Monday 25th – Friday 29th August



VALKENBURG – VELVET CAVES & MEDIEVAL MONSCHAU

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

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, cobbled 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



TOUR
PRICE

£525

5 DAYS



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
Travel insurance £88.00



GRAND TOUR OF SCOTLAND INCLUDING ROUTE NC500

TOUR PRICE
£1365
11 DAYS

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.

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)
 Travel insurance £72.00

Saturday 6th – Wednesday 10th September



EASTBOURNE – SUSSEX DOWNS & THE BLUEBELL LINE

One of Britain's most elegant resorts, Eastbourne is sheltered by the South Downs and has a reputation for quality. The flower-decked promenades stretch for three miles – ideal for a pleasant stroll.

YOUR HOTEL The Queens Hotel, Eastbourne

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

TOUR
PRICE

£475

5 DAYS

ITINERARY

SATURDAY We leave the West Country and make our way east, stopping for coffee and lunch on route to our hotel arriving with time to settle in before dinner and maybe a stroll along the seafront.

SUNDAY Today we day take a scenic drive via Beachy Head to Brighton. The spectacular Royal Pavilion is well worth a visit; it houses some impressive works of art and wonderful history about King George IV. The historic Lanes is a maze of narrow alleyways lined with antique shops and elegant arcades of boutiques. Other attractions include the Volk's Electric Railway, the 'world's oldest operating electric railway' which travels along the seafront, and The Sea Life Centre. The more adventurous might like a ride on the British Airways i360, which gently glides up a 450ft tower in the stunning glass pod with views. There are numerous places to enjoy coffee and a leisurely lunch.

MONDAY The morning is free for you to spend as you please in Eastbourne. You may like to take a walk along the seafront and admire the famous flower decked promenades and the pier, perhaps ride the miniature train along the seafront or browse the shopping centre and enjoy a leisurely lunch. Join us if you wish this afternoon as we drive to the charming market town of Alfriston on the River Cuckmere – a timeless place, full of tearooms and enchanting old houses – and once the haunt of smugglers!

TUESDAY Today we step back in to a bygone era as we travel to Sheffield Park station for a nostalgic journey on the Bluebell Railway. Browse the museum on the platform before we board our steam train for an 11 mile journey through glorious Sussex countryside (please note diesel engines may be used on occasion). We rejoin the coach at the end of our line and make our way to Wakehurst Gardens (National Trust owned, managed by Kew). Explore the 500 acre site with botanic landscapes, native meadowlands, exotic trees and woodlands, water gardens and a walled garden. The Elizabethan mansion is undergoing restoration work in 2024, with a view to open again in 2025. There is a gift and plant shop onsite together with cafes and a restaurant to enjoy lunch or a light bite.

WEDNESDAY 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
- Ticket for Bluebell Railway
- Entrance to Wakehurst Gardens (NT)
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £60.00
Sea View Room Supplement £48.00 per person
Travel insurance £36.00

Sunday 7th – Thursday 11th September



THE GLORIOUS COTSWOLDS

The Cotswolds covers a large area of almost 800 square miles and encompasses five counties (Gloucestershire, Warwickshire, Oxfordshire, Wiltshire and Worcestershire). Discover its beautiful landscape with rolling hills, lively market towns and beautiful honey-coloured stone buildings for a peaceful break in the English countryside.

YOUR HOTEL Delta By Marriott Cheltenham Chase Hotel, Cheltenham

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

TOUR
PRICE

£515

5 DAYS

ITINERARY

SUNDAY We leave our home area, making a coffee stop on route, and make our way to the tranquil riverside town of Tewkesbury. With time to browse the shops, discover the 900 year old Abbey with beautiful stained glass windows and enjoy lunch, we continue to our hotel, with plenty of time to settle in before dinner this evening.

MONDAY Join us today as we travel to Stratford Upon Avon, a medieval market town situated along the banks of the River Severn and home to its most famous inhabitant, the Elizabethan playwright, William Shakespeare. With over 800 years of history, there is so much to see and do in this delightful town. You may like to visit the birthplace of Shakespeare to discover more about his life, or Holy Trinity Church where he is buried. Enjoy the tranquil Bancroft Gardens or take a leisurely boat cruise along the river. Or perhaps enjoy some retail therapy in the town centre, with numerous cafes and restaurants for a relaxing lunch.

TUESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the quaint market town of Moreton-In-Marsh. Today the charter market will be found in the centre, one of the country's largest outdoor markets with traditional stalls selling a wide range of goods and produce. Browse the stalls and local shops and enjoy a relaxing lunch, before we continue to Stow-On-The-Wold, another traditional market town with a history of sheep fairs and the woollen trade, with its village stocks, elegant houses and an ancient cross.

WEDNESDAY This morning is free to explore the spa town of Cheltenham with its Georgian buildings and mix of independent shops and cafes, with time to enjoy an early lunch. Early afternoon we board the Gloucester & Warwickshire Railway for a steam train journey, with views across the Malvern Hills and glorious rolling Cotswolds countryside to the pretty village of Broadway. Here you will have time to admire the honey-coloured stone cottages set within the tree-lined avenue with gift shops and tea rooms for an afternoon treat, before returning to our hotel for dinner.

THURSDAY We leave our hotel after breakfast and make our way to Cirencester, the capital of the Cotswolds for lunch. With time to explore its picturesque narrow streets with honey-coloured buildings and numerous shops and cafes, we later make our way back to the West Country, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £140.00
Travel insurance £36.00

Monday 8th – Friday 12th September



NORFOLK – THE BROADS & SANDRINGHAM

Norfolk is one of England's most picturesque counties, best known for its windmills and the Broads, Britain's largest protected wetland which enjoys status equivalent to a National Park. Join us for a tour to enjoy waterside towns, steam trains and the royal Sandringham Estate.

YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn Norwich City, Norwich

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

TOUR PRICE

£495

5 DAYS

ITINERARY

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 make our way to Aylsham where we board a train at the Bure Valley Railway for a scenic journey to Wroxham, a beautiful town considered to be the capital of the Broads. With time to browse the abundance of shops and famous Roys of Wroxham local department store and enjoy lunch in one of the cafes. This afternoon we 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
Travel insurance £36.00

Monday 8th – Friday 12th September



CRUISING AROUND THE LAKE DISTRICT

An area renowned for its exceptional natural beauty, the Lake District provides the ideal retreat from the hustle and bustle of daily routine. Join us for a tour taking in some of the area's most stunning scenery. Join us as we make a magical scenic steam train journey, two lake cruises and a visit to the historic Holker Hall & Gardens.

YOUR HOTEL Cumbria Grand Hotel, Grange-over-Sands

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

TOUR PRICE

£585

5 DAYS

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave the West Country and begin our journey north, stopping for coffee and lunch en route and reaching our hotel with time to freshen up before dinner and an evening at leisure.

TUESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we journey through some of the most spectacular scenery you'll see anywhere in England. We make a short coffee stop in Kendal for coffee then continue north up the breathtaking Kirkstone Pass before arriving at Glenridding where we board a heritage steamer ship and sail the length of Ullswater. We re-join our coach and travel to Keswick for lunch and time to explore this charming town. We complete our scenic drive back to our hotel, with time to relax before dinner.

WEDNESDAY This morning we visit the market town of Kendal, known as the "gateway to the lakes" with its old buildings, quirky shops and numerous cosy cafes. Whilst here you may like to try the local "Kendal mint cake" – a staple of many mountaineering trips and time to enjoy a relaxing lunch, before we return to Grange Over Sands and Holker Hall & Gardens. The house and estate, handed down across three families from 16th century, to Lord & Lady Cavendish, the current owners. Discover exquisite rooms including the dining, drawing, billiards room and library, then up the grand staircase to the beautiful bedchambers. There is 25 acres of gardens and countryside with free roaming fallow deer towards Morecombe Bay, a café and gift shop. We make the short journey back to our hotel with time to freshen up before dinner.

THURSDAY Today we make our way to Haverthwaite to board a nostalgic steam train for a scenic journey to lakeside, the most southerly tip of Lake Windermere. From here we take a gentle boat cruise across Windermere, with refreshments available on board. We arrive in the delightful town of Bowness, with time for lunch in one of the many cafes and pubs, explore the town set back from the lakeshore and perhaps visit the World of Beatrix Potter, a homage to the popular author of children's books who loved the Lake District.

FRIDAY Sadly it's time to leave the Lake District and begin our homeward journey. With stops for coffee and lunch en route, we reach the West Country early-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Boat Trip on Lake Ullswater
- Entrance to Holker Hall & Gardens
- Train ride on Lakeside & Haverthwaite Steam Railway
- Boat trip on Lake Windermere
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £64.00
Travel insurance £36.00

Sunday 7th – Saturday 13th September



IRELAND'S WEST COAST – WESTPORT, GALWAY & ACHILL ISLAND

Ireland's West Coast is full of rugged scenery with peninsulas, ports and tiny islands. With traditional heritage and a rural, sparsely populated region with windswept mountains speckled with low stone walls and peat bogs, this corner of Ireland can definitely boast the most dramatic scenery of the Atlantic Ocean and Connemara National Park.

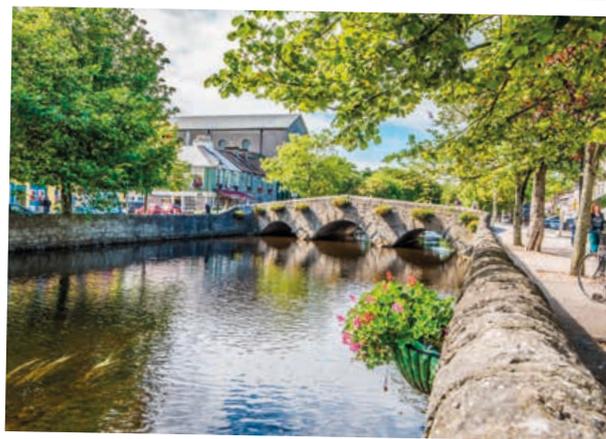
YOUR HOTEL **Castlecourt Hotel, Westport**

A fabulous 4* family run hotel with great facilities and entertainment. A lift serves all floors. All bedrooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, safe, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant offers a delicious evening menu and hearty Irish breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool and fully equipped gym. There is entertainment most nights including in-house quizzes and bingo.

TOUR
PRICE

£765

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 for coffee and lunch en route. We later make our way to our hotel in Westport, arriving with time to relax before dinner.

TUESDAY Join us today for a scenic day towards Connemara. Following the shoreline via Louisburgh for breath taking views of the islands and Croagh Patrick, Ireland's Holy Mountain. We continue through the haunting beauty of the Doo Lough Valley, a long lake by the Sheefy Hills and steep slopes of the Mwelere Mountains and to Killary harbour the start of Ireland's only fjord with miles of sheltered waters and splendid scenery. We enjoy a boat cruise with Irish coffee served on board, before rejoining the coach to follow the coastal road to the picturesque village of Leenaun, on towards the Connemara National Park. With a stop for lunch, we retrace our steps back towards the fjord, through more stunning scenery into County Mayo back to our hotel.



WEDNESDAY Today we enjoy a full day excursion around magical County Mayo and to Achill Island. We travel north-west, crossing the road bridge on to Achill – Ireland's largest island. A rugged, unspoilt and spectacular region dominated by the Slievemore Mountain that rises dramatically to the north, before we continue to Achill Sound and follow the narrow "Wild Atlantic Way" around the southern tip of Achill, with viewpoints and photo stops along the way, heading inland at Dooega, stopping for lunch at Keel. After lunch we rejoin the coach and drive to Keem with wonderful ocean views, a truly raw landscape on the edge of Ireland! We retrace our steps off the island and back to Westport.

THURSDAY This morning we enjoy an excursion to Galway City, famous for its maritime history and popular festivals. Whilst here you may like to walk along the Old Quays to visit the Spanish Arch and Claddagh, which pay testament to Galway's maritime past, or perhaps spend time to Eyre Square, a relaxing spot amongst a maze of streets with pubs, shops and cafes. With time to enjoy lunch, we return to Westport with the afternoon free to explore at leisure or make use of the hotel's facilities.

FRIDAY Sadly, we today leave Westport and make our way across Ireland, with stops for coffee and lunch on route, to our hotel in Wexford with time to settle and perhaps take a stroll into town before dinner.

SATURDAY After an early departure 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
- Boat Cruise on Killary Fjord
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £164.00
Travel insurance £88.00

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.

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



TOUR
PRICE

£1425

8 DAYS



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

Travel insurance £88.00

Friday 12th – Saturday 13th September



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, Limehouse**

A modern 3* hotel located in the centre London Docklands. All rooms are comfortably furnished with TV, telephone, 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

FRIDAY We leave the West Country and make our way east, with a coffee stop on route, before continuing to South Mimms Services where you will find a variety of restaurants to choose an early evening dinner. We then travel straight to the purpose-built ABBA arena at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, to enjoy a 90 minute concert like no other, which starts at 7.45pm 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 our coach at the end of the concert and make the short journey to our hotel.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £80.00
Travel insurance £35.00

TOUR
PRICE

£274

2 DAYS

Saturday 13th – Sunday 14th September



LONDON THEATRE WEEKEND OR A WEEKEND IN LONDON & WINDSOR

A weekend away with a choice ... On Saturday to see a top London West End Show **OR** explore the capital and on Sunday enjoy Royal Windsor. Take your pick from one of 11 top West End shows... Matilda The Musical, Phantom Of The Opera, Les Miserables, Mamma Mia, Tina Turner the Musical, Lion King, Back To The Future, The Curious Case of Benjamin Button, Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap, Titanique The Musical or Disney's Hercules (subject to availability - due to open summer 2025). Disney's Hercules is a brand new musical due to hit the West End summer 2025, based on characters from Greek mythological legend of Hercules who has to learn to use his strength to defeat a series of evil creatures" (All show dates correct at time of printing, but subject to change).

YOUR HOTEL **Holiday Inn, London Heathrow**

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

ITINERARY

SATURDAY We leave the West Country and make our way to London, stopping for coffee en route. You will either have time for lunch before enjoying the afternoon performance of the show of your choice **OR** spend the afternoon as you please... shopping, visiting one of the museums or exploring the many attractions London offers. Late afternoon, we all re-join the coach and travel to our hotel, with time to freshen up before dinner.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

TOUR
PRICE

FROM
£259

2 DAYS

LONDON
THEATRE
WEEKEND

LONDON &
WINDSOR
WEEKEND

£145

2 DAYS

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £36.00
Travel insurance £35.00

Saturday 13th – Sunday 14th September



GOODWOOD REVIVAL

Held in the immaculate grounds of Goodwood House, the Goodwood Revival is the only historic motor race meeting to be staged entirely in a period theme. Celebrating the best of iconic cars and fashion, rediscover the glamour of the halcyon days of British motorsport at the Goodwood Motor Circuit, together with vintage aircraft, vintage clothing outlets and period dancing stages from jive to lindy hop – there is something for all vintage lovers! **Please book early as this event sells out fast!**

YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn, Guildford

A 4* modern hotel. All rooms are ensuite and furnished with TV, hairdryer, air conditioning, tea & coffee making facilities and Wi-Fi access. The modern restaurant serves a fresh evening menu and generous buffet breakfast. There is a lounge bar, indoor heated pool, sauna steam room and fitness suite.

ITINERARY

SATURDAY After an early departure we leave the West Country and make our way, with a comfort stop on route, to Goodwood for the world's only historic motor race meeting with a vintage twist. See all the qualifying action today and famous faces from the world of motorsport past and present, race trophy awards, together with vintage workshops for dance, fashion and hair styling. Cross the Revival high Street with many shopping outlets to experience the entertainment and fairground attractions and the all-important Revival car Show with more than 5000 historic vehicles to browse and enjoy. With so many food and drinks outlets, you won't go hungry today! We leave Goodwood late afternoon and travel to our hotel for dinner.

SUNDAY After breakfast we return to Goodwood for another full day to continue exploring all the excitement of the weekend event, to enjoy a second full day at Goodwood Revival for motorsport enthusiasts of all ages. We leave Goodwood late afternoon and with a comfort stop on route, we return to our home area, arriving mid-late evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- 2 day ticket to Goodwood Revival
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £59.00
Travel insurance £35.00

TOUR
PRICE

£425

2 DAYS

Monday 15th – Friday 19th September



BLACKPOOL ILLUMINATIONS & THE LAKE DISTRICT

Blackpool... It needs little introduction! The Illuminations, the famous Tower, the Pleasure Beach, sand, shops, shows, trams... fun, fun, fun!

YOUR HOTEL Doric Hotel, Blackpool

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

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 popular seaside resort of Morecambe, with views across the bay, sandy beaches and flat promenade and stone jetty jutting out into the sea. The indoor market is held on a Tuesday with over traditional 80 stalls and the town centre is full of shops and cafes. After lunch we return to Blackpool with time to spend at leisure.

WEDNESDAY 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 which you can dance along to. Also 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.

THURSDAY 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.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

No Single Supplement (Max 5)
Subsequent Singles £80.00
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR
PRICE

£409

5 DAYS

Monday 15th – Friday 19th September



HIGHLIGHTS OF NORTHUMBERLAND

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

YOUR HOTEL Marriott Hotel, Newcastle-Gateshead

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

ITINERARY

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

TUESDAY After breakfast we make our way to the most northerly town in England, Berwick-upon-Tweed with its Elizabethan walls and ramparts, pier and lighthouse and wide variety of shops and cafes to enjoy lunch. We rejoin the coach and travel south to Holy Island (or Lindisfarne), where twice daily a narrow neck of land sinks beneath the North Sea, separating the island from the mainland. Made famous by St Aidan, St Cuthbert and the Lindisfarne Gospels, marvel at the 11th-century priory's magnificent arches – the only remains of the Celtic monks' monastery, visit Lindisfarne Castle and browse the gift shops.

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 Join us as we travel towards the coast to Bamburgh Castle which has stood guard over the coastline for more than 1400 years and is one of the UK's largest inhabited castles. Discover its fascinating history and legacy of the castle's inhabitants, with collections of suits of armour, and exquisite furniture and artworks. We return to our hotel, stopping for tea in the delightful bustling fishing village of Seahouses, on Northumbria's rugged coastline.

FRIDAY After breakfast we begin our homeward journey. With comfort stops en route, we reach the West Country early/mid-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Bamburgh Castle
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Entrance to Beamish Open-Air Museum
Single supplement £120.00
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR
PRICE

£495

5 DAYS

Monday 15th – Friday 19th September



KENT ... CASTLES & TRAINS IN THE GARDEN OF ENGLAND

Affectionately known as the "Garden of England", Kent is one of Britain's well-loved counties, with landscaped gardens, castles and grand country mansions. Join us as we discover some of the region's finest castles and in the famous white cliffs country.

YOUR HOTEL Mercure Great Danes Hotel, Maidstone

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

ITINERARY

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

TUESDAY Today we visit Dover Castle, rising above the white whites below, this might fortress has been a sight of royal intrigue and epic sieges and was part of the crucial effort to evacuate thousands of Allied troops from the beach at Dunkirk in WWII. Discover the secret wartime tunnels, the underground hospital, the Great Tower, stroll along the Battlement Walk and panoramic views across the channel. There are several places to eat & a gift shop to browse. We rejoin the coast and visit the Battle of Britain Memorial to honour the heroic men who fought in our skies in 1940 and explore the visitor centre and cafe.

WEDNESDAY This morning we visit the historic city of Rochester, famous for its association with the novelist Charles Dickens. Here you can see the Norman castle and splendid cathedral, and many shops and cafes to enjoy coffee. We continue to the city of Canterbury, with plenty of time to visit the cathedral and the modern shopping district with many cafes and restaurants.

THURSDAY After breakfast we travel to Tenterden Station to join the Kent & East Sussex Railway for a heritage train journey as we travel through the Rother Valley with countryside landscapes with rivers, fields and woodlands. We rejoin the coach at Bodiam Station and make our way to Scotney Castle, a fairytale medieval moated castle and Victorian country mansion within a picturesque garden setting. Explore the ruined castle, 19th century mansion and well-designed gardens. Enjoy lunch in the café and browse the gift and book shop.

FRIDAY Sadly we leave our hotel after breakfast and begin our homeward journey, stopping for coffee & lunch as we travel and completing our journey back to the West Country arriving early-mid evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Dover Castle
- Entrance to The Battle of Britain Memorial (free entry)
- Ticket for Kent & East Sussex Railway
- Entrance to Scotney Castle (NT)
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £100.00 (Max 5)
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR
PRICE

£515

5 DAYS

Tuesday 16th – Sunday 21st September



THE ISLE OF MAN

The Isle of Man lies in the Irish Sea between the UK & Ireland and is steeped in history. A unique self-governing kingdom, you're assured of a warm welcome and unforgettable scenery.

YOUR HOTEL Empress Hotel, Douglas

A majestic 4* hotel in prime position on the Victorian promenade overlooking Douglas Bay. All ensuite rooms have TV & hairdryer. There is a lift to all floors, please note the historic nature of the building requires some steps to be navigated, including to the entrance. Rooms with walk-in showers are limited and may incur a supplement. The restaurant offers a superb selection of evening meals and a generous breakfast.

TOUR
PRICE

£685

6 DAYS

ITINERARY

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

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

THURSDAY An excursion to the southern part of the island, to St John's for coffee and on to Peel with its lovely cathedral, for lunch and time to explore. As the island's main fishing port, and you may even see a seal or two. We continue to the island's southernmost point, with panoramic views across to the Calf of Man, before stopping in Castletown for tea with its narrow streets and tiny fishing cottages. The medieval Castle Rushen, once the home of kings and later government, still dominates the town's centre.

FRIDAY This morning we visit the Laxey Wheel, supposedly the largest working waterwheel of its kind in the world. It was built in 1854 to pump water from the mineshafts and named Lady Isabella after the wife of Lieutenant Governor Hope. (there is steep walk to the wheel). After lunch, we travel to the only Electric Mountain Railway in the British Isles, for a return journey to Snaefell. You will be transported through the beautiful Manx countryside, with a view of the Bungalow – a famous TT landmark. At the summit, 2,036 feet above sea level (and on a clear day), you may be able to see England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland all at once!

SATURDAY The morning is free to spend as you please exploring Douglas, the island's capital since 1863. Its seafront is lined with picturesque architecture & shops. After lunch, join us for an afternoon excursion to Ramsey, the second-largest town on the island with a pretty harbour. We return via part of the TT circuit, which boasts some of the loveliest views.

SUNDAY After breakfast, we make our way to the ferry for the return crossing to Heysham. We complete our homeward journey, with comfort stops en route, to the West Country early/mid-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 5 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to the Laxey Wheel
- Snaefell Electric Mountain Railway ticket
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £94.00
Travel insurance £44.00

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th September



LLANDUDNO & THE WELSH HIGHLAND RAILWAY

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

YOUR HOTEL Tynedale Hotel, Llandudno

We're delighted to return to this welcoming 4* hotel, located along the central promenade with sea views. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The hotel's restaurant serves a fabulous full Welsh breakfast and choice evening menu, and there is live entertainment each evening.

TOUR
PRICE

£595

5 DAYS

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave our home area and travel over the border into Wales, stopping for coffee and lunch en route. On arrival at our hotel, enjoy a cup of tea while your luggage is delivered to your room. There will then be time to settle in before dinner and our first evening of entertainment.

TUESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the harbour town of Porthmadog with time to browse the shops and enjoy lunch before we board the Welsh Highland Railway, Snowdonia's newest railway for a spectacular 25 mile scenic journey, hauled by the world's most powerful narrow-gauge steam locomotive. We ascend the steep hillside of Beddglert village, nestled in the heart of Snowdonia's National Park, zig-zagging our way up, then descending over 650 feet of the Snowdon foothills to the harbour town of Caernarfon with its 13th century castle walls. We rejoin our coach and make the short journey back along the coast to Llandudno.

WEDNESDAY The morning is free for you to spend as you please and explore Llandudno, known as the 'Queen of Welsh Resorts'. You may like to take a ride on the Great Orme Tramway to the summit on one of only three cable-hauled street tramways in the world. There is also a fine pier, over 700 metres long, attractive gardens, shops and restaurants. This afternoon we visit Conwy, medieval walled town with an imposing castle and lively quay, on which you will find what is claimed to be the smallest house in Great Britain!

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

FRIDAY Sadly we leave North Wales and make our way home, stopping for coffee and lunch en route. We complete our homeward journey back into England, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Welsh Highland Railway Ticket
- Entrance to Portmeirion Village
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement
Travel insurance £36.00

Saturday 20th – Saturday 27th September



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)
Travel insurance £88.00



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)
Travel insurance £138.00

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th September



A CUMBRIAN JOURNEY & CARLISLE TO SETTLE RAILWAY

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

YOUR HOTEL Crown & Mitre Hotel, Carlisle

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

ITINERARY

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

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

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

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

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £48.00
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£535

5 DAYS

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th September



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

We are delighted to repeat this popular tour, discovering one of England's last ancient forests and first designated National Forest Park in 1938. The natural beauty of this region has attracted writers, poets and artists through the ages, drawing inspiration from the natural elements of the land.

YOUR HOTEL Bells Hotel & Country Club, Coleford

A delightful 3* hotel in the heart of the Forest of Dean, with views across the golf course. All bedrooms are ensuite with TV, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a freshly prepared evening menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include a fitness suite and entertainment is provided on some evenings.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave our home area and stopping for coffee, we travel just over the border into Wales to Abergavenny for lunch. We complete our journey to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in and freshen up before dinner.

TUESDAY Join us today as we make our way to the delightful county town on Hereford, located on the banks of the River Wye. This compact city is full of black and white timber framed buildings and the cathedral which houses the famous 13th century Mappa Mundi, the largest medieval map of the world in existence today. With time to browse the shops, perhaps visit the Cider Museum for the county's "golden amber" and enjoy a leisurely lunch, we move on to Hay-On-Wye, the tranquil market town famous for its numerous book shops and antique stores on almost every street.

WEDNESDAY This morning we are joined by a knowledgeable guide for a tour of the Forest of Dean, to learn about the fascinating natural environment and discover the forest's hidden secrets. We make a stop for lunch in the Welsh market town of Monmouth, with its iconic 13th century gatehouse bridge and historic links to Henry V. This afternoon we board the Dean Forest Railway at Norchard Station, for a heritage railway return picturesque journey along the route of the River Lyd.

THURSDAY After breakfast we travel to Tintern Abbey Mill for coffee before being joined by a knowledgeable guide for a 2 hour coach tour of the Wye Valley and Tintern area, returning to the Mill for a buffet lunch and time to browse the craft and gift shop in the Old Mill, overlooking the River Wye. This afternoon we travel to Symonds Yat to board a boat for a leisurely cruise along the River Wye.

FRIDAY We leave our hotel and travel to the charming town of Ross-On-Wye, gateway to the Wye Valley. With time here to explore the town with its 17th century Market Hall and Tudor timber framed buildings, browse the shops and have lunch, we complete our journey home, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Guided coach tour of the Forest of Dean
- Ticket for the Dean Forest Heritage Railway
- Guided coach tour from Tintern Abbey Mill & 2 course buffet lunch
- Boat cruise on River Wye
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £80.00
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£499

5 DAYS

Mon 29th September – Fri 3rd October



AUTUMN COLOURS OF MID WALES & THE ELAN VALLEY

The majestic landscape of Mid Wales is dominated by the Cambrian Mountains, affectionately known as the 'backbone' of Wales, with rugged towering peaks and velvet slopes. Located in its heart is the Elan Valley, with a series of Victorian dams, reservoirs and conservation areas. Join us as we discover the beauty of this region.

YOUR HOTEL Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells

We are delighted to return to this 4* hotel, which prides itself on its warm welcome and hospitality. All rooms are ensuite with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and hearty Welsh breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, gym and lounge bar.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave the West Country and make our way to the market town of Abergavenny for lunch. We complete our journey to our hotel through the scenic Brecon Beacons, with time to settle in before dinner.

TUESDAY Join us as we make our way to the market town of Welshpool, for a coffee stop. We continue to Powis Castle, built as a medieval fortress and turned into a decadent home by the Herbert family from 1570. Furnished with beautiful tapestries, world-class paintings, furniture and a unique collection of Clive of India's South Asian objects, the interior reflects Elizabethan through to Edwardian periods. With views across the Severn Valley the exquisite gardens retain many original features including 17th century Italianate terraces and Edwardian formal garden. There is a restaurant, gift shop and plant nursery to browse.

WEDNESDAY This morning we travel to the coastal town of Aberystwyth, travelling through the Cambrian Mountains with sweeping bends, forest views and a summit of 1339 feet. Keep your eyes peeled for Red Kites, a bird of prey brought back from near extinction. Aberystwyth has castle ruins, a pier and harbour. The vibrant town is full of shops and cafes, and the seafront offers a mile long Victorian promenade and the oldest pier in Wales (built in 1864). The best vantage point is at Constitution Hill, with views from Preseli Hills to Snowdonia on a clear day, accessed by an electric cliff railway. With time for lunch, we join the narrow-gauge steam railway for an unforgettable journey along its 11 ¾ mile track, through the Rheidol Valley with spectacular views to Devil's Bridge.

THURSDAY Today we travel to the Elan Valley Visitor Centre where we are joined by a knowledgeable ranger for a guided tour of the Elan Valley reservoirs and surrounding estate. The valley covers an area of 70 square miles, where a series of dams and reservoirs provide water for the city of Birmingham. We'll see magnificent feats of Victorian engineering and learn about the history and construction of the dams, reservoirs, valley estate and conservation project work, as we experience the beauty of the region, and make stops for photographs along the way. With time for lunch in the visitor centre, we make our way back to Llandrindod Wells with the rest of the afternoon free to explore the town or make use of the hotel's leisure facilities.

FRIDAY We leave our hotel and make our way to the picturesque black and white market town of Hay-On-Wye. With over 300 bookshops, together with other shops and cosy cafes, you will have plenty of time to explore and enjoy lunch. We complete our journey home, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Ticket for the Vale of Rheidol Railway
- Entrance to Powis Castle & Gardens (Nat Trust)
- Guided coach tour of Elan Valley
- Estate & Reservoirs
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £48.00 (Max 5)

Subsequent Singles £120.00

Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£525

5 DAYS

Mon 29th September – Fri 3rd October



SINAH WARREN, HAYLING ISLAND ... WARNER BREAK

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

YOUR HOTEL Sinah Warren Hotel, Hayling Island

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

ITINERARY

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

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

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

THURSDAY Join us this morning as we travel to the tranquil market town of Winchester, capital of the Wessex kingdom of Alfred the Great. There are many interesting sights, including the cathedral and the Great Hall, which is home to King Arthur's round table. With time to enjoy lunch and browse the shops we return to our hotel with time to relax or continue to make use of the activities and facilities before dinner and a final evening's entertainment.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (max 3)

Signature upgrade £30.00 per person (max 5)

Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£495

5 DAYS

Mon 29th September – Fri 3rd October



TENBY & PEMBROKESHIRE

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

YOUR HOTEL Clarence House Hotel, Tenby

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

TOUR PRICE

£485

5 DAYS

ITINERARY

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

TUESDAY 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)
Travel insurance £36.00

Friday 3rd – Monday 6th October



A WEEKEND IN CORNWALL

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

YOUR HOTEL The Portbyhan Hotel, Looe

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

TOUR PRICE

£299

4 DAYS

ITINERARY

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

SATURDAY After breakfast we make our way to Mevagissey with its distinctive twin harbour and busy fishing port with daily catches of skate, lobster and plaice. Clustered around the harbour walls are quaint streets with galleries, cafes and shops. After lunch we visit the charming harbour port of Charlestown. Originally built in Georgian times to export copper and import coal, a delightful fishing village sprung up around the port with a mix of elegant houses and quaint cottages. Whilst here you may like to visit the Shipwreck Museum or wander down to the lovely quayside.

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

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Cornish Cream Tea on arrival
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No Single supplement (Max 1)
Classic River View (Twin or Double only) £30.00 per person
Superior Single River View with Balcony (Max 1) £60.00
Superior River View with Balcony (Twin or Double) £60.00 per person
Travel insurance £36.00



GRAND TOUR OF IRELAND

Ireland is a country that lends itself to touring, to experience the beauty of the landscapes, the friendliness of its people and the best of its attractions and landmarks. Join us on this popular tour as we discover the best that the emerald isle has to offer, in regions of both Northern & Southern Ireland.

TOUR
PRICE

€1195

12 DAYS

YOUR HOTEL Stormont Hotel, Belfast

A stunning 4* hotel on the outskirts of the city. All rooms are ensuite with TV, telephone, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and hearty breakfast.

YOUR HOTEL Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny

A charming 4* hotel. All ensuite rooms are served by a lift and furnished with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a choice evening menu and leisure facilities include an indoor pool and gym.

YOUR HOTEL Falls Hotel & Spa, Ennistymon

A delightful 4* hotel nestled in a wooded valley. All ensuite rooms have TV, telephone, hairdryer & tea & coffee making facilities. The Cascades Restaurant, overlooking the river, serves a delicious menu. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, jacuzzi and gym.

YOUR HOTEL Killarney Towers Hotel, Killarney

A fabulous 4* hotel in the heart of town. All rooms are ensuite with TV, telephone, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool and traditional Irish entertainment is provided in the hotel's lounge bar.

ITINERARY

SATURDAY We leave the West Country and make our way into Wales, on to Pembroke for the afternoon crossing to Rosslare. After docking in Ireland, we travel to our overnight hotel in Wexford for dinner.

SUNDAY After breakfast we travel north up the east coast passing through the Wicklow Mountains National Park, on to Dublin and further north through the majestic Mountains of Mourne, with coffee and lunch stops along the way. We reach our



hotel on the edge of Belfast, our base for the next two nights, with time to settle in before dinner.

MONDAY Today we are joined by a guide for a tour of the four quarters of Belfast city, passing many of the well-known sights including the Botanic gardens, Queens University, Albert's leaning clock and the waterfront. With time to enjoy lunch, this afternoon we visit the iconic Titanic Belfast Visitor Centre. Inside visitors relive the entire Titanic story from her birth, the fateful maiden voyage and her discovery on the seabed.

TUESDAY After an early breakfast, we leave Belfast and travel north along the stunning Antrim coast road, one of Ireland's most scenic coastal roads, and visit to the world-famous Giants Causeway – a series of volcanic stone columns surrounded by beautiful coastal scenery. There is a shuttle bus that runs from the Visitor Centre to the causeway for those who wish a closer look! We continue to the small village of Bushmills, home to the oldest licensed whiskey distillery in the world, for a late lunch, completing our journey to our hotel in Letterkenny, our base for the next two nights.

WEDNESDAY Today we discover the natural beauty of the north-west Donegal region. We begin our circular tour travelling through the northern end of Glenveagh National Park, under the shadow of the imposing Mount Errigal, Ireland's largest mountain. We make a stop for lunch at Leo's Tavern (included) in the picturesque village of Meenaleck. Here, Irish sensations such as Enya & Clannad started their musical careers! We later continue along to Dungloe (birthplace of Daniel O' Donnell) and along the edge of Lough Finn, on to Ballybofey, admiring the magnificent scenery of the Bluestack Mountains, before completing our circular tour back to Letterkenny.

THURSDAY We leave Letterkenny after breakfast and make





our way south, passing by Bluestack Mountains and making a coffee stop in the historic town of Donegal. We continue around Donegal Bay following the Wild Atlantic Way coastal route, stopping for lunch in Sligo, before completing our journey, arriving at our hotel in Ennistymon, our base for the next two nights.

FRIDAY Today we visit the glorious city of Galway (the City of Tribes) once a historic fishing village and now one of West Ireland's most intriguing places to visit, with medieval cobbled streets and colourful shop facades. The Latin Quarter is perhaps the most vibrant area of the city with many cafes and traditional Irish bars to enjoy a pint of Guinness and listen to folk musicians! Galway Cathedral is well worth a visit, on Nuns Island overlooking the River Corrib or perhaps you might like to take a sightseeing boat cruise around the bay.

SATURDAY We leave our hosts in Ennistymon and make our way further south, crossing into County Limerick, crossing the Shannon River and stopping at the pretty Irish town of Adare for lunch and time to explore. We continue along the coastal route following the Shannon Estuary past Foynes (famous for the first transatlantic flights to America), completing our journey to Killarney and our hotel and base for the next three nights.

SUNDAY Today is free for you to spend as you please. You may like to explore the classically Irish town of Killarney via a horse-cart ride (on the famous Jaunting Cars) or take a boat trip on the

nearby lake. A short bus or taxi ride away is Muckross House & Gardens, a 19th century Victorian mansion and one of Ireland's leading stately homes, on the doorstep to Ireland's oldest National Park. In the town you will find shops selling hand crafted goods, and many places to enjoy a relaxing lunch with the very best of Irish hospitality!

MONDAY Join us today as we experience some of Ireland's most magnificent and stunning scenery as we embark on an unforgettable tour around the spectacular Ring of Kerry. The route, a 179km loop that starts and ends in Killarney, passes through lively villages with bustling pubs, charming bookshops and pretty cafes. The striking coastline is overlooked by an enchanting amalgamation of hills, cliffs and lakes. We will stop for coffee, lunch and photograph opportunities on route ... so don't forget your camera!

TUESDAY Sadly it's time to say farewell to our hosts in Killarney and make our way east, with comfort stops on route, across Ireland's lovely countryside to Waterford, with time to explore the town and maybe visit the Waterford Crystal Visitor Centre before completing our journey our overnight hotel in Wexford, with time to relax before dinner.

WEDNESDAY After a final Irish breakfast, we leave our hotel and travel back to Rosslare for the return ferry crossing to Pembroke. We then continue through Wales, with a comfort stop on route, arriving home early evening.



PRICE INCLUDES:

- 11 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Guided Coach Tour of Belfast
- Entrance to Titanic Belfast Visitor Centre
- Entrance to Giants Causeway Visitor Centre
- Lunch & Musical Entertainment at Leo's Tavern
- Ferry Crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £324.00
 Shuttle Bus from Visitor Centre to Giants Causeway
 Entrance to Muckross House & Gardens
 Cart Ride/Boat Trip in Killarney
 Travel insurance £138.00

Friday 3rd – Monday 6th October



INDULGENT PLANES, TRAINS & AUTOMOBILES INCLUDING THE SILVERSTONE MUSEUM

Calling all plane, train and car enthusiasts! Join us for a tour to enjoy the huge collection of vintage vehicles at the Coventry Transport Museum, discover the heart of British motor racing at the Silverstone Museum, learn about the age of steam at the Didcot Railway Centre, and step aboard the last Concorde ever to fly and uncover a century of aviation history at Aerospace Bristol.

YOUR HOTEL Doubletree by Hilton Oxford Belfry, Oxford

A modern 4* hotel set within 17 acres of landscaped grounds. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, safe, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift at the hotel and ground floor rooms. The restaurant offers a delicious choice evening menu and generous breakfast. There's an indoor pool, spa, fitness centre & tennis courts.

ITINERARY

FRIDAY We leave the West Country and, with a comfort stop on route, we travel to the Coventry Transport Museum. Discover the largest publicly owned collection of British vehicles with captivating displays, 14 interactive galleries and highly immersive exhibitions which span over 200 years of automobiles. Enjoy 300 cycles, 120 motor-cycles and 250 cars and commercial vehicles, and perhaps experience the thrill in the 4D Land Speed Record Simulator (extra fee). There is a café on site for light lunches and snacks and a gift shop. Later today we rejoin the coach and make our way to our hotel, with time to settle in before dinner.

SATURDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the Silverstone Museum, a state-of-the-art visitor attraction set within a converted Second World War RAF hangar. Experience some of the most iconic of British racing machines from Silverstone's history, many of which are on loan to the museum. Learn about the history of the iconic racing circuit, since the first meeting on 2nd Oct 1948 from "Formula 1 Grand Prix", to sports car, bike and even truck racing! Learn about your racing heroes and explore the immersive exhibitions. Race a Scalextric Silverstone track or the 30 min race simulator ride (subject to availability on the day). There is an onsite café and all-important gift shop!

SUNDAY Today we travel to the Didcot Railway Centre for a Discovery Day visit to explore the 21 acre site of the Great Western Railway's living museum. Uncover over 200 years of railway heritage from Brunel's broad-gauge railway, locomotives and rolling stock, carriages and wagons, turntable, signalling centre and artefacts museum. Steam trains do not run on Discovery Days which allows you to get up close to the trains at close quarters. There is a café on site for lunch and refreshments and a gift shop for a souvenir of your day.

MONDAY We leave our hotel and travel to Aerospace Bristol to discover 100 years of aviation history including two world wars aircraft and influence. Learn about technological advances, the space race to modern day aircraft designing. With hundreds of exhibits to explore and step aboard the last Concorde "Alpha Foxtrot" the last of the supersonic passenger jets to be built and the last to fly, with a projection film show and fascinating memorabilia. Visit the conservation hangar and watch live restorations. Enjoy lunch in the café before we complete our journey back to the West Country, arriving early-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Coventry Transport Museum
- Entrance to Silverstone Museum
- Entrance to Didcot Railway Centre (Discovery Day)
- Entrance to Aerospace Bristol
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £105.00
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR
PRICE

£375

4 DAYS

Sunday 5th – Thursday 9th October



GUERNSEY

Lying close to the northern coast of France and bathed by the warm waters of the Gulf Stream, the island of Guernsey offers a truly unforgettable escape from the hustle and bustle of mainland Britain.

YOUR HOTEL St Pierre Park Hotel, St Peter Port

We are delighted to return to this luxurious 4* hotel, set in acres of tranquil parkland near a lake. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, telephone, hairdryer, complimentary toiletries and tea & coffee facilities. Many have a private balcony or terrace with views of the beautiful grounds. The restaurant offers quality cuisine and a friendly and relaxed atmosphere, and breakfast is served in the grand La Fontaine Suite overlooking the lake and fountain. The excellent leisure facilities include an indoor pool, whirlpool, sauna, gym, and beauty salon.

ITINERARY

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

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 Sausmarez Manor, with its magnificent gardens and Art Park. The island offers many inspiring walks along the 28.5 miles of cliff paths, and Castle Cornet – Guernsey's ancient royal fortress – is well worth a visit, as is the former home of famous French poet Victor Hugo. In addition, there's the German Occupation Museum, Oatlands Craft Centre and the Candle Factory, where you can make your own souvenir. You'll never be short of things to do and see, and the island boasts a number of restaurants and tempting tearooms. Dinner is served each evening at the hotel.

THURSDAY Sadly its time to leave Guernsey. Once again, a local coach or taxi will take you to the ferry port for the return crossing to Poole. On arrival, you will be met by a Blakes coach and driver, who will return you to your home area.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Coach transport to and from Poole
- Return ferry crossings
- Hotel transfers in Guernsey

SUPPLEMENTS:

Car hire on the island
Single supplement £208.00
Travel insurance £88.00

TOUR
PRICE

£725

5 DAYS

Sunday 5th – Thursday 9th October



THE VERY BEST OF CORNWALL

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

YOUR HOTEL Membly Hall Hotel, Falmouth

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

ITINERARY

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

MONDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the north Cornwall coast to the picturesque fishing village of St Ives. Wander through narrow streets with galleries, gift shops and cafes. With plenty of time to explore and enjoy a cosy lunch we continue to the southern coast, for an afternoon tea stop in Marazion, with views across to St Michael's Mount.

TUESDAY This morning we make our way to the Cornish peninsula of Lands End, surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean. With its cliff top trails and stunning coastal scenery, there is also a visitor centre, shops and the Lands End Bar & Restaurant. We rejoin the coach and travel back to Falmouth with time to explore and perhaps visit National Maritime Museum on the quay or browse shops in the High Street. This afternoon we board a boat for a special Fal River Cruise to see the Tudor Pendennis castle, historic houses, deep sided wooded valleys and plenty of marine wildlife. Re join our coach for the short journey back to our hotel.

WEDNESDAY This morning we make our way to Cornwall's capital city of Truro, where today the farmers market is held on Lemon Quay. You will also find an indoor pannier market and the impressive cathedral in the city centre, together with many shops and cafes. After a leisurely lunch we travel to the quaint harbourside village of Mevagissey, with its maze of narrow streets and small fishing boats, together with a small museum and aquarium. With time to explore and enjoy afternoon tea, we return to our hotel.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entertainment on some evenings
- Boat Cruise on the Fal River
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No Single Supplement (Max 5)
Sea View Room Supplement £100.00 per person
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR
PRICE

£465

5 DAYS

Monday 6th – Friday 10th October



DELIGHTFUL DORSET & THE NEW FOREST

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

YOUR HOTEL Norfolk Royale Hotel, Bournemouth

An elegant hotel located near Bournemouth Square, close to the gardens, town centre and pier and beach. 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 choice evening menu and hearty breakfast. Entertainment is provided on some evenings and leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave our home area and journey east, stopping in Dorchester for lunch and a chance to browse the shops. We continue to our hotel in Bournemouth, with time to settle in and maybe take a stroll along the cliff promenade before dinner and an evening at leisure.

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

WEDNESDAY Join us this morning as we make the short journey to the picturesque town of Poole, which boasts the second largest natural harbour in the world. After an early lunch we travel to Norden Station where we board a steam train for a nostalgic journey to Swanage, with time to stroll along the flat promenade and Victorian pier, and perhaps enjoy an ice cream!

THURSDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we take a tour across the New Forest, where ponies and cattle freely graze the land and wild deer can often be seen. We make a stop in Lyndhurst, named the "capital of the New Forest" by William the Conqueror in 1079. A picturesque, bustling, small town where you will find quaint gift shops, tearooms and thatched cottages, before continuing to the beautiful Exbury Gardens. Created by the Rothschild family in 1919, the gardens have a glorious glow as the autumn season approaches. Stroll through the gardens and ride the narrow-gauge steam railway and enjoy a relaxing lunch in the restaurant, before we return to our hotel to relax before dinner.

FRIDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we leave our hotel and begin our homeward journey. Stopping in Salisbury for lunch and plenty of time to explore this historic city. You may like to visit the cathedral ... with the tallest spire in England. There are numerous shops to browse and cafes & restaurants to enjoy lunch. We complete our journey, reaching the West Country early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Ticket for the Swanage Railway
- Entrance to Exbury Gardens & Steam Railway
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £36.00 (Max 1)
Subsequent Singles £60.00
Superior Room £28.00 per person
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR
PRICE

£455

5 DAYS

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 to the historic fishing port of Santoña where commercial tuna and anchovies are canned. The town centre has a backdrop of mountainous slopes and a wonderful sandy beachfront. With time to wander through its narrow streets and enjoy a morning coffee, we continue 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

Travel insurance £88.00

Monday 6th – Saturday 11th October



THE ISLES OF SCILLY

The Isles of Scilly sit 28 miles southwest of Lands End and enjoy an exceptionally mild climate. When you first arrive, you may not realise just how much there is to see and do! Each island has its own unique character and charm and offers its own treasure trove of adventures and experiences. There are a variety of beaches, and many different venues in which to enjoy the local cuisine.

YOUR HOTEL The Atlantic, St Mary's

You are always assured of a warm welcome at our chosen hotel, located in the heart of St Mary's, where the buildings are golden granite, the beaches are white, and both the coast and countryside are stunning all year round. All rooms are ensuite with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. Many enjoy uninterrupted views of the harbour. There is no lift at the hotel. The restaurant serves excellent menu with locally sourced ingredients.

ITINERARY

MONDAY After an early departure we make our way to Penzance where you will board the Scillonian ferry for the crossing to St Mary's, the largest of the Scilly Isles. There are restaurant facilities on board, and you may even see dolphins, porpoises or pilot whales on route. On arrival, your luggage will be taken to the Atlantic Inn and you will make the short walk to the hotel, where after settling in, the remainder of the afternoon is free to familiarise yourself with your new surroundings. An early evening reception from the hotel management will be followed by a delicious three course dinner.

TUESDAY – FRIDAY The hotel will organise a programme of events to help you explore and enjoy all that the Scilly Isles have to offer. This will include two days of planned itineraries including a guided walking tour of St Mary's and boat fares and entrances to Tresco Abbey Gardens. Remember to pack sturdy walking shoes. On the other two days you have time free to spend as you please, browsing the small selection of shops and exploring at your leisure ... or you may simply choose to relax, enjoy the scenery and beaches and do nothing else! Dinner is served at the hotel each evening.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £150.00 (Max 1)
Sea view supplement £50.00 per person
Travel insurance £44.00

TOUR
PRICE

£1095

6 DAYS

Monday 13th – Friday 17th October



JERSEY

Jersey has charmed generations of visitors – only 14 miles from the French coast, it has the continental flavour of France while remaining part of the British Isles. Although only a small island, Jersey has so much to offer ... sandy beaches, rugged coastlines, beautiful countryside and a wide variety of attractions.

YOUR HOTEL Runnymede Court Hotel, St Helier

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

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave our home area, after a possible early departure (time to be advised) and make our way east to Poole for the ferry crossing to St Helier. Upon arrival, you will be greeted by a local coach and taken to your hotel. The reception staff will welcome you to Runnymede Court Hotel and arrange your evening meal and breakfast times, provide information about hotel services and will be happy to help if you wish to hire a car, request bus timetables etc.

TUESDAY – THURSDAY Each day is free for you to spend exploring Jersey's wonderful coastline and inland attractions. Perhaps you'd like to visit the Jersey War Tunnels, parts preserved as they were left after World War II occupation. Other worthwhile attractions include the Living Legend, the zoo and Mont Orgueil Castle. We also recommend a trip to Corbiere Lighthouse with its stunning views which you can walk out to when the tide is out. A regular bus service operates on the island and is useful for visiting the many picturesque bays and harbours, or you may like to hire a car during your stay (the hotel can help with this if required). There are numerous venues on the island in which to enjoy coffee, lunch, afternoon tea and Jersey ice cream!

FRIDAY Sadly it's time to leave Jersey. You will be collected again by coach and transferred back to the ferry port for the return crossing to Poole. On arrival, you will be met by a Blakes coach and driver, who will return you to your home area.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Coach transport to and from Poole
- Return ferry crossings
- Hotel transfers in Jersey

SUPPLEMENTS:

No Single Supplement (Max 3)
Subsequent Singles £132.00
Travel insurance £88.00

TOUR
PRICE

£495

5 DAYS

Monday 13th – Friday 17th October



ISLE OF WIGHT

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

YOUR HOTEL Royal Esplanade Hotel, Ryde

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

TOUR PRICE

£515

5 DAYS

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave our home area, stopping for coffee on route and make our way to Southampton for the one-hour ferry crossing to East Cowes, and the short journey to Ryde and our hotel, arriving with time to settle in and maybe take a stroll before dinner.

TUESDAY After breakfast we make our way to the Old Village of Shanklin with its picturesque, thatched buildings, gift shops and Shanklin Chine, a deep gorge carved out by a stream. We later continue to the pretty village of Godshell – the most-photographed village in Britain, with its thatched cottages and 15th-century church, immaculate model village and many gift shops. There are also some lovely cafés in which to enjoy a cream tea (or a very large cream cake!).

WEDNESDAY Join us today as we take a wonderful circular tour of the island, along the picturesque west coast to Alum Bay. Whilst here you may like to take the chair lift down to the sea for the best views of The Needles or make yourself a souvenir with the multi-coloured sands found around the bay. After lunch we continue to Cowes, a famous yachting harbour with time to browse the shops, watch the many boats coming in and out and have afternoon tea.

THURSDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the St Mildred's Church at Whippingham, full of history with strong links with Queen Victoria. We continue to Osborne House, Queen Victoria's palace by the sea. Much more than a royal residence, it was also a family home, and as you walk through the Queen's bedroom, the nursery rooms and even the royal bathrooms, you're offered a glimpse into the royal family's life. There are acres of gardens to explore, Swiss Cottage, the royal playhouse to visit and a large restaurant & gift shop.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to St Mildred's Church with Introductory Talk
- Entrance to Osborne House
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 5)
Travel insurance £36.00

Monday 13th – Friday 17th October



BLACKPOOL ILLUMINATIONS & THE LAKE DISTRICT

Blackpool... It needs little introduction! The Illuminations, the famous Tower, the Pleasure Beach, sand, shops, shows, trams... fun, fun, fun!

YOUR HOTEL Doric Hotel, Blackpool

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

TOUR PRICE

£409

5 DAYS

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 popular seaside resort of Morecambe, with views across the bay, sandy beaches and flat promenade and stone jetty jutting out into the sea. The indoor market is held on a Tuesday with over traditional 80 stalls and the town centre is full of shops and cafes. After lunch we return to Blackpool with time to spend at leisure.

WEDNESDAY 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 which you can dance along to. Also 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.

THURSDAY 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.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

No Single Supplement (Max 5)
Subsequent Singles £80.00
Travel insurance £36.00

Monday 13th – Friday 17th October



AUTUMN TINTS OF THE NORTH YORKSHIRE MOORS

The Yorkshire Moors National Park is full of heather clad moorland and rolling valleys across to its glorious coastline, with the colours changing to their Autumnal hues at this time of year. Join us for an Autumn break to one of the most popular regions of North-East England, including visits to towns, cities and coastal resorts and the wonderful moorlands.

YOUR HOTEL Queens Hotel, York

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

ITINERARY

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

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

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

THURSDAY After breakfast we travel to the compact city of Ripon, steeped in history and heritage. Today is market day where you can browse the many stalls, or perhaps visit the medieval cathedral, the courthouse museum or wander through the town centre enjoy a relaxing lunch. This afternoon we visit 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.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Ticket for the North Yorkshire Moors Railway
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £94.00
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£465

5 DAYS

Monday 13th – Friday 17th October



AUTUMN COLOURS OF SHROPSHIRE & BEYOND

Shropshire is a beautiful county which shares a border with Hereford to the south, and Wales to the west, with wonderful rural countryside scenery. Autumn is one of the best seasons to see the landscape at its colourful best.

YOUR HOTEL Mercure Telford Centre Hotel, Telford

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

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave the West Country, with a comfort stop enroute, we make our way to Hereford, with time to browse the shops, visit the glorious cathedral and enjoy lunch. We continue to our hotel, with time to settle in before dinner.

TUESDAY Join us today as we enjoy an excursion to the market town of Leominster, the heart of the area knowns as the "Black & White Villages". Full of antique and curiosity shops, the town gives a fascinating insight into rural times gone-by. With a variety of cafes to enjoy lunch, we continue to the historic town of Ludlow with its medieval castle and 500 beautiful, listed buildings and plenty of tearooms to enjoy a cosy afternoon tea.

WEDNESDAY Join us this morning as we make our way to the market town of Llangollen, situated on the River Dee. With time to browse the shops, stroll along the Victorian promenade by the river and enjoy an early lunch, we board a boat for a spectacular 5 mile cruise on the Llangollen canal, with guided commentary, across the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, supported by 18 stone piers and magnificent views across the Welsh & English countryside. We rejoin our coach and make our way back to our hotel, with a stop at Ironbridge where you can see the world's first iron bridge, built in 1779, across the gorge.

THURSDAY This morning we travel to Bridgnorth, which is actually two towns, the High Town (with great views down) and the Low Town (with great views up), connected by the steepest inland funicular railway in Britain! With time to explore and enjoy coffee, we continue to the historic town of Shrewsbury, located on a loop of the River Severn. Here you will find many high street shops and cosy cafes to enjoy lunch, and you may also like to take a gentle boat trip along the river.

FRIDAY We leave our hotel and begin our journey home, stopping for lunch in Tewkesbury, with time to enjoy lunch and perhaps visit the ancient Abbey. We complete our homeward journey to the West Country, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £120.00
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£465

5 DAYS

Sunday 19th – Saturday 25th October



WONDERFUL AUTUMN COLOURS OF SCOTLAND

Autumn is perhaps the best time of year to visit Scotland, as the already stunning scenery is further complemented by a wild array of resplendent russets, and reds as the moors and woodlands put on their final show before the onset of winter. Join us for a special Autumn break in the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park region.

YOUR HOTEL The Winnock Hotel, Drymen

A comfortable & characterful 3* hotel with a 17th century coaching inn history, located in the heart of Scotland's first National Park. Each of the ensuite bedrooms are furnished with TV, telephone and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant offers a delicious traditional evening menu and hearty Scottish breakfast and there is a cosy pub lounge bar to relax in.

TOUR PRICE

£695

7 DAYS



ITINERARY

SUNDAY We leave the West Country and make our way north, with comfort stops enroute, to our hotel in Drymen, arriving in time for dinner.

MONDAY Join us today as we travel to the long fresh-water Loch Katrine in the heart of the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park, via the stunning Duke's Pass. We enjoy a 45 minute circular cruise from the pier with live commentary, wonderful scenery and wildlife. With time to enjoy lunch in the pier side café, we continue our scenic coach journey back to our hotel travelling via Trossachs and Callander with a stop for afternoon tea on route.

TUESDAY Join us today as we visit the Riverside Museum, located at the junctions of the River Clyde and Kelvin. Inside you will find a wonderful collection of transport and technology pieces which reflect the importance of Glasgow in building its heavy industries such as ship building, train manufacturing and engineering. Walk through bygone eras including the recreated cobbled Glaswegian streets of the 19th century or perhaps visit the nearby Tall Ship Glenree on the riverbank for a small fee. For those wishing to explore Glasgow, why

not catch the sightseeing bus for a guided tour which you can pick up right outside the museum.

WEDNESDAY Today is free to explore the village of Drymen, or perhaps take a local bus to nearby Balloch at the bottom of Loch Lomond. Here you can take a boat cruise on the loch, browse the shopping outlet at Loch Lomond Shores or visit the Sea Lie Aquarium centre.

THURSDAY After breakfast we make our way through an Autumnal wonderland, skirting the west side of Loch Lomond on our way to Arrochar for coffee. We then continue along the banks of the beautiful Loch Fyne, to Inveraray for lunch. Home to the Duke Of Argyll and a popular tourist spot with attractions including its famous jail, castle and Bell Tower. Enjoy a cosy lunch in one of the town cafes and stroll along the waterfront and admire the views across the loch.

FRIDAY We leave our Scottish hosts and begin the homeward journey south, with a coffee stop on route. We arrive at the Scottish border at Gretna Green for lunch and time to explore the visitor attractions and gift shop, before continuing to our overnight hotel in Lancashire, arriving in time to freshen up and settle in before dinner.

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



PRICE INCLUDES:

- 6 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Boat Cruise on Loch Katrine
- Entrance to Riverside Museum (free entry)
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £134.00
Travel insurance £44.00

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
- Travel insurance £88.00

Monday 20th – Friday 24th October



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

**TOUR
PRICE**
£535
5 DAYS

On a Warner holiday, you will understand what it means to be spoilt for choice; excellent accommodation, delicious food, great things to do and fantastic entertainment each evening. Thoresby Hall is a majestic 18th century Grade 1 listed mansion set in rolling parklands on the edge of Sherwood Forest.

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

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

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave the West Country and make our way to Warwick for lunch and time to visit attractions or browse the delightful shops. We complete our journey to our hotel with time to settle in and familiarise yourselves with your new surroundings before dinner and entertainment.

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

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

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

FRIDAY We leave our hotel after breakfast and begin our journey south stopping in Stratford upon Avon, with time to visit William Shakespeare's birthplace, browse the shops and have lunch. We complete our journey back to the West Country, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 5)
Signature room upgrade £30.00 per person
Travel insurance £36.00

Monday 20th – Friday 24th October



**WEST WALES &
CARDIGAN BAY**

**TOUR
PRICE**
£495
5 DAYS

Discover miles of unblemished coastline, beautiful beaches, charming villages and the splendid natural scenery of the Teifi Valley. Cardigan Bay is renowned for its clifftop walks and wildlife, and the warm waters of the Gulf Stream bring regular visits from dolphins, porpoises and seals.

YOUR HOTEL Cliff Hotel, Cardigan

We are delighted to return to this lovely 3* hotel with spectacular views of cardigan Bay. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to some rooms. The restaurant offers a delicious choice of dishes, and leisure facilities include an indoor pool, sauna & gym. Entertainment is provided on some evenings.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave our home area, with a comfort stop enroute, travel over the border into Wales and on to Carmarthen for lunch. We continue our journey to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

TUESDAY After breakfast we travel to St David's – Britain's smallest cathedral city. Named after the patron saint of Wales, it is built on the site of a 6th century monastery and has been a place of pilgrimage and worship for hundreds of years. The cathedral is well worth a visit, and there are many gift shops and cafes in which to enjoy a leisurely lunch. This afternoon we visit the little town of Narberth, the arts and crafts capital of Pembrokeshire. The independent shops offer everything from fine art to gourmet food, and the site of Narberth Castle is supposedly mentioned as the location of Pwyll, Prince of Dyfed's Palace.

WEDNESDAY Join us if you wish as we make the short journey into the centre of Cardigan to browse the shops, have coffee and relax and enjoy the views across the bay. After an early lunch, we make the short journey to Aberaeron, a charming regency town and seaside resort in Ceredigion, full of charming multi-coloured houses and an attractive harbour and quaint gift shops.

THURSDAY Today we travel north to the coastal town of Aberystwyth, with its ruined castle, Victorian pier and harbour. You may like to take a ride on the longest funicular electric cliff railway in Britain, where the summit reveals an amazing panorama that on a clear day extends as far as the Presili Hills to the south and Snowdonia to the north. With time to explore and have lunch, we return to the picturesque conservation village of Cenarth with its stunning falls, where salmon leap in the River Teifi.

FRIDAY After breakfast we leave our hotel and begin our journey south. With comfort stops enroute, we reach the West Country early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Live entertainment on 1 evening
- In-house entertainment on 2 evenings
- 1 hour use of spa facilities each day
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £60.00 (Max 5)
Travel insurance £36.00

Monday 20th – Friday 24th October



AUTUMN COLOURS OF THE PEAK DISTRICT

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

YOUR HOTEL Mercure Kenwood Hall Hotel, Sheffield

A former stately home, now a country house hotel, set in 12 acres of beautiful parkland. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift at the hotel. The restaurant serves a delicious evening meal and buffet breakfast and the lounge bar offers a cosy place to relax and enjoy drinks with friends.

ITINERARY

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

TUESDAY This morning we travel to the bustling market town of Chesterfield, famous for its crooked church spire. Explore the town centre with its black and white buildings, mix of shops and cafes to enjoy a cosy lunch. We rejoin the coach and continue to Matlock Bath, a picturesque village set in the beautiful gorge of the River Derwent, developed as a tourist destination for the Victorians. Whilst here you may like to take a cable car ride to the Heights of Abraham, with (weather permitting) breath-taking views of the village. At the summit there are two underground show caves, a cafe and gift shop. Other attractions in the village include a mining museum, aquarium and many gift shops & cafes.

WEDNESDAY After breakfast we visit Bakewell, a pretty market town with time to browse the shops and maybe enjoy some of the local Bakewell pudding! We rejoin the coach and make the short journey to Chatworth House, home to the Devonshire family for 17 generations. Discover the Painted Hall, State Rooms, grand bedchambers, library and sculpture gallery plus many other rooms filled with treasures, artwork and exquisite furniture. Outside wander through the gardens and grounds, glowing in Autumnal glory and complete your day with lunch in the restaurant.

THURSDAY After a leisurely breakfast we travel through some of the most stunning scenery the Peak District has to offer. We make a stop for coffee in the town of Glossop before travelling along Snake Pass to the natural beauty of Lady Bower Reservoir, to see the Autumn colours unfolding before us. We continue to the spa town of Buxton, the capital of the Peak District, for lunch and time to explore the elegant centre with its Opera House, Pump Room and Georgian architectural delight of The Crescent.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Chatsworth House
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £100.00
Matlock Bath Cable Car
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR
PRICE

£465

5 DAYS

Friday 24th – Monday 27th October



MYSTERY WEEKEND

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

YOUR HOTEL Mystery Hotel, Mystery Location!

A 3* hotel. All rooms are ensuite with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a freshly prepared choice evening menu and hearty English breakfast. There are lounge and bar areas to relax with friends.

TOUR
PRICE

£299

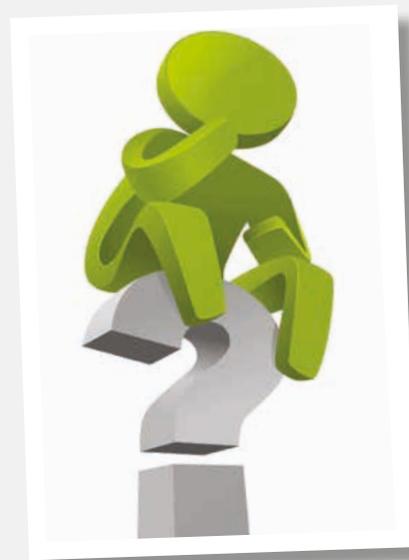
4 DAYS

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

No Single Supplement (Max 5)
Travel insurance £36.00

Friday 24th – Monday 27th October



ENTERTAINMENT BREAK ON THE ENGLISH RIVIERA

The English Riviera is a 22-mile stretch of outstanding south Devon coastline, renowned for its award-winning beaches, rocky coves, pretty villages and mild climate.

YOUR HOTEL Queens Hotel, Paignton

A modern, family-run 3* hotel just a few minutes' walk from the seafront. Each of the comfortable rooms is ensuite, with TV, and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors, the restaurant offers traditional cuisine and a hearty cooked breakfast, and leisure facilities include an indoor pool and games room. Entertainment is provided each evening.

ITINERARY

FRIDAY We leave our home area and make our way to Torquay, in the heart of Devon's English Riviera, with its iconic palm trees, busy harbour, international marina and an array of shops and restaurants. With time to enjoy lunch, we continue to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in before dinner and our first evening of entertainment.

SATURDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we make our way to the market town of Tavistock, with time to enjoy lunch and explore. Birthplace of Britain's great seafarer, St Francis Drake, the town lies on the southwest edge of Dartmoor National Park, and today is market day, with stalls offering a wide variety of products, from antiques to handcrafted gifts. We later continue to Buckfast Abbey, founded as a Benedictine monastery in 1018. The Abbey today is self-supporting, producing honey, vegetables and tonic wine. With time to explore and enjoy afternoon tea, we later return to Paignton in time for dinner and more entertainment.

SUNDAY Join us this morning as we travel to the picturesque marina resort of Dartmouth. Take a stroll along the quay and enjoy the array of yachts and vessels on the water, Dartmouth Museum offers a fascinating insight into the area's rich history and the town has many independent shops, and art galleries. Enjoy a warming lunch before we return to Paignton with the afternoon free for you to spend as you please. Dinner tonight will be followed by our final evening of entertainment.

MONDAY We leave our hotel and make our way to Teignmouth – a real hidden gem on Devon's southern coast, with a Georgian crescent, long promenade and sandy beach. The town is both a historic port and a classic holiday resort, packed with traditional seaside attractions including a Victorian pier. We complete our homeward journey arriving late afternoon.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 5)
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£255

4 DAYS

Sunday 26th – Wednesday 29th October



DISNEYLAND® PARIS

A place where dreams become reality and you can relive the joys of childhood. Enjoy the experience of fairytale characters, story-book charm and high technology at the Disneyland® Paris and Walt Disney Studios® park.

YOUR HOTEL Staycity Paris Marne La Vallee Apartment Hotel, Near Disneyland® Paris Resort

Come and stay at the recently opened, modern Staycity Paris Marne la Vallee at Disneyland® Paris, offering mini apartments with kitchenette facilities. The restaurant serves a full hot and cold breakfast buffet and with the option to eat in the restaurant in the evening or choose from any restaurants in the park itself. There is also a 24 hour Starbucks café bar on-site and outdoor heated swimming pool and fitness suite. There is a free shuttle bus service to and from Disneyland®.

ITINERARY

SUNDAY After an early departure, we make our way east, with a comfort stop on route to Dover, for the ferry crossing to Calais. We then continue to our hotel near the Disneyland® Paris Resort with time to settle in before choosing a restaurant for dinner. The energetic, may like to take the free shuttle bus to the Disney Village® to get a taste of America! There are many shops to browse in addition to a night-club and Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show.

MONDAY & TUESDAY Two free days for you to explore the two parks... and as our hotel is located near the Disney resort, you are free to spend as much or as little time exploring as you wish. The free shuttle buses run very regularly from the hotels to the parks (check timetables with the hotel). Each evening enjoy dinner at a restaurant of your choice in the Disney Village, or back at the hotel if you prefer.

Disneyland® Park has numerous rides for all ages, shows to watch, shops to browse and restaurants, all set out around four magical lands. Look out for the Disney characters as they wander about the park... don't forget your camera! There is also a Disney Parade each afternoon.

Walt Disney Studios® Park allows you to immerse yourself in the never-ending and always fascinating world of movies and television. Here you can learn how movies are made and catch a show or two. There are also rides, shops and restaurants... Oh! and don't forget to look out for more of those Disney characters as you explore!

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Lunch and evening meals
Travel insurance £78.00

TOUR PRICE

FROM £565

4 DAYS

Monday 27th – Friday 31st October



AUTUMN TINTS OF THE YORKSHIRE DALES

The Yorkshire Dales boasts some of the most spectacular scenery in Great Britain. But it isn't just a series of nice views – it is a living landscape brimming with a rich history, tradition and nature and the start of Autumn brings lovely rich colours to the mix.

YOUR HOTEL The Skipton Hotel, Skipton

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

ITINERARY

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

TUESDAY After a leisurely breakfast, this morning we visit the market town of Hawes. Today is market day and as well as traditional stalls there is a livestock market. Whilst here you may like to visit the Dales Countryside Museum, browse the shops and enjoy a cosy lunch in one of the town's cafes. We continue to the unspoilt market town of Kirby Lonsdale, where you will find the 14th century Devil's Bridge on the outskirts of town, the 12th century church and many shops and cafes for afternoon tea.

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

THURSDAY Join us today as we make a circular tour of the wonderful Yorkshire Dales countryside, stopping first in the small city of Ripon. Here you can stroll through historic Kirkgate with its quirky shops or see the beautiful cathedral with its original Saxon crypt, or maybe just enjoy a spot of lunch in one of the numerous cafes. This afternoon we continue our journey through more stunning scenery to the peaceful village of Grassington with its gift shops and tearooms for afternoon tea.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Boat Trip on the Leeds & Liverpool Canal
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £120.00
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR
PRICE

£545

5 DAYS

Monday 27th – Friday 31st October



AUTUMN COLOURS OF NORTH WALES & 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 of the Snowdonia National Park.

YOUR HOTEL Celtic Royal Hotel, Caernarfon

A 3* hotel located in the Welsh harbour town of Caernarfon. All bedrooms are ensuite with TV, Wi-Fi access, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to some bedrooms. The restaurant offers a delicious evening menu and generous breakfast using local Welsh produce wherever possible and the Summit Bar offers a place to relax in the evenings. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, steam room & sauna.

ITINERARY

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

TUESDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we make our way across Snowdonia National Park, as the dramatic and rugged landscape unfolds before our eyes. Bety's-Y-Coed is a picturesque village on the north-east side of the National Park, situated along the River Conwy and a village green, with delightful shops and cosy cafes in which to enjoy lunch. This afternoon we make our way across the Menai Straits to the Isle of Anglesey with an afternoon stop in James Pringle Weavers Woollen Mill shop in Llanfairpwllgwyngyll with the opportunity to pick up a winter jumper or two!

WEDNESDAY 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.

THURSDAY Join us if you wish for an excursion across the Snowdonia National Park to the peaceful town of Dolgellau with its quaint narrow streets and more listed buildings than any other town in Wales! With a history in the wool and tanning industries, Dolgellau's olde-world charm remains today. After lunch we return to our hotel, following the coast around Barmouth, with the rest of the afternoon free to explore Caernarvon. You may like to visit the famous castle, now a world UNESCO heritage site, and historic home to Edward I and his military fortress, or stroll through the town's narrow streets and stylish redeveloped waterfront offer an array of cafes to enjoy afternoon tea.

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 £120.00
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR
PRICE

£455

5 DAYS

Monday 27th – Friday 31st October



AUTUMN COLOURS OF THE LAKE DISTRICT

An area renowned for its exceptional natural beauty, the Lake District provides the ideal retreat from the hustle and bustle of daily routine. Join us for a tour taking in some of the area's most stunning scenery.

YOUR HOTEL Cumbria Grand Hotel, Grange-over-Sands

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

ITINERARY

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

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

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

THURSDAY After breakfast we make our way to Lakeside to board a boat for a gentle cruise across to Bowness, the "heart" of the Lake District. 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
- Boat cruise on Lake Windermere
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £64.00
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£485

5 DAYS

Fri 31st October – Mon 3rd November



BLACKPOOL ILLUMINATIONS

Blackpool... It needs little introduction! The Illuminations, the famous Tower, the Pleasure Beach, sand, shops, shows, trams... fun, fun, fun!

YOUR HOTEL Queens Hotel, Blackpool

A traditional 3* hotel located on the Promenade by the South Pier. Each comfortable en-suite bedroom is equipped with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious traditional evening menu and hearty breakfast, and the lounge bar provides entertainment each evening.

TOUR PRICE

£285

4 DAYS

ITINERARY

FRIDAY We leave the West Country and journey north to Blackpool, with stops for coffee and lunch en route. We arrive at our hotel late afternoon, allowing you time to settle in and begin exploring before dinner and an evening at leisure.

SATURDAY Join us if you wish for a morning's excursion to Fleetwood Market. Offering a wide variety of gifts, goods and produce, you're bound to find something of interest. The remainder of the day is then free to spend as you please enjoying all that Blackpool has to offer. You may like to visit the Tower Complex, which caters for all ages with its many attractions, including the world-famous ballroom where organists entertain throughout the day and you can dance along to. Also here you will find the Tower Dungeons and Sea Life Centre or take a trip 380ft into the sky to the top of The Blackpool Tower and experience the thrilling SkyWalk. There is also the Pleasure Beach with rides and shows for all ages, Madame Tussauds Waxworks, the Zoo, three piers and the shops... to name just a few!

SUNDAY Today is once again free for you to continue enjoying Blackpool's many attractions. After dinner this evening, join us if you wish for a full coach tour of the marvellous Illuminations.

MONDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we begin our homeward journey. Once again stopping for coffee and lunch en route, we reach the West Country early-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Full evening tour of the Illuminations
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £30.00 (Max 5)
Subsequent Singles £45.00
Sea View Room Supplement £21.00
Travel insurance £36.00

Saturday 1st – Sunday 2nd November



LONDON THEATRE WEEKEND OR A WEEKEND IN LONDON

A weekend away with a choice ... On Saturday to see a top London West End Show **OR** explore the capital over two days. 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, The Curious Case of Benjamin Button or Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap, Titanic The Musical or Disney's Hercules (subject to availability - due to open summer 2025).

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. Titanic The Musical is based on the award-winning film of Titanic which turns one of the world's greatest love stories into a hysterical musical fantasia, with laughter, drama and camp moments all wrapped up in the wonderful music of Celine Dion! Disney's Hercules is a brand new musical due to hit the West End summer 2025, based on characters from Greek mythological legend of Hercules who has to learn to use his strength to defeat a series of evil creatures.

(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 TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a generous buffet breakfast and evening dinner. Leisure facilities include a fitness suite.

ITINERARY

SATURDAY We leave the West Country and make our way to London, stopping for coffee en route. You will either have time for lunch before enjoying the afternoon performance of the show of your choice **OR** spend the afternoon as you please... shopping, visiting one of the museums or exploring the many attractions London offers. Late afternoon, we all re-join the coach and travel to our hotel, with time to freshen up before dinner.

SUNDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we leave our hotel and return to central London where you will have plenty of time to shop or visit one of the enormous choice of attractions. Two great ways to see the best of London's sites is via a bus tour or a river cruise along The Thames with 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 £36.00
Travel insurance £35.00

TOUR PRICE

LONDON THEATRE WEEKEND

£265

LONDON/WEEKEND

£149

2 DAYS

Saturday 1st – Wednesday 5th November



HOLLY & MISTLETOE, NORTH WALES

Llandudno – the premier resort of North Wales – is set along a wide, curving bay overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, with the magnificent mountains of Snowdonia as its backcloth. Join us for one of our popular festive breaks.

YOUR HOTEL Tynedale Hotel, Llandudno

We're delighted to return to this warm and welcoming 4* hotel, located along the central promenade with wonderful sea views. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The hotel's restaurant serves a fabulous full Welsh breakfast and choice evening menu, and there is live entertainment each evening.

TOUR PRICE

£545

5 DAYS

ITINERARY

SATURDAY (Christmas Eve) We leave our home area and travel over the border into Wales, stopping for coffee and lunch en route. On arrival at our hotel, Santa's little helpers will take your luggage to your room while you relax with afternoon tea and hot mince pies. A festive sherry reception with delicious canapés will later be served before a four-course dinner, cabaret entertainment and a late-night finger buffet!

SUNDAY (Christmas Day) After a leisurely breakfast we travel to Caernarfon, with time to visit the castle, browse the shops and enjoy coffee. We continue to Anglesey and the James Pringle Weaver Woollen Mill at Llanfairpwllgwyngllgogerychymdrobwillantysiliogogoch, before returning to our hotel in time for afternoon tea and Christmas carols. Christmas dinner will be served with all the trimmings and a complimentary glass of wine, followed by a visit from Santa, a second evening of entertainment and another late-night finger buffet.

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

TUESDAY (New Year's Eve) Today is free to spend as you please in Llandudno, with its fine pier, shops and restaurants. Afternoon tea is served in the hotel and this evening, the pleasure of your company is requested for the fabulous New Year's Eve celebration dinner, followed by a final evening of great entertainment, a fancy-dress parade (optional!), the results of competitions, and the singing of Auld Lang Syne... and of course another late-night finger buffet!

WEDNESDAY Back to reality! We leave our hotel after breakfast and begin our homeward journey to the West Country. With comfort stops en route, we reach our home area early-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Welsh Breakfast
- Afternoon tea on three days
- Late night finger buffet each evening
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement
Travel insurance £36.00

Sunday 2nd – Monday 3rd November



LUXURY IN LONDON

Have you ever walked past one of London's posh hotels and wondered what it would be like to stay for a night? Well, here's your chance! Join us for pure extravagance in London's illustrious West End.

YOUR HOTEL Hilton Waldorf Hotel, London

The exceptional Waldorf is superbly situated in London's heart, just five minutes' walk from Covent Garden. Each of the hotel's exquisitely-styled rooms are en-suite, with a raindrop shower, TV, hairdryer, mini bar and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The Homage Patisserie and Champagne Bar serves teas and fine coffee from early in the morning along with fresh fruit drinks, cakes and pastries, and the vibrant Homage Bar is the ideal place to mingle of an evening. The hotel's fabulous state-of-the-art health club includes a jacuzzi, sauna, steam room and gym, and the highlight is the 13.6 metre swimming pool surrounded by marble pillars.

ITINERARY

SUNDAY We leave the West Country and make our way to London, stopping for coffee en route. The remainder of the day is then free for you to spend as you please, perhaps shopping in Covent Garden or visiting one of London's many attractions & museums. You may also like to see a West End show, which has a Sunday afternoon performance or take a sightseeing bus tour or boat trip to see the best views and learn about the history of the city. After checking into our hotel, you also have use of the hotel's leisure facilities, before choosing a restaurant of your choice in which to enjoy a leisurely evening dinner.

MONDAY After breakfast, the day is once again free for you to spend as you please enjoying London's many attractions, or you may prefer to indulge in some early Christmas shopping. We leave London mid-afternoon and return to the West Country. With a stop for tea en route, we arrive mid-evening hoping you will have enjoyed your taste of luxury!

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £80.00
Travel insurance £35.00

TOUR
PRICE

£175

2 DAYS

Monday 3rd – Thursday 6th November



A LITTLE BIT OF LUXURY IN CORNWALL

Join us for a taste of Cornish luxury and hospitality in this 4* Brend hotel, with panoramic views across St Austell Bay. Enjoy all that Cornwall has to offer, with picturesque fishing harbours and its rugged coastline, for a relaxing autumn break.

YOUR HOTEL The Carlyon Bay Hotel & Spa, St Austell

A superb 4* hotel and one of Cornwall's finest luxury resorts, situated on the clifftop with stunning ocean views and set within 250 private acres. All contemporary bedrooms are ensuite with TV (inc Sky Sports), safe, hairdryer, robe & slipper use, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu freshly prepared by the hotel chefs using locally sourced ingredients, and sumptuous breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool, bubbling spa pool, snooker room, putting green, golf course & spa treatments (extra charge).

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave the West Country, stopping for coffee en route to Plymouth, with time to browse the shops and enjoy a relaxing lunch. We continue to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in and explore your new surroundings before dinner this evening.

TUESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the charming village of Mevagissey, with its twin harbour and busy fishing port and sheltered beach. There are many gift shops to browse and cafes to enjoy a cosy lunch. We return to our hotel resort with the afternoon free to enjoy the leisure facilities, or perhaps indulge in an afternoon tea.

WEDNESDAY Join us this morning as we visit the capital of Cornwall, the city of Truro, where today the local farmers market is held on Lemon Quay. Together with the usual high street shops, you will also find the beautiful cathedral and Royal Cornwall Museum in the centre. After lunch we continue to the heritage maritime town of Falmouth. Here you can explore the harbour, stroll through the town centre or maybe visit the National Maritime Museum with its fascinating exhibits.

THURSDAY Sadly, we leave our hotel after breakfast and make our way to Tavistock for lunch. We later continue our journey home, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

No Single Supplement (Max 5)
Single Sea View Supplement £90.00 (subject to availability)
Sea View Room Supplement £60.00 per person
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR
PRICE

£475

4 DAYS

Monday 3rd – Friday 7th November



SCARBOROUGH TURKEY & TINSEL

TOUR PRICE

£385

5 DAYS

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.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave the West Country and begin our journey north, stopping for coffee and lunch en route, and reaching our hotel with time to freshen up before dinner and enjoy a stroll along the cliff top.

TUESDAY (Christmas Eve) A full day to York to explore this magnificent city and enjoy the wonderful York Christmas Festival. Whilst here you may like to visit the imposing Minster, the Jorvik Centre with exhibitions of York's Viking past, the Chocolate Story, where you will learn about the city's connection to the sweet treat through three floors and even try your hand at creating your own chocolate souvenir! or the National Railway Museum to discover 300 years of railway history. Little Shambles is an absolute delight and there are many shops and cafes. Back in Scarborough, live entertainment follows dinner this evening.

WEDNESDAY (Christmas Day) The morning is free to enjoy the delights of Scarborough, one of Yorkshire's much-loved coastal resorts, with its dramatic cliffs and castle headland. Why not take the cliff lift, one of the UK's first funicular railways, down to Scarborough's lower level to explore the beach side resort and harbour area. 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 1)
 Subsequent Singles £45.00
 Superior Room £28.00 per person
 (subject to availability)
 Travel insurance £36.00

Friday 7th – Monday 10th November



IRISH COUNTRY MUSIC WEEKEND

TOUR PRICE

£349

4 DAYS

We are delighted to repeat this tour due to its popularity. Join us for a rousing weekend of Irish country music, brought to you by a variety of fantastic performers. Former years have seen performances by the likes of the Barry Doyle Band, the Finbarr Deneghy Band and the Dermot McConnell Family Band.

YOUR HOTEL Grand Hotel, Blackpool

A superbly modern hotel with views out over the famous promenade. A superbly modern hotel with views out over the famous promenade. All rooms are en-suite, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves traditional cuisine and a hearty breakfast, while the stylish lounge offers a restful area in which to enjoy a drink. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, gym and spa.

ITINERARY

FRIDAY We leave the West Country and journey north to Blackpool. With stops for coffee and lunch on route, we reach our hotel mid-afternoon, allowing you plenty of time to settle in and begin exploring before dinner and our first night of Irish entertainment. Sit back and allow tonight's band to entertain you with their superb vocal harmonies.

SATURDAY Join us today, if you wish, for an excursion to the beautiful Lake District town of Kendal, with time to browse the shops, perhaps try some of the local Kendal Mint Cake and enjoy a cosy lunch. We later return to our hotel for an afternoon of Irish music, followed by dinner and another night of top class Irish musical entertainment.

SUNDAY This morning we travel the short distance to the popular seaside resort of Southport, with its stunning architecture, unspoilt coastline and one of the oldest piers in the UK. It is rumoured that Napoleon remodelled parts of Paris after visiting Southport in the mid-19th century. Enjoy an early lunch before we return to our hotel for this afternoon's entertainment. Dinner this evening will be followed by a final evening of foot stomping traditional Irish music, marking the end of a wonderful weekend.

MONDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we begin our homeward journey. With stops for coffee and lunch on route, we reach the West Country early-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Irish country music on 3 nights and 2 afternoons
- 2 Vouchers per night on selected bar drinks
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £70.00
 Travel insurance £36.00

Friday 7th – Monday 10th November



FALMOUTH TURKEY & TINSEL

Falmouth is Cornwall's leading south coast resort, and home to maritime heritage. It boasts a beautiful sheltered harbour and has been a flourishing port for over 400 years.

YOUR HOTEL **Memby Hall Hotel, Falmouth**

A lovely hotel in one of Cornwall's most picturesque regions, occupying a seafront position with splendid views. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, telephone, hairdryer, tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors and the restaurant offers an excellent choice menu, often using Cornish farm produce. Leisure facilities include sauna and spa, and entertainment is provided each evening.

TOUR
PRICE

£265

4 DAYS

ITINERARY

FRIDAY (Christmas Eve) We leave our home area and make our way to Plymouth with time to enjoy a warming lunch and browse the shops. We complete our journey to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in before a welcome drink reception and evening dinner, followed by this evening's light entertainment.

SATURDAY (Christmas Day) After a leisurely breakfast and a visit from Father Christmas, we make the short journey to Truro, Cornwall's capital city. Here you will have plenty of time to browse the many shops or visit the farmer's market, offering fresh, quality produce direct from local producers. You may also like to visit the impressive triple-spined cathedral. After lunch, we return to Falmouth where you will have the afternoon free to stroll along the seafront, explore the attractions, including the National Maritime Museum and Pendennis Castle or relax and enjoy the stunning views from the comfort of our hotel. Dinner this evening will be followed by another night of entertainment.

SUNDAY (New Year's Eve) This morning we enjoy a coastal drive through Penzance to the pretty fishing village of St Ives, a typical English seaside resort with picturesque harbour and seafront, with many delightful gift shops. There is also the Barbara Hepworth Museum and the Tate Gallery, which together celebrate the work of a group of young painters, potters and sculptors. You will also find some lovely cafes to enjoy lunch. We return to Falmouth with time to relax before dinner and our final evening of entertainment to see the "New Year" in!

MONDAY Back to reality! This morning we leave our hotel and begin our homeward journey, stopping for lunch at Endsleigh Garden Centre, which is full of great Christmas gift inspiration. We complete our homeward journey, arriving early-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 6)
Sea view room supplement £60.00 per person
Travel insurance £36.00

Friday 7th – Monday 10th November



WEYMOUTH TURKEY & TINSEL

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

YOUR HOTEL **Crown Hotel, Weymouth**

A 3* hotel, as recently awarded by AA inspectors, this characterful former Georgian Coaching Inn is located close to the town centre, harbour and beach. Each of the comfortably furnished en-suite bedrooms has a TV, telephone and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a freshly prepared evening menu and hearty breakfast.

TOUR
PRICE

£285

4 DAYS

ITINERARY

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

SATURDAY (Christmas Day) After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the county town of Dorchester. There is a wealth of history to explore and some lovely shops with Christmas gift ideas to choose from. With time for lunch, we return to Weymouth with the afternoon free to stroll around the harbour or beach promenade, or perhaps enjoy afternoon tea in a local café. This evening we enjoy a candlelit Christmas dinner with party hats and crackers to set the festive scene! Father Christmas makes a visit with a gift for those who have been good this year! The evening continues with bingo, music, dancing and singing until late.

SUNDAY (New Year's Eve) This morning we make our way to the delightful town of Poole with its indoor shopping centre. You may prefer to wander along to the old town and the scenic harbour – the second largest natural harbour in the world. After lunch we return to Weymouth with time to relax before a final evening with a candlelit Hogmanay Dinner with complimentary glass of wine. Party night follows with optional fancy dress and singing and dancing until late, when we see the New Year in with a glass of bubbly and a festive mince pie and a chorus of Auld Lang Syne!

MONDAY Back to reality! This morning, we leave our hotel and begin our homeward journey, with a lunch stop at Otter Nurseries and their well-stocked shop full of Christmas gift ideas. We arrive in our home area late afternoon/early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 5)
Subsequent Singles £60.00 (subject to availability)
Travel insurance £36.00

Sunday 9th – Monday 10th November



Illustration only

BEAUTIFUL BATH WITH AFTERNOON TEA IN THE PUMP ROOM

The beautiful Georgian city of Bath is known for its historic Roman spa and home of Jane Austen. Enjoy a sumptuous afternoon tea in the stunning setting of the Pump Room, one of the finest backdrops for high tea in Bath.

YOUR HOTEL Hampton By Hilton Hotel, Bath

A luxurious 4* hotel, centrally located within walking distance of Bath's main attractions and shopping centre. All contemporary rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. A lift serves all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious hot & cold buffet breakfast.

TOUR PRICE

£199

2 DAYS

ITINERARY

SUNDAY We travel to the beautiful city of Bath, famous for its exquisite 18th century Georgian architecture. You may like to visit the Jane Austen Centre and learn about her life, novels and connection to the city, or the Thermal Bath Spa and take a dip in the refreshing warm waters of the famous rooftop pool. Take a stroll along the iconic Royal Crescent, with its sweeping curved terrace of honey coloured Georgian town houses or explore the city in greater depth on a sightseeing tour bus, or perhaps a leisurely boat trip down the River Avon. With numerous shops, boutiques and cafes, there is much to see and do, before choosing a restaurant of your choice for dinner tonight.

MONDAY The morning is free for you to continue exploring the city of Bath before we enjoy a sumptuous afternoon tea at the Pump Room in one of the city's most elegant restaurants. Indulge in a selection of delicate sandwiches, scones with cream and jam, freshly made cakes and pastries, all served with a traditional pot of English tea or freshly brewed coffee. We later make our way back to our home area, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Bed & Breakfast
- Afternoon tea at the Pump Room
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single Supplement £65.00
Travel insurance £35.00

Monday 10th – Friday 14th November



GREAT YARMOUTH TURKEY & TINSEL & THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

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YOUR HOTEL New Beach Hotel, Great Yarmouth

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

TOUR PRICE

£425

5 DAYS

ITINERARY

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

TUESDAY (Christmas Eve) After a very leisurely breakfast we travel to Thursford for the afternoon performance of the Christmas Spectacular. On arrival there will be time to browse the beautiful shops, full of festive gifts and Christmas Fayre. Then take your seat for an extravaganza of non-stop singing, dancing, music, humour and variety, a celebration of the festive season featuring a mix of seasonal and year-round favourites. With a coast of 130, this is the biggest Christmas Show of its kind in Europe ... you won't be disappointed! We return to our hotel for evening dinner.

WEDNESDAY (Christmas Day) After breakfast we travel to Wroxham, a beautiful town considered to be the capital of the Norfolk Broads. With time to browse the shops and enjoy coffee, we return to our hotel for a traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, and a special visit from Santa! This afternoon you may like to take a stroll along the seafront or visit the Sea Life Centre to work up an appetite for a festive Christmas party and entertainment tonight.

THURSDAY (Boxing Day) Today we visit the city of Norwich with its splendid Norman Cathedral and castle, built over 900 years ago, now a museum and gallery. There are many shops to browse and do some Christmas shopping, and cafes to enjoy a warming lunch. We return to our hotel for our final evening dinner followed by a fabulous fancy dress party (optional!) with prizes, dancing and entertainment.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Lunch on 1 day
- Thursford Christmas Spectacular ticket
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single Supplement £36.00 (Max 2)
Subsequent Singles £60.00
Sea View Room Supplement £28.00 per person
Travel insurance £36.00

Monday 10th – Friday 14th November



EASTBOURNE TURKEY & TINSEL

What better way to beat the winter blues than to visit Eastbourne, one of the most elegant British resorts.

YOUR HOTEL York House Hotel, Eastbourne

A magnificent Victorian 3* hotel ideally located on the seafront and a short stroll from the pier and town centre. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, telephone, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious traditional evening menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated swimming pool.

TOUR PRICE

£365

5 DAYS

ITINERARY

MONDAY (Christmas Eve) We leave the West Country and make our way east, stopping for coffee and lunch on route, to our hotel, with afternoon tea and biscuits in the lounge and time to settle in before dinner followed by in-house entertainment of bingo or quiz.

TUESDAY (Christmas Day) Join us today as we make our way west, via Beachy Head and some stunning views, to Brighton. With plenty of time to explore the city's wealth of attractions including the spectacular Royal Pavilion with its distinctive onion domes which house impressive pieces of art. Or perhaps you'd prefer to explore The Lanes – Brighton's historic quarter which is a maze of narrow alleyways lined with independent boutiques, antique shops and elegant arcades. We return to our hotel for afternoon tea with Christmas cake, followed later by a traditional Christmas Dinner and a visit from Santa with a small gift, and music and dancing until late.

WEDNESDAY (Boxing Day) After breakfast we travel to the charming market town of Alfriston on the River Cuckmere, once the haunt of smugglers, with its delightful gift and craft shops. We return to Eastbourne to enjoy lunch in one of its many cafes or restaurants and stroll along the seafront. Afternoon tea and mince pies is served at the hotel, and tonight, music and dancing follows dinner.

THURSDAY (New Year's Eve) Join us for a morning excursion through the seaside resort of Hastings to the old cinque port of Ancient Rye. Here you'll discover a host of unusual shops selling antiques, collectors' books and records, along with many art galleries showcasing the work of local artists, with exhibitions throughout the year. After lunch we return to our hotel for afternoon tea with biscuits, followed by dinner with music and dancing until late.

FRIDAY Back to reality! This morning, we leave Eastbourne and begin our journey home, stopping for coffee and lunch on route. We arrive back in the West Country early evening.

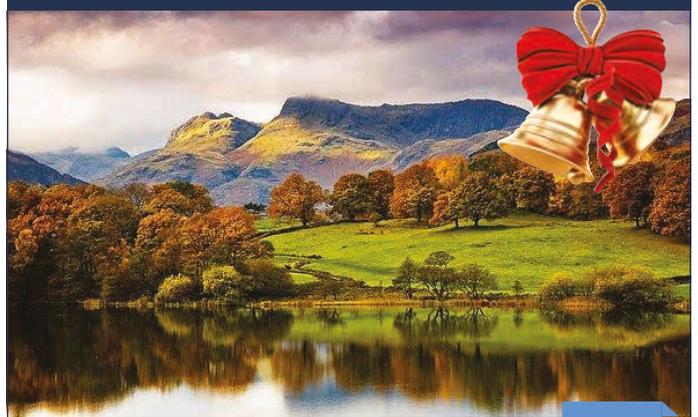
PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entertainment each evening
- Afternoon Tea on 4 days
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £80.00 (Max 5)
Travel insurance £36.00

Monday 10th – Friday 14th November



THE LAKE DISTRICT TURKEY & TINSEL

Join us on a festive tour through the Lake District National Park – an area renowned for its exceptional natural beauty – away from the hustle and bustle of the busy tourist season.

YOUR HOTEL Cumbria Grand Hotel, Grange-over-Sands

A delightful 3* Victorian hotel ideally situated within the Lake District National Park in its own peaceful, private wooded grounds and enjoying views across Morecambe Bay. All rooms are en-suite with TV, radio, telephone, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a freshly prepared chef's menu and festive entertainment is provided each evening.

TOUR PRICE

£375

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 ample time to settle in before dinner and an evening of light entertainment.

TUESDAY (Christmas Eve) Join us this morning for a tour of some of the most stunning scenery seen anywhere in England as we travel up the Kirkstone Pass (weather permitting) and along Ullswater to Keswick for lunch. We return via the pretty village of Grasmere. Why not grab your quiz form at reception and test your knowledge, before a delicious carvery dinner this evening, followed by another evening of entertainment.

WEDNESDAY (Christmas Day) This morning we make our way to Kendal, with time to browse the shops and enjoy a warming lunch. We continue to picturesque Ambleside, with a stop at Hayes Garden Centre which has a wonderful Christmas shop and gift ideas... as well as a café serving afternoon tea and cake! We complete our circular tour past Conistown Water, with time to rest before a traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, followed by hot mince pies and tea & coffee, then an evening of light entertainment.

THURSDAY (New Year's Eve) After a leisurely breakfast we make the short journey to Bowness on Windermere, the 'heart' of the Lake District, and a town with many gift shops and cafés. Whilst here you may like to take a circular cruise on the lake or visit the nearby World of Beatrix Potter Attraction in which all 23 Tales are brought to life in a magical indoor recreation of the Lakeland countryside. With time to explore this and enjoy lunch, we return to Grange-over-Sands with the afternoon free to spend as you please before our final evening meal and entertainment to celebrate and see the "New Year" in!

FRIDAY Back to reality! We leave the Lake District and begin our journey south. With comfort stops en route, we reach the West Country early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £64.00
Boat trip on Lake Windermere
Entrance to the World of Beatrix Potter
Travel insurance £36.00

Wednesday 12th – Friday 14th November



CHRISTMAS AT CHATSWORTH HOUSE

Chatsworth House is set in the heart of the Peak District National Park, near the River Derwent with stunning views over its extensive parkland. It is also famous for its festive family atmosphere where, each year, the state rooms are carefully decorated and garlanded with a festive theme, as the lower floors of the house are transformed into a seasonal delight of colour and twinkling fairy lights.

YOUR HOTEL **Mercure Kenwood Hall Hotel, Sheffield**

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

ITINERARY

WEDNESDAY We leave the West Country and make our way north with comfort stops on route, to the charming city of Worcester. Here you will find the famous Porcelain Museum, with the world's largest collection of Worcester porcelain. There is also a fine cathedral, which overlooks the River Severn, which houses the tomb of King John. You may also like to browse the shops for Christmas gifts and enjoy a warming lunch in one of the city's various cafes. We complete our journey to our hotel, arriving with time to freshen up before dinner.

THURSDAY After breakfast we make our way to Bakewell, a pretty market town, with time to browse the shops and maybe enjoy some of the famous Bakewell pudding. We continue to Chatsworth House set in the heart of the Peak District National Park. Each year the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire invite visitors from around the world into their home, as the beautiful interiors of the State Rooms are transformed into a Christmas wonderland. As well as viewing the exquisite interiors, you may like to buy some unusual Christmas gifts from the shop or visit the farm shop with local Derbyshire produce. Weather permitting, you may also like to wander through the 1000 acres of magnificent gardens, parkland and grounds landscaped by Capability Brown, with remarkable fountains and water features.

FRIDAY We leave the hotel after breakfast and make our way south, to Trentham Shopping Village where you will find a collection of carefully selected shops offering a range of products from fine furniture to contemporary art and clothing accessories. You'll discover some familiar popular brands such as Joules and Thorntons, as well as some popular brands of pottery for Christmas gifts, such as Royal Worcester and Portmeirion. With time to browse and enjoy lunch, we complete our journey back in the West Country early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 2 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Chatsworth House at Christmas
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £50.00
Travel insurance £35.00

TOUR PRICE

£255

3 DAYS

Friday 14th – Monday 17th November



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ITINERARY

FRIDAY We leave the West Country and make our way east, with stops for coffee and lunch en route, to Great Yarmouth and our hotel, arriving in time to freshen up before dinner and our first evening of music, dancing and entertainment.

SATURDAY (Christmas Day) This morning we visit the city of Norwich with its splendid Norman cathedral and castle, built over 900 years ago, now a museum and gallery. There are many shops to browse and search for Christmas gifts, and cafes to enjoy a warming lunch. We return to Great Yarmouth with the afternoon free, maybe take a stroll along the seafront or visit the Sea Life Centre, or just relax in the hotel. Tonight, Christmas dinner with all the trimmings is served, followed by another evening of dancing and festive entertainment.

SUNDAY (New Year's Eve) After a very leisurely breakfast we travel to Thursford for the afternoon performance of the Christmas Spectacular. On arrival there will be time to browse the beautiful shops, full of festive gifts and Christmas Fayre. Then take your seat for an extravaganza of non-stop singing, dancing, music, humour and variety, a celebration of the festive season featuring a mix of seasonal and year-round favourites. With a coast of 130, this is the biggest Christmas Show of its kind in Europe ... you won't be disappointed! We return to our hotel for evening dinner and a party night with optional fancy dress and musical entertainment.

MONDAY Back to reality! We leave our hotel and begin our homeward journey. With comfort stops en route, we reach the West Country early-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Thursford Christmas Spectacular ticket
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single Supplement £27.00 (Max 1)
Subsequent Singles £45.00
Sea View Room Supplement £21.00 per person
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£340

4 DAYS

Friday 14th – Monday 17th November



THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

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YOUR HOTEL **Mercure Hotel, Norwich**

A superb 4* hotel located on the outskirts of the city of Norwich. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is no lift, but ground floor rooms are available. The restaurant serves a delicious home cooked menu.

ITINERARY

FRIDAY We leave the West Country and with a coffee stop en route, make our way to Stratford-upon-Avon, with time to browse the shops and enjoy lunch. We complete our journey to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

SATURDAY After a very leisurely breakfast we travel to Thursford for the afternoon performance of the Christmas Spectacular. On arrival there will be time to enjoy lunch, browse the beautiful shops, full of festive gifts and Christmas Fayre. Then take your seat for an extravaganza of non-stop singing, dancing, music, humour and variety, a celebration of the festive season featuring a mix of seasonal and year-round favourites. With a cast of 130 this is the biggest Christmas show of its kind in Europe... you won't be disappointed!

SUNDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to Bury St Edmunds, a beautiful and busy market town, with plenty of time to visit the cathedral, browse the shops and enjoy a leisurely lunch. We return to Norwich with time here to explore and have tea.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Thursford Christmas Spectacular ticket
- All coach travel

TOUR PRICE

£369

4 DAYS

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £75.00 (Max 5)
Travel insurance £36.00

Saturday 15th – Sunday 16th November



ABBA VOYAGE

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

YOUR HOTEL **Holiday Inn Express, Limehouse**

A modern 3* hotel located in the centre London Docklands. All rooms are comfortably furnished with TV, telephone, 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, before continuing to South Mimms Services where you will find a variety of restaurants to choose an early evening dinner. We then travel straight to the purpose-built ABBA arena at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, to enjoy a 90 minute concert like no other, which starts at 7.45pm 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 our coach at the end of the concert and make the short journey 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. With many restaurants, cafes and pubs to enjoy lunch, we rejoin the coach this afternoon and begin our journey home. With a comfort stop on route, we arrive back in the West Country mid-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

TOUR PRICE

£274

2 DAYS

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £80.00
Travel insurance £35.00

Saturday 15th – Sunday 16th November



LONGLEAT'S FESTIVAL OF LIGHT & WINCHESTER CHRISTMAS MARKET

Grab your woolly hat and enjoy the festive experience at Longleat this winter. Marvel at the amazing lanterns and see your favourite characters come to life – transformed for the season into a veritable winter wonderland at the original lantern light experience of over 1000 light installations ... 2025 theme not yet announced!

YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn Salisbury-Stonehenge, Nr Salisbury

A modern 4* hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee-making facilities. There is a lift at the hotel. The restaurant offers a freshly evening menu and generous hot and cold buffet breakfast.

ITINERARY

SATURDAY We leave our home area, with a comfort stop on route and travel to Winchester. Here you will find the glorious cathedral quarter in the ancient Anglo-Saxon capital, plus many of the usual high street shops full of Christmas gift ideas and restaurants to enjoy coffee and a warming lunch, and the cathedral open to visitors. Late afternoon, we make the short journey to our hotel, with time to settle in before dinner and an evening at leisure.

SUNDAY After a leisurely breakfast we leave our hotel and make our way to Longleat. On arrival, join us if you wish for a coach tour through the safari park, as we drive past lions, tigers, cheetahs, giraffes, Anne the elephant, deer, rhinos and many more safari animals along the way. You then have the remainder of the day free to explore the many attractions at Longleat. If you're looking for festive decorations, stocking filler gifts or tasty treats, look no further than the Christmas Fayre. Grab your woolly hat and experience the thrill of outdoor areas, gaze at the dazzling giant musical Christmas tree, marvel at the amazing light lanterns and see colourful characters come to life as dusk descends. We later complete our homeward journey, arriving early-mid evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & English Breakfast
- Entrance to Longleat Festival of Light including coach tour of Safari Park
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £30.00
Travel insurance £35.00

TOUR PRICE

£179

2 DAYS

Monday 17th – Thursday 20th November



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WEDNESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to Bury St Edmunds, a beautiful and busy market town, with plenty of time to visit the cathedral, browse the shops and enjoy a leisurely lunch. We return to Norwich with time here to explore and have tea.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Thursford Christmas Spectacular ticket
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £75.00
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£369

4 DAYS

Monday 17th – Friday 21st November



LITTLECOTE HOUSE, BERKSHIRE ... FESTIVE WARNER BREAK

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

YOUR HOTEL Littlecote House, Hungerford

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

ITINERARY

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

WEDNESDAY Join us for a full day's excursion to the historic city of Oxford, where you will have plenty of time to explore the wonderful City of Dreaming Spires. You may like to visit one of the many historic buildings, colleges, museums or art galleries, or simply browse the extensive shopping area to find a perfect Christmas gift or stocking filler, before enjoying a leisurely lunch. Time to relax before evening dinner this evening, followed by more festive entertainment.

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

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 5)
Signature upgrade £30.00 per person
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£485

5 DAYS

Monday 17th – Friday 21st November



FIZZ & FAYRE IN FESTIVE YORKSHIRE

The Yorkshire Dales has it all! ... a patchwork of green valleys, rugged moorland scenery and farmland laced with dry stone walls, and perfect for a pre- Christmas festive break with traditional Yorkshire cheer.

YOUR HOTEL Cairn Hotel, Harrogate

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

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave our home area and make our way north, with comfort stops and lunch on route. We complete our journey to our hotel in Harrogate, with time to settle in before a pre-dinner Mulled wine reception and carvery dinner followed by live entertainment.

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

WEDNESDAY Today we travel through the stunning scenery of the Yorkshire Dales to the delightful market town of Skipton, where a local market has been held since Medieval times. After lunch we return to our hotel for a festive themed mini afternoon tea and a glass of fizz! Dinner is followed by more live entertainment tonight.

THURSDAY Today we travel to York where the magical St Nicholas Christmas Fayre is in full swing, as Victorian costumed characters parade through the centre, with carol singers and market stalls filled with Christmas gifts and decorations and delicious treats tempt the senses. Find local crafts in the "Made in Yorkshire" yuletide village in decorated wooden chalets. As well as the Christmas Fayre, York is also full of wonderful attractions including the Minster, the National Railway Museum, The Chocolate Story, and the JORVIK Viking Centre, and Little Shambles is an absolute delight. Why not hop on the sightseeing tour bus for an audio guided tour of the city, its heritage and attractions.

FRIDAY Sadly, we leave our hotel and begin our homeward journey, with comfort stops en route. We complete our journey back to the West Country arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Live entertainment most evenings
- Festive Themed Afternoon Tea & Glass of Fizz
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £64.00 (Max 5)
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£375

5 DAYS

Tuesday 18th – Thursday 20th November



CHRISTMAS AT CHATSWORTH HOUSE

Chatsworth House is set in the heart of the Peak District National Park, near the River Derwent with stunning views over its extensive parkland. It is also famous for its festive family atmosphere where, each year, the state rooms are carefully decorated and garlanded with a festive theme, as the lower floors of the house are transformed into a seasonal delight of colour and twinkling fairy lights.

YOUR HOTEL **Mercure Kenwood Hall Hotel, Sheffield**

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

ITINERARY

TUESDAY We leave the West Country and make our way north with comfort stops on route, to the charming city of Worcester. Here you will find the famous Porcelain Museum, with the world's largest collection of Worcester porcelain. There is also a fine cathedral, which overlooks the River Severn, which houses the tomb of King John. You may also like to browse the shops for Christmas gifts and enjoy a warming lunch in one of the city's various cafes. We complete our journey to our hotel, arriving with time to freshen up before dinner.

WEDNESDAY After breakfast we make our way to Bakewell, a pretty market town, with time to browse the shops and maybe enjoy some of the famous Bakewell pudding. We continue to Chatsworth House set in the heart of the Peak District National Park. Each year the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire invite visitors from around the world into their home, as the beautiful interiors of the State Rooms are transformed into a Christmas wonderland. As well as viewing the exquisite interiors, you may like to buy some unusual Christmas gifts from the shop or visit the farm shop with local Derbyshire produce. Weather permitting, you may also like to wander through the 1000 acres of magnificent gardens, parkland and grounds landscaped by Capability Brown, with remarkable fountains and water features.

THURSDAY We leave the hotel after breakfast and make our way south, to Trentham Shopping Village where you will find a collection of carefully selected shops offering a range of products from fine furniture to contemporary art and clothing accessories. You'll discover some familiar popular brands such as Joules and Thorntons, as well as some popular brands of pottery for Christmas gifts, such as Royal Worcester and Portmeirion. With time to browse and enjoy lunch, we complete our journey back in the West Country early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 2 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Chatsworth House at Christmas
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £50.00
Travel insurance £35.00

TOUR PRICE

£255

3 DAYS

Thursday 20th – Friday 21st November



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 renowned 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 We leave the hotel after breakfast and travel to Poole with time to browse the indoor shopping centre and enjoy a warming lunch. We later complete our 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 £40.00
Travel insurance £35.00

TOUR PRICE

£175

2 DAYS

Friday 21st – Monday 24th November



ISLE OF WIGHT TURKEY & TINSEL

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

YOUR HOTEL Shanklin Hotel, Shanklin

A warm welcome awaits at this 3* hotel, commanding stunning views over Sandown Bay. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, complimentary toiletries and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant has panoramic views across the bay and is renowned for producing quality food using fresh ingredients sourced locally on the island. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, sauna and spa, and entertainment is provided each evening.

ITINERARY

FRIDAY We leave our home area, and with a comfort stop en route, make our way to Southampton for the 1 hour ferry crossing to East Cowes. We continue to Shanklin and our hotel, with time to settle in before dinner and an evening of festive entertainment.

SATURDAY (Christmas Day) Join us today as we take a wonderful circular tour of the island through some stunning scenery (weather permitting!). We stop for coffee en route to Alum Bay where you can take a look at the Needles and enjoy a breath of sea air! We continue to Yarmouth for lunch and later to Cowes, a famous yachting harbour, where there will be time to browse the shops and enjoy a cup of tea before we return to our hotel with time to relax before a traditional Christmas Dinner followed by an evening of entertainment & dancing.

SUNDAY (New Year's Eve) After a leisurely breakfast the morning is free to spend as you please in Shanklin. You may like to visit the Old Village with its picturesque, thatched buildings, gift shops and cafés and past the entrance to the Crab Inn is the beginning of Shanklin Chine, a deep gorge carved out by a stream. After lunch at the hotel we make the short journey to the picture postcard village of Godshill with its charming thatch cottages, and medieval church, as well as delightful tearooms and quaint gift shops dotted along the winding Street. We return to our hotel for dinner followed by an evening of optional fancy dress with a glass of bubbly at 11pm.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Lunch on 1 day
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £27.00 (Max 2)
 Subsequent Singles £45.00
 Sea View Room Supplement £21.00 per person
 Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR
PRICE

£259

4 DAYS

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TENBY, TURKEY & TINSEL

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

YOUR HOTEL Clarence House Hotel, Tenby

Owned by the same family for nearly seventy years, this excellent hotel enjoys an enviable position on the esplanade. All rooms are ensuite, with TV and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a traditional choice menu and entertainment is provided each evening.

ITINERARY

FRIDAY (Christmas Eve) We leave the West Country and, with a comfort stop en route, make our way over the Prince of Wales Bridge to Abergavenny for lunch and time to browse the shops. We complete our journey to Tenby via the scenic Brecon Beacons, reaching our hotel with ample time to settle in before a sherry and mince pie reception, followed by dinner and live entertainment.

SATURDAY (Christmas Day & New Year's Eve) This morning we travel to Carmarthen, a neat county town, encircled by the River Towy and full of pretty shops. With time to enjoy the scenery, browse the shops and indoor market and enjoy a warming lunch, we return to our hotel with time to relax before a festive punch reception, followed by Christmas dinner with all the trimmings and a visit from Father Christmas himself, followed by more live entertainment.

SUNDAY (New Year's Day) After a leisurely breakfast, join us if you wish for a gentle coastal drive through some of Pembrokeshire's prettiest villages, stopping for lunch, **OR** you may like to stay in Tenby and take a stroll along the esplanade. An afternoon of fun and afternoon cream tea in the hotel is followed by our final evening dinner and entertainment.

MONDAY Back to reality! We leave our hotel and make our way to the Welsh capital, Cardiff. While here, you may like to visit the castle and discover 2,000 years of history in the heart of the city. There are also an abundance of shops to browse for Christmas gifts and restaurants in which to enjoy a leisurely lunch, before we complete our homeward journey, reaching our home area early-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Sherry & festive punch receptions
- Afternoon cream tea on 1 afternoon
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (max 7)
 Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR
PRICE

£309

4 DAYS

Friday 21st – Monday 24th November



BOURNEMOUTH TURKEY & TINSEL

As one of Britain's world-class resorts, Bournemouth offers everything you need for an enjoyable holiday whatever the time of year and whatever your age. There is the sea, the shops and many picturesque walks.

YOUR HOTEL Norfolk Royale Hotel, Bournemouth

An elegant hotel located near Bournemouth Square, close to the gardens, town centre and pier and beach. 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 choice evening menu and hearty breakfast. Entertainment is provided on some evenings and leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool.

TOUR
PRICE

£289

4 DAYS

ITINERARY

FRIDAY We leave our home area and journey to Dorchester for lunch and time to browse the shops. We continue to our hotel in Bournemouth, arriving in time to freshen up and relax before dinner and our first evening of entertainment.

SATURDAY (Christmas Day) Following a merry Christmas breakfast we make the short journey to Poole, which boasts the second largest natural harbour in the world. You may like to do a bit of Christmas shopping in the indoor shopping centre or take a stroll down to the quay. We continue to the delightful seaside resort of Swanage for afternoon tea. This evening, we enjoy a traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings and another evening of entertainment.

SUNDAY (New Year's Eve) After a very leisurely breakfast we take a gentle drive through some of the New Forest's charming villages with a stop for lunch in the charming town of Lyndhurst. We return to Bournemouth with the rest of the afternoon to relax, perhaps make use of the hotel's leisure facilities or wander into town or stroll along the seafront. Dinner tonight will be followed by New Year's Eve entertainment until late to see the "New Year" in!

MONDAY Back to reality! We leave our hotel and with a stop for lunch in Salisbury we reach the West Country late afternoon/ early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £27.00 (Max 2)
Subsequent Singles £45.00
Superior Room Supplement £21.00 per person
Travel insurance £36.00

Saturday 22nd – Sunday 23rd November



LONGLEAT'S FESTIVAL OF LIGHT & WINCHESTER CHRISTMAS MARKET

Grab your woolly hat and enjoy the festive experience at Longleat this winter. Marvel at the amazing lanterns and see your favourite characters come to life – transformed for the season into a veritable winter wonderland at the original lantern light experience of over 1000 light installations ... 2025 theme not yet announced!

YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn Salisbury-Stonehenge, Nr Salisbury

A modern 4* hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee-making facilities. There is a lift at the hotel. The restaurant offers a freshly evening menu and generous hot and cold buffet breakfast.

TOUR
PRICE

£179

2 DAYS

ITINERARY

SATURDAY We leave our home area, with a comfort stop on route and travel to Winchester. The Cathedral Christmas Market is recognised as one of the best in Europe. Inspired by traditional German Christmas markets, the pretty wooden chalets are situated in the cathedral's historic close where you will find an abundance of wonderful Christmas gifts, decorations and festive food and drink stalls. All exhibitors are hand-picked for their interesting, high quality and unique products, many of which can't be found on the high street. You can also visit the usual high street and independent shops and the cathedral which welcomes visitors at this special time of year. Late afternoon, we make the short journey to our hotel, with time to settle in before dinner and an evening at leisure.

SUNDAY After a leisurely breakfast we leave our hotel and make our way to Longleat. On arrival, join us if you wish for a coach tour through the safari park, as we drive past lions, tigers, cheetahs, giraffes, Anne the elephant, deer, rhinos and many more safari animals along the way. You then have the remainder of the day free to explore the many attractions at Longleat. If you're looking for festive decorations, stocking filler gifts or tasty treats, look no further than the Christmas Fayre. Grab your woolly hat and experience the thrill of outdoor areas, gaze at the dazzling giant musical Christmas tree, marvel at the amazing light lanterns and see colourful characters come to life as dusk descends. We later complete our homeward journey, arriving mid evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Entrance to Longleat Festival of Light including coach tour of Safari Park
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £30.00
Travel insurance £35.00

Saturday 22nd – Sunday 23rd November



BLENHEIM PALACE AT CHRISTMAS & GLOUCESTER QUAYS WINTER MARKET

TOUR PRICE

£165

2 DAYS

Join us as we visit Blenheim Palace for a very special event, with the palace beautifully decorated for Christmas telling a wonderful fairytale themed story. The Great Hall is adorned with grand Christmas trees bedecked with candles, baubles and lanterns in traditional colours. The grand dining table is set for a Christmas feast and fireplaces in the state rooms and library are decorated by local florists with decadent displays. The courtyard is also transformed into a winter wonderland with the ever-popular Christmas market with seasonal wooden chalets.

YOUR HOTEL Leonardo Hotel, Swindon

A 4* modern hotel with ensuite bedrooms, furnished with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and hearty breakfast.

ITINERARY

SATURDAY We leave our home area and with a comfort stop on route, make our way to Blenheim Palace, where you will have plenty of time to enjoy all the delights of the palace itself and the outdoor Christmas market with traditional wooden chalets selling tempting gifts, stocking fillers and tasty treats. Wander through the beautifully decorated state rooms, bedecked with twinkling lights and traditional draped decorations, each year bringing to life a different fairytale theme for the festive season. Late afternoon, we travel to our hotel in time for dinner and an evening at leisure.

SUNDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we travel to Gloucester Quays for the Christmas Winter Markets. Located across the Quays shopping centre and historic docks, you'll find more than 90 stalls showcasing crafts, gifts and tasty treats for the perfect build-up to the seasonal festivities. The shopping outlet is full of high street brands with ideas for that perfect gift. There is a magnificent outdoor ice rink for the more adventurous to take a spin! and many places to enjoy lunch and afternoon tea. We leave late afternoon, completing our homeward journey, reaching our home area early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Blenheim Palace (decorated for Christmas)
- Entrance to Gloucester Quays Winter markets (free entry)
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £45.00
Travel insurance £35.00

Monday 24th – Friday 28th November



BODELWYDDAN CASTLE FESTIVE BREAK ... WARNER BREAK

TOUR PRICE

£429

5 DAYS

On a Warner holiday you will understand what it means to be spoilt for choice; excellent accommodation, delicious food, great things to do and fantastic entertainment each evening. Set in 200 acres of beautifully tended parkland, commanding a hilltop position, Bodelwyddan Castle is the perfect choice for a festive break.

YOUR HOTEL Bodelwyddan Castle Hotel, Denbighshire, North Wales

A grade II listed hotel offering first-class accommodation with views of the Clwydian Hills and the mountains of Snowdonia beyond. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, tea & coffee-making facilities and lounge area. The restaurant serves a varied menu and the Mulberry Coffee Shop is perfect for light snacks. Entertainment is provided each evening and the Castle's leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, sauna, gym, bowls complex, croquet lawns, tennis courts and beauty salon. Warner now operates a cashless payment system ... debit & credit cards only.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave the West Country and make our way north, stopping for coffee and lunch, and reaching our hotel with time to settle in before dinner and our first evening of festive entertainment.

TUESDAY This morning we travel to Llandudno, known as the Queen of Welsh Resorts, with its fine pier over 700 metres long, shops and restaurants. With time to explore, we return to our hotel after lunch with the afternoon free to enjoy some of the hotel's many facilities and activities, or just relax, have tea and enjoy the wonderful views. Dinner will tonight be followed by more live entertainment with a festive cheer.

WEDNESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to Chester, the most complete walled city in Britain, where you will find the famous "Rows" – black and white half-timbered building arcades, with covered walkways and the impressive 10th century cathedral. Plenty of time to do a spot of Christmas shopping, explore and enjoy a warming lunch. We return to the hotel with time at leisure before dinner and excellent festive entertainment.

THURSDAY Join us this morning as we make our way through some stunning autumn scenery of the Snowdonia National Park to the picturesque village of Betws-Y-Coed. Set in a beautiful valley with the Snowdonia Forest Park, it's easy to see why it's one of North Wales popular tourist resorts. With time to browse the craft and gift shops and enjoy morning coffee, we return to our hotel to make use of the leisure facilities before our final evening dinner complete with live festive musical entertainment.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

No Single supplement (Max 5)
Signature Room upgrade £30.00 per person
Travel insurance £36.00

Monday 24th – Friday 28th November



FESTIVE VALKENBURG AND A TRIO OF CHRISTMAS MARKETS

If you are looking for a festive break with something just a little bit different, then why not try our short break to the delightful Dutch town of Valkenburg. With a warm welcome from our hosts, experience the Christmas markets, Aachen & Cologne and lots of festive fun along the way!

YOUR HOTEL Hotel Walram, Valkenburg

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

ITINERARY

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

TUESDAY Join us today as we visit the wonderful Christmas Markets in Cologne with several different themed markets across the city. The famous Cathedral market set in front of the iconic gothic building can be found in the city centre with nearby Village of St Nicholas and Market of Angels to explore. Here you will find many pretty wooden chalets selling locally handcrafted gifts, decorations and unusual stocking fillers together with plenty of tasty treats and hot mulled wine – a must when visiting any German Christmas market! Heinzels Winter Fairytale market can be found on Alter Markt around themed alleys where skilled craftsmen from all over Europe sell their products. With plenty of time to visit many of the different market zones we return to Valkenburg for dinner and another evening at leisure.

WEDNESDAY The whole day is free to spend at leisure exploring the delightful town of Valkenburg, perhaps one of Holland's most treasured gems, with its narrow streets, cobbled walkways, medieval centre, hilltop castle and not forgetting the charming velvet caves. Inside the heart of the caves, the largest and oldest European underground Christmas market takes place each year, with beautiful festive decorations and lighting, stalls with many gift ideas and sweet treats to sample and enjoy (tickets can be booked online before you travel, to avoid disappointment). Or take the cable car up the Christmas Crib story experience at the top of the hill. This evening, wrap up warm and enjoy the colourful Christmas parade through the centre of town and enjoy Valkenburg's night life with its many cafes and bars, with outside terraces and warm gas lights, to enjoy hot mulled wine or a local beer.

THURSDAY Join us today as we travel to the historic German city of Aachen where the Christmas market is located around the town hall and cathedral in the centre. With more than 130 different wooden chalets to browse with unusual gifts, beautifully crafted decorations and tasty treats, there are also a plethora of bakeries and cafes around the square to enjoy lunch and festive food. Try some of the local gingerbread (Aachener Printen) and before returning to Valkenburg, browse the large Lindt Chocolate Factory outlet located next to the coach park to find a great selection of sweet stocking fillers for friends and family!

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £100.00 (Max 5)
Entrance to Valkenburg's Christmas Caves (approx. €10)
(Cave entrance tickets/time slots to be booked online individually)
Travel insurance £88.00

TOUR PRICE

£469

5 DAYS

Tuesday 25th – Friday 28th November



CHRISTMAS AT CASTLE HOWARD & YORK CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

The York Christmas Festival brings the city alive as costumed characters wander through the streets and seasonal aromas fill the air with roasted chestnuts and spiced mulled wine are served from market stalls. Castle Howard is impressively dressed for Christmas and each year has a different festive theme.

YOUR HOTEL The Queens Hotel, York

We are delighted to return to this 3* hotel, ideally situated on the banks of the river Ouse in the heart of the city centre. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors, and the restaurant offers delicious traditional food.

ITINERARY

TUESDAY We leave the West Country, and travel north, with comfort and lunch stops on route, arriving at our hotel in York with time to settle in before evening dinner. You may like to take a stroll along the riverbanks or explore the city at night.

WEDNESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we travel to Castle Howard, to experience the lavishly decorated grand interiors of the 18th century family mansion. Marvel at the theatrically installed and themed lighting and projections around the house, over 300 baubles hanging from the breath-taking 25 foot Christmas tree in the Great Hall. Enjoy a warm, festive lunch in the café and find those perfect Christmas gifts in the shop.

THURSDAY The whole day is free to discover the beautiful city of York. The magical Christmas Festival is in full swing, as Victorian costumed characters parade through the centre, carol singers entertain, and market stalls filled with Christmas gifts and decorations and delicious treats tempt the senses. Find local crafts in the "Made in Yorkshire" yuletide village in decorated wooden chalets. As well as the Christmas market, York is also full of wonderful attractions including the Minster, the National Railway Museum, The Chocolate Story, and the JORVIK Viking Centre, and Little Shambles is an absolute delight. Why not hop on the sightseeing tour bus for an audio guided tour of the city, its heritage and attractions. As our hotel is located in the centre of the city, you can spend as much or as little time exploring as you please.

FRIDAY We leave our hotel after breakfast and travel south. With comfort stops on route, we arrive back in the West Country early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Ticket for "Castle Howard at Christmas"
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £72.00
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£299

4 DAYS

Tuesday 25th – Thursday 27th November



THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Thursford Christmas Spectacular is the largest Christmas production in Europe. A cast of choirs, orchestras, pipers, military bands and professional dancers perform a show depicting all aspects of the season, amid beautifully decorated Christmas scenery. An extremely popular event, so please book early!

YOUR HOTEL **Mercure Hotel, Norwich**

A superb 4* hotel located on the outskirts of the city of Norwich. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is no lift, but ground floor rooms are available. The restaurant serves a delicious home cooked menu.

ITINERARY

TUESDAY We leave the West Country and with a coffee stop en route, make our way to Stratford-upon-Avon, with time to browse the shops and enjoy lunch. We complete our journey to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

WEDNESDAY After a very leisurely breakfast we travel to Thursford for the afternoon performance of the Christmas Spectacular. On arrival there will be time to enjoy lunch, browse the beautiful shops, full of festive gifts and Christmas Fayre. Then take your seat for an extravaganza of non-stop singing, dancing, music, humour and variety, a celebration of the festive season featuring a mix of seasonal and year-round favourites. With a cast of 130 this is the biggest Christmas show of its kind in Europe... you won't be disappointed!

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 2 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Thursford Christmas Spectacular ticket
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £50.00
Travel insurance £35.00

TOUR
PRICE

£285

3 DAYS

Fri 28th November – Mon 1st December



GERMAN CHRISTMAS MARKETS ... COLOGNE & DUSSELDORF

Join us as we discover two Christmas Markets in the region with decorated wooden chalet stalls, twinkling festooned lights, authentic mulled wine and German festive street food – traditional German markets at their very best.

YOUR HOTEL **H+ Hotel Koln-Bruhl, Bruhl**

A modern 4* hotel. All ensuite bedrooms are comfortably furnished with TV, Wi-Fi access, telephone and hairdryer. There is a lift to all floors. The large restaurant offers a great hot buffet dining experience and generous breakfast. There is a spa wellness area with Finnish sauna & steam bath (extra fee) and fitness gym.

ITINERARY

FRIDAY After an early departure we leave the West Country and make our way to Dover for our ferry crossing to Calais. We continue into Belgium and Germany, with comfort stops on route, to our hotel in Bruhl with time to settle in before dinner.

SATURDAY This morning we travel to the city of Cologne for one of Germany's best loved Christmas markets. With the first Christmas market held here in 1820, today the city is covered with an array of different themed market areas including the splendid and very popular market set with the backdrop of Cologne's Cathedral. With many other markets within the city including Heinzels Winter Fairytale market, Market of Angels and Village of St Nicholas, discover the twinkling lights, decorated wooden stalls, array of handcrafted gifts and enjoy the traditional festive street food on offer from bratwurst sausages, potato cakes with apple sauce and spiced mulled wine. A Christmas market express train offers a hop-on-hop-off service to four of the main markets with audio commentary along the way through the decorated streets of the old city.

SUNDAY Today we visit Dusseldorf to experience the Christmas Market in the old town, where many twinkling Christmas trees and decorations fill the streets and an ice rink and traditional Ferris wheel on the Burg Platz offers panoramic views. With various themed markets across the city centre filled with traditional wooden chalet stalls with handcrafted gifts, beautiful decorations, stocking fillers and unusual present ideas, there is so much choice for those seeking Christmas gift ideas. Enjoy the festive tasty treats on offer from delicious savoury foods, sweet treats and warming drinks.

MONDAY We leave our hotel and make our way to Calais, for our return ferry crossing to Dover, completing our homeward journey, reaching the West Country mid to late evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £140.00 (max 4)
Travel insurance £78.00

TOUR
PRICE

£485

4 DAYS

Fri 28th November – Mon 1st December



FESTIVE KENT – CHRISTMAS AT HEVER CASTLE & ILLUMINATED LIGHT TRAIL AT LEEDS CASTLE

TOUR PRICE

£309

4 DAYS

Join us for a brand new festive tour to experience the magic of Christmas in Kent this year. Explore two regional Christmas markets, experience the magic of a traditional Christmas at the beautiful Hever Castle and stroll through the spectacular illuminated light trail set within the grounds of Leeds Castle.

YOUR HOTEL Mercure Great Danes Hotel, Maidstone

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

ITINERARY

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

SATURDAY This morning we visit the city of Canterbury with its historic cathedral and large shopping centre. Canterbury's Christmas market can be found in various locations around the city from Whitefriars Centre and the cathedral precinct. You may like to visit the cathedral (extra charge) or just stroll through cobbled streets and discover the medieval city walls. We rejoin the coach and travel to the grounds of Leeds Castle to enjoy a winter walk through the magical light trail with spectacular light installations. Wrap up warm and experience larger-than-life glowing reeds rising into the night sky, giant colour changing lilies shimmering on the lake, shimmering tunnels and exquisitely lit trees filling the night air with rainbow like colours be dazzled in this illuminated castle grounds, with street food vendors selling snacks and hot drinks on site. The trail takes approximately 90 minutes to stroll around.

SUNDAY After breakfast we visit Rochester's annual Christmas market set within the spectacular castle grounds. With over 100 stalls selling a range of festive gifts, decorations and stocking fillers, soak up the festive atmosphere, enjoy a festive lunch in town and wander around the historic town and childhood home of Charles Dickens. We rejoin the coach and travel to Hever Castle to experience beautifully decorated rooms, welcoming log fires and twinkling Christmas trees, showcasing festive themes of a bygone traditional Christmas. Browse the gift shop to find an unusual present and have a warming drink and sweet treat in the café.

MONDAY Sadly we leave our hotel after breakfast and begin our homeward journey, stopping for coffee & lunch as we travel and completing our journey back to the West Country arriving early-mid evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Christmas Lights at Leeds Castle (outdoor light trail)
- Christmas at Hever Castle
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £60.00 (Max 5)
Travel insurance £36.00

Saturday 29th – Sunday 30th November



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WEEKEND

TOUR PRICE

£115

2 DAYS

An opportunity for the organised to finish their Christmas shopping, and for the disorganised to begin! Join us for a festive weekend without the hassle of driving, parking or cooking dinner at the end of your day!

YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn Newport, Newport

A 3* hotel located in the leafy outskirts of Newport. All ensuite bedrooms are well furnished with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. Although there is no lift, ground floor rooms are available. The restaurant serves a traditional evening menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool and mini gym.

ITINERARY

SATURDAY We leave our home area, with a comfort stop on route and travel to the Welsh capital, Cardiff, with plenty of time to shop 'til you drop! As well as the wonderful shopping centre, there is also a Christmas market in the heart of the city. Here you will find a diverse range of quality crafted products such as pewter work, carved Welsh Love Spoons, hand built and thrown pottery, silver and precious jewellery, quality yarns, Welsh blankets, traditional wooden toys, art works, glassware plus many decorative items for the home and garden. With so many Christmas traders there is always a gift for everyone to be found! Late afternoon we make the short journey to our hotel with time to relax before dinner and an evening at leisure.

SUNDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we leave our hotel and travel to the spa city of Bath for another day to shop, shop, shop! As well as enjoying the annual Christmas market with its many stalls, absorb the street entertainment and sample some of the delicious delicacies on offer! There are also a wide variety of high street shops and unusual independent retailers plus a wealth of cafes and restaurants to enjoy a relaxing lunch. We leave Bath mid-late afternoon, completing our homeward journey and arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £30.00 (Max 5)
Travel insurance £35.00

Saturday 29th – Sunday 30th November



LONGLEAT'S FESTIVAL OF LIGHT & WINCHESTER CHRISTMAS MARKET

Grab your woolly hat and enjoy the festive experience at Longleat this winter. Marvel at the amazing lanterns and see your favourite characters come to life – transformed for the season into a veritable winter wonderland at the original lantern light experience of over 1000 light installations ... 2025 theme not yet announced!

YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn Salisbury-Stonehenge, Nr Salisbury

A modern 4* hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee-making facilities. There is a lift at the hotel. The restaurant offers a freshly evening menu and generous hot and cold buffet breakfast.

ITINERARY

SATURDAY We leave our home area, with a comfort stop on route and travel to Winchester. The Cathedral Christmas Market is recognised as one of the best in Europe. Inspired by traditional German Christmas markets, the pretty wooden chalets are situated in the cathedral's historic close where you will find an abundance of wonderful Christmas gifts, decorations and festive food and drink stalls. All exhibitors are hand-picked for their interesting, high quality and unique products, many of which can't be found on the high street. You can also visit the usual high street and independent shops and the cathedral which welcomes visitors at this special time of year. Late afternoon, we make the short journey to our hotel, with time to settle in before dinner and an evening at leisure.

SUNDAY After a leisurely breakfast we leave our hotel and make our way to Longleat. On arrival, join us if you wish for a coach tour through the safari park, as we drive past lions, tigers, cheetahs, giraffes, Anne the elephant, deer, rhinos and many more safari animals along the way. You then have the remainder of the day free to explore the many attractions at Longleat. If you're looking for festive decorations, stocking filler gifts or tasty treats, look no further than the Christmas Fayre. Grab your woolly hat and experience the thrill of outdoor areas, gaze at the dazzling giant musical Christmas tree, marvel at the amazing light lanterns and see colourful characters come to life as dusk descends. We later complete our homeward journey, arriving mid evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Entrance to Longleat Festival of Light including coach tour of Safari Park
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £30.00
Travel insurance £35.00

TOUR PRICE

£179

2 DAYS

Sun 30th November – Thu 4th December



NORTHUMBRIA'S "KINGDOM OF CHRISTMAS"

Join us for a brand new tour to visit Northumbria as the festive celebrations begin. We enjoy a visit to Bamburgh Castle with a winter wonderland transformation and explore Beamish with its yuletide festivities

YOUR HOTEL Marriott Hotel, Newcastle-Gateshead

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

ITINERARY

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

MONDAY This morning we visit the historic city of Durham with its fine Norman cathedral and castle, with panoramic views across Northumbria. A wide variety of shops and restaurants can be found alongside the Victorian Market in the cobbled marketplace, as well as street entertainers. Browse the shops to find that perfect Christmas gift and enjoy a cosy lunch in one of the many cafes, restaurants or pubs.

TUESDAY Today we visit Bamburgh Castle for its Christmas Kingdom indoor festive experience. Standing guard over Northumbria's coastline for over 1400 years, experience the magic of Christmas in one of the largest inhabited castles in the UK. With a different theme each year the castle's 14 state rooms are transformed into a whimsical wonderland with twinkling lights, colourful decorations, characters and light installations to enjoy the castle at this special time of year. Enjoy a warming lunch in the café, before we travel back to our hotel with time to relax, use the hotel's leisure facilities or explore the nearby Metrocentre shopping outlet.

WEDNESDAY We enjoy a full day today at Beamish, an extensive open-air museum which effectively recreates an authentic picture of family, community and working life in the north-east prior to World War I. It has a typical High Street of the time with many shops as well as a colliery and farm, and there are guides in period costume and a restored tramline serving all areas of the attraction with several restaurants across the site. Enjoy Christmas through the ages with traditional decorations, yuletide tasty treats, festive music and on-site activities to help count down the festive season.

THURSDAY After breakfast we begin our homeward journey. With comfort stops en route, we reach the West Country early/mid-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Bamburgh Castle's "Christmas Kingdom"
- Entrance to Beamish
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £120.00
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£485

5 DAYS

Sun 30th November – Mon 1st December



CLIFF RICHARD IN CONCERT, CARDIFF "CAN'T STOP ME NOW" TOUR

TOUR PRICE

£249

2 DAYS

The British music icon Sir Cliff Richard is back on a small UK tour in 2025 for a rare chance to see one of the country's most celebrated performers in a live setting. The aptly named "Don't Stop Me Now" tour promises a night filled with nostalgia, racing hearts, electrifying energy and plenty of Cliff Hysteria! *Some People* would say *Congratulations* to the Peter Pan of Pop, a *Batchelor Boy* with an illustrious career spanning 65 years. With 7 Number 1 albums and 14 Number 1 UK hits under his belt, in his 85th year Cliff is definitely *Wired For Sound*. So *Move It* to Cardiff and *From A Distance, Do You Wanna Dance* like a *Devil Woman* as this *Living Doll* whispers his *Millenium Prayer* again for a once-in-a-lifetime experience!

YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn Newport, Newport

A modern 3* hotel. All rooms are en-suite and furnished with TV, safe, and Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is no lift, but ground floor rooms are available. The restaurant serves a generous buffet hot and cold breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool & fitness suite.

ITINERARY

SUNDAY We leave the West Country and make our way, with a comfort stop on route, arriving at our hotel late afternoon with time to freshen up. We rejoin the coach and make the short journey into Cardiff where you will be able to choose a restaurant of your choice for an early evening meal, before we continue to the Utilita Arena Cardiff for this evening's concert. With a top price ticket included. The pop legend that is Sir Cliff Richard is guaranteed to wow and amaze his audience with his charming charisma, high energy levels and generate some "Cliff hysteria" as he performs his much-loved tracks from over the last 65 years! As the only artist to have had Number 1 hits in the UK pop chart for 5 consecutive decades, there will be plenty of songs to sing along to through the concert of a lifetime, perhaps one last swan song before retirement? But never say never! After the concert we rejoin the coach and travel back to our hotel.

MONDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we travel back into Cardiff, with plenty of time to visit the annual Christmas market, browse the high street shops and perhaps do a little Christmas shopping and enjoy a relaxing lunch. We leave mid-late afternoon, arriving in the West Country early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Bed & Breakfast
- Top Price Ticket - Cliff Richard Concert
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £30.00 (max 5)
Travel insurance £35.00

Monday 1st – Thursday 4th December



THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

TOUR PRICE

£369

4 DAYS

Thursford Christmas Spectacular is the largest Christmas production in Europe. A cast of choirs, orchestras, pipers, military bands and professional dancers perform a show depicting all aspects of the season, amid beautifully decorated Christmas scenery. An extremely popular event, so please book early!

YOUR HOTEL Mercure Hotel, Norwich

A superb 4* hotel located on the outskirts of the city of Norwich. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is no lift, but ground floor rooms are available. The restaurant serves a delicious home cooked menu.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave the West Country and with a coffee stop en route, make our way to Stratford-upon-Avon, with time to browse the shops and enjoy lunch. We complete our journey to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

TUESDAY After a very leisurely breakfast we travel to Thursford for the afternoon performance of the Christmas Spectacular. On arrival there will be time to enjoy lunch, browse the beautiful shops, full of festive gifts and Christmas Fayre. Then take your seat for an extravaganza of non-stop singing, dancing, music, humour and variety, a celebration of the festive season featuring a mix of seasonal and year-round favourites. With a cast of 130 this is the biggest Christmas show of its kind in Europe... you won't be disappointed!

WEDNESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to Bury St Edmunds, a beautiful and busy market town, with plenty of time to visit the cathedral, browse the shops and enjoy a leisurely lunch. We return to Norwich with time here to explore and have tea.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Thursford Christmas Spectacular ticket
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £75.00
Travel insurance £36.00

Monday 1st – Friday 5th December



BLACKPOOL TURKEY & TINSEL

You might be thinking Blackpool would be deserted in December ... but not anymore! The illuminations will be shining until after the New Year so join us for a top class entertainment turkey & tinsel with the added bonus of the wonderful illuminations

YOUR HOTEL Doric Hotel, Blackpool

This popular 3* hotel is located on the seafront on Blackpool's North Shore. All ensuite bedrooms have TV, hairdryer, and tea & coffee facilities, with a lift to all floors. Leisure facilities, including an indoor swimming pool, sauna and steam room. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and hearty breakfast and be entertained with a live Christmas show each evening.

ITINERARY

MONDAY (Christmas Eve) We leave the West Country and journey north, with stops for coffee and lunch enroute, arriving at our hotel with time to settle in before a sparkling wine reception, gala dinner and our first live Christmas show.

TUESDAY (Christmas Day) After a leisurely breakfast we travel to the nearby city of Lancaster with many high street and independent shops (both indoors and out) to do some Christmas shopping and enjoy a cosy lunch in one of the cafes. We return to Blackpool this afternoon with time to spend at leisure before a gala Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, a visit from Santa and another live Christmas show.

WEDNESDAY (Boxing Day) The morning is free to spend as you please enjoying all that Blackpool has to offer. You may like to visit the famous Tower Ballroom where organists entertain throughout the day and you can dance along to, or the Zoo. There are three piers and shops to look for Christmas gifts! Return to our hotel for afternoon entertainment followed later by evening dinner and more festive entertainment.

THURSDAY (New Year's Eve) This morning we travel a little further north into the Lake District, to Bownes on Windermere where you may like to take a circular cruise on the lake, browse the shops and enjoy lunch. We return to Blackpool with time to relax before a New Year banquet with party poppers & streamers followed by our final evening of festive 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
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No Single Supplement (Max 5)
Subsequent Singles £80.00
Boat cruise on Lake Windermere
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR
PRICE
£375
5 DAYS

Tuesday 2nd – Friday 5th December



YORK CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL & CHRISTMAS AT HAREWOOD HOUSE

The York Christmas Festival brings the city alive as costumed characters wander through the streets and seasonal aromas fill the air with roasted chestnuts and spiced mulled wine are served from market stalls.

Harewood house is impressively dressed for Christmas and each year has a different festive theme.

YOUR HOTEL The Queens Hotel, York

We are delighted to return to this 3* hotel, ideally situated on the banks of the river Ouse in the heart of the city centre. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors, and the restaurant offers delicious traditional food.

ITINERARY

TUESDAY We leave the West Country, and travel north, with comfort and lunch stops on route, arriving at our hotel in York with time to settle in before evening dinner. You may like to take a stroll along the riverbanks or explore the city at night.

WEDNESDAY The whole day is free to discover the beautiful city of York. The magical Christmas Festival is in full swing, as Victorian costumed characters parade through the centre, carol singers entertain, and market stalls filled with Christmas gifts and decorations and delicious treats tempt the senses. Find local crafts in the "Made in Yorkshire" yuletide village in decorated wooden chalets. As well as the Christmas market, York is also full of wonderful attractions including the Minster, the National Railway Museum, The Chocolate Story, and the JORVIK Viking Centre, and Little Shambles is an absolute delight. Why not hop on the sightseeing tour bus for an audio guided tour of the city, its heritage and attractions. As our hotel is located in the centre of the city, you can spend as much or as little time exploring as you please.

THURSDAY After a leisurely breakfast we travel to Harewood House, an 18th century country mansion filled with refined furnishings, exquisite portraits, fine collections of porcelain and more within the beautifully decorated state rooms and below stairs servant life. The house is dressed with a different theme each Christmas, with traditional decorations mixed with pretty fairy lights and wonderful Christmas trees which bring the mansion to life from a bygone era. Enjoy a warm, festive lunch in the café and find those perfect Christmas gifts in the shop.

FRIDAY We leave our hotel after breakfast and travel south. With comfort stops on route, we arrive back in the West Country early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Ticket for "Harewood House at Christmas"
- All coach travel

TOUR
PRICE
£299
4 DAYS

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £72.00
Travel insurance £36.00

Wednesday 3rd – Thursday 4th December



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL

TOUR PRICE

£179

2 DAYS

With London beautifully lit up for Christmas, join us for a tour combining the Christmas sing-along carol concert at the Royal Albert Hall and a day's Christmas shopping or sightseeing in Oxford. John Rutter's Christmas Celebration returns to the Royal Albert Hall with another festive extravaganza with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, brimming full with John Rutter's own popular works and arrangements.

YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn, Heathrow

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

ITINERARY

WEDNESDAY We leave the West Country and with a comfort stop en route, travel to Kensington in Central London with time to have a spot of lunch before you take your seat in the Royal Albert Hall for the afternoon performance of John Rutter's Christmas Celebration. Conducted and presented by the man himself and featuring choirs and a symphonic orchestra at this ever-popular festive concert – with glorious orchestral and choral classics, sing-along carols and John's ever-popular Christmas quiz – is guaranteed to fill you with sparkle and cheer! After the concert we re-join the coach and make the short journey to our hotel with time to freshen up before dinner and an evening at leisure.

THURSDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we make our way to Oxford. The majestic University city is brought to life with all the seasonal cheer this time of year brings, with plenty of shopping opportunities, see its many attractions and enjoy a warming lunch, we make our way back to the West Country, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Royal Albert Hall Christmas Carol Concert ticket
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £34.00
Travel insurance £35.00

Friday 5th – Tuesday 9th December



CORNISH CHRISTMAS CRACKERS (TURKEY & TINSEL)

TOUR PRICE

£395

5 DAYS

Join us for a relaxing festive retreat in this picturesque corner of the South West peninsula. Visit some of Cornwall's best loved harbour towns, authentic fishing villages and delicious flavours that the Cornish Coast has to offer for a pre-Christmas break.

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. (Festive programme at hotel is subject to change).

ITINERARY

FRIDAY We leave our home area and travel west to the ancient market town of Tavistock. This Stannary town has a whole host of independent shops and a large indoor pannier market filled with food stalls, gifts and crafts, books and many other items of interest. With time for lunch, we continue to our hotel in Looe, and base for the next four nights, arriving to a festive Cornish Cream Tea welcome, with time to settle in and relax before dinner.

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 return to our hotel in Looe for a festive afternoon quiz & bingo.

SUNDAY This morning we enjoy an excursion to the county town of Truro with its vibrant shopping centre, indoor market and majestic cathedral. With plenty of time to browse the shops and enjoy a warming lunch in one of the city's cafes or restaurants we return to Looe with the afternoon at leisure, followed by a Bucks Fizz drinks reception and traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings and a visit from Santa.

MONDAY 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 and pirate tales. With time to explore and enjoy a warming lunch we return to Looe with its famous seven arched bridge and traditional fishing harbour. Discover some of the independent shops and take a stroll along the harbour area, before our final evening dinner with our Cornish hosts.

TUESDAY 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:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Cornish Cream Tea on arrival
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No Single supplement (Max 1)
Classic River View (Twin or Double only) £30.00 per person
Superior Single River View with Balcony (Max 1) £60.00
Superior River View with Balcony (Twin or Double) £60.00 per person
Travel insurance £36.00

Saturday 6th – Sunday 7th December



LONGLEAT'S FESTIVAL OF LIGHT & WINCHESTER CHRISTMAS MARKET

Grab your woolly hat and enjoy the festive experience at Longleat this winter. Marvel at the amazing lanterns and see your favourite characters come to life – transformed for the season into a veritable winter wonderland at the original lantern light experience of over 1000 light installations ... 2025 theme not yet announced!

YOUR HOTEL **Holiday Inn Salisbury-Stonehenge, Nr Salisbury**

A modern 4* hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee-making facilities. There is a lift at the hotel. The restaurant offers a freshly evening menu and generous hot and cold buffet breakfast.

ITINERARY

SATURDAY We leave our home area, with a comfort stop on route and travel to Winchester. The Cathedral Christmas Market is recognised as one of the best in Europe. Inspired by traditional German Christmas markets, the pretty wooden chalets are situated in the cathedral's historic close where you will find an abundance of wonderful Christmas gifts, decorations and festive food and drink stalls. All exhibitors are hand-picked for their interesting, high quality and unique products, many of which can't be found on the high street. You can also visit the usual high street and independent shops and the cathedral which welcomes visitors at this special time of year. Late afternoon, we make the short journey to our hotel, with time to settle in before dinner and an evening at leisure.

SUNDAY After a leisurely breakfast we leave our hotel and make our way to Longleat. On arrival, join us if you wish for a coach tour through the safari park, as we drive past lions, tigers, cheetahs, giraffes, Anne the elephant, deer, rhinos and many more safari animals along the way. You then have the remainder of the day free to explore the many attractions at Longleat. If you're looking for festive decorations, stocking filler gifts or tasty treats, look no further than the Christmas Fayre. Grab your woolly hat and experience the thrill of outdoor areas, gaze at the dazzling giant musical Christmas tree, marvel at the amazing light lanterns and see colourful characters come to life as dusk descends. We later complete our homeward journey, arriving mid evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Entrance to Longleat Festival of Light including coach tour of Safari Park
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £30.00
Travel insurance £35.00

TOUR PRICE

£179

2 DAYS

Saturday 6th – Sunday 7th December



NEW

STOURHEAD ILLUMINATIONS & BOURNEMOUTH CHRISTMAS TREE WONDERLAND

Join us for a brand new festive tour filled with Christmas Markets, Illuminated light trails and a Christmas Tree Wonderland. Browse the festive market stalls in Bournemouth's Alpine Market and follow the Christmas tree trail down to the seafront with bright colours and decorated foliage. Stourhead Illuminations offers a spectacular light trail with colourful installations across the estate grounds.

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

SATURDAY We leave our home area and make our way to Dorchester for lunch, before continuing to Bournemouth with time to enjoy the annual Alpine Christmas Market in the square. Browse through wooden chalet stalls with handmade and traditional gifts, tasty festive treats and a yuletide hog roast. There is daily musical entertainment throughout the day from choirs to marching bands playing all your favourite carols and Christmas songs. The wonderful Christmas Tree Wonderland sees illuminated trees in Bournemouth's Lower Gardens which twinkle in a trail all the way down to the seafront with large light installations and a big wheel. We rejoin the coach and make the short journey to our hotel with time to settle in before dinner and an evening at leisure, or perhaps returning to the nighttime festivities of the illuminated Christmas Trees and Christmas market glowing in fairy lights and brimming with festive cheer.

SUNDAY After a leisurely breakfast we leave our hotel and travel to Poole where you will find the Christmas Maritime Light Trail from Falkland Square, through the High Street and down to the Quay, with light installations and beautifully decorated trees. With plenty of time to browse the indoor shopping centre and do a bit of last-minute Christmas shopping and enjoy a warming lunch, we continue to Stourhead for a splendid after-dark light trail. Experience a sea of light stretching out across the lake, huge feathers floating into the night sky, sparkling tunnels of light and illuminations of rainbow colours filling the air. With food vendors around the trail selling hot food and drinks, the trail takes approximately 90 minutes to walk over one gentle mile of pathways. We rejoin the coach and continue our journey home, arriving mid-late evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Ticket for Stourhead Illuminations
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £35.00
Travel insurance £35.00

TOUR PRICE

£159

2 DAYS

Friday 5th – Wednesday 10th December



NOSTALGIC GERMAN CHRISTMAS MARKETS ON THE RHINE

Step back in time and enjoy the nostalgic festive atmosphere at some of Germany & Belgium's best Christmas markets. Admire the scenic River Rhine scenery that forms the perfect backdrop to these delightful markets and savour the delicious aromas and tasty treats offered at each unique location. A fabulous Christmas Market bonanza!

YOUR HOTEL Seminaris Hotel, Bad Honnef, Rhine Valley

Located in a landscaped parkland in the centre of this attractive Rhine Valley town, each of the comfortable en-suite bedrooms are equipped with TV and hairdryer. The open plan restaurant serves a delicious menu and the lounge bar offers an area to relax. Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, sauna and steam room.

TOUR
PRICE

£725

6 DAYS



ITINERARY

FRIDAY After an early departure we leave the West Country and travel to Dover for the ferry crossing to Calais. We continue our journey to our overnight accommodation near Liege, arriving in time for evening dinner.

SATURDAY After breakfast we travel into Germany to the centre of Aachen, where the Christmas market can be reached on foot, or by a shuttle bus. Surrounding the cathedral and town hall, you will find a vibrant Christmas market filled with wooden chalets, full of stocking fillers, unusual hand-crafted gifts and local produce, including Aachen's very own Printern, a local gingerbread. The town comes alive with colourful lights and seasonal aromas inside a lovingly created "Christmas Village", with many cafes to enjoy a warming lunch. We re-join the coach this afternoon and continue to our hotel along the Rhine at Bad Honnef for 3 night with time to settle in before dinner.

SUNDAY Join us this morning for a short, guided walking tour of Linz am Rhein, known as the "colourful town on the Rhine" full of half-timbered buildings with its Christmas market located in the main square. Browse the stalls with their hand-crafted gifts from pottery to glassware, jewellery to candles, festive decorations and winter hats & scarves plus delicious treats from pastries, waffles, hot sausages and warm punch. This afternoon we ride the Kasbach Railway to Steffen's Brewery where you

will discover a nostalgic, pretty Christmas Market with local produce and stocking fillers.

MONDAY Join us for a drive along the Rhine to the town of Koblenz, where the River Rhine & Moselle meet. Here you will find the charming traditional Christmas market with aromas of freshly roasted almonds, sweet-mulled wine and gingerbread offering a perfect festive fragrance across the city. Whilst here, you may also like to wander through the old quarter and visit the attractively decorated shops and pick up a Christmas gift or two!

TUESDAY After breakfast, we leave our hosts on the Rhine and make our way to the Dutch town of Valkenburg for its wonderful Christmas market in the centre. You may like to visit the famous caves which are decorated for the festive period and where Christmas market stalls can also be found (recommended to book online in advance for tickets). The whole town is transformed into a winter wonderland and the streets are filled with festive cheer with traditional stalls and local shops stocked with gift ideas and delicious festive foods. We later rejoin the coach and continue to our overnight hotel near Liege, arriving in time for dinner.

WEDNESDAY After breakfast, we make our way back to Calais for the return ferry crossing to Dover. We then complete our homeward journey, reaching the West Country early evening.



PRICE INCLUDES:

- 5 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Guided Walking Tour of Linz am Rhein
- Journey on the Kasbach Railway
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £147.00
Travel insurance £88.00

Saturday 6th – Sunday 7th December



BLISTS HILL VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS & CARDIFF CHRISTMAS MARKET

Join us for a weekend of festive Christmas markets with a touch of Victoriana. Cardiff Christmas Market is always a delight to visit with its vibrant atmosphere and wide selection of stalls. Blists Hill Victorian Christmas is a real historic treat to step back into bygone times of Dickensian characters and traditions.

YOUR HOTEL **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

SATURDAY We leave our home area and make our way to the Welsh capital, Cardiff with plenty of time to 'shop 'til you drop!' As well as the wonderful shopping centre, there is also a Christmas Market. Set in the heart of the city centre you will find a diverse range of high-quality products such as pewter work carved Welsh love spoons, hand built and thrown pottery, silver and precious stone jewellery, quality yarns with accessories, traditional wooden items and toys, art works and cards for all occasions, glasswork, together with many original decorative items for the house and garden - to name but a few! With over 80 individual stalls you will be sure to find that perfect present even for that "someone who has everything"! We continue to our journey arriving at our hotel with time to settle in before dinner.

SUNDAY After breakfast, we make our way to Blists Hill at Ironbridge, to visit the recreated Victorian town, specially decorated for a traditional Victorian Christmas experience. Wander through the historic streets, and experience the sights, sounds and aromas of a treasured bygone era. You may like to do a little Christmas shopping in the Victorian shops, all offering unique gift ideas, or discover the interactive exhibitions, cottages and workshops to learn about Victorian life. Listen to carols sung by choirs with brass bands, and there is even a festive Punch & Judy show for the little ones, together with Christmas card making and Santa's grotto. There are plenty of restaurants and cafes to enjoy a warming winter lunch. We leave mid-late afternoon and make our way back to the West Country, arriving mid-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Blists Hill Victorian Town
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £30.00
Travel insurance £35.00

Saturday 6th – Sunday 7th December



BLENHEIM PALACE AT CHRISTMAS & ILLUMINATED LIGHT TRAIL

Visit Blenheim Palace for a very special event, with the Palace beautifully decorated for Christmas with a Fairytale theme. State Rooms are adorned with beautiful decorations, twinkling lights and fairytale characters. In addition, the formal gardens will be lit up for a festive after-dark colourful illuminated spectacular light trail.

YOUR HOTEL **Doubletree by Hilton Newbury North, Newbury**

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

ITINERARY

SATURDAY We leave our home area and with a comfort stop on route, we make our way to Blenheim Palace, transformed into the fairy tale world with hidden surprises around every corner as the Palace comes alive with this year's fairytale theme! As the night draws in, enjoy a stroll through the formal gardens, spectacularly illuminated in an array of colourful lights, carpets of dancing flames and glittering woodlands in vibrant Christmas colours stretching into the night sky.

SUNDAY After a leisurely breakfast we travel to Bath for the Christmas Market. Walk through the winter wonderland and soak up the festive atmosphere in the elegant city centre. With wooden chalets nestled amongst iconic monuments, festive scents and Christmas cheer fill the streets, where you will find many ideas for stocking fillers, decorations and unique gifts together with tasty treats. With plenty of time to explore the Christmas market and enjoy a warming lunch, we leave late afternoon and complete our journey home, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Blenheim Palace – Festive Theme & the Christmas Light Trail
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £45.00
Travel insurance £35.00

Monday 8th – Friday 12th December



ALVASTON HALL, CHESHIRE FESTIVE WARNER BREAK

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

YOUR HOTEL Alveston Hall Hotel, Nantwich, Cheshire

A beautiful 3* half-timbered Victorian country hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, lounge chairs and tea & coffee- facilities. Enjoy dinner in the splendid Cabaret Restaurant, before sitting back to take in the fantastic dancing and live entertainment. Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, spa pool, sauna, steam room and gym. Sports facilities include, archery, croquet, darts and snooker. Warner now operates a cashless payment system ... debit & credit cards only.

ITINERARY

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

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

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

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

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (max 5)
Signature room upgrade £20.00 per person
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR
PRICE

£455

5 DAYS

Monday 8th – Friday 12th December



GREAT YARMOUTH TURKEY & TINSEL & THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Great Yarmouth is Norfolk's premier seaside resort, with over 15 glorious miles of sandy beaches. Thursford Christmas Spectacular is the largest Christmas production in England. A cast of choirs, orchestras, pipers, military bands and professional dancers perform a show depicting all aspects of the season, amid beautifully decorated Christmas scenery. An extremely popular event, so please book early!

YOUR HOTEL New Beach Hotel, Great Yarmouth

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

ITINERARY

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

TUESDAY (Christmas Eve) After a very leisurely breakfast we travel to Thursford for the afternoon performance of the Christmas Spectacular. On arrival there will be time to browse the beautiful shops, full of festive gifts and Christmas Fayre. Then take your seat for an extravaganza of non-stop singing, dancing, music, humour and variety, a celebration of the festive season featuring a mix of seasonal and year-round favourites. With a coast of 130, this is the biggest Christmas Show of its kind in Europe ... you won't be disappointed! We return to our hotel for evening dinner.

WEDNESDAY (Christmas Day) After breakfast we travel to Wroxham, a beautiful town considered to be the capital of the Norfolk Broads. With time to browse the shops and enjoy coffee, we return to our hotel for a traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, and a special visit from Santa! This afternoon you may like to take a stroll along the seafront or visit the Sea Life Centre to work up an appetite for a festive Christmas party and entertainment tonight.

THURSDAY (Boxing Day) Today we visit the city of Norwich with its splendid Norman Cathedral and castle, built over 900 years ago, now a museum and gallery. There are many shops to browse and do some Christmas shopping, and cafes to enjoy a warming lunch. We return to our hotel for our final evening dinner followed by a fabulous fancy dress party (optional!) with prizes, dancing and entertainment.

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

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Lunch on 1 day
- Thursford Christmas Spectacular ticket
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £36.00 (Max 2)
Subsequent Singles £60.00
Sea View Room Supplement £28.00 per person
Travel insurance 36.00

TOUR
PRICE

£425

5 DAYS

Monday 8th – Friday 12th December



NEW

CHESHIRE TURKEY & TINSEL AND CHESTER ZOO'S LANTERNS & LIGHT

TOUR PRICE

£409

5 DAYS

Join for a new festive tour to Cheshire. Enjoy a traditional turkey & tinsel with Christmas markets, Christmas castles and experience the spectacular lights and lanterns light trail at Chester Zoo this year!

YOUR HOTEL Beaufort Park Hotel, Mold

A warm, welcomes awaits us at this 3* hotel located on the outskirts of Mold. All rooms are furnished with TV, telephone, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. Ground floor room are available. The restaurant serves a delicious traditional evening menu and generous breakfast. The Arches Bar is a large area to relax and enjoy a drink with friends.

ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave the West Country and begin our journey north, stopping for coffee and lunch en route and arriving at our hotel, with mince pies & tea or coffee whilst luggage is taken to our rooms, with time to freshen up before our first evening dinner.

TUESDAY (Christmas Eve) We start the day with a full Welsh breakfast before making our way to Manchester for the fabulous Christmas Markets. Here you will find over 200 stalls spread across different areas of the city where you can find Christmas gift ideas, stocking fillers or just enjoy the Christmas atmosphere with festive food and drink below the festive lighting, giant baubles and a larger-than-life Santa Claus perched high above St Peter's Square. As the markets are located around the central shopping district all the usual high street shops are easily accessible together with cafes and restaurants for lunch and afternoon tea. We return to the hotel for a pre-dinner sherry reception followed by an evening of entertainment after dinner

WEDNESDAY (Christmas Day) After a leisurely breakfast we make our way into Chester, a handsome city with historic black and white buildings and vibrant centre. At the heart of the city, you will find the sparkling Christmas tree centrepiece and Christmas market stalls amongst the usual high street shops, cafes and restaurants, with the day free to explore the cathedral, castle and Roman city walls. Late afternoon we travel to Chester Zoo for the spectacular "Lanterns & Light" after dark experience. Wander through the zoo with illuminated pathways, wonderful animal light and musical installations, sparkling tunnels, giant candy canes, illuminated animal puppetry and an impressive fire garden guaranteed to put a smile on the faces of all ages! The trail takes approximately 1.5 hours for a gentle stroll with food & drink outlets along the way. (Please note you won't see the live zoo animals on the trail). We return to our hotel with a traditional Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings, a visit from Santa and entertainment until late.

THURSDAY (New Year's Eve) Enjoy a hearty breakfast before we make our way to Llangollen with time to explore the riverside town and its independent shops. We continue to Chirk Castle to experience an enchanted world of festive decorations throughout the property. Explore the state rooms in this 13th century castle with lavish interiors of rich furniture, paintings and tapestries, the 17th century long gallery, Servants' Hall and Chapel Music room. Take a winter walk in the gardens and grounds and enjoy a warming lunch in the café. We return to the hotel to raise a glass for a pre-dinner Bucks Fizz reception followed by dinner and more live entertainment until late.

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
- Entrance to Chirk Castle (Nat Trust)
- Entrance to Chester Zoo's Lanterns & Light Trail
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £72.00
Travel insurance 36.00

Tuesday 9th – Wednesday 10th December



CHRISTMAS AT KEW & WINCHESTER CHRISTMAS MARKET

TOUR PRICE

£185

2 DAYS

The stunning gardens at Kew are illuminated for the festive season, with a one-mile pathway that meanders through the world-famous botanic gardens in a magical after-dark experience with colourful seasonal cheer.

YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn, London Heathrow

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

ITINERARY

TUESDAY We leave the West Country and, with a comfort stop on route, we make our way to Royal Windsor with time to explore this delightful town with so much history. Whilst here you may like to take a sight seeing bus tour around Windsor and Eton, visit the castle, enjoy a boat trip along the Thames, or perhaps indulge in little Christmas shopping. We later make our way to Kew Gardens for an early evening illuminated trail. As twilight fails, the magic begins as you wander beneath unique tree canopies drenched in festive light and gaze into the glowing waterside reflections as clusters of fountains dance in an explosion of colour. We re-join the coach and travel to our hotel, arriving in time for dinner and an evening at leisure.

WEDNESDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we make our way to Winchester. The Cathedral Christmas Market is recognised as one of the best in Europe. Inspired by traditional German Christmas markets, the pretty wooden chalets are situated in the cathedral's historic close, surrounding an open-air real ice rink. Here you will find an abundance of wonderful Christmas gifts, decorations, as well as many festive food and drink stalls. All exhibitors are hand-picked for their interesting, high quality and unique products, many of which can't be bought on the high street. There are also many of the usual high street shops and restaurants to enjoy a warming lunch, and the cathedral is open to visitors. With plenty of time to explore, we make our way back to the West Country, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Kew Botanical Garden Seasonal Illuminations
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £34.00
Travel insurance £35.00

Friday 12th – Sunday 14th December



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WEEKEND – BRUGES CHRISTMAS MARKET & CALAIS

TOUR PRICE

£235

3 DAYS

An opportunity to enjoy a weekend of stocking up on food, drink and last-minute gifts before the hustle and bustle of Christmas! Bruges Christmas Market is an absolute delight during the festive season with quaint cobbled streets and canals bustling with market stalls and gift shops with wonderful gift ideas and treats. And Cite Europe Calais offers a large shopping mall to stock up with stocking fillers.

YOUR HOTEL B&B Hotel Calais, Terminal Cite Europe, Calais

A contemporary hotel situated next to the large shopping complex of Cite Europe complete with restaurants and some of Calais' attractions. All rooms are ensuite with TV & Wi-Fi access. The restaurant offers a generous buffet breakfast and there is a bar and lounge area in which to relax.

ITINERARY

FRIDAY After an early departure we travel to Dover, with a comfort stop on route, for the ferry crossing to Calais. You will then have the remainder of the day free to spend at Cite Europe – a vast shopping mall with around 150 shops to choose from, full of Christmas gifts and inspiration. There are numerous cafes and restaurants in which to sample the local cuisine and enjoy an evening meal of your choice, before retiring to our hotel for a restful night sleep.

SATURDAY After a leisurely breakfast we travel over the border into Belgium to Bruges, to soak up the atmosphere and enjoy a glass (or two) of Gluhwein or hot chocolate, sample local cuisine and tasty treats like the famous Belgian waffles and browse the numerous market stalls crammed with Christmas gifts and handcrafted decorations. For chocolate lovers, why not visit the Chocolate Museum or Pralinette (Bruges' largest praline and chocolate shop). For the more adventurous, why not take a twirl on the ice rink with the backdrop of the city's historic buildings, or a gentle horse and cart ride around the cobbled streets, or perhaps a canal boat ride through historic waterways. With time to enjoy dinner in a restaurant of your choice and take in the festive atmosphere and lights after dark, we return mid-evening to our hotel in Calais.

SUNDAY We leave our hotel and make our way to the ferry terminal, for our return crossing to Dover, completing our homeward journey, reaching the West Country mid-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £65.00
Travel insurance £71.00

Friday 12th – Monday 15th December



CRICKET ST THOMAS, SOMERSET – FESTIVE BREAK ... WARNER BREAK

TOUR PRICE

£359

4 DAYS

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

YOUR HOTEL Cricket St Thomas Hotel, Near Chard

A beautiful country hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, safe, complimentary toiletries, and tea & coffee facilities. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated swimming pool, sauna and fitness studio, archery, croquet, putting green, and air rifle shooting. The restaurant serves a delicious menu, and the tearoom is perfect for afternoon refreshments. Live entertainment is provided each evening. Warner now operates a cashless payment system ... debit & credit cards only.

ITINERARY

FRIDAY We leave our home area and make our way to Sherborne, one of England's prettiest towns with mellow stone buildings, picturesque Almshouses and two castles! With time to enjoy lunch and browse the shops we continue to our hotel with time to settle in and relax before dinner, and our first night of festive entertainment.

SATURDAY After a leisurely breakfast we travel to Dorchester for market day, with time to browse the stalls and the high Street shops and have a leisurely lunch. We continue to Weymouth for the afternoon to maybe take a stroll along the harbour or enjoy afternoon tea. We return to our hotel via the Dorset coast road with stunning views, with time to relax before dinner and another night of top-class live entertainment.

SUNDAY Join us this morning as we make our way to Wells, England's smallest city, famous for its exquisite cathedral and Bishops Palace. The high street is lined with an array of interesting shops and cosy cafes where you can enjoy a lunch and look for those last-minute Christmas gifts. We return to our hotel with the afternoon to relax and make use of the many facilities before dinner followed by our final evening's festive entertainment.

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

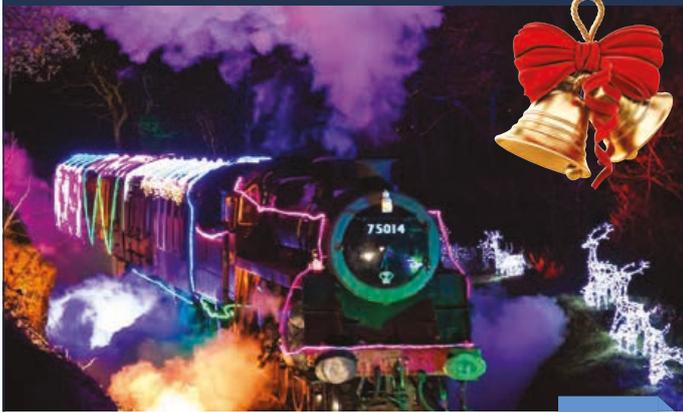
PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 5)
Signature room upgrade £20.00
Travel insurance £36.00

Friday 12th – Monday 15th December



TURKEY & TINSEL ON THE ENGLISH RIVIERA & THE CHRISTMAS TRAIN OF LIGHTS

The English Riviera is a 22-mile stretch of outstanding south Devon coastline, renowned for its award-winning beaches, rocky coves, pretty villages and mild climate. Dartmouth Steam Railway showcases perhaps one of the most spectacular train rides you'll ever experience, draped in festive colour, twinkling out into the dusky landscape.

YOUR HOTEL **Queens Hotel, Paignton**

A modern, family-run 3* hotel just a few minutes' walk from the seafront. 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 (Christmas Eve) We leave our home area and make our way to Teignmouth – a real hidden gem on Devon's southern coast, with a Georgian crescent and long promenade. The town is both a historic port and classic holiday resort, with a Victorian pier. With time to enjoy lunch, we make the short journey to our hotel with plenty of time to settle in before dinner and first evening of entertainment.

SATURDAY (Christmas Day) After a leisurely breakfast and maybe a visit from Santa, we make our way to the market town of Tavistock with time to enjoy lunch and explore. Today is market day in the Pannier Market with stalls offering a wide choice of produce, handcrafted gifts and antiques. We continue to Buckfast Abbey founded as a Benedictine Monastery in 1018. The Abbey today is self-supporting, producing honey, vegetables and tonic wines. We return to Paignton where we board the illuminated steam train where your vintage carriage awaits, for a return journey on a most memorable ride, inside a decorated fairy light carriage and exterior rainbow-coloured lights. The train takes us to Churston Station where the show begins, after which we travel through the 450 metre Greenway tunnel leading us into the show stopping enchanted forest, followed by the twinkling lights of Dartmouth. Back at our hotel we enjoy a traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings followed by festive entertainment.

SUNDAY (New Year's Eve) Join us this morning as we travel to the bustling town of Brixham, where yachts and heritage trawlers jostle for space in the pretty harbour. With time to explore and enjoy coffee in one of the waterside cafes we return to Paignton with the afternoon free to spend as you please. You may like to take a swim in the hotel pool or stroll along the pier to work up an appetite for our sumptuous New Year Eve's gala dinner where you can dress to impress, followed by a final night of festive entertainment.

MONDAY We leave our hotel after breakfast and make our way along the coast to Torquay, with time to do a spot of Christmas shopping in the modern shopping precinct and enjoy a warming lunch. We complete our homeward journey arriving late afternoon/early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entertainment each evening
- Traditional Christmas Turkey Dinner on 1 evening
- Ticket for the Christmas Train of Lights
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 5)
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR
PRICE

£285

4 DAYS

Saturday 13th – Sunday 14th December



LONGLEAT'S FESTIVAL OF LIGHT & WINCHESTER CHRISTMAS MARKET

Grab your woolly hat and enjoy the festive experience at Longleat this winter. Marvel at the amazing lanterns and see your favourite characters come to life – transformed for the season into a veritable winter wonderland at the original lantern light experience of over 1000 light installations ... 2025 theme not yet announced!

YOUR HOTEL **Holiday Inn Salisbury-Stonehenge, Nr Salisbury**

A modern 4* hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee-making facilities. There is a lift at the hotel. The restaurant offers a freshly evening menu and generous hot and cold buffet breakfast.

ITINERARY

SATURDAY We leave our home area, with a comfort stop on route and travel to Winchester. The Cathedral Christmas Market is recognised as one of the best in Europe. Inspired by traditional German Christmas markets, the pretty wooden chalets are situated in the cathedral's historic close where you will find an abundance of wonderful Christmas gifts, decorations and festive food and drink stalls. All exhibitors are hand-picked for their interesting, high quality and unique products, many of which can't be found on the high street. You can also visit the usual high street and independent shops and the cathedral which welcomes visitors at this special time of year. Late afternoon, we make the short journey to our hotel, with time to settle in before dinner and an evening at leisure.

SUNDAY After a leisurely breakfast we leave our hotel and make our way to Longleat. On arrival, join us if you wish for a coach tour through the safari park, as we drive past lions, tigers, cheetahs, giraffes, Anne the elephant, deer, rhinos and many more safari animals along the way. You then have the remainder of the day free to explore the many attractions at Longleat. If you're looking for festive decorations, stocking filler gifts or tasty treats, look no further than the Christmas Fayre. Grab your woolly hat and experience the thrill of outdoor areas, gaze at the dazzling giant musical Christmas tree, marvel at the amazing light lanterns and see colourful characters come to life as dusk descends. We later complete our homeward journey, arriving mid evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Entrance to Longleat Festival of Light including coach tour of Safari Park
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £30.00
Travel insurance £35.00

TOUR
PRICE

£179

2 DAYS

Saturday 13th – Sunday 14th December



CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL

With London beautifully lit up for Christmas, join us for a tour combining the finest Christmas sing-along carol concert of the season at the Royal Albert Hall and a day's Christmas shopping or sightseeing in Oxford. The annual Christmas concerts have become a festive favourite over the years offering the perfect blend of seasonal songs – a truly wonderful way to kick-start the festive season.

YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn, London Heathrow

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

TOUR PRICE

£225

2 DAYS

ITINERARY

SATURDAY We leave the West Country and with a comfort stop en route, travel to Kensington in Central London with time to have a spot of lunch before you take your seat in the Royal Albert Hall for the afternoon Christmas carol sing-along extravaganza. Featuring a range of solo artists and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, this is perhaps one of the highlights of the Royal Albert Hall's festive season! After the sing-a-long we re-join the coach and make the short journey to our hotel with time to freshen up before dinner and an evening at leisure.

SUNDAY After a leisurely breakfast, we make our way to Oxford. The majestic University city is brought to life with all the seasonal cheer this time of year brings, with plenty of shopping opportunities to find that last-minute Christmas gift or stocking filler and enjoy a warming lunch. We later make our way back to the West Country, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Royal Albert Hall Christmas Carol Concert ticket
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £34.00
Travel insurance £35.00

Saturday 13th – Sunday 14th December



BLENHEIM PALACE AT CHRISTMAS & ILLUMINATED LIGHT TRAIL

Visit Blenheim Palace for a very special event, with the Palace beautifully decorated for Christmas with a Fairytale theme. State Rooms are adorned with beautiful decorations, twinkling lights and fairytale characters. In addition, the formal gardens will be lit up for a festive after-dark colourful illuminated spectacular light trail.

YOUR HOTEL Leonardo Hotel, Swindon

A 4* modern hotel with ensuite bedrooms, furnished with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and hearty breakfast.

TOUR PRICE

£195

2 DAYS

ITINERARY

SATURDAY We leave our home area and with a comfort stop on route, we make our way to Blenheim Palace, transformed into the fairy tale world with hidden surprises around every corner as the Palace comes alive with this year's fairytale theme! As the night draws in, enjoy a stroll through the formal gardens, spectacularly illuminated in an array of colourful lights, carpets of dancing flames and glittering woodlands in vibrant Christmas colours stretching into the night sky.

SUNDAY After a leisurely breakfast we travel to Bath for the Christmas market. Walk through the winter wonderland and soak up the festive atmosphere in the picturesque city centre. With wooden chalets nestled amongst iconic monuments in the city, festive scents and Christmas cheer fill the streets where you will find many ideas for stocking fillers, decorations, unique gifts and enjoy tasty treats. With plenty of time to explore the Christmas market, browse the many shops and enjoy a warming lunch, we leave late afternoon and complete our journey home, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Blenheim Palace – Festive Theme & the Christmas Light Trail
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:
Single supplement £45.00
Travel insurance £35.00

Monday 15th – Friday 19th December



**FIVE LAKES 5* RESORT
ALL INCLUSIVE FESTIVE BREAK**

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

YOUR HOTEL Five Lakes Resort, Maldon, Essex

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

ITINERARY

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

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

WEDNESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to Bury St Edmunds, a beautiful and busy market town, with plenty of time to visit the cathedral, browse the shops and enjoy a morning coffee. We return to our resort for lunch and another free afternoon to enjoy the resort's festive activities & crafts before dinner and an evening of live festive entertainment.

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

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 £40.00 per person
Deluxe Double supplement £40.00 per person
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE
£625
5 DAYS

Saturday 20th – Sunday 21st December



**LONGLEAT'S FESTIVAL
OF LIGHT & WINCHESTER
CHRISTMAS MARKET**

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YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn Salisbury-Stonehenge, Nr Salisbury

A modern 4* hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee-making facilities. There is a lift at the hotel. The restaurant offers a freshly evening menu and generous hot and cold buffet breakfast.

TOUR PRICE
£179
2 DAYS

ITINERARY

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SUNDAY After a leisurely breakfast we leave our hotel and make our way to Longleat. On arrival, join us if you wish for a coach tour through the safari park, as we drive past lions, tigers, cheetahs, giraffes, Anne the elephant, deer, rhinos and many more safari animals along the way. You then have the remainder of the day free to explore the many attractions at Longleat. If you're looking for festive decorations, stocking filler gifts or tasty treats, look no further than the Christmas Fayre. Grab your woolly hat and experience the thrill of outdoor areas, gaze at the dazzling giant musical Christmas tree, marvel at the amazing light lanterns and see colourful characters come to life as dusk descends. We later complete our homeward journey, arriving mid evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Entrance to Longleat Festival of Light including coach tour of Safari Park
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £30.00
Travel insurance £35.00

Saturday 20th – Sunday 21st December



BLENHEIM PALACE AT CHRISTMAS & ILLUMINATED LIGHT TRAIL

TOUR PRICE

£195

2 DAYS

Visit Blenheim Palace for a very special event, with the Palace beautifully decorated for Christmas with a Fairytale theme. State Rooms are adorned with beautiful decorations, twinkling lights and fairytale characters. In addition, the formal gardens will be lit up for a festive after-dark colourful illuminated spectacular light trail.

YOUR HOTEL Doubletree by Hilton Newbury North, Newbury
A 4* modern hotel with ensuite bedrooms, furnished with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool & fitness suite.

ITINERARY

SATURDAY We leave our home area and with a comfort stop on route, we make our way to Blenheim Palace, transformed into the fairy tale world with hidden surprises around every corner as the Palace comes alive with this year's fairytale theme! As the night draws in, enjoy a stroll through the formal gardens, spectacularly illuminated in an array of colourful lights, carpets of dancing flames and glittering woodlands in vibrant Christmas colours stretching into the night sky.

SUNDAY After a leisurely breakfast we travel to Bath with plenty of time to explore this elegant city with honey-coloured Georgian architecture and iconic buildings. There are numerous shopping opportunities to finish your Christmas shopping, together with sightseeing options and many cafes and restaurants to enjoy a warming lunch. We leave late afternoon and complete our journey home, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Blenheim Palace – Festive Theme & the Christmas Light Trail
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £45.00
Travel insurance £35.00

Tuesday 23rd – Saturday 27th December



NEW

CHRISTMAS AT BODELWYDDAN CASTLE ... WARNER BREAK

TOUR PRICE

£995

5 DAYS

Join us for a brand new Christmas tour at the magnificent Warner Hotel, Bodelwyddan Castle. You'll be spoilt for choice with excellent accommodation, delicious food, great things to do and fantastic entertainment each evening. Set in 200 acres of beautifully tended parkland, commanding a hilltop position, Bodelwyddan Castle is the perfect choice this Christmas.

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

TUESDAY We leave the West Country and make our way north, stopping for coffee and lunch, and reaching our hotel where mulled wine is served to welcome us to Bodelwyddan Castle Hotel. With time to settle in before dinner and our first evening of festive entertainment.

WEDNESDAY (Christmas Eve) – Join us this morning we travel to Llandudno, known as the Queen of Welsh Resorts, with its fine pier over 700 metres long, shops and restaurants. With time to explore and stroll along the promenade, we return to our hotel for a buffet lunch with the afternoon free to enjoy some of the hotel's many facilities and activities, or just relax, have tea and enjoy the wonderful views. Join in with the Carol singing, or perhaps a lantern-lit walk before dinner tonight, followed by more live entertainment with a festive cheer. For those wishing to visit a local church for midnight mass, reception will advise the closest option for you.

THURSDAY (Christmas Day) – Happy Christmas! Enjoy a leisurely breakfast and cheer as Santa makes his grand entrance to start the festive day with a bang! The day is free to spend opening presents, relaxing or making use of the leisure facilities on site or taking a stroll through the castle grounds. Indulge in a traditional Christmas lunch and watch the Kings Speech whilst relaxing this afternoon. Tonight's buffet dinner is followed by more live entertainment and dancing.

FRIDAY (Boxing Day) – Join us this morning as we make our way through some stunning autumn scenery of the Snowdonia National Park to the picturesque village of Betws-Y-Coed. Set in a beautiful valley with the Snowdonia Forest Park, it's easy to see why it's one of North Wales popular tourist resorts. With time to wander around the village we return to our hotel for a Boxing Day buffet lunch and time to make use of the leisure facilities before our final evening dinner complete with a traditional pantomime performance and outdoor firework finale (weather permitting) followed by music and dancing until late.

SATURDAY 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 Full Board Accommodation
- Entertainment each evening
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (max 4)
Signature Room Up-Grade
£30.00 per person
Travel insurance £36.00

Sunday 21st – Saturday 27th December



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.

TOUR PRICE
€1175
7 DAYS

SHIP MS Boheme, 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.



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
 Travel insurance £88.00

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
Travel insurance £88.00

Monday 22nd – Saturday 27th December



CHRISTMAS IN NORFOLK ... INCLUDING THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Thursford Christmas Spectacular is the largest Christmas production in Europe. A cast of choirs, orchestras, pipers, military bands and professional dancers perform a show depicting all aspects of the season, amid beautifully decorated Christmas scenery. An extremely popular event, so please book early!

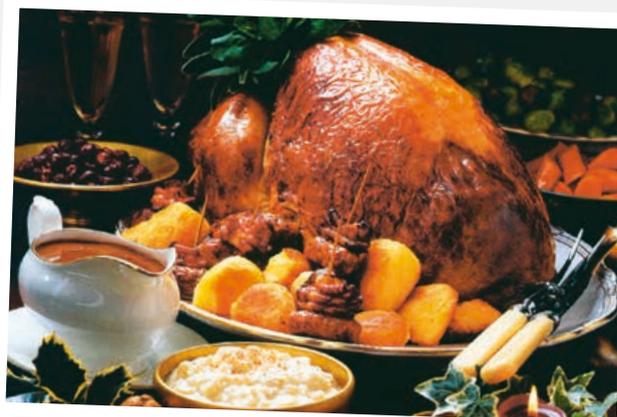
YOUR HOTEL Mercure Hotel, Norwich

A superb 4* hotel located on the outskirts of the city of Norwich. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is no lift, but ground floor rooms are available. The restaurant serves a delicious home cooked menu.

TOUR
PRICE

£745

6 DAYS



ITINERARY

MONDAY We leave the West Country and with a stop for coffee and lunch on route. We arrive at our hotel late afternoon with time to relax and settle in before dinner and an evening at leisure.

TUESDAY We leave our hotel this morning and travel to Thursford to browse the gift shop, full of festive gifts and enjoy lunch in the restaurant. Take your seat for the afternoon Christmas Spectacular, an extravaganza of non-stop singing, dancing, music, humour and variety. It's a celebration of the festive season featuring a mix of seasonal and year-round favourite songs. We return to our hotel to relax before dinner, followed by live entertainment and dancing until late.

WEDNESDAY (Christmas Eve) – After a leisurely breakfast we make the short journey into the centre of Norwich with its splendid Norman cathedral and castle, built 900 years ago, now a museum and art gallery. With time to browse the shops and maybe find that last-minute gift and enjoy a warming lunch we return to our hotel with time to relax before dinner and more

live entertainment.

THURSDAY (Christmas Day) – Happy Christmas! After a full English breakfast, 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 the traditional Christmas Day lunch with all the trimmings accompanied by musical entertainment. This afternoon, watch the King's Speech whilst afternoon tea and mince pies are served. This evening, we enjoy a special Norfolk Gala buffet dinner with wine followed by live entertainment and dancing until late.

FRIDAY (Boxing Day) – Join us this morning if you wish for an excursion to the seaside resort of Great Yarmouth to stroll along the seafront and enjoy the fresh sea air before returning to our hotel for a Boxing Day lunch at midday. Enjoy coffee and mince pies in the lounge this afternoon and time to relax before a Drinks Reception and spectacular Gala themed dinner followed by another night of live entertainment and dancing until late.

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



PRICE INCLUDES:

- 5 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Thursford Christmas Spectacular ticket
- Traditional Christmas Lunch on Christmas Day
- Afternoon Tea & Mince Pies on Christmas Day
- 2 course lunch on Boxing Day
- Drinks Reception on Boxing Day Evening
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £125.00
Travel insurance £44.00

Tuesday 23rd – Saturday 27th December



CHRISTMAS IN THE COTSWOLDS

The Cotswolds covers a large area of almost 800 square miles and encompasses five counties (Gloucestershire, Warwickshire, Oxfordshire, Wiltshire and Worcestershire). Discover its beautiful landscape with rolling hills, lively market towns and beautiful honey-coloured stone buildings for a peaceful Christmas break in the English countryside.

YOUR HOTEL Delta By Marriott Cheltenham Chase Hotel, Cheltenham

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

TOUR PRICE

£725

5 DAYS

ITINERARY

TUESDAY We leave our home area, making a coffee stop on route, and make our way to the tranquil riverside town of Tewkesbury. With time to browse the shops, discover the 900 year old Abbey with beautiful stained glass windows and enjoy lunch, we continue to our hotel with tea/coffee and cakes served in the lounge and time to settle in and relax. A Drinks Reception is followed by dinner in the Hardy's Restaurant.

WEDNESDAY (Christmas Eve) – Join us today as we travel to Stratford Upon Avon, a medieval market town situated along the banks of the River Severn and home to its most famous inhabitant, the Elizabethan playwright, William Shakespeare. You may like to visit the birthplace of Shakespeare to discover more about his life, or Holy Trinity Church where he is buried. Enjoy some retail therapy in the town centre to find that last minute Christmas gift, with numerous cafes and restaurants for a relaxing lunch. We return to our hotel for tea/coffee and scones, and a Drinks Reception is followed by dinner in the Buckholt Suite and later a festive quiz with prizes. For those wishing to attend a local midnight mass, the hotel reception staff will be able to assist.

THURSDAY (Christmas Day) – Happy Christmas! Enjoy a leisurely breakfast and spend time opening presents, quietly relaxing or taking a stroll to work up an appetite for the festive feast! Pre-Christmas lunch drinks are served in the lounge followed a traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. Watch the King's Speech in the guest lounge and try your luck at guess the weight of the Christmas Cake, served with tea later this afternoon. A festive buffet is followed tonight by musical entertainment.

FRIDAY (Boxing Day) – After a leisurely breakfast for those who wish we make a morning excursion to the ancient market town of Stow-on-the-Wold with time to explore the narrow streets with honey-coloured cottages and maybe enjoy a cosy pub lunch before we return to our hotel for tea/coffee with mince pies. Join your fellow guests for a Drinks Reception in the lounge and a Gala Boxing Day dinner in the Buckholt Suite followed by live musical entertainment.

SATURDAY We leave our hotel after breakfast and make our way to Cirencester, the capital of the Cotswolds for lunch. With time to explore its picturesque narrow streets with honey-coloured buildings and numerous shops and cafes, we later make our way back to the West Country, arriving early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Tea/Coffee and cakes/mince pies each afternoon
- Drinks reception each day
- Traditional Christmas lunch on Christmas Day
- Entertainment on some evenings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £148.00
Travel insurance £36.00

Tuesday 23rd – Saturday 27th December



NEW

CHRISTMAS IN NORTHUMBERLAND

Enjoy Christmas in the glorious region of Northumberland renowned for its breathtaking natural landscapes, rugged coastline and friendly market towns. Experience a festive bygone era at Beamish and explore the ancient city of Durham.

YOUR HOTEL Redworth Hall Hotel, Newton Aycliffe

A stunning 4* 17th century Jacobean Manor House hotel set within 26 acres of peaceful, landscaped grounds. Each of the ensuite bedrooms are beautifully furnished with TV, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to some rooms. The restaurant offers a delicious evening menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, jacuzzi, steam room, sauna, fitness suite and a relaxing lounge bar area.

TOUR PRICE

£795

5 DAYS

ITINERARY

TUESDAY We leave our home area and make our way north, stopping for coffee and lunch en route, arriving at our hotel late afternoon with tea, cake and homemade scones waiting for us whilst our luggage is taken to our rooms. There will be time to settle in and freshen up before dinner, followed by entertainment.

WEDNESDAY (Christmas Eve) This morning we visit Beamish, the world-famous open-air museum which brings the history of the North-East England to life from Georgian times through to the 1950's. Step back in time and enjoy the magic of Christmas across the ages with traditional decorations, yuletide tasty treats, festive music and activities await across the site. There are plenty of outlets to enjoy a cosy lunch, before we return to our hotel for Carols in the Great Hall by the roaring log fire with a warming glass of punch before dinner. You may like to visit the local church for a Midnight Mass service (20 minute walk from hotel) and return for hot chocolate and mince pies.

THURSDAY (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 a traditional Christmas lunch is served with all the trimmings and a visit from Santa. Spend the afternoon having a nap or watching the King's speech. This evening there's a wonderful, typically British, Christmas Day evening buffet for you to enjoy followed by a disco.

FRIDAY (Boxing Day) After a very leisurely breakfast we visit the historic city of Durham, with its magnificent cathedral and medieval castle. Discover its narrow streets and quirky alleys brimming with history. You may like to grab a Boxing Day bargain in the High Street before return to our hotel for a late lunch and in-house entertainment. Join us for a Drinks Reception followed by a Boxing Day Gala Dinner and musical entertainment until late.

SATURDAY 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
- Entrance to Beamish
- Traditional Christmas Lunch on Christmas Day
- Boxing Day Lunch
- Boxing Day Evening Gala Dinner
- Entertainment on some evenings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £140.00 (max 5)
Travel insurance £36.00

Mon 29th Dec 2025 – Fri 2nd Jan 2026



SCOTTISH HOGMANAY

Unwind after the hustle and bustle of Christmas as we enjoy traditional Scottish Hogmanay celebrations in Blairgowrie, a charming country town nestled at the foot of the Sidlaw Hills.

YOUR HOTEL Angus Hotel, Blairgowrie

A warm welcome awaits at this 3* hotel in the centre of Blairgowrie. All bedrooms are ensuite with TV, telephone, Wi-Fi access, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. All lift serves all floors. The restaurant offers outstanding traditional cuisine and leisure facilities include an indoor pool, sauna & spa. Entertainment is provided most evenings.

TOUR PRICE

£735

5 DAYS

ITINERARY

MONDAY After an early departure we leave the West Country and make our way north. With regular comfort stops enroute, we arrive at our hotel with time to settle in before dinner this evening.

TUESDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make the short journey to the city of Perth, beautifully situated on the banks of the River Tay. With time to browse the shops and have a cosy lunch in the café quarter, we return to our hotel with the rest of the afternoon free to relax and maybe make use of the leisure facilities. Tonight, we enjoy a drinks reception before our evening meal, followed by live entertainment until late.

WEDNESDAY (New Year's Eve) – After a hearty Scottish breakfast, the morning is free to spend as you please in Blairgowrie. You may like to stroll along the River Erich near the peaceful green Wellmeadow, before returning to our hotel for a light lunch. Later we kick start the New Year's Eve celebrations with a cocktail reception in the lounge bar followed by a superb Hogmanay Gala dinner. Enjoy a traditional Scottish Ceilidh entertainment with pipes and an Ode to the Haggis, seeing the New Year in with style as the bells ring out at midnight, served with delicious Scottish Stovies and dancing until the early hours!

THURSDAY (New Year's Day) – Happy New Year! We start the day with a Bucks Fizz brunch and the option to sign up to the local Blairgowrie fun run (or fun walk) – it's flat and only 6 miles long suited for every age group starting at 1pm. For those wishing to join us for an excursion we visit nearby Pitlochry, which closes the main street each year to host a New Year's Day party with local Ceilidh bands and traditional Scottish dances like Strip The Willow, Gay Gordons and the Military Twostep. Local butchers supply gallons of hot soup, sausage rolls and pies. We return to our hotel where you may like to take part in a Treasure Hunt in town and relax with tea/coffee and homemade shortbread in the lounge mid-afternoon. New Year's dinner is served followed by more entertainment this evening.

FRIDAY 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-mid evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

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

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £80.00 (Max 5)
Travel insurance £36.00

Tue 30th Dec 2025 – Fri 2nd Jan 2026



NEW YEAR IN NORTH WALES

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

YOUR HOTEL Celtic Royal Hotel, Caernarfon

A 3* hotel located in the Welsh harbour town of Caernarfon. All bedrooms are ensuite with TV, free Wi-Fi access, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to some bedrooms. The Castell Restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and generous breakfast using local Welsh produce and the Summit Bar offers a place to relax in the evenings. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, steam room & sauna.

TOUR PRICE

£485

4 DAYS

ITINERARY

TUESDAY We leave the West Country and journey north to our hotel, making comfort stops en route, arriving at our hotel in Caernarfon with time to settle in before a mulled wine reception and evening dinner followed by live entertainment.

WEDNESDAY (New Year's Eve) – This morning we take a scenic coach tour through some of the stunning Snowdonia National Park with its rugged landscape, towering mountainsides and slate quarries. We stop for lunch in the picturesque village of Betws-Y-Coed before returning to Caernarfon with the afternoon free to stroll through the town, admire the majestic castle alongside the harbour, or perhaps relax in the hotel, or make use of the leisure facilities. Tea/coffee and biscuits are available this afternoon and later we enjoy a 4 course Gala New Year's Eve dinner followed by entertainment and dancing until late, to see the New Year in at midnight.

THURSDAY (New Year's Day) – Happy New Year! After a leisurely breakfast, join us if you wish for an excursion to the north Welsh coast to the seaside resort of Llandudno. Take a stroll along the promenade and see if any of the locals brave a New Year's Day swim in the Irish Sea! With time to enjoy a quiet lunch in one of the cafes we return to our hotel for tea/coffee and biscuits and time to relax, maybe continue to make use of the leisure facilities or try the indoor treasure hunt! Dinner is followed by another evening of live entertainment.

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:

- 3 nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Mulled Wine Reception
- 4 Course New Year's Eve Gala Dinner
- Live entertainment each evening
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £75.00
Travel insurance £36.00

Tue 30th Dec 2025 – Fri 2nd Jan 2026



NEW YEAR IN TENBY

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

YOUR HOTEL Clarence House Hotel, Tenby

Owned by the same family for nearly seventy years, this excellent hotel enjoys an enviable position on the esplanade. All rooms are ensuite, with TV and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves highly recommended cuisine with a choice menu and evening entertainment is provided most evenings.

TOUR
PRICE

£485

4 DAYS

ITINERARY

TUESDAY We leave the West Country and, with a comfort stop en route, make our way over across to Wales for lunch in the market town of Abergavenny. We complete our journey to Tenby via the scenic Brecon Beacons, arriving at our hotel to settle in before a sherry and mince pie reception, and our first evening of dinner and live entertainment.

WEDNESDAY (New Year's Eve) Join us this morning if you wish as we visit the Pembrokeshire's ancient county town of Haverfordwest with its dominating castle above the town, old Gaol and Western Cleddau River running through the centre and riverside quay. Stroll through the shopping centre or enjoy a cosy lunch in a local café. We return to Tenby with time free to explore the seaside resort. This evening begins with a festive punch reception followed by a Gala Dinner and live entertainment all rounded off with the traditional singing of Auld Lang Syne and a complimentary glass of sparkling wine and poppers at midnight.

THURSDAY (New Year's Day) Happy New Year! After a leisurely breakfast the day is free to continue exploring the seaside resort of Tenby. A light lunch is available from the hotel before an afternoon of fun followed by a Welsh cream tea. After dinner tonight enjoy a final evening of live entertainment.

FRIDAY Sadly we leave our hosts after breakfast and make our way to the Welsh capital city of Cardiff for lunch and time to find a bargain in the January sales! We complete our homeward journey, arriving early-evening.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Sherry & mince pie reception
- Gala Dinner on New Year's Eve
- Afternoon "cream" tea on New Year's Day
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (max 7)
Light Lunch on New Year's Day
Travel insurance £36.00

Tue 30th Dec 2025 – Fri 2nd Jan 2026



NEW YEAR ON THE ENGLISH RIVIERA

Torquay is located on the much-loved English Riviera and is one of the UK's most popular holiday destination, here in the glorious county of Devon. Join us for a New Year tour with plenty of entertainment each evening.

YOUR HOTEL The Metropole Hotel, Torquay

A 3* hotel just a short walk from the beach. All bedrooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift at the hotel and ground floor rooms available too. The restaurant serves a delicious choice evening menu and generous breakfast. Entertainment is provided each evening.

TOUR
PRICE

£485

4 DAYS

ITINERARY

TUESDAY We leave our home area and make our way to Buckfast Abbey for lunch and time to browse the gift shop and visit the Abbey. We continue the short distance to our hotel in Torquay with plenty of time to settle in and freshen up before dinner and welcome glass of fizz, followed by an evening of live entertainment.

WEDNESDAY (New Year's Eve) 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 return to our hotel with time to relax before a New Year's Eve celebration dinner, and live entertainment including the traditional singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and a glass of bubbly at midnight to celebrate the New Year.

THURSDAY (New Year's Day) Happy New Year! After a leisurely breakfast the day is free for you relax in Torquay ... maybe take a stroll along the seafront, browse the shops or just enjoy a relaxing day. Lunch will be served at the hotel and dinner tonight will be followed by our final evening of fabulous live entertainment and dancing and optional fancy dress for those who wish to celebrate the New Year in style.

FRIDAY We leave our hotel and make our way along the coast to Teignmouth – a real hidden gem on Devon's southern coast, with a Georgian crescent and long promenade. The town is both a historic port and a classic holiday resort, including a Victorian pier. We complete our homeward journey arriving late afternoon.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Lunch on New Year's Day
- Entertainment each evening
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £27.00 (Max 3)
Subsequent Singles £45.00
Sea View Room £21.00 per person (subject to availability)
Travel insurance £36.00

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Your contract is with Blakes Coaches Ltd of East Anstey, Tiverton EX16 9JJ. When you book a holiday with us, which doesn't include a flight, the money you pay us for the booking will be protected by the Bonded Coach Holidays (BCH). This is a Government approved consumer protection scheme. The scheme will also ensure your repatriation in the event the company becomes insolvent. Our Trading Charter and Booking Conditions set out clearly and simply the responsibility we have to you and in turn, you have with us, when a contract is made. Please see the BCH Consumer Guarantee at <https://www.abtot.com/bch-abtot-members-directory/>. There is no financial protection if you purchase just transport or accommodation-only from us. We fully comply with the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018. The combination of travel services offered to you is a package holiday within the meaning of the Regulations. Therefore, you will benefit from all rights applying to package holidays. Blakes Coaches Ltd will be fully responsible for the proper performance of the holiday and providing assistance if you are in difficulty. Your key rights will be in the details of the tour which will be provided prior to booking.

2. BOOKING AND PAYMENT

When a booking is made, the 'lead name' on the booking guarantees that he or she is 18 or over and has the authority and accepts on behalf of the party the terms of these booking conditions and pays the deposit indicated in the brochure and as confirmed in the pre-contract information. After we receive your booking and all appropriate payments, if the arrangements you wish to book are available, we will send you a confirmation invoice within 14 days. A binding agreement will come into existence between us when we dispatch this invoice to the 'lead name.' Please check the confirmation carefully to ensure all the information is correct. This contract is governed by English Law, and the jurisdiction of the English Courts.

Single occupancy of rooms, when available, may be subject to a supplementary charge and these will be shown in the brochure. You can book by paying a £50.00 deposit for each person named on the booking but our commitment is always conditional upon the balance being paid at least 6 weeks before your departure. If you book within our balance due period, you will need to pay the total holiday cost at the time of booking. If the balance is not paid in time we reserve the right to cancel your holiday, retain your deposit, and apply the cancellation charges set out in the paragraph below. The date of cancellation will normally be the date we receive your written confirmation that you intend to cancel or 15 days after the balance due date, whichever comes first. Where optional items are purchased as part of the holiday, these are payable on the balance due date except where items, such as theatre tickets, have been specifically purchased for you. In this case the cost will be payable at a separate date notified to you and will not normally be refunded unless we obtain a refund from the supplier we use.

3. BROCHURE ACCURACY

Although Blakes Coaches Ltd make every effort to ensure the accuracy of the brochure information and pricing, regrettably errors do sometimes occur. You must therefore ensure you check the price and all other details of your holiday with us at the time of booking and when you receive our confirmation invoice.

4. OUR PRICING POLICY

Blakes Coaches Ltd endeavour to ensure that the most up to date and correct prices are shown in our brochure. Occasionally, an incorrect price may be shown, due to an error. When we become aware of any such error, we will endeavour to notify you at the time of booking (if we are then aware of the mistake) or as soon as reasonably possible. We reserve the right to cancel the booking if you do not wish to accept the price which is applicable to the holiday. Local Authorities in many towns and cities throughout Europe have introduced new tourist taxes which must be paid directly to the hotel by all guests in person. These taxes are not included in our prices but we will notify you when applicable.

Holiday prices include all travel, hotel accommodation and meals as specified in the holiday description and VAT payable in the UK where applicable. The price of the holiday will not be subjected to any surcharges except those arising from exchange rate changes, transportation including the price of fuel, air & ferry operator fares and tolls, embarkation or disembarkation fees at terminals, duties and taxes (including the rate of VAT). Even in these cases we will absorb the cost equivalent to cost of the first 2% of the holiday price. Amounts more than this plus £1 administration fee will be surcharged to you. If this means the total cost of the holiday increases by more than 8% then you are entitled to cancel your holiday and receive a full refund of all monies paid except any insurance premium and amendment charges. We will communicate the options with you either through email or letter, with a reminder if necessary. If you exercise the right to cancel we must receive written notice within 20 days of the date of the surcharge invoice. The currency exchange rate used in the holiday costings are based on rates as at the publication date of this charter.

5. IF YOU CHANGE YOUR BOOKING

If, after our confirmation has been issued, you wish to change to another of our holidays or change departure date, we will do our utmost to make the changes, but we cannot guarantee to do so. However, notification must be received in writing at our offices from the person who signed the booking form, at least 4 weeks before departures. This must be accompanied by a payment of £20.00 to cover our administrative costs, plus costs we incur in making the amendment. Alterations cannot be made within 4 weeks of departure and any such request for an alteration will be treated as a cancellation of the original booking and will be subject to the cancellation charges set out in paragraph below. Some arrangements cannot be changed without paying a cancellation charge of up to 100% of the ticket cost.

6. TRANSFERRING YOUR BOOKING

You can transfer your booking to somebody else but the person must satisfy all the conditions of the holiday and you must inform us either by letter or email no less than 7 days before departure. This transfer will cost £20.00 plus reasonable costs to make the transfer. You will remain responsible for ensuring payment before the balance due date. This is in addition to (and does not affect) the separate liability of the transferee to us.

7. IF YOU NEED TO CANCEL YOUR HOLIDAY

You or any member of your party, may cancel your holiday at any time provided the cancellation is made by the person signing the booking form and is communicated to us in writing via the office who made your original booking. You must pay cancellation charges to cover our administration costs and to compensate for the risk of us not reselling the holiday. If the holiday is resold a refund will be made. Your cancellation will take effect from the date on which we or our agent receive your written confirmation of your cancellation. You must also return any tickets or vouchers you have received. A reduction in room occupancy may increase the charges for the remaining passengers by the application of supplements for low occupancy of rooms. Where bought in supplies, such as ferries, hotel accommodation etc have been bought in on your behalf, and where the terms and conditions of the supplier are non-refundable, these products will be charged to you at the full retail rate. If this applies, the non-refundable items will be deducted from your holiday costs and the following scale of charges will be applied to the remainder:

Period before departure within which written cancellation of package price is received	Amount of cancellation Charge as a % of total package cost
More than 42 days	Deposit only
28 – 42 days	30% 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 Winter & Spring 2024/25 brochure. Please phone for details and to book



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