

# Taurus Holidays



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**Insurance** Travel insurance is needed for your peace of mind, and the cost can be obtained on booking for each tour. Insurance should be arranged at the time of booking, and cannot be added to existing bookings less than 10 days before the date of travel.

If you already have your own Travel Insurance, please let us know.

## Holiday Pick up Points

### Northamptonshire

Local Area	Door – to – Door Pick Ups
Northampton	Victoria Street
Thrapston	High Street Bens Fish Shop

### Bedfordshire

Bedfordshire Bedford	Railway Station
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### Continental Tours

Essex	Thurrock - Motorway Services
Kent	Medway - Motorway Services
	Dover - Ferry Terminal

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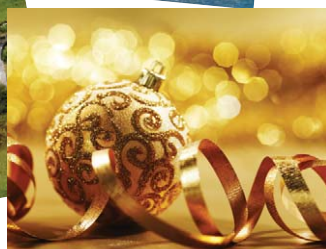


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# Taurus Holidays



Dear Pauline & Roger,  
What a wonderful holiday you've given us. Many thanks and we hope this is the of many trips with you.

To Pauline & Roger,  
Can't thank you enough for such a wonderful holiday. Hope to travel with you again soon.

Pauline & Roger!  
This is to say a big thank you for introducing us to a fab coach tour holiday. You were amazing hosts and hope to travel with you again.

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We are forever recommending RB travel to friends and relatives. We have been on many excursions over the years and found them very enjoyable with friendly, helpful drivers and comfortable coaches. They always our number one choice!

Dear Roger & Pauline,  
Just a big thank you for an enjoyable mystery holiday. You bothj worked very hard to make it a special holiday. It was lovely to see familiar faces again.







5 DAYS

**£399**

25-29 January

## January Mystery

### YOUR HOLIDAY CENTRE

Our "Mystery Tour" is very popular, so early booking is essential to avoid disappointment. Our destinations are always a pleasant surprise. These tours represent excellent value for money and accommodation will be of a very high standard. If you haven't yet joined us for a Mystery Tour, then it's time to get on board! On the way to our chosen hotel we stop usually for morning refreshments and somewhere for lunch and arrive at our 'mystery' hotel in plenty of time before dinner. On the 2 - 4 day, after a leisurely breakfast and usually much discussion about what the day might have in store, we depart for a full day excursion. On the final day, we make our way home via another place of interest. A different experience every time. Could it be country or coastal? Will it be North, South, East or West? We do know you'll be delighted when you get there.

#### Day 1 - Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach and departing your local area, you start your journey somewhere? With comfort breaks on route, you should arrive at the chosen hotel somewhere. Here you will spend the next four nights with dinner bed & breakfast.

#### Day 2 - 4 Excursions

The next few days have been tailor made for your enjoyment. Maybe market towns, sandy beaches, fishing harbours, Moerland or cliffs. You may see some, all or none of these on your excursions, but you will enjoy them. If there are any

entrances, these will be included.

#### Day 5 Return Home

After a satisfying breakfast and your cases have been collected, put back on the coach you depart for home. The return journey will take you a different way home. With comfort stops on route you should arrive at your local pick up point by late afternoon, early evening.

Your Driver/Guide will do his professional best to ensure that you enjoy your tour. It will be at his discretion to rearrange the itinerary to better the tour for your comfort.

### YOUR HOTEL

The hotels we use are all well-known and comfortable. All rooms are very comfortable and are en suite with TV, tea/coffee making facilities. The hotels will look after your every need. The staff are polite and friendly. The hotel also has a bar, lounge and restaurant.

### TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All Coach Travel
- ✓ 4 Nights Half Board
- ✓ Portage
- ✓ Excursions & Entrances
- ✓ Services of Driver/Guide

### TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **5 Days**

Departure: **Monday**

Dates: **25-29 January**

Meals: **Half Board**

**Included Excursions**

### TOUR PRICE

Price per person

**£399.00**

Single room supplement

**£72.00** (Tw/Dbf for Sole

Occupancy)





**5 DAYS**  
**£469**

**28 Mar - 1 Apr**

## A Victorian Steam Journey All Inclusive

### YOUR HOLIDAY CENTRE

Drymen is an attractive village located in the beautiful Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park. The park consists of 40 mountains ranging from 2500ft to over 3000ft, 22 lochs, 50 rivers and two forest parks, The Argyll Forest Park and the Queen Elizabeth Forest Park. The Campsie Fells hills are to the west of Drymen. A range of volcanic hills which hosts a variety of farmland, open moors, steep-flanked glens, attractive woodland and sparkling burns. The lovely village boasts spectacular views of Dumgoyne to the east and is just a short way from Loch Lomond to the west. It is the perfect base to explore Scotland with Stirling and Glasgow just a short drive away. With all the natural features it is no wonder hundreds of tourists' flood through the park every year.



#### Day 1 - Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, we travel north with comfort stops on route. Still heading north, we cross the border into Scotland and head to Drymen and the Winnock Hotel where we will spend the next 4 nights' all inclusive. On arrival we have a welcome drinks reception while our cases are taken up to our rooms. Evening dinner is a three course, three choice menu. A glass of wine/beer/soft drink at dinner each night, plus tea and coffee. Free Bar from 6.30pm - 10.30pm.

#### Day 2 - Loch Katrine Steam Cruise

After breakfast we head into the Trossachs and the Queen Elizabeth Forest Park to enjoy a 2-hour relaxing cruise on Loch Katrine. As you watch the beautiful country side gently slip by from aboard the steamship SS Sir Walter Scott. Named after Scotland's much loved poet and author, this famous steamship captivates visitors with its intriguing 100 year history. A lunch of soup and sandwiches will await you on your return at a waterside restaurant which overlooks the harbour and loch Katrine. We then retrace our steps back to the hotel.

#### Day 3 - Falkirk Wheel

After breakfast we visit the the iconic Falkirk Wheel the world's only rotating boatlift which connects the Forth & Clyde and Union canals. It was constructed to replace a series of 19th century lock gates. Here you will have a boat trip on wheel and the canal. The 50-minute journey lifts the boat up to join the Union Canal 35m above and sails smoothly from the Falkirk Wheel onto the Union Canal before returning to your starting point at the Visitor Centre. We then travel on to the Famous Kelpies. You will be taken on a guided tour with the history of these mystic horses. After a great day we return to Drymen and our hotel.

## YOUR HOTEL - THE WINNOCK HOTEL



The Winnock Hotel, The Square,  
Drymen, Glasgow, G63 0BL

**Tel: 01360 660245**

The Winnock Hotel is a beautifully, traditional family run hotel overlooking the village green. The cosy log fires will help you to relax after a long day of exploring the beautiful surrounding countryside. The 74 comfortable en suite

rooms are all well equipped with hairdryer, TV and tea and coffee making facilities. There is no lift but ground floor rooms are available. The Merlin restaurant provides a more intimate setting for dinner complementing the hotels historic ambiance. For a more relaxed dinner the Capercaille room serves excellent Scottish cuisine and has a traditional bar area with an extensive selection of ales, spirits and wines and a speciality of over 70 malt whiskies. A pack lunch will be provided on three days.

### Day 4 - Loch Lomond - The Maid of the Loch

Today we travel a short distance to Loch Lomond, here we will board the Maid of the Loch, a magnificent example of Clyde-built ship engineering with a stunning art deco inspired interior. This much-loved paddle steamer is static and permanently moored on the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond; it attracts thousands of visitors each year with a loyal band of volunteers hoping to re-launch her one day. Afternoon tea is served on board with a music/singer to entertain you. There will be time to browse the Loch Lomond Shores shopping complex afterwards. Returning back to Drymen.

### Day 5 - Depart for Home

After all the suitcases have been packed and loaded onto the coach we leave our hosts at the Winnock Hotel and head for home. With comfort stops on the way, we arrive back at your local area early evening.

The Driver/Guide will do his professional best to ensure that you enjoy this tour. It will be at his discretion to rearrange the itinerary to better the tour for your comfort.



## SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance
- Please inform us of any Special Dietary needs e.g.: - Diabetic, Gluten Free, Vegetarian
- Special requests are put forward to the hotel and they will do their utmost to accommodate your needs.
- There are Tea/Coffee Facilities in the rooms
- Itinerary could be subject to change

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All Coach Travel
- ✓ 4 Nights Half Board
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Free Bar 6.30pm - 10.30pm
- ✓ Entertainment on 2 Evenings
- ✓ Included Excursions:
- ✓ Cruise on Loch Katrine
- ✓ Lunch at Loch side Restaurant
- ✓ Ride on Falkirk Wheel
- ✓ Guided Tour of the Kelpies
- ✓ Afternoon Tea Dance in Loch Lomond

## TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **5 Days**  
 Departure: **Sunday**  
 Dates: **28 Mar - 1 Apr**  
 Meals: **Full Board**  
**Packed Lunches: x 3**  
**Drinks Package Included**  
**Included Excursions**

## TOUR PRICE

Price per person

**£469.00**

Single room supplement

**£72.00**



**7 DAYS**  
**£619**

**10 - 16 April**

## Scottish Highland - All inclusive

### YOUR HOLIDAY CENTRE

Inverness is in the North of Scotland and one of the smallest cities, known as Scotland's "Highland Capital", it still however retains its market town feel, dating back to its early development. Today tourism is a very important part of the economy. One of the many joys of Inverness is the rich variety of places to visit and things to do both in and around the city. The city boasts a host of historic buildings, notably in the Old Town, which you can appreciate while you browse city shops from the Victorian Market to the new award-winning East Gate centre. Take a stroll to Inverness Castle, currently used as a courthouse, and St Andrew's Cathedral, which dominate the River Ness and one of the most beautiful riverside settings in Britain. Enjoy the fine circular walk from the castle along the river and through the Ness Islands where you can watch anglers casting long lines to leaping Atlantic salmon. You can even buy a daily ticket and try it for yourself Above the city lies Craig Phadrig, once the stronghold of Pictish Kings, which offers interesting forest walks and magnificent views of the Moray Firth, home to a diverse range of wildlife including bottlenose dolphins which can even be seen from the city.

#### Day 1 - Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, we travel north with comfort stops on route, to our overnight hotel The Winnock at Dryman, where we will spend our first night with dinner bed & breakfast.

#### Day 2 - Inverness

After a good night's rest and a full Scottish breakfast we leave the hotel and head for Inverness. There will be interesting stops on route. On arriving at the Palace Hotel, we settle in and relax before dinner. All drinks are included whilst at the Palace Hotel.

#### Day 3 - Jewel in the Crown of the Highlands 11am

After breakfast we head north to Dunrobin Castle, (included) the most northerly of Scotland's great houses.

It is the largest house in the Highlands, with 189 rooms and is one of Britain's oldest continuously inhabited houses, dating from the early 1300s, home to the Earls and later, the Dukes of Sutherland.

The Castle, which resembles a French château with its towering conical spires, has seen the architectural influences of Sir Charles Barry, who designed London's Houses of Parliament, and Scotland's own Sir Robert Lorimer. The Castle was used as a naval hospital during the First World War and as a boys' boarding school from 1965 to 1972.

#### Day 4 - Loch Ness

Today we shall explore Loch Ness with a boat trip, may be Nessy will put in an appearance. We shall board the boat at Dochgarroch Lock for a 2hr cruise. We will then



## YOUR HOTEL - BEST WESTERN INVERNESS PALACE HOTEL & SPA



Best Western Inverness Palace Hotel & Spa is a charming 3-star property in a stately 1890s Victorian mansion overlooking the River Ness. Set in a prime location in the centre of Inverness just 2 minutes' walk from Inverness Cathedral, and 10 minutes' walk from Inverness Castle. There are 88

well-appointed rooms, come with free Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs, and tea and coffee making facilities. All include: clock radio, climate control, in-room safe, and phone and fax machine. Iron/ironing boards as well as trouser press. Bathroom amenities include hair dryer, complimentary toiletries and shower/tub combination. Hotel includes a cafeteria and a stylish restaurant offering a full Scottish breakfast buffet. There is also an indoor swimming pool. Guests can also enjoy the following spa/wellness facilities: sauna, steam room, spa tub.

### Outward

Winnock Hotel  
The Square  
Drymen  
Glasgow  
G63 0BL  
Tel: 01360 660245

### Main

Palace Hotel  
8 Ness Walk  
Inverness  
IV3 5NG  
Scotland  
Tel: 01463 223243

### Return

Barony Castle Hotel  
Old Manse Rd  
Peebles  
EH45 8QW  
Scotland  
Tel: 01721 730395

head down to Fort Augustus where you can explore the little village on the south shore of Loch Ness, with its little shops and eateries, along with the Caledonian Canal and Loch chambers. Later we return to the hotel.

### Day 5 - Day at Leisure

Today you have a free day to visit the sights in Inverness, to do shopping, explore or just chill and use the hotel leisure facilities. Hotel lunch will be included today.

### Day 6 - Depart for Peebles

After breakfast and cases have been loaded, it is time to say farewell to our hosts at the Palace Hotel, and start our journey south. There will be stops on route. Arriving late afternoon at the Barony Castle hotel Peebles. This imposing 16th century Castle has evolved into a traditional welcoming Hotel, and where we will spend our last overnight stay with dinner, bed & breakfast.

### Day 7 - Depart for Home

After all the overnight luggage have been packed and loaded onto the coach we leave the Barony Castle Hotel and head for home. With comfort stops on the way, we arrive back at your local area early to late evening.

The Driver & Guide will do their professional best to ensure that you enjoy this tour. It will be at their discretion to rearrange the itinerary to better the tour for your comfort.

## SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance
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## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All Coach Travel
- ✓ 2 Over Nights Half Board
- ✓ 4 Nights Full Board Main Hotel
- ✓ Excursions + Entrances
- ✓ Boat Cruise
- ✓ Entertainment
- ✓ Packed Lunches
- ✓ Free Bar 7pm - 10pm
- ✓ Wine at Dinner
- ✓ Tea & Scones each day
- ✓ Complimentary Tea/Coffee
- ✓ Leisure Facilities

## TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **7 Days**  
Departure: **Saturday**  
Dates: **10 - 16 April**  
Meals: **Full Board at Main Hotel**

Included Excursions

## TOUR PRICE

Price per person

**£619.00**

Single room supplement

**£163.00**



**5 DAYS**  
**£559**

**26 - 30 April**

## Dutch Delights

### YOUR HOLIDAY CENTRE

When you think about Holland, you probably envision Windmill, Clogs and Tulips. Huge fields split up into strips filled with bright tulips, daffodils and hyacinths in the most wonderful colours. Enjoy them in springtime in the flower-bulb region around Leiden. When the flower bulbs are blooming, this may well be the most colourful region in the world. Amersfoort and its inner city have been preserved well since medieval times. Points of interest are Sint-Joriskerk (Saint George's church), the canal-system with its bridges, as well as medieval and other old buildings; many are designated as national monuments. During medieval times, Amersfoort was an important centre for the textile industry, and there were a large number of breweries.



#### Day 1 - Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, we depart our local area, to travel direct to Dover for our morning ferry to Calais. We travel through France and into Belgium and then the Netherlands, with comfort stops on route. Passing Utrecht we head for Amersfoort, We arrive at the 3\* Kontakt der Kontinenten Hotel in Amersfoort, where we check-in and spend the next 4 nights with dinner, bed and buffet breakfast.

#### Day 2 - Keukenhof Gardens

One of the most spectacular gardens in the world can be found at Keukenhof. (Entrance included) Think of Keukenhof as an "amusement park for flowers". There are meandering paths, fields exploring with color as millions of tulips are blooming, and the site has the requisite windmill or two, as well as a variety of exhibits. The number of bulb-growing companies taking part has now grown from 10 to more than 100, but the Keukenhof's character remains unchanged: every year it exhibits the best and most beautiful flowers in the Netherlands. Keukenhof has become one of the best-known attractions in the country and one of the most photographed sights in the world. A design dating back to 1840. The majestic trees and the pond date back to that time. In the years following, the Keukenhof Estate was further developed into the present 32-hectare park. Areas of beautiful displays inside the many Pavilions. Many places for relaxation and refreshments. After a colourful day we return back to the hotel to relax before dinner. Rest of evening at leisure

#### Day 3 - Old Holland Tram & Boat

After breakfast we leave the hotel and head north to Hoorn where we will board the famous Tram for our included journey through the Dutch countryside to Medemblik, this will include coffee and pastry served on board. On arrival you have free time to explore the lovely town of Medemblik with its beautiful historic centre, before boarding the Museum Ship Friesland for your cruise to Enkhuizen. You will be sailing on what was once called the Zuiderzee. This picturesque town

## YOUR HOTEL - KONTAKT DER KONTINENTWEN

Kontakt der Kontinentwen Hotel, Amersfoortse straat 20,  
Soesterberg, Netherlands

**Tel: +31 (0)346 351755**

The 3\* Kontakt der Kontinenten hotel, a former mission house and monastery, is just 5 minutes on foot from the centre of Amersfoort. The hotel is light and airy with a great Restaurant. Their internationally oriented kitchen offers excellent meals, also from the restaurant you have a direct view and access to the terrace and beautiful forest garden. There are 125 bedrooms all with en-suit, TV, Telephone and Wi-Fi. The lounge serves as the living room, where you can get a freshly brewed cup of coffee or tea for free throughout the day. There are lounge chairs and a large reading table where you can calmly read the newspaper or a magazine. Free internet via Wi-Fi is available everywhere. In the monastery Cenakel there is also a lounge with delicious coffee, newspapers and wireless Internet. In the bar you can relax while enjoying a drink and a snack. In good weather you can stroll with a drink from the bar to the large terrace overlooking the forest.

draws thousands of tourists every year. Some love Enkhuizen for its many historic buildings and monuments, others because of its harbour and excellent water sports facilities. From here we make our way back across the Houtridijk, a 27km dike, which separated the old Zuiderzee, now called the IJsselmeer, the largest inland lake in Western Europe. From here we make our way to the mainland and back to the hotel.

### Day 4 - Zaanse Schans & Volendam

After breakfast we take a trip to the Zaandam area of Holland to the lovely outdoor museum of Zaanse Schans. With its traditional houses, windmills, warehouses and workshops, this historic village offers a preserved glimpse of what life was like to live in the Netherlands in the 18th and 19th centuries. This afternoon we then visit the quaint fishing village of Volendam. This old fishing village is famous for its splendid harbour, fishing trade, authentic Dutch character and traditional clothing. In other words: it is a great place to visit, no matter the season!

### Day 5 - Depart for Home

After breakfast and cases have been loaded onto the coach, we depart the hotel making our way to the pretty Dutch border town of Sluis, here you can visit the working windmill, explore the quaint cobbled street with its canal ways, whilst browsing the many shops, flower stalls and cheese markets. Time for lunch before we make our way back to the port and our late afternoon ferry to Dover, to arrive home later this evening.

You're Driver and Tour Manager will do their professional best to ensure that you enjoy this tour. It will be at their discretion to rearrange the itinerary to better the tour for your comfort.

## TOUR PRICE

Price per person

**£559.00**

Single room supplement

**£58.00**

## SPECIAL NOTES

- The currency you will need for this tour is the Euro.
- A Valid Passport.
- Insurance.
- To ring back to England, you dial: - +44 then minus the 0 from your code, followed by your number.
- There is no tea or coffee making facilities in the hotel rooms. (Best bring your own)
- European 2 pin Adapter plugs will be needed
- Please inform us of any Special Dietary needs e.g.: - Diabetic, Gluten Free, Vegetarian etc
- Your request is put forward to the hotel, and they will do their utmost to accommodate your needs.
- Itinerary could be subject to change
- Exchange Rate: The price is NOT guaranteed against any alterations as a result of currency fluctuations. We have done our best to calculate in advance.

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All Coach & Ferry Travel
- ✓ 4 Nights Half Board
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Entrance to Keukenhof Gardens
- ✓ Tram Trip (single journey)
- ✓ Boat Trip
- ✓ Tourist Tax
- ✓ Courier Escorted

## TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **5 Days**  
 Departure: **Monday**  
 Dates: **26 - 30 April**  
 Meals: **Half Board**  
 Included Excursions



**4 DAYS**  
**£379**

**13 - 16 May**

## The Wonders of the Peak District

### YOUR HOLIDAY CENTRE

A world of contrasting natural beauty, with moors and dales, rivers, springs and caverns are at the heart of it all. The area is known and loved by many for its breath-taking views, bustling market towns and pretty villages, historic houses, famous attractions and hundreds of traditional events, such as the unique Derbyshire custom of Well Dressing. From the high, moorland plateaus in the north, to the steep-sided, deep dales and rolling green hills in the south of the area, the Peak District & Derbyshire has just about any landscape you can imagine in Britain, making it one of the finest areas in the country. The Peak District will surely become one of your favourite destinations!



#### Day 1 - Depart for Derbyshire

After boarding your luxury coach, we make our way north west to the town of Stratford on Avon. Time for a little sightseeing and lunch before we continue our journey to the Mickleover Court Hotel where we will spend the next 4 nights with dinner bed and breakfast.

#### Day 2 - Chatsworth House & Garden

After a nice relaxing breakfast, we will head off to Chatsworth House. The House is renowned for the quality of its art, landscape and hospitality, and it has evolved through the centuries to reflect the tastes, passions and interests of succeeding generations. (Entrance Included) Chatsworth contains works of art that span 4,000 years, from ancient Roman and Egyptian sculpture, and masterpieces by Rembrandt, Reynolds and Veronese. There are over 30 rooms to explore, from the magnificent Painted Hall, regal State Rooms, restored Sketch Galleries and beautiful Sculpture Gallery. Explore the Orangery shop at the end of the house route and relax in the garden or the Stables for something to eat. There are plenty of places to stop for a treat whether you fancy a light bite, hearty meal or an indulgent afternoon tea, they have something for everyone.

#### Day 3 - Crich Tramway Village

Step back in time along our recreated period street where you won't have to wait long for the rumble of a vintage tram. (Unlimited Vintage Tram Rides & Museums Included) Many of the buildings along the street have been rescued from towns and cities across the UK, such as the Derby Assembly Rooms façade which came to Crich after a tragic fire. The Red Lion Pub and Restaurant came all the way from Stoke and was re-built brick by brick. Also look out for the street furniture, which is dotted along the street, including the Bundy Clock



## YOUR HOTEL - MICKLEOVER COURT HOTEL



Mickleover Court Hotel, Etwall Rd, Derby, DE3 0XX

**Phone: 0330 028 3404**

The Menzies Mickleover Court Hotel is a modern and comfortable 4\* hotel equipped for both business and leisure. The hotel has 99 bedrooms; the room décor and furnishing are contemporary and comfortable. All rooms have en-suite

bathrooms, tea and coffee making facilities, air-conditioned, Iron & Ironing board, and complimentary toiletries. You are guaranteed superbly comfortable beds with crisp linen and plump pillows, and all those 21st century essentials: free Wi-Fi, flat screen TVs with Sky Sports and 24-hour room service. The Hallmark Grill with its informal but attentive service is a big hit with people of Mickleover as well as the hotel guests.

at Town End Terminus and the Exhibition Hall windows which were rescued from the Doncaster tram depot. Soak up the atmosphere in their period street with a visit to the shops and take refreshments in the tearooms and pub.

#### Day 4 - Return Journey Home

After another wonderful breakfast and cases have been loaded on to the coach. It is time to say goodbye to the Mickleover Court Hotel and head for home. There will be a comfort stop on route, and you should be back in your local area by the evening.

The Tour Manager and Driver will do their professional best to ensure that you enjoy this tour. It will be at their discretion to rearrange the itinerary to better the tour for your comfort.



## SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance.
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- Your request is put forward to the hotel, and they will do their utmost to accommodate your needs.
- Program could be subject to alteration.

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All Coach Travel
- ✓ 3 Nights Half Board
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Entrance to Chatsworth House & Gardens
- ✓ Entrance to Crich Tramway Museum

## TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **4 Days**

Departure: **Thursday**

Dates: **13 - 16 May**

Meals: **Half Board**

**Included Excursions**

## TOUR PRICE

Price per person

**£379.00**

Single room supplement

**£51.00**

(dbl/tw for sole use)





**6 DAYS**  
**£489**

**19 - 24 May**

## A Cornish Gem

### HOLIDAY CENTRE

Tucked into a stunning and unspoilt spot on the coast, St. Agnes sits in both a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and a World Heritage Site. St Agnes is a picturesque village on the north coast of Cornwall. Steeped in mining history, the village retains a traditional friendly Cornish atmosphere and makes a wonderful base for a holiday, with four different beaches. There are dramatic coastal walks and breathtaking scenery filled with relics from the past, including the iconic Wheal Coates engine house. You will discover a thriving community with a choice of shops as well as galleries and craft workshops where beautiful gifts are made by hand. Sample the beautiful scenic coastline, fantastic beaches, arts and craft shops and mining heritage.



#### Day 1 - Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, your holiday has now started. You start your journey by travelling westward with stops on route for lunch. Continuing your journey through beautiful countryside, to the Cornish town of St Agnes and the Rosemundy House Hotel where you shall spend the next 5 nights with dinner, bed and breakfast.

#### Day 2 - St Ives

St Ives – the dazzling jewel in Cornwall's crown. A picturesque fishing harbour and seaside town. Wander through the maze of narrow cobbled streets, independent shops and fisherman's cottages in the heart of St Ives. Also known for its surf beaches, and its art scene. Boat trips go to Seal Island, just west of town, to see the seal colony. This afternoon we will call in to Cornwall Gold on our way back to the hotel, with more than 18 acres to explore in the heart of Cornwall's mining landscape. You will find the largest collection of jewellery in Cornwall, from semi-precious, precious and uniquely Cornish pieces to 18 carat and platinum pieces, and home to the largest collection of pearls in Cornwall. The jewel in the crown of this 18-acre site is the historic and fascinating Tolgus Tin Mill. It is the only surviving mill of its kind in Cornwall and is a designated heritage site. Established in 1865, the mill has recently been brought back to life, once again producing and smelting tin on site.

#### Day 3 - Polperro & Fowey

Leaving after breakfast you travel to the beautiful and scenic villages of Polperro and Fowey along the Cornish coast. In Polperro it is easy to step back in time in what is a largely an unspoilt fishing village. Pretty cottages cling to the steep hillsides around a small harbour, beloved by artists over the years. The River Pol runs through Polperro

## YOUR HOTEL - ROSEMUNDY HOUSE HOTEL



Rosemundy House Hotel, St Agnes,  
Cornwall, TR5 0UF  
Tel: 01872 552101

The hotel has been a favourite of ours since we first visited in the year 2000. This very private hotel has been family run for years and has a very relaxing and comfortable air about it. Beautiful quiet lounges for relaxing, superb Tom Noggi Restaurant with excellent cuisine, well equipped comfortable bedrooms with bath or shower. Set in its own grounds in the centre of St Agnes. The village is set back from the cliffs by ¾ mile; Trevaunance Cove is the nearest thing to a sheltered harbour that this inhospitable coast affords. Strew with old mine workings, Copper and Tin ore were once shipped from the cove.

creating its idyllic appearance as well as the tightly packed ancient fishermen's houses which survive almost untouched, its quaint harbour and attractive coastline. We then head to Fowey, tucked away on the picturesque coast, a small historic town filled with narrow streets clustered around the harbour inlet. The town is located at the mouth of the River Fowey before running into the English Channel. The River Fowey is the centre of this traditional town creating the beautiful landscape. We will then return to the hotel to relax before dinner.

### Day 4 - Port Isaac

Today we spend time on the North Cornish Coast. We travel to Port Isaac, a traditional fishing village with a vibrant local community and home to the TV series Doc Martin starring Martin Clunes. It's a truly picturesque village with narrow winding streets lined with whitewashed cottages that head down to the harbour where you can watch local fishermen landing their daily catch of fish, crab and lobsters. From here we travel back to the Healy's Cider Farm. Healy's is a working cider farm steeped in history, which has been brewing award-winning ciders, wines, and fruit juices for over 25 years. We then return back to the hotel to relax before dinner.

### Day 5 - Truro 1/2 Day

Cornwall's administrative capital and Cathedral City. Centre stage is Truro Cathedral with its impressive gothic towers dominating the skyline. In its shadow, a warren of compact streets is home to an impressive array of independent traders. From boutiques to bookshops and designer interiors to delicatessens, this great little city offers a unique shopping experience. The café culture is pretty impressive too, with hip coffee houses, artisan ice creameries and cocktail bars dotted across the centre.

### Day 6 - Day of Departure

After a hearty breakfast and cases have been loaded onto the coach. It is time to say farewell to your hosts at the Rosemundy House Hotel. Retracing your steps, with comfort stops on route. You will arrive in your local area, late afternoon- early evening.

Your Driver will do his professional best to ensure that you enjoy this tour. It will be at his discretion to rearrange the itinerary to better the tour for your comfort.

## SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance
- Please inform us of any Special Dietary needs e.g.: - Diabetic, Gluten Free, Vegetarian, ECT
- Special requests are put forward to the hotel, and they will do their utmost to accommodate your needs.
- The Itinerary could be subject to change.

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All Coach Travel
- ✓ 5 Nights Half Board
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Services of Driver/Guide

## TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **6 Days**

Departure: **Wednesday**

Dates: **19 - 24 May**

Meals: **Half Board**

**Included Excursions**

## TOUR PRICE

Price per person

**£489.00**

Single room supplement

**£Nil**





**7 DAYS**  
**£719**

**30 May - 5 June**

## Fill your Heart with Ireland

### YOUR HOLIDAY CENTRE

The allure of the magnificent lakes of county Fermanagh lies in their wealth of untouched natural beauty and 70 km of crystal-clear waters which captivate and enchant people around the world. This idyllic south-west region of Northern Ireland is surely one of Europe's best kept secrets. Lough Erne offers a piece of paradise for not only the people of Fermanagh, but for the countless varieties of wildlife. For the rest of us, there is the beautiful scenery. The Erne makes its way from each end of county Fermanagh in style, running into a huge island studded lake where the ancient town of Enniskillen stands, 'Enniskillen is known as the island town. The town itself is built on an island at the narrowing of the Lough.

#### Day 1 - Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, we make our way to Wales and the port of Holyhead and our Ferry to Dublin Port. On arrival we make our way to our overnight hotel, which is on the outskirts of Dublin, where we will spend 1 night with dinner bed & breakfast.

#### Day 2 - Depart for Fermanagh Lakelands

Departing our hotel after breakfast, we make our way to Drogheda and the Battle of the Boyne Museum. The Visitor Centre is located in the recently restored 18th century Oldbridge House, the site of a famous historic battle in the 17th century. The battle is brought to life using a laser battle site model, audio visual film, real and replica weaponry and interactive guided tours. There is a Victorian Walled garden with unique sunken Octagonal Garden, herbaceous borders, Peach House. There is also the Pavilion Tearoom which overlooks the Victorian garden. An ideal place for lunch. We then head further west to our hotel in Killadeas, the Manor House County Hotel where we spend the next 4 nights with dinner and full Irish breakfast.

#### Day 3 - Derry

Derry, officially Londonderry is the second-largest city in Northern Ireland and the fourth-largest city in Ireland. In

1613, the city was granted a Royal Charter by King James I, and gained the "London" prefix to reflect the funding of its construction by the London guilds. The old walled city lies on the west bank of the River Foyle, which is spanned by two road bridges and one footbridge. Derry is close to the border with County Donegal, with which it has had a close link for many centuries.

#### Day 4 - Blessingbourne Country Estate

The Lowry family home, a beautiful historic 550-acre Country Estate, nestled in the heart of woodlands, lakes and wildlife on the edge of the Clogher Valley, Blessingbourne Estate is one of North West Ireland's most tranquil and unique destinations. Blessingbourne Estate offers guests a unique experience complimented by a warm welcome from estate owners Colleen and Nicholas Lowry. Captain Robert Lowry the father of our current Estate owner inherited the Estate. Over his many years living on the Estate, Captain Robert Lowry's hobby of collecting vintage style horse drawn Carriages, coaches, buggies and a wide variety of other vintage transport has grown into their very own Costume and Carriage museum. This unique collection is always a fascination amongst their guests. At Blessingbourne, there will be refreshments and home baked cakes.



## YOUR HOTELS - MANOR HOUSE COUNTRY HOTEL / SUMMERHILL HOUSE HOTEL / TALBOT HOTEL

Manor House Country Hotel, John Wesley Road, Enniskillen BT94 1NY

Tel: 028 6862 2200

Located in the heart of the Fermanagh Lakelands, on the shores of Lower Lough Erne, Manor House Country Hotel is one of Northern Ireland's leading hotels. It is the perfect country retreat; you will experience a true sense of tranquillity and enjoy superb views of Lough Erne. Steeped in history; the origins of Manor House Country Hotel date back to the 17th century. A family owned property that combines old world charm with modern hotel luxury and a warm Fermanagh welcome. All rooms have en-suite facilities, TV, Telephone, tea/coffee making facilities, free Wi-Fi. Take in the view of Lower Lough Erne while enjoying a swim in the large Romanesque pool complete with pool lounge and conservatory area. Take time out in the Jacuzzi, enjoy a session in the Steam room or spend some time in the Sauna or simply enjoy a relaxing soak in their outdoor hot-tub.

### Overnight outward

The Summerhill House Hotel  
Enniskerry Demesne, Cookstown  
Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow A98 WA40  
Ireland  
Tel: +353 1 286 7928

### Overnight return

Talbot Hotel,  
Stillorgan Rd  
Stillorgan, Dublin  
Ireland  
Tel: +353 1 200 1800

### Day 5 - Ulster American Folk Park

After breakfast, we head to the Ulster American Folk Park which is an open-air museum just outside Omagh, in County Tyrone. Immerse yourself in the story of the brave emigrants who made the journey across the Atlantic to America hundreds of years ago. Enter thatched cottages and meet costumed characters who will show you traditional crafts tell you a few stories. Board a full-scale emigrant ship to experience the conditions faced by many as they set sail for a new life in America. We head then to Belleek Pottery for a tour of this amazing factory.

### Day 6 - Depart for Dublin & Hotel

After breakfast and our cases have been loaded on the coach, we say farewell to our hosts at the Manor House Country Hotel and head for Dublin. Free time can be had in Dublin for shopping and sightseeing before we head for our last overnight hotel, The Talbot Hotel.

### Day 7 - Depart for Home

After an early start and cases have been loaded into the coach, we say farewell to the Talbot Hotel, and head for the port of Dublin for our morning ferry back to Holyhead. Breakfast will be on board (included). Arriving in Holyhead we make our way back through Wales with stops on route. Arriving home early evening.

*The Tour Manager and Driver will do their professional best to ensure that you enjoy this tour. It will be at their discretion to rearrange the itinerary to better the tour for your comfort.*

## SPECIAL NOTES

- The currency you will need for this tour is Pound Sterling & Euro's
- Insurance.
- Please inform us of any Special Dietary needs e.g.: - Diabetic, Gluten Free, Vegetarian
- Your request is put forward to the hotel, and they will do their utmost to accommodate your needs.
- To ring back to England, In Northern Ireland you dial: Your normal number.  
In Southern Ireland: \*44 then your number without the beginning 0.
- Program could be subject to alteration.
- Overnight Bags can be taken

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All Coach Travel & Ferries
- ✓ 6 Nights Half Board
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Entertainment
- ✓ Entrance: Blessingbourn Country Estate With Tea & Cakes
- ✓ Entrance: Ulster American Folk Park
- ✓ Entrance: Belleek Pottery
- ✓ Entrance to Battle of Boyne Museum
- ✓ Courier Escorted

## TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **7 Days**  
Departure: **Sunday**  
Dates: **30 May - 5 June**  
Meals: **Half Board**  
**Included Excursions**

## TOUR PRICE

Price per person

**£719.00**

Single room supplement

**£125.00**

(in double room)



**5 DAYS**  
**£529**

**7 - 11 June**

## Weaving History with Mystery In the Scottish Borders

### YOUR HOLIDAY CENTRE

New Lanark is an exceptional example of a purpose-built 18th century mill village, set in a picturesque Scottish landscape near the Falls of Clyde, where in the early years of the 19th century, the Utopian idealist Robert Owen (1771-1858) inspired a model industrial community based on textile production. It was there that Owen first applied his form of benevolent paternalism in industry. It was there, too, that he formulated his Utopian vision of a society without crime, poverty, and misery. New Lanark prospered under his enlightened management. New Lanark is a small village the imposing cotton mill buildings, the spacious and well-designed worker's housing, and the dignified educational institute and school still testify to Owens humanism.



### Day 1 - Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, we travel north with comfort stops on route. We arrive at Gretna Green for lunch. We then continue our journey to New Lanark and our Hotel, where we will spend the next 4 night's half board.

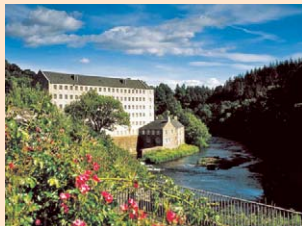
### Day 2 - New Lanark World Heritage Site

We spent today at New Lanark, one of Scotland's six UNESCO World Heritage Sites, and discover the fascinating 200 year social history of this beautifully restored cotton mill village. Listen to the story of a mill girl from 1820 during the Annie McLeod Experience, see working textile machinery, enjoy the views from the Imaginatively designed roof garden and explore the Millworkers house, The village store and Robert Owens house and school. The Mill Shop offers a selection of delightful gifts and Scottish produce including wool which is spun on site.

### Day 3 - Drumlanrig Castle & Dumfries

After breakfast we depart for a guided tour of the majestic Drumlanrig Castle, one of Britain's grandest castles and a treasure-trove of delights, including a Rembrandt, remember to ask your guide about the Da Vinci that was stolen! The castle is one of the finest examples of 17th century Renaissance architecture in Scotland. With impressive gardens and breath-taking views across the Nith Valley, on leaving the castle we travel to Dumfries, where we spend time at leisure to explore and shop in this famous borders town. Returning back later to our hotel.

## YOUR HOTEL - NEW LANARK MILL HOTEL



New Lanark Mill Hotel,  
Mill No.1, New Lanark Mills,  
New Lanark Rd, Lanark ML11 9DB  
**Tel: 01555 667200**

New Lanark Mill 4\* Hotel is located in the heart of the UNESCO New Lanark World Heritage Site in Scotland, a beautiful restored 18th-Century cotton mill village.

Nestled in the spectacular Clyde Valley in

southern Scotland, a stone's throw from the Falls of Clyde. All thirty-eight of our bedrooms and the rooftop garden both offer stunning views of the river and the surrounding Conservation Area. All rooms are en suite with tea/coffee making facilities, TV, telephone, hairdryer, trouser press, iron/board. The restaurant overlooks the River Clyde and offers traditional Scottish dishes, whilst the Falls Bar serves a fine selection of drinks and bar food throughout the day. The hotel has extensive facilities, which include a heated indoor swimming pool, modern gym, sauna and steam room and spa facilities. The hotel is also surrounded by native woodlands and the Falls of Clyde the Hotel is ideal for woodland walks and wildlife spotting at the Wildlife reserve.

**Day 4 - Rosslyn Chapel & Dawyck Botanic Garden**

This morning we visit Rosslyn Chapel, a building that has intrigued historians, writers and artist over the years and its intricately carved stonework has inspired many theories, myths and legends. Situated on the outskirts of Edinburgh, the chapel's fame was boosted internationally by Dan Brown's novel *The Da Vinci Code*. Discover the highly decorated Lady Chapel, ponder the mystery of the exquisite carvings covering virtually every surface, count the "green men" and wonder at the stained glass windows depicting the chapel's rich history. Chapel guides give regular, free talks throughout the day. This afternoon we visit the stunning Dawyck Botanic Gardens renowned for its colourful seasonal displays, heritage tree collection and treasures from Nepal, Chile and China. We return back to the hotel to rest before dinner.

**Day 5 - Depart for home**

After all the suitcases have been packed and loaded onto the coach we say farewell to our hosts at the New Lanark Mill Hotel and head for home. With comfort stops on the way, we arrive back in your local area early evening.

The Driver/Guide will do his professional best to ensure that you enjoy this tour. It will be at his discretion to rearrange the itinerary to better the tour for your comfort.



## SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance
- Please inform us of any Special Dietary needs e.g.: - Diabetic, Gluten Free, Vegetarian
- Special requests are put forward to the hotel and they will do their utmost to accommodate your needs.
- There are tea making facilities in the rooms
- Itinerary could be subject to change

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All Coach Travel
- ✓ 4 Nights Half Board
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Entrance to all Heritage site
- ✓ Guided Tour of Drumlanrig Castle & Country Estate
- ✓ Entrance to Rosslyn Chapel/Roslin
- ✓ Entrance to Dawyck Botanic Garden Peebles
- ✓ Services of Driver & Guide

## TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **5 Days**  
Departure: **Monday**  
Dates: **7 - 11 June**  
Meals: **Half Board**  
Included Excursions

## TOUR PRICE

Price per person

**£529.00**

Single room supplement

**£96.00**

(dbl/tw for sole use)



**5 DAYS**  
**£419**

**14 - 18 June**

## Bournemouth and Beyond

### YOUR HOLIDAY CENTRE

Known as the 'coast with the most', there are acres of space to enjoy outdoor pursuits or mess about on the water. Walk, run or cycle on sandy beaches, through Victorian gardens or along our majestic clifftops. Panoramic sea views and picture-perfect sunsets. The seven-mile stretch of unspoilt coastline is the perfect backdrop for brisk winter walks or gearing up for springtime sports. Bournemouth's famous pier started life as a little wooden jetty in 1855. In 1861 a wooden pier was built and was replaced in 1880 by an iron version, the railway reached Bournemouth in 1870, which made it far easier for people to travel to the resort and increased the number of visitors. Victorian Bournemouth grew at a phenomenal rate. By 1881 the population stood at 16,859 and, ten years later, had more than doubled as it reached 37,000 in 1891. Tourism remains an important industry in Bournemouth and in recent years has been complemented by the rise of other sectors such as finance, insurance and digital industries. Bournemouth is a prosperous town with a wealth of accommodation facilities, visitor attractions, bars and restaurants. Its population stands at 197,700.

#### Day 1 - Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, we make our way to Bournemouth. We will make a couple of comfort stops and have lunch on route. We will continue our journey to arrive at The Suncliff Hotel, later this afternoon.

#### Day 2 - Dorset River Cruise

After your morning breakfast we will head off on our Journey to have a Dorset Cream Tea on board the Dorset Queen for a 90-minute vintage cruise from Poole Quay. Your Cream Tea is table served in vintage china, with each guest receiving a freshly baked scone, strawberry jam and clotted cream, accompanied by Dorset Tea or Barista Style Coffee. Dorset Cruises purchased a very tired Queen in 2008 and after lovingly restoring her to her former glory they renamed her 'Dorset Queen'. Dorset Queen is now the only vintage motor yacht on the South Coast of England and a member of The Historic Ships Register. The Dorset Queen will be passing Millionaires Row, Brownsea Castle and the five islands within Poole Harbour, with a live commentary on everything of interest that we pass and a history of the local area. Weather permitting; the cruise will also go outside the harbour to view the famous Old Harry Rock and the beginning of the World Heritage Site of the

Jurassic Coast. Dorset Queen, has a wonderful upper viewing deck, comfortable lounge, washrooms and a fully licenced bar serving hot drinks as well as a selection of popular beers, local ales and ciders, wines, spirits and soft options.

#### Day 3 - Millionaires Row

Today we leave the hotel after breakfast and travel down to Sandbanks in Poole, where we will drive past the Millionaires Row, There are some very famous celebrities, comedians and Actors like, Christian Bale - The Oscar winning actor and star of The Dark Knight and American Psycho. Tony Hancock - One of Britain's best-known comedians and actors, Harry and Jamie Redknapp retired footballer, Tony Blackburn - The Radio One legend, and the late Wendy Richard - Best know as Pauline Fowler in EastEnders. These are to name but a few! We will the catch a ferry across the Poole harbour to Studland where we will continue our journey to Swanage, a popular tourist destination with award winning sandy beaches and beautiful countryside. Swanage is also the first town at the eastern end of the Jurassic Coast, England's first world heritage site. Time to explore before travelling back to Bournemouth.



## YOUR HOTEL - THE SUNCLIFF HOTEL



The Suncliff Hotel, East Overcliff Drive,  
Bournemouth (Dorset) BH1 3AG

**Tel: 01202 298 350**

The Suncliff Hotel Bournemouth British Holidays  
in Coastal Bliss Located on the seafront  
overlooking Bournemouth Bay in the prestigious

East Cliff neighbourhood of town, the Suncliff hotel Bournemouth is a five-minute stroll from seven miles of sandy beach. A traditional English seaside hotel offering comfortable and versatile bedrooms, as well as indoor leisure facilities. The Suncliff Hotel, Bournemouth offers comfortable, traditional 3-star bedrooms equipped to ensure your stay with us is a relaxing one. There is Free Wi-Fi, Indoor Pool and Spa & a Mini Gym. The seafront location, with many of the 114 modern rooms offering breath taking sea views, balconies and terraces makes the Suncliff Hotel a firm favourite for visitors to Bournemouth. Boasting various bars and lounges where we provide live entertainment most evenings.

### Day 4 - Day at leisure in Bournemouth town

Today after breakfast, you can wonder around at your leisure, take a bus into Bournemouth town or walk down to the seaside, along the pier if you wish. There are lovely grade II listed Victorian Gardens, Parks, Museums, Galleries and a large cathedral. At the heart of the resort is a 1.5-mile stretch of historic, grade II listed gardens, which retain much of their Victorian character and charm. Split into three distinct sections, they start at the Lower Gardens, close to the sea, and lead through the Central Gardens onto the Upper Gardens which end in Poole. The Lower Gardens in Bournemouth are only a five-minute walk from the main shopping centre, the beach and the pier. Visitors who walk through the gardens will be amazed by the beautiful floral displays that combine a range of colours, textures and scents. The Central Gardens extend from the town centre to Coy Pond and were first developed in the 1870s. They are now the home of the tennis courts, a children's playground and a war memorial with beautiful rose borders, a Rhododendron Walk and heather beds. A Pergola was added in 1990 to commemorate the centenary of the borough of Bournemouth. The Upper Gardens was originally laid out as a private garden for the Durrant family in the 1860s. However the lease was assigned over to Bournemouth Council shortly before the Lower gardens were laid out. The Upper gardens deviate from the theme of the other two and have a "three continents" theme with three separate sections. The first has a European theme, the second an Asian Theme and finally the third theme is based on plant species from North America.

### Day 5 - Return Journey Home

After breakfast and cases have been loaded on to the coach. It is time to commence our journey home and say goodbye to The Suncliff Hotel. There will be a comfort stops on route, and you should be back in your local area by late afternoon.

The Tour Manager and Driver will do their professional best to ensure that you enjoy this tour. It will be at their discretion to rearrange the itinerary to better the tour for your comfort.

## SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance.
- Please inform us of any Special Dietary needs e.g.: - Diabetic, Gluten Free, Vegetarian
- Your request is put forward to the hotel, and they will do their utmost to accommodate your needs.
- Program could be subject to alteration.

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All Coach Travel
- ✓ 4 Nights Half Board
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Entertainment
- ✓ Dorset River Cruise
- ✓ Services of Driver/Guide

## TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **5 Days**  
Departure: **Monday**  
Dates: **14 - 18 June**  
Meals: **Half Board**  
**Included Excursions**

## TOUR PRICE

Price per person

**£419.00**

Single room supplement

**£Nil** for 6 rooms





**5 DAYS**  
**£465**

**20 - 24 June**

## Historic Kent

### YOUR HOLIDAY CENTRE

Chatham is one of the Medway towns located within the Medway. The town developed around Chatham Dockyard and several Army barracks, together with 19th-century forts which provided a defensive shield for the dockyard. The Engineers are still based in Chatham at Brompton Barracks. Chatham stands on the A2 road along the line of the ancient Celtic route, which was paved by the Romans, and named Watling Street by the Anglo-Saxons. Among finds have been the remains of a Roman cemetery.

It long remained a small village on the banks of the river, but by the 16th century warships were being moored at Jillingham water (Gillingham), because of its strategic sheltered location between London and the Continent.

It was established as a Royal Dockyard by Queen Elizabeth I in 1568 and most of the dockyard actually lies within Gillingham. It became a shipbuilding yard; from then until the late 19th century, further expansion of the yard took place. In its time, many thousands of men were employed at the dockyard, and many hundreds of vessels were launched there, including HMS Victory which was built there in the 1760s. After World War I many submarines were also built in Chatham Dockyard.

#### Day 1 - Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, we make our way to Kent. We will make a comfort stops and lunch on route. We will then continue our journey to arrive at the Bridgewood Manor Hotel.

#### Day 2 - Chatham Docks

After breakfast we will head to The Historic Dock Yard of Chatham. Explore 400 years of history, Travel through time to 1806 and learn about Lord Nelson Discover the mysteries of the ship beneath the floor in our hidden timber's gallery... a significant maritime archaeological discovery! Step out onto Museum Square - the Hub of today's Dockyard and see inspiring ship model collections and the exiting temporary exhibitions! Climb aboard 3 historic naval vessels. Go through the hatches on HM Submarine Ocelot - the only British submarine you can explore in Kent! Explore the main deck on the Victorian sloop, HMS Gannet and stand on the open bridge of HMS Cavalier. Be surprised as you uncover Commissioners Garden, the grounds of Britain's oldest intact Naval Building. Keep your eyes peeled... you may find some familiar scenes, from Call the Midwife, Sherlock Holmes and James Bond!

After a great day we will head back to the Hotel for evening dinner.

#### Day 3 - Hever Castle & Gardens

After Breakfast we will board the coach and head off to Royal Tunbridge Wells for a little shopping/lunch then off to Hever Castle. It began as a country house, built in the 13th century. From 1462 to 1539, it was the seat of the Boleyn family. Anne Boleyn, the second queen consort of King Henry VIII of England, spent her early youth there after her father, Thomas Boleyn, inherited it in 1505. The castle passed to him upon the death of his father, Sir William Boleyn. It later came into the possession of King Henry VIII's fourth wife, Anne of

## YOUR HOTEL - BRIDGEWOOD MANOR HOTEL



**Bridgewood Manor Hotel**  
Near Bluebell Hill, Walderslade Woods,  
Chatham, ME5 9AX  
**Phone: 01634 201333**

The charming four-star hotel Chatham, Bridgewood Manor Hotel is the perfect destination for visitors who wish to explore the scenic surroundings. With excellent amenities and a convenient

location that is in close proximity to Maidstone. Bridgewood Manor ensures guests will have access to everything they could ever need. All rooms have free Wi-Fi, Trouser press or ironing facilities, Tea and coffee making facilities, it has a well-equipped health club and Luxurious Spa, Swimming pool, Sauna and Steam room.

Cleves. The oldest part of the castle dates to 1270 and consisted of the gatehouse and a walled bailey. The second period was when the castle, then in need of repair, was converted into a manor in 1462, Hever Castle still has one of Henry VIII's private locks, taken with him on his various visits to noblemen's houses and fitted to every door for his security. After your Historic visit, we will head on back to our Hotel for evening dinner.

**Day 4 - Kent & East Sussex Railway**

The dream of rebuilding the old railway line running all the way from Tenterden in Kent to Robertsbridge in Sussex has taken a major step to being realised. Enthusiasts who took over the line years after it closed in the 1950s have restored the track and run steam trains from Tenterden as far as Bodiam. The first section of the Rother Valley was opened in 1900 to a station at Tenterden, in fact that station now known as Rolvenden. The Kent and East Sussex Railway has provided location services for a variety of film and television productions, and over the years, has built up a diverse list of production credits that continues to grow each year.

**Day 5 - Return Journey Home**

After breakfast and cases have been loaded on to the coach. It is time to wave goodbye to our hosts at Bridgewood Manor and head for home. There will be a comfort stop on route, and you should be back in your local area by the evening.

The Tour Manager and Driver will do their professional best to ensure that you enjoy this tour. It will be at their discretion to rearrange the itinerary to better the tour for your comfort.

## SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance.
- Please inform us of any Special Dietary needs e.g.: - Diabetic, Gluten Free, Vegetarian
- Your request is put forward to the hotel, and they will do their utmost to accommodate your needs.
- Program could be subject to alteration.

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All Coach Travel
- ✓ 4 Nights Half Board
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Services of Driver/Guide
- ✓ Entrance to Chatham Docks
- ✓ Entrance to Hever Castle
- ✓ Kent & East Sussex Railway

## TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **5 Days**

Departure: **Sunday**

Dates: **20 - 24 June**

Meals: **Half Board**

Included Excursions

## TOUR PRICE

Price per person

**£465.00**

Single room supplement

**£Nil** first 5 rooms  
(dbl/tw for sole use)





8 DAYS  
£739

24 June - 1 July

## Austrian Adventure

### YOUR HOLIDAY CENTRE

Lermoos lies on one of the old trade routes through Europe it has historically had much in common with its German neighbours to the north and was recently described as one of the most economically booming areas of western Austria. Lermoos is situated in a bowl with The slightly elevated position of the village gives spectacular views across to the Zugspitze, Germany's highest mountain. The village is located around three main streets along the main roads to Reutte, the Fern pass and Garmisch-Partenkirchen. Much of the through traffic has however been diverted into a tunnel built underneath the ski mountain. Lermoos may be a relatively small village but it has a surprisingly wide range of hotel and other accommodation. It is most popular for its skiing and snowboarding in the winter and is very popular resort in the Zugspitze Arena. The village is set on a beautiful location looking towards the Zugspitze and the Sonnenspitze.

#### Day 1 - Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, we make your way down to Dover and your early morning ferry. After arriving in Calais, we continue our journey through France, Belgium with stops on route, then crossing the border into Germany. Arriving in Bruhl at the Ramada Hotel, early evening, where we shall spend our first night with dinner, bed and breakfast.

#### Day 2 - Arrive at Lermoos Austria

After breakfast, we depart for Austria. Traveling through Germany, with stops on route. We arrive at our Hotel Edelweiss in Lermoos late afternoon. Here we will spend the next 5 nights with dinner, bed and buffet breakfast.

#### Day 3 - Day at Leisure

After our journey to Austria you have a free day to do whatever you want. Relax, use the facilities in the hotel or explore the town and surrounding area of Lermoos. Maybe take the local bus to Obermoos and the Tiroler Zugspitzbahn and get the cable car to the summit of the Zugspitz, Germany's highest mountain that straddles the border between both Germany and Austria. On the summit you will find a border post for both countries,

there is also a cafe on the top. On a clear day it's like being at the top of the world. Return to Obermoos by the cable car and back to the hotel by bus. (Cost approx €60)

#### Day 4 - Linderhof Palace

This morning we head back into Bavaria. This is like stepping into the pages of a Bavarian story book as you venture to the beautiful Linderhof Palace. Discover the magic of the Royal Estate, dreamed up by the reclusive King Ludwig II. Linderhof Palace is a spectacular Rococo estate set amid manicured formal gardens and fountains.

#### Day 5 - Innsbruck

Departing after breakfast we head for Innsbruck, capital of the Tyrol. First we visit the Olympic Ski Jump, towering high above Innsbruck on the wooded Berg Isel Hill. (Included) Here stands the brand-new Bergisel Ski Jump; this is a sight to behold. And can be used all the year round. There is a vanicular that takes you to the top where you will be able to see what the skiers see. There is also a cafe on top. We then go into Innsbruck; full of historical old world charm. The Royal Palace of Empress Maria Theresa, the Golden Roof, Cathedral and lots more. Time to explore before returning back to the hotel.



## YOUR HOTELS - HOTEL EDELWEISS / H+ HOTEL KOLN BRUHL / H+ HOTEL KOLN HURTH

Hotel Edelweiss, Danielstrasse 7, A-6631 Lermoos, Tiroler Zugspitzarena, Austria  
Tel: **+43 (0) 56732214**

The 4\* Hotel Edelweiss, the "most beautiful flower of the Alps", is run by the Gerber family. The guest's are their top priority. Surrounded by the Tyrolean Mountains and the Zugspitzarena amidst unspoiled nature, this comfortable 4 star hotel promises a holiday as you would want it to be. The ambiance of the lovingly furnished, wood-panelled lounges and dining rooms, such as the cosy fireplace, is just one of the many rooms. The 140 rooms are very well furnished, very clean, they are also very spacious. All rooms are equipped with a TV, a radio a safe, and a hairdryer. There is a dining room and bar. A rich breakfast buffet and dinner provide daily culinary delights. The Wellness centre offers relaxation and healthy bathing in the indoor pool, sun terrace, Jacuzzi. Guests can choose from a wide range of indoor sports, including a gym, table tennis, billiards and squash. There are various treatments in the wellness area, including a sauna, a steam bath, a beauty salon and massage treatments, as well as a solarium for an additional fee.

### Overnight outward

H+ Hotel Koln Bruhl  
Romerstrass 1, 50321 Brühl,  
Germany  
Tel: **+49 (0) 2232 2040**

### Overnight return

H+ Hotel Koln Hurth, Kreuzstraße,  
Theresienhöhe 99, 50354 Hürth  
Germany  
Tel: **+49 2233 94400**

### Day 6 - Scenic Tour

Today we will take a scenic drive through one of the most beautiful valleys in the Tyrol to the Obergurgl Parish and the Alpine resort of Soelden. As the highest parish in Austria this quiet, compact village is found at the end of the scenic Ötz valley. The village is renowned as a ski centre during the winter months, but in summer the surrounding backdrop offers wonderful views of the forests, mountains and valleys, with its golden eagles, chamois, ibex and marmots. Later we return back to our hotel.

### Day 7 - Austria to Germany

After breakfast and all cases have been loaded on to the coach we start our journey back to Germany, with comfort stops on route to our overnight hotel at the H+ Hotel Hurth/Koln, for our last overnight stay with half board.

### Day 8 - Depart for Home

After breakfast and our overnight bags have been loaded on the coach, we leave the Hotel and depart for Calais. There will be comfort stops along the way. Arriving at Calais for our afternoon ferry crossing to Dover. Arriving back in our local area, mid to late evening.

## TOUR PRICE

Price per person

**£739.00**

Single room supplement

**£56.00**

(4 single rooms only)

## SPECIAL NOTES

- The currency you will need for this tour is the Euro.
- A Valid Passport.
- Insurance.
- To ring back to England, you dial: - +44 then minus the 0 from your code, followed by your number.
- There is no tea or coffee making facilities in the hotel rooms. (Best bring your own)
- European 2 pin Adapter plugs will be needed
- Your request is put forward to the hotel, and they will do their utmost to accommodate your needs.
- Please inform us of any Special Dietary needs e.g.: - Diabetic, Gluten Free, Vegetarian etc
- Overnight Bags can be taken
- Itinerary could be subject to change
- **Exchange Rate:** The price is NOT guaranteed against any alterations as a result of currency fluctuations. We have done our best to calculate in advance.

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All Coach Travel & Ferries
- ✓ 5 Nights Half Board Main Hotel
- ✓ 2 Nights Half Board Overnight Hotels
- ✓ Portage Main Hotel (in & out)
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ 1 Nights Entertainment
- ✓ Entrance to Linderhof Palace
- ✓ Entrance to Ski Jump
- ✓ Courier Escorted

## TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **8 Days**  
Departure: **Thursday**  
Dates: **24 June - 1 July**  
Meals: **Half Board**  
Included Excursions



**5 DAYS**  
**£469**

**8 - 12 July**

## Lake District Steam Railway & River Cruise

### YOUR HOLIDAY CENTRE

Grange is a pretty resort with an Edwardian flavour and a mild climate. It is on the shores of Morecambe Bay, and from the 13th Century until the 1850's, the major route from Lancaster was across the sands. In 1887, the coming of the Furness Railway encouraged the growth of Grange from a small hamlet to the town we see today. The town developed in the Victorian era from a small fishing village, and the arrival of the railway made it a popular seaside resort on the north side of Morecambe Bay, across the sands from Morecambe. The River Kent used to flow past the town's mile-long promenade but its course migrated south, away from Grange. The sands or mudflats with dangerous quicksands became a grass meadow now grazed by small flocks of sheep. The clock tower in Grange-over-Sands was put up in 1912, in the style of Manchester architect Edgar Wood, with diagonal buttresses, a small band of bell-openings, and a short octagonal spire.



### Day 1 - Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, we make our way north to the Lake District. We will make comfort stops on route and stop for lunch. We will continue our journey to arrive at The Cumbria Grand Hotel in Grange-Over-Sands.

### Day 2 - Ullswater Steamers Boat Trip

After breakfast we will head off to Pooley Bridge at Ullswater Steamers, for a Boat trip on the Lake. Ullswater 'Steamers' is an award winning environmentally accredited Lake District attraction celebrating over 150 years of operating cruises on England's most beautiful lake. The first reported Steamer on Ullswater dates back to 1859. The valley has inspired many famous artists and poets through the centuries including William Wordsworth and Turner, visit historic landmarks during your visit and listen to the ancient tales of myth and legend. Ullswater Steamers operate one of the largest heritage passenger fleets in the world offering visitors an experience they will never forget. Cruises connect to some of the most famous and iconic walking routes in the National Park. There will be a licensed bar and toilets. Excellent facilities also located at the Pier Houses including free Wi-Fi.

### Day 3 - The Lakeside & Haverthwaite Railway

At Lakeside & Haverthwaite Railway travel back in time when you climb aboard the train. A distant memory of bygone years for some and new experience for others, it's a unique day out for all. Jump aboard the train at Haverthwaite Station. Enjoy views from your carriage up to Lakeside; the southern tip of Lake Windermere. Then continue your journey aboard a Windermere Steamer to Bowness. Starting from Bowness, enjoy a 90-minute circular cruise around the

## YOUR HOTEL - CUMBRIA GRAND HOTEL



Cumbria Grand Hotel, Lindale Rd,  
Grange-over-Sands, LA11 6EN

**Phone: 015395 32331**

The hotel offers a restaurant. A bar/lounge is on site where guests can unwind with a drink. Guests can enjoy a complimentary breakfast. Public areas are equipped with complimentary wireless Internet access. This Victorian

hotel also offers a terrace, tour or ticket assistance and gift shops/news stands. The Cumbria Hotel was built in 1880, Set in 20 acres of private gardens, woodland and overlooking Morecambe bay. There are 124 bedrooms and suites, as standard each room comes with, complimentary toiletries, TV, free Wi-Fi, Hairdryer, Direct dial telephone and tea/coffee making facilities. There is an outdoor garden area, tennis court, putting green and woodland/fitness walk. While indoor there is a full-sized snooker table, table tennis table and dart board.

south of Lake Windermere with fantastic views across the wooded shoreline and distant Lakeland fells. We will then head back to the hotel for dinner.

**Day 4 - Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway Journey**

After breakfast we head off to Ravenglass for a train journey. The journey takes 80 minutes return from Ravenglass to Dalegarth and back. The cosy covered and open top carriages provide the best of comfort and views as you travel up the line. The Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway was originally built way back in 1873 and was commercially opened on the 24th May 1875. The Railway's main purpose was to transport iron ore that was being mined in the hills above the village of Boot, down to Ravenglass where it could be transferred onto the Furness Railway's mainline to Barrow. The Railway was also open to passenger traffic (beginning in 1876) and was built to the narrow gauge of 3ft (between the rails); this made the Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway the first public narrow-gauge Railway in England! After a great day we then will head back to our hotel for dinner.

**Day 5 - Journey Home**

After breakfast and cases have been loaded on to the coach. It is time to wave goodbye to our hosts at The Cumbria Grand Hotel and head for home. There will be comfort stops on route, and you should be back in your local area by the evening.

The Tour Manager and Driver will do their professional best to ensure that you enjoy this tour. It will be at their discretion to rearrange the itinerary to better the tour for your comfort.

## SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance
- Please inform us of any Special Dietary needs e.g.: - Diabetic, Gluten Free, Vegetarian
- Your request is put forward to the hotel, and they will do their utmost to accommodate your needs.
- Program could be subject to alteration.

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All Coach Travel
- ✓ 4 Nights Half Board
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Entertainment
- ✓ Services of Driver/Guide
- ✓ Ullswater steamers Boat Trip
- ✓ Haverthwaite Railway
- ✓ Windermere Lake Cruise
- ✓ Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway

## TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **5 Days**  
 Departure: **Thursday**  
 Dates: **8 - 12 July**  
 Meals: **Half Board**  
**Included Excursions**

## TOUR PRICE

Price per person  
**£469.00**  
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 Single room supplement  
**£Nil**  
 (first 5 rooms)





**6 DAYS**  
**£609**

**18 - 23 July**

## Isle of Man

### YOUR HOLIDAY CENTRE

Situated between the coast lines of England, Scotland Ireland and Wales, in the middle of the Irish Sea, you will find this beautiful island. Blessed with an extensive coastline, stunning natural landscape and unspoilt beaches, the Isle of Man is a perfect holiday destination.

Douglas, situated on the east coast of the Isle of Man. Douglas has been the island capital since 1863 and holds most of the island action. Its beautiful seafront is lined with picturesque hotels and restaurants. The shopping high street is filled with familiar names like Boots, Next etc, as well as many locally owned stores. From spring to early autumn the horse drawn trams run along the promenade which is two miles long. The magnificent sweep of Douglas Bay, against the background of green hills, has a charm hard to equal anywhere. Douglas was a pioneer in illuminations and at night presents a scene of spectacular beauty never to be forgotten.



#### Day 1 - Depart for Heysham

After boarding our luxury coach, we start our journey heading north. There will be comfort stops on route. We head for Heysham in Lancashire for the 14:15hrs ferry to Douglas on Isle of Man. On arrival in Douglas at 18:00hrs, we make our way to the Empress Hotel only a few minutes away, where we spend the next 4 nights with dinner bed and breakfast.

#### Day 2 - Douglas to Port Erin

After breakfast, we head for the railway station in Douglas to take one of the great train journeys of the Isle of Man. Departing Douglas station for Port Erin at 09:50hrs. Step aboard the I.O.M steam railway, this is the longest narrow gauge steam line in the British Isle, running for 16 miles through glorious countryside between Douglas and Port Erin. The Port Erin Railway Museum tells the incredible story of Manx steam railways. Port Erin owes much of its existence to the Victorian tourist, who came for the beautiful sandy beach set in an enclosed harbour. Arriving in Port Erin, we can have time to explore and have lunch before we board our coach and travel down to Cregneash for wonderful views of the Calf of man returning to Douglas via Port Mary and Castletown. Don't forget to say good afternoon to the Fairies as you cross Fairy Bridge...this will bring you good luck.

#### Day 3 - Island Tour

Today we will have a tour of the island, places like St Johns, Tynwald Hill where the Isle of Man has its Parliament, Peel for lunch. Then on to Point of Aye Lighthouse, Bride to visit Norman Wisdoms grave, Ramsey, TT Racing Course and more. After an interesting day, we return to the hotel to relax before dinner.



## YOUR HOTEL - EMPRESS HOTEL



Empress Hotel, Central Promenade,  
Douglas, IM2 4RA  
**Phone: 01624 661155**  
The Empress Hotel located right on the beachfront just a short walk away from the promenade and the busyness of the town centre and attractions. With 102 spacious bedrooms all equipped with LCD flat screen TVs, direct dial telephone,

free Wi-Fi, hairdryer and trouser press. There are two restaurants to choose from when dinner is served. The Brasserie is located on the upper floor which provides spectacular views of the bay, offering locally caught fish and mouth-watering grills. After a long day of sightseeing you can relax in one of the beauty rooms offering facials, waxing and massages or take advantage of the sauna and steam room.

**Day 4 - Ramsey, Laxey & Snaefell Railway**

After a hearty Manx breakfast you depart for Ramsey on the Electric train to Laxey. Laxey is a village located on the East coast of the Island. The Laxey mines were the deepest mines in the world during the 1800s. The Great Laxey Wheel 'Lady Isabella' was used to pump water out of the mines. We then board the Snaefell Mountain Railway to the summit of Snaefell, the islands highest peak at 2034ft, this offers amazing views of the Laxey Glens and surrounding countryside. We rejoin our coach at Ramsey to return to the hotel.

**Day 5 - 1/2 Day Horse Sanctuary**

Today we visit the Home of Rest For Old Isle of Man Horses. The home is set in pasture land with picturesque views. Take in the excellent views of the surrounding countryside and Douglas below while you visit. You will also find a wide selection of drinks or delicious food from the cafe and enjoy the history of the home in the special Museum building, as well as perusing the Unique gift shop for the perfect souvenir. Free entry but donations welcome. We then return to Douglas with free time to explore.

**Day 6 - Depart for Home**

After an early Manx breakfast, and all cases have been loaded back onto the coach, we travel back to the port to catch the early morning ferry crossing to Heysham 08:45hrs. Arriving in Heysham approx 12:30hrs. We then retrace our steps back to our pick up area.



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## SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance.
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- Program could be subject to alteration.

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All Coach Travel & Ferries
- ✓ 5 Nights Half Board
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Train Ride to Port Erin
- ✓ Manx Electric Railway &
- ✓ Snaefell Mountain Railway
- ✓ Courier Escorted

## TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **6 Days**

Departure: **Sunday**

Dates: **18 - 23 July**

Meals: **Half Board**

**Hotel not Suitable for Limited Mobility**

**Included Excursions**

## TOUR PRICE

Price per person

**£609.00**

Single room supplement

**£63.00**





9 DAYS  
£822

24 July - 1 Aug

## The Beautiful Dolomites

### YOUR HOLIDAY CENTRE

Holidays to the Dolomites invite you to uncover beautiful secrets in one of the most stunning mountain ranges in the world, an Eden of striking peaks, lush valleys and hidden lakes. Vertical walls, sheer cliffs and sharp plateaux combine to make an unmistakable silhouette. The Dolomites were named for the rock they are made of. At dusk and dawn, the sunlight paints the mountains pink and purple, a phenomenon called *enrosadira* by the locals. Wandering through sweeping valleys and past clear lakes, this area is relatively unheard of in Britain, so you can experience natural Italian beauty without the hordes of tourists.

#### Day 1 - Depart For St Avold France

After an early start and boarding your luxury coach, we make our way to Dover for our morning ferry crossing to Calais. We travel through France to Avold near Metz, where we will spend our first overnight stop at the Novotel Avold with dinner bed and breakfast. There is also a welcome drink of juice on arrival.

#### Day 2 - for Paganella Dolomites

An early start, we make our way through France towards Strasbourg, then into Germany at the northern end of the Black Forest, then crossing the border into Austria, then via the Fern Pass. We reach Innsbruck, the capital town of the Tirol, with its Olympic ski jump. Heading towards Italy, We travel along the Brenner Road, which is a feat of engineering, to the border of Italy and the Dolomites, then on to our hotel Paganella. There will be stops on route for food and drink. This will be a beautiful scenic drive and a longish day.

#### Day 3 - Day at Leisure

A Mystery day out, a guided walk of Fai with the owner of the hotel, with pizza & wine picnic.

#### Day 4 - Tour of Dolomites

Our scenic excursion today takes us through the very heart of some spectacular scenery of the Grand Dolomites mountain range. First we head towards Sankt Ulrich, this offers the prettiest town centre in Val Gardena. The cobblestone-lined

pedestrian area between St. Anthony Square and the main church embodies the valley's prime shopping street and is a great place to mingle with the locals. After lunch we start a magical journey before starting to climb the Trentino Mountains before traversing the stunning Sellajoch Pass, where we will take a break for pictures. Don't forget your camera. We continue our panoramic journey where we will enjoy an afternoon stop at the colourful Lake Caldaro before returning back to the hotel.

#### Day 5 - Riva Del Garda

After a hearty breakfast, we head for Riva Del Garda which is situated at the northern most point of Lake Garda. A medieval walled town on the edge of the lake, cobbled streets, beautiful buildings. Shops and its castle that is right in the middle of the harbour. You can laze on the beach, take a boat trip, eat at the many cafe's and restaurants at the waterfront, shop and explore.

#### Day 6 - Merano

Today we head to the south Tyrol, to the pretty spa town of Merano. Loved by generations of Austrian Royals to influential writers. Merano, with its sunny microclimate, medieval centre, leafy boulevards, and art nouveau villas still draws health-conscious visitors who come to benefit from its therapeutic traditions. A Sessel Lift takes you to a view point above the vineyards, to see fantastic views over the town and

## YOUR HOTEL - HOTEL PAGANELLA

The Hotel Paganella will provide you with a comfortable structure in harmony with the colours of the surrounding mountains of the area, and at the same time modern and comfortable. A few steps away from the fabulous ski slopes of Paganella, with the spectacular background of the Dolomites, in an enchanting place where you can get lost in the traditions and spirit of the mountains, and still remain in close contact with technology. Hotel Paganella gives you beautiful surroundings, where the clear air and the soft light of the Dolomites will give you natural comfort and help you forget the strain of the city. They make sure that nothing is left to chance, and that every facet of your vacation will be cared for in detail, so that you can dedicate your time to find the peaceful surroundings you need to enjoy everything they have to offer you. Classic rooms have a King Size double bed, bathroom, Wi-Fi connection, satellite TV, telephone, hairdryer and safe. They can offer you every formula to get back on track: physical exercise, body treatments, SPA or just plain relaxation.

### Main Hotel

Hotel Paganella 3\*  
Piazza Italia Unita,  
10, 38010 Fai Della  
Tel: +39 0461 583116

### Outward/Return

Novotel Saint Avold 4\*, Fayetteville,  
57500 Saint-Avold,  
France  
Tel: +33387922593

surrounding countryside; Return via the famous wine route of Alto Adige with a stop at Lake Caldaro, before returning back to the Paganella hotel.

### Day 7 - Trento

Today we visit the beautiful town of Trento. Highly regarded as the most attractive town in the Trentino Region. It is home to the spectacular Piazza Del Duomo, once used by the Romans as their forum. Trento Cathedral, featuring a rose window and a baroque chapel, sits on Piazza Duomo. Also on the square is Casa Cazuffi-Rella, a Renaissance building with a frescoed facade. Returning back to hotel.

### Day 8 - Depart Paganella for Avold

After an early breakfast and cases have been loaded on the coach, we say farewell to our hotel and head back through the Dolomites crossing the Brenner, retracing our steps back to Avold. Arriving at our hotel in Avold, here we will spend our last night with dinner, bed and breakfast.

### Day 9 - Depart for Home

After breakfast and bags have been

loaded, retracing our steps back to Calais. There will be comfort stops on route. At Calais Passports will be needed for inspection by Immigration. Once back in Dover, we continue to our local area arriving mid to late evening.

## TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **9 Days**

Departure: **Saturday**

Dates: **24 July - 1 Aug**

Meals: **Half Board**

**Included Excursion**

**City Tax - payable at Resort**

**Not Included Ranging from**

**€1 - €5 pppn**

## TOUR PRICE

Price per person

**£822.00**

Single room supplement

**£129.00**

(dbl/tw for sole use)

## SPECIAL NOTES

- Currency for this tour in the Euro
- Full valid Passport
- Insurance
- Dialling code for England: +44. Then leave the zero of your STD code then the number
- There are no Tea/Coffee making facilities in the rooms (please bring your own)
- Please inform us of any Special Dietary needs e.g.: - Diabetic, Gluten Free, Vegetarian, ECT
- Special requests are put forward to the hotel, and they will do their utmost to accommodate your needs.
- Overnight Bags
- **Exchange Rate:** The price is NOT guaranteed against any alterations as a result of currency fluctuations. We have done our best to calculate in advance.
- City Tax has to be paid at resort, ranging from €1 - €5 per person per night.

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All Coach Travel
- ✓ 8 Nights Half Board
- ✓ Porterage (main hotel)
- ✓ Unlimited Wine & Water with Dinner
- ✓ Free Bar each Night from 6pm -10.30pm
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Entertainment
- ✓ Guided Walk of Fai & Pizza, Wine Picnic
- ✓ Services of Driver/Guide





**5 DAYS**  
**£579**

**5 - 9 August**

## 70th Edinburgh Tattoo

### YOUR HOLIDAY CENTRE

Drymen is an attractive village located in the beautiful Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park. The park consists of 40 mountains ranging from 2500ft to over 3000ft, 22 lochs, 50 rivers and two forest parks, The Argyll Forest Park and the Queen Elizabeth Forest Park. The Campsie Fells hills are to the west of Drymen. A range of volcanic hills which hosts a variety of farmland, open moors, steep-flanked glens, attractive woodland and sparkling burns. The lovely village boasts spectacular views of Dumgoyne to the east and is just a short way from Loch Lomond to the west. It is the perfect base to explore Scotland with Stirling and Glasgow just a short drive away. With all the natural features it is no wonder hundreds of tourists' flood through the park every year.



#### Day 1 - Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, we travel north with comfort stops on route. Still heading north, we cross the border into Scotland and head to Drymen and the Winnock Hotel where we will spend the next 4 nights' half board. On arrival we have a welcome drinks reception while our cases are taken up to our rooms. Evening dinner is a three course, three choice menu. A glass of wine/beer/soft drink at dinner each night, plus tea and coffee. Free Bar from 6.30pm - 10.30pm.

#### Day 2 - Loch Lomond & Inveraray

Today we explore the West side of Loch Lomond and take the breathtaking route over the 'Rest and be Thankful' to the Royal Burgh of Inveraray, which enjoys a picturesque setting on the shores of Loch Fyne, where it meets Loch Shira. It was built on the site of an earlier fishing village in the mid 1700s by the 3rd Duke of Argyll, Chief of the powerful Clan Campbell. He demolished the original village to give his rebuilt castle more space, and rehoused the population in a new town that is one of the most attractive in Scotland. Here you can explore the town or visit the Jail House or take an optional visit to Inveraray Castle. Later we return back to the hotel.

#### Day 3 - Edinburgh Military Tattoo

Today we have an early lunch of soup and sandwiches, before leaving for Edinburgh. You will have the afternoon and early evening to explore and discover Edinburgh until a given time to be back to enter the castle for the Tattoo which starts at 9pm. Their story began seven decades ago and had humble beginnings. It was inspired by a simple show called 'Something About a Soldier' performed in 1949 at the Ross Bandstand. The bandstand is still there, in Princes Street Gardens just below the Castle. Make sure to look out for it when you



## YOUR HOTEL - THE WINNOCK HOTEL



The Winnock Hotel, The Square, Drymen, Glasgow, G63 0BL  
Tel: 01360 660245

The Winnock Hotel is a beautifully, traditional family run hotel overlooking the village green. The cosy log fires will help you to relax after a long day of exploring the beautiful surrounding countryside. The 74 comfortable en suite

rooms are all well equipped with hairdryer, TV and tea and coffee making facilities. There is no lift but ground floor rooms are available. The Merlin restaurant provides a more intimate setting for dinner complementing the hotels historic ambiance. For a more relaxed dinner the Capercaille room serves excellent Scottish cuisine and has a traditional bar area with an extensive selection of ales, spirits and wines and a speciality of over 70 malt whiskies. A pack lunch will be provided on three days.

visit. Lieutenant Colonel George Malcolm was the first Producer of the Edinburgh Tattoo. He aimed to bring the Army's contribution to the Edinburgh International Festival to life. From a modest event in a park to today's global showcase at the Castle. After the Tattoo you will return to the coach where we will then return to the hotel for a light snack and drinks before bed.

**Day 4 - National Wallace Monument 1/2 Day**

After a leisurely breakfast we depart the hotel for Stirling and the Wallace Monument. Sir William Wallace, a hero of Scotland and a true patriot. He had a burning desire for peace and freedom which united the country's clans, gained the loyalty of its people, struck fear into his enemies and defied the cruel hand of an evil, warring and invading King - Edward I of England. All the drama of Wallace's campaign for freedom is captured at the world-famous National Wallace Monument - proudly standing on the Abbey Craig, overlooking the city of Stirling. (Entrance Included). From the car park a steep path leading to the top takes approx 10 - 15 mins (not for the infirm) or a complementary mini bus runs to the top. There are museums on each floor, and outside on the crown there are beautiful views over Stirling.

**Day 5 - Depart for Home**

After all the suitcases have been packed and loaded onto the coach we leave our hosts at the Winnock Hotel and head for home. With comfort stops on the way, we arrive back at your local area early evening.



The Driver & Guide will do their professional best to ensure that you enjoy this tour. It will be at their discretion to rearrange the itinerary to better the tour for your comfort.

## SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance
- Please inform us of any Special Dietary needs e.g.: - Diabetic, Gluten Free, Vegetarian
- Special requests are put forward to the hotel and they will do their utmost to accommodate your needs.
- There are Tea/Coffee Facilities in the rooms
- Itinerary could be subject to change

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All Coach Travel
- ✓ Portage
- ✓ 4 Nights Hotel
- ✓ Dinner - 3 evenings
- ✓ Full Scottish Breakfast
- ✓ Free Bar 6.30pm - 10.30pm
- ✓ Lunch on Tattoo Day
- ✓ Light Snack on return
- ✓ Entrance to Tattoo
- ✓ Entertainment on 2 Evenings
- ✓ Excursions

## TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **5 Days**  
Departure: **Thursday**  
Dates: **5 - 9 August**  
Meals: **All Inclusive**  
**Edinburgh Tattoo Tickets**  
**Included Excursions**

## TOUR PRICE

Price per person

**£579.00**

Single room supplement

**£78.00**



**5 DAYS**  
**£459**

**9 - 13 August**

## A Wight Royal Island

### YOUR HOLIDAY CENTRE

Ryde is the largest town on the Isle of Wight, and with its prominent position along the seafront and hovercraft and passenger ferry links it is little wonder it is often referred to as "The Gateway to the Island".

In addition to an expanse of sandy beaches which stretch right along the town, Ryde has a great selection of boutique shops, museums and galleries for you to visit along with lots of other things to see and do along its esplanade. Continue along the seafront and you will discover the imposing Appley Tower, which is situated at the back of Appley beach, and even further along this walk you will reach the Victorian Fortification Battery at Puckpool Park. Tucked away on the south-west side of Ryde you will find the Play Lane Millennium Green, a tranquil beauty spot, perfect for relaxing with a picnic.



#### Day 1 - Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, we make our way to Portsmouth, with comfort stops on route, where we will board the ferry to Fishbourne, once we have docked, we will continue our short journey to Ryde & arrive at the Royal Esplanade Hotel. While our cases are taken to our rooms, enjoy a welcome cuppa on our arrival.

#### Day 2 - Visit to Osborne House

After Breakfast we will make our way to Osborne House, the holiday home of Queen Victoria! "It is impossible to imagine a prettier spot" said Queen Victoria of Osborne House. Visit Victoria and Albert's private apartments, their bathing beach and children's play-cottage for an intimate glimpse of royal family life. Then stroll through the garden terraces where the stunning views across the Solent reminded Prince Albert of the Bay of Naples. Osborne reflects Queen Victoria and Prince Albert's passions tastes and style. Ornate furnishings and artefacts from The Royal Collection fill rooms and corridors where Victoria entertained heads of state, inventors, princess and princesses and ruled the vast British Empire. Victoria and Albert bought the Osborne estate in 1845 and built a new mansion here as an escape from court life in London and Windsor, Victoria used Osborne for more than 50 years, finding solace here after Albert's death in 1861. She entertained visiting kings and queens and ministers at the house as well as her own extensive family.

#### Day 3 - Island Tour

Departing after breakfast, we enjoy a full day scenic tour of the southern part of the island, passing places like Ventnor, Black gang Chine. Continuing along the military road, we will have a comfort stop at the Isle of Wight Pearl where you can have a look around the

## YOUR HOTEL - ROYAL ESPLANADE HOTEL



The Royal Esplanade, 16 Esplanade,  
Ryde, PO33 2ED

**Phone: 01983 562549**

The Royal Esplanade hotel is a  
characterful Victorian Grade II Listed  
building that has been lovingly and  
sympathetically restored by its current  
owners. We are fortunate to take prime  
position along the Esplanade at the foot

of the Victorian, Ryde Pier, know to locals as the dry end of the pier. Within  
easy walking distance to beautifully sandy beaches, Ryde's pretty little harbour  
and the many boutique shops and eateries of Ryde town. Our rooms all have  
en-suite facilities offering either a walk-in shower or bath with shower.

famous pearl shop and have a morning cuppa. From here we travel along the  
Military road to Freshwater Bay and the Needles and the multi-coloured cliffs  
of Alum Bay. We continue on to Yarmouth, where we will have time to explore.  
We then make our way back via Carisbrooke Castle 13th century picturesquely  
situated on a hill, long the seat of authority on the island, then to Ryde where  
you will have time to relax before dinner.

## Day 4 - Steam Railway Journey

Take a Ride behind one of the vintage steam locomotives for a special journey  
back in time. Breathe in the evocative smells of a real steam railway, while your  
eyes and ears thrill to the puffing and hissing of the steam engine. Settle back  
in beautifully restored Victorian and Edwardian carriages and enjoy a unique  
view of some of the Island's unspoilt countryside. A journey on the multi  
award-winning Isle of Wight Steam Railway is an unforgettable experience.



## Day 5 - Return Journey

After breakfast and cases have  
been loaded on to the coach.  
It is time to wave goodbye to  
our hosts at The Royal  
Esplanade Hotel and head for  
the Ferry to sail into the port  
of Portsmouth. We then  
continue our Journey home.  
There will be comfort stops on  
route, and you should be back  
in your local area by late  
afternoon, early evening.

The Tour Manager and Driver  
will do their professional best to  
ensure that you enjoy this tour. It  
will be at their discretion to  
rearrange the itinerary to better  
the tour for your comfort.

## SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance.
- Please inform us of any Special Dietary needs e.g.: - Diabetic, Gluten Free, Vegetarian
- Your request is put forward to the hotel, and they will do their utmost to accommodate your needs.
- Program could be subject to alteration.

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All Coach Travel
- ✓ 4 Nights Half Board
- ✓ Portage
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Entertainment
- ✓ Entrance to Osborne House
- ✓ I.O.W Steam Railway
- ✓ Services of Driver/Guide

## TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **5 Days**

Departure: **Tuesday**

Dates: **9 - 13 August**

Meals: **Half Board**

Included Excursions

## TOUR PRICE

Price per person

**£459.00**

Single room supplement

**£Nil**







**5 DAYS**  
**£469**

**15 - 19 August**

## Severn Steam & Cruise

### YOUR HOLIDAY CENTRE

Worcestershire mainly lies between the majestic Malvern Hills and the mellow Cotswolds and does include the village of Broadway, known as the Jewel of the Cotswolds and the northern gateway to the Cotswolds. It is a county of contrasts with charming villages, bustling towns and the magnificent cathedral city of Worcester. The City of Worcester has much to offer visitors. The Cathedral is one of the oldest and finest in the country and final resting place of King John. Nestling in a mixture of mature woodland, meandering river valleys, fruit orchards and farmland. Worcestershire has peaceful countryside with a turbulent past. Rolling landscape, open hills and breath taking views await you. Cattle graze in the shadows of Iron Age hill forts, medieval settlement remains or on the former battlefields of the English Civil War. Worcestershire's location in the heart of England makes it supremely accessible and closer than you think.



#### Day 1 - Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, we make our way to Evesham for our morning break. We will make a stop on route at the lovely town of Tewkesbury, with its timber framed buildings long and fascinating history and famous 12th century Abby. After lunch we will continue our journey to arrive at our Hotel later this afternoon, The Stourport Manor Hotel, we will be greeted with Tea/Coffee on our arrival, then we can freshen up ready for our evening meal.

#### Day 2 - Museum visit

After Breakfast, we will head to Worcester and visit the Elgar Birthplace and Museum with an introduction to the museum and exhibition. We are then off to the Museum of Royal Worcester which holds the largest collection of Worcester porcelain in the world. It's telling the story of Worcester porcelain; a remarkable audio tour leads visitors on a journey through time from 1751 when the factory was established, plus galleries of Georgian and Victorian ceramics. Later you can then explore the City of Worcester, with its magnificent cathedral, medieval townhouse, Tudor House and the Commandery, which dates to the 13th century, after which we return back to the hotel.

#### Day 3 - Steam Railway Journey

After breakfast, we will be heading off to enjoy a memorable Severn Valley Railway steam train Journey through beautiful scenery and over Victoria Bridge, which featured in the famous film "The Thirty-Nine steps". Visit Bridgnorth, which is two towns, High town and Low town, connected by the steepest funicular railway in Britain, before returning to Bewdley the most perfect small Georgian town in Worcestershire and picturesque Stourport-on-Severn, with its historic



## YOUR HOTEL - STOURPORT MANOR HOTEL



Stourport Manor Hotel, 35 Hartlebury Road, Stourport on Severn, DY13 9JA  
Tel: 0330 028 3421

The 4-star Stourport Manor is a refurbished country house with 23 acres of beautiful grounds. Once the home of Stanley Baldwin, the Prime Minister on three separate occasions between 1923

and 1937. It's safe to assume that 1st Earl of Baldwin of Bewdley knew a peach of a property when he saw one. Now extended and refurbished the lovely old red brick country house with its elegant sash windows and fireplaces, all cocooned in 23 acres of rolling Worcestershire countryside. It is a fabulous hotel overlooking Stourport-on-Severn. Stourport Manor has an awful lot to offer, along with their excellent brasserie restaurant, which they take pride in sourcing local produce for their menu. The rolling Worcestershire countryside is a rich larder on their doorstep – but their honey takes freshness to new levels. The beehives sit in their garden, so close you can practically smell the sweet honey. The fabulous health club with its glistening indoor pool, state-of-the-art gym and aerobic studio, alongside a spa with sauna, Jacuzzi and steam room, as well as squash and tennis courts, and nine-hole pitch and putt. All 68 en-suite rooms and suites with their tasteful mix of warm earth tones punctuated by bold splashes of colour and mellow lighting, have en-suite bathrooms, TV, Tea/Coffee making facilities, Complementary Toiletries, Free Wi-Fi and deeply comfortable beds, crisp linen and plump pillows

canal basins and riverside walks. After a lovely day out, we will head back to our hotel to freshen up before Dinner.

**Day 4 - Blists Hill Victorian Town**

After Breakfast we travel to Shropshire to Blists Hill Victorian Town (included). Rocket yourself back to the age of steam and see life more than 100 years ago at this open-air museum. Welcome to the age of Queen Victoria. Here you'll experience what life was like when Britain ruled the world. Meet some (almost) real Victorians in their authentic shops and cottages, buy curious goods from a bygone era and watch trades people in action in their atmospheric workshops and factories. You'll not go hungry at Blists Hill Victorian Town. Enjoy a bag of Fish and Chips cooked the traditional way in beef dripping. Bag a sweet (or two) from our 19th Century selection. Don't miss the freshly baked bread in the Bakers. After a nostalgic day, we return to our hotel.

**Day 5 - Depart for Home**

After breakfast and cases have been loaded on to the coach. It is time to wave goodbye to our hosts at Stourport Manor and head for home. There will be a comfort stop on route, and you should be back in your local area by the evening.

The Driver/Guide will do his professional best to ensure that you enjoy this tour. It will be at his discretion to rearrange the itinerary to better the tour for your comfort.

## SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance.
- Please inform us of any Special Dietary needs e.g.: - Diabetic, Gluten Free, Vegetarian
- Your request is put forward to the hotel, and they will do their utmost to accommodate your needs.
- Program could be subject to alteration.

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All Coach Travel
- ✓ 4 Nights Half Board
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Rail Journey
- ✓ Boat Trip
- ✓ Services of Driver/Guide

## TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **5 Days**

Departure: **Sunday**

Dates: **15 - 19 August**

Meals: **Half Board**

Included Excursions

## TOUR PRICE

Price per person

**£469.00**

Single room supplement

**£80.00**





5 DAYS  
£439

22 - 26 August

## Suffolk's Tranquil Villages & Coast

### YOUR HOLIDAY CENTRE

Welcome to Colchester! A historic Essex town, Britain's first city and former capital of Roman Britain. Its rich history dates back over 2000 years. As Britain's First City and the former capital of Roman Britain Colchester has many important and unique Roman sites and ruins, but a lengthy history means there is plenty to discover from other eras of English History including the Normans, Tudors and Victorians who all contributed to Colchester's story, as well as the English Civil War which made significant marks on the town. But it's not all about the past. 21st Century Colchester is a thriving, modern town with first class visitor attractions, including the family favourites, Colchester Zoo and Colchester Castle. Poised at the gateway to East Anglia with picturesque villages and only minutes away from the coast, the Colchester area is the perfect destination for a well-deserved short break, day trip or family holiday.



#### Day1 - Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, we make our way Colchester in Essex. We will make a comfort stop/Lunch on route. We will then continue our journey to arrive at Marks Tey Hotel. There will be a welcome drink on arrival. Time to relax before dinner.

#### Day 2 - Guided Tour of Suffolk's Villages

After Breakfast, we will enjoy a guided tour of Suffolk's pastel-coloured towns and villages, whose timber framed houses and thatched roofs make this so unique. Visit Sudbury, home to Gainsborough's attractive town house which is now the birthplace museum and gallery of Thomas Gainsborough, one of Britain's greatest painters. Long Melford and Lavenham, where we include a visit to its Guildhall which now contains exhibitions of local history. After a lovely day sight seeing we will head back to the hotel for Dinner.

#### Day 3 - Cressing Temple Barns

Cressing Temple Barns. In close proximity to Tiptree Tea Room, there's certainly an abundance of activities and treats to enjoy when you visit this historical venue. The beautifully unique buildings and gardens that encompass Cressing Temple Barns attract interest from across the country. Given to the Knights Templar in 1137, The Grade-I listed Barley and Wheat Barns, built in the 13th century, are among the oldest timber barns and the few surviving Templar buildings in England. Another Grade-I listed timber-framed building, the Granary, built sometime just after 1575, is the largest granary in Essex. The Walled Garden has been faithfully reconstructed as a Tudor pleasure garden, one of a few in the country. Meanwhile, cream teas at 'The Barns' Tea Room (included) are incredibly popular, making for a relaxing afternoon in the English countryside.

## YOUR HOTEL - MARKS TEY HOTEL



Marks Tey Hotel, London Road,  
Colchester, Essex, CO6 1DU  
Tel: 01206 210001

This is delightful Marks Tey hotel and leisure club is a luxurious 4-star property on the outskirts of Colchester. All rooms have direct-dial phone, coffee/tea maker and clock radio. Rooms are equipped with iron/ironing board as well as trouser

press. Rooms are also equipped with extra towels/bedding items. Bathroom amenities include makeup/shaving mirror, complimentary toiletries and hair dryer. The in-room entertainment facilities at this welcoming hotel include satellite television service & Wi-Fi. Also, a swimming pool is open for guests of the hotel. Guests can also enjoy a spa, sauna, steam room & spa tub.

## Day 4 - Relaxing afternoon River Cruise

After Breakfast we will head off to Suffolk's Heritage Coast and the pretty coastal town of Aldeburgh, with its unspoilt beach dotted with fishermen's huts and charming historic high street. Then in the afternoon enjoy a relaxing cruise along the beautiful and scenic River Deben, which makes a lovely way to round off your holiday. We will then head back to our hotel for evening meal.

## Day 5 - Return journey Home

After another wonderful breakfast and cases have been loaded on to the coach. It is time to say goodbye to our hosts at Marks Tey Hotel and head for home. There will be a comfort stop on route, and you should be back in your local area by the evening.

The Driver/Guide will do his professional best to ensure that you enjoy this tour. It will be at his discretion to rearrange the itinerary to better the tour for your comfort.



## SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance.
- Please inform us of any Special Dietary needs e.g.: - Diabetic, Gluten Free, Vegetarian
- Your request is put forward to the hotel, and they will do their utmost to accommodate your needs.
- Program could be subject to alteration.

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All Coach Travel
- ✓ 4 Nights Half Board
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Guided Tour of the Villages
- ✓ Boat Cruise
- ✓ Cream Tea
- ✓ Services of Driver/Guide

## TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **5 Days**  
Departure: **Sunday**  
Dates: **22 - 26 August**  
Meals: **Half Board**

**Included Excursions**

## TOUR PRICE

Price per person

**£439.00**

Single room supplement

**£92.00**

(dbl/tw for sole use)





5 DAYS  
£479

6 - 10 September

## Summer/Autumn Mystery

### YOUR HOLIDAY CENTRE

Our "Mystery Tour" is very popular, so early booking is essential to avoid disappointment. Our destinations are always a pleasant surprise. These tours represent excellent value for money and accommodation will be of a very high standard. If you haven't yet joined us for a Mystery Tour, then it's time to get on board! On the way to our chosen hotel we stop usually for morning refreshments and somewhere for lunch and arrive at our 'mystery' hotel in plenty of time before dinner. On the 2 - 4 day, after a leisurely breakfast and usually much discussion about what the day might have in store, we depart for a full day excursion. On the final day, we make our way home via another place of interest. A different experience every time. Could it be country or coastal? Will it be North, South, East or West? We do know you'll be delighted when you get there.

#### Day 1 - Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach and departing your local area, you start your journey somewhere? With comfort breaks on route, you should arrive at the chosen hotel somewhere. Here you will spend the next four nights with dinner bed & breakfast.

#### Day 2 - 4 - Excursions

The next few days have been tailor made for your enjoyment. Maybe market towns, sandy beaches, fishing harbours, Mooreland or cliffs. You may see some, all or none of these on your excursions, but you will enjoy them. If there are any entrances, these will be included.

#### Day 5 - Return Home

After a satisfying breakfast and your cases have been collected, put back on the coach you depart for home. The return journey will take you a different way home. With comfort stops on route you should arrive at your local pick up point by late afternoon, early evening.

Your Driver and Courier will do their professional best to ensure that you enjoy your tour. It will be at their discretion to rearrange the itinerary to better the tour for your comfort.



## YOUR HOTEL



The hotels we use are all well-known and comfortable. All rooms are very comfortable and are en suite with TV, tea/coffee making facilities. The hotels will look after your every need. The staff are polite and friendly. The hotel also has a bar, lounge and restaurant.

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All Coach Travel
- ✓ 4 Nights Half Board
- ✓ Included Excursions
- ✓ Services of Driver/Guide

## TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **5 Days**

Departure: **Monday**

Dates: **6 - 10 September**

Meals: **Half Board**

Included Excursions

## TOUR PRICE

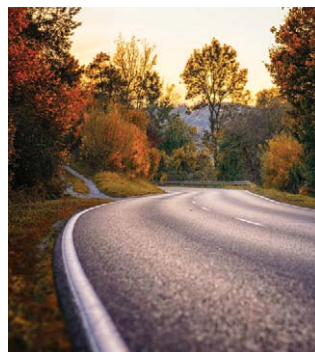
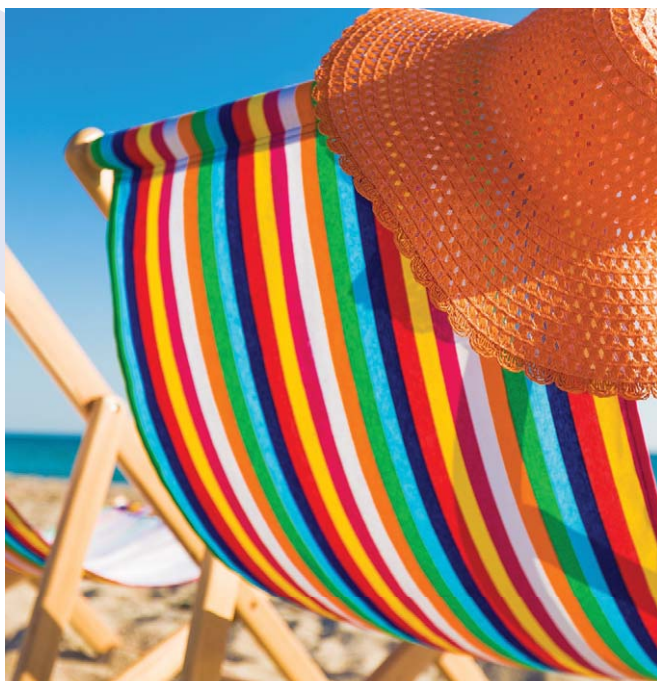
Price per person

**£479.00**

Single room supplement

**£Nil** (6 only)

(dbl/tw for sole use)





**5 DAYS**  
**£439**

**20 – 24 Sept**

## Life on the Edge in North Devon

### YOUR HOLIDAY CENTRE

Bideford is an attractive town on the west bank of the River Torridge. Author Charles Kingsley lived here and based his novel *Westward Ho!* In this area of North Devon. The town of *Westward Ho!* Takes its name from the novel – the only town in Britain known to have been named after a book rather than the other way round and also the only town in Britain with an exclamation mark in it! Bideford was a town of white houses. Many of these are now pastel coloured but the town still has some pleasant narrow streets and attractive small shops. In the 16th Century, Bideford was Britain's third largest port. Today, Bideford is a thriving shopping centre with an historic Pannier Market holding both produce and crafts markets twice each week. Many antique shops are scattered amongst the narrow backstreets and alleyways that lead up from the quay and the river. These alleys are known locally as drangs. The tree-lined quay still bustles with fishing vessels, cargo and pleasure boats.



#### Day 1 - Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, your holiday has now started. You start your journey by travelling westward with stops on route for lunch. Continuing your journey through beautiful countryside, to the Devonshire town of Bideford and the Durrant House Hotel where you shall spend the next 4 nights with dinner, bed and breakfast. While your cases are being taken to your rooms, there is a welcome Tea/Coffee or fruit drink on arrival. Time to settle in before dinner.

#### Day 2 - Clovelly & Hartland Abbey & Garden

You spend this morning in the charming, privately owned village of Clovelly, where you have time at leisure to explore. Start at the visitors centre and watch a film of the history of the village before strolling down the traffic free steep cobbled street to the tiny ancient fishing harbour. Visit the Charles Kingsley and Fisherman's cottage museum along the way. Take in the glorious views, flower-strewn cottages and Clovelly's famous donkeys as you go. Once back at the top of the village, browse the gift shops and craft centre or relax in the Clovelly Court Gardens. (For those who cannot walk the steep hill, there is a Land Rover transfer for a small charge) There is time for lunch before you make your way to stunning Hartland Abbey & Gardens. Hartland Abbey is a former abbey, built 1157 and current family home to the Stucley family. The current owner is Sir Hugh George Copplestone Bampfylde Stucley, 6th Baronet. This is a popular filming location, many films and TV programmes have been filmed here, including Enid Blyton's *Malory Towers* which was aired in 2020, and the *Antiques Road show*. The gardens cover 50 acres with woodland, walled gardens meadows and paths to the beach. You then return to the hotel to relax before dinner.

## YOUR HOTEL - DURRANT HOUSE HOTEL



Durrant House Hotel, Heywood Rd, Northam,  
Bideford, EX39 3QB

Tel: 01237 472361

The Durrant House Hotel is in North Devon and is within easy reach of the area's sandy beaches and

beautiful countryside. This 3-star hotel is on the outskirts of the historic port of Bideford and has views over the Torridge estuary. All rooms have tea/coffee making facilities, TVs, hairdryers, Ironing Facilities, Free Wi-Fi across the hotel and Italian marble en suite bathrooms. The Olive Tree Restaurant has a traditional style with oak panelling. Dishes are cooked to order and made with fresh local produce. The Appledore Bar offers a casual and relaxed environment in which guests can enjoy one of their popular cream teas, or have a drink from their well stocked bar. For the ultimate in relaxation and pampering, treat yourself to a pampering session at The R&R Spa. Why not try the outdoor pool, it is heated throughout the summer months and provides the perfect spot to cool off and chill out, whilst in the winter our sauna\* is guaranteed to warm your bones! They also have a small gym on-site for guest use.

## Day 3 - Lynton &amp; Lynmouth &amp; Ilfracombe

This morning you spend time at leisure in the twin villages of Lynton & Lynmouth. Pretty Lynmouth with its rows of charming fisherman's cottages, with shops that cluster around the pretty harbour of gently bobbing boats. Lynton perched high above is a vibrant Victorian village retaining a quaint mix of times present and times past. Lynton is 500 ft above Lynmouth and the two towns are connected by the Lynton & Lynmouth Cliff Railway the highest and steepest fully water powered Victorian railway in the World! The railway is a 'must see and do' offering wonderful views over the bay. This afternoon you head back to Ilfracombe, where you have free time to relax on the seafront and explore the attractions and picturesque natural harbour, before you return back to the hotel.

## Day 4 - RHS Rosemoor &amp; Bideford

Today you are going to visit the enchanting RHS Garden Rosemoor nestled in the Torridge Valley. The Rosemoor gardens are eye catching at any time of the year with several gardens to explore, including the fragrant rose gardens, the brightly coloured Hot Garden, the foliage garden, stone garden and exotic garden to name but a few. This afternoon you spend time in the traffic free lanes of the historic harbour town of Bideford, Explore the quirky little shops, the riverside quay and the historic indoor Pannier market. (An uphill walk)

## Day 5 - Day of Departure - Cases out for 7am

After a hearty breakfast and cases have been loaded onto the coach. It is time to say farewell to your hosts at the Durrant House Hotel. Retracing your steps, with comfort stops on route. You will arrive in your local area, late afternoon-early evening.

Your Driver/Guide will do his professional best to ensure that you enjoy this tour. It will be at his discretion to rearrange the itinerary to better the tour for your comfort.

## SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance
- Please inform us of any Special Dietary needs e.g.: - Diabetic, Gluten Free, Vegetarian, ECT
- Special requests are put forward to the hotel, and they will do their utmost to accommodate your needs.
- The Itinerary could be subject to change.

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All Coach Travel
- ✓ Portage
- ✓ 4 Nights Half Board
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Entrance to Clovelly
- ✓ Entrance to Hartland Abbey & Gardens
- ✓ Entrance to RHS Garden Rosemoor
- ✓ Services of Driver/Guide

## TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **5 Days**

Departure: **Monday**

Dates: **20 - 24 Sept**

Meals: **Half Board**

**Included Excursions**

## TOUR PRICE

Price per person

**£439.00**

Single room supplement

**£Nil** (4 Only)







**5 DAYS**  
**£569**

**26 - 30 Sept**

## Dublin & Wicklow 'River & Rail'

### YOUR HOLIDAY CENTRE

County Wicklow is named after the town of Wicklow, which derives from the Old Norse name Vikingaló, meaning "Vikings' Meadow". It is a region south of Dublin in the east of Ireland. It's known for its namesake mountains, Irish Sea coastline, country estates and the Wicklow Way. The 129km walking trail traverses the county, passing through Wicklow Mountains National Park. Within the park are glacial lakes, rivers and Glendalough, the remains of an early-medieval monastic settlement in a forested valley. Wicklow, colloquially known as "the Garden of Ireland", is the 17th-largest of Ireland's 32 counties



#### Day 1 - Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, you make your way through Wales with comfort stops on route to Holyhead and your ferry to Dublin. On arrival in Dublin you then make your way to Enniskerry and the Summerhill House Hotel where you will spend the next 4 nights with dinner bed and breakfast. A Welcome drink for you on arrival, of cocktail or fruit punch, and complementary newspapers.

#### Day 2 - Wicklow Mountains

After breakfast we make our way into to Powerscourt Gardens and House, just a short way away. One of the world's great gardens situated 20km south of Dublin in the foothills of the Wicklow Mountains. (Entrance Included) Its formal gardens, Sweeping terraces, statuary and ornamental lakes together with secret hollows, are a sight to be seen. After the gardens, we travel to Glendalough an ancient monastic city. One of the most popular tourist destinations in Ireland. The remains of the famous early Christian monastic settlement first established in 6th century in the Glendalough Valley.

#### Day 3 - Train Journey on the Dart Railway

Begin today with a journey on Ireland's oldest railway (included), following the coast from Bray to Dublin. Accompanied by a local tour guide you'll enjoy a panorama of city, coast and countryside as the DART train carries you to the seaside resort of Malahide, where tea and scones will be served. This afternoon, you could include a visit to Malahide Castle.

#### Day 4 - Boat Trip

After a full Irish breakfast, what better place to begin your day in Dublin than on the River Liffey, with a boat cruise through the heart



## YOUR HOTEL - SUMMERHILL HOUSE HOTEL



Summerhill House Hotel, Enniskerry  
Demesne, Cookstown, Enniskerry, Co.  
Wicklow, A98 WA40, Ireland  
Tel: +353 1 286 7928

This beautiful country-house hotel on the edge of Enniskerry features spacious rooms and seasonal cuisine. Rooms at Summerhill House Hotel feature a private bathroom with free toiletries, Direct Dial

telephone, Ironing facilities, Hairdryer and Tea/Coffee making facilities with herbal tea selection. Most rooms also offer scenic views of Bray Head. The Restaurant at Summerhill House serves seasonal, locally sourced cuisine, along with traditional Sunday lunches. The Cooper Beach Bar features an open fire, serving a wide range of drinks in cosy, relaxing surroundings. The Rainforest Day Spa is located next to the hotel and offers a range of spa packages. The spa overlooks the Irish Sea and the hills, with loungers surrounding the spa's hot tub. There is a sauna and a range of luxurious holistic and beauty treatments including Swedish massages.

of the capital (included). A detailed commentary brings the city's history to life as you discover some of the major landmarks including Ha'penny Bridge and Customs House. Then enjoy a free afternoon in Dublin's many galleries, museums, shops and cafes or pubs. Returning to hotel to relax before dinner. A complimentary Irish coffee will be served after dinner.

## Day 5 - Depart for Ferry &amp; Home

After an early start and cases have all been loaded onto the coach, we say farewell to our hosts at the Summerhill House Hotel, with a Grab & Go breakfast and head back to Dublin Port for our Ferry crossing back to Holyhead. Breakfast is supplied onboard the ferry (included). We arrive back in our local area, early evening.

The Tour Manager and Driver will do their professional best to ensure that you enjoy this tour. It will be at their discretion to rearrange the itinerary to better the tour for your comfort.



## SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance.
- Please inform us of any Special Dietary needs e.g.: - Diabetic, Gluten Free, Vegetarian
- Your request is put forward to the hotel, and they will do their utmost to accommodate your needs.
- The currency you will need for this tour is the Euro.
- To ring back to England you dial: - +44 then minus the 0 from your code, followed by your number.
- Program could be subject to alteration.
- **Exchange Rate:** The price is NOT guaranteed against any alterations as a result of currency fluctuations. We have done our best to calculate in advance.

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All Coach Travel & Ferries
- ✓ 4 Nights Half Board
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ 1 Nights Entertainment
- ✓ Entrance to Powerscourt Gdns
- ✓ Train Ride on Dart Railway
- ✓ Boat Cruise on the Liffey
- ✓ Courier Escorted

## TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **5 Days**  
Departure: **Sunday**  
Dates: **26 - 30 Sept**  
Meals: **Half Board**  
Included Excursions

## TOUR PRICE

Price per person

**£569.00**

Single room supplement

**£96.00** (6 only)



4 DAYS  
£399

8 - 11 October

## High Flyers and History of Bristol

### YOUR HOLIDAY CENTRE

Bristol is a city straddling the River Avon with a prosperous maritime history. Its former city-centre port is now a cultural hub, the Harbour side explores local social and industrial heritage. The harbour's 19th-century warehouses now contain restaurants, shops and cultural institutions. Although the old town centre suffered severe destruction during the last war, Bristol still ranks as one of the most beautiful of England's larger cities. It is a port and an industrial town, but also a town of churches and of seamen's taverns with great past and rich traditions. Between the 15th and 18th century Bristol was the second most important town in England. It has two notable churches, the Cathedral and St Mary Radcliffe, as well as the oldest theatre in the country and a modern university. The Avon Gorge is spanned by Brunel's impressive Clifton Suspension Bridge. Another of Brunel's great creations, is the SS Great Britain, the first iron built ship which can still be seen in Bristol's shipyard where it was originally built.

#### Day 1 - Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, your holiday has now started. You start your journey by travelling westward with stops on route for lunch. Continuing your journey through beautiful countryside, to Bristol Filton and the Holliday Inn Hotel where you shall spend the next 3 nights with dinner, bed and breakfast.

#### Day 2 - Aerospace Bristol & Boat Trip

After breakfast we leave for Aerospace, where we enjoy a guided tour. Opened in 2017 the attraction offers a unique glimpse inside the aerospace industry from the point of view of the people who designed and built our nation's aircraft over the past 100yrs. We get the chance to step aboard its star attraction, the iconic Concord Alpha Foxtrot, the last of the supersonic passenger jets to be built and the last to fly. This afternoon, we head back into the centre of Bristol and enjoy a 1hr boat trip with commentary detailing the fascinating history of the area.

#### Day 3 - Berkeley Castle

We start the day with free time to explore Bristol, where there is so much to do, from the SS Great Britain to the shopping quarter and heart of the old City. For lunch we head for Berkeley Castle, still a lived in family home, surrounded by glorious countryside and beautiful gardens, lunch is served in its tea room (Sandwiches, Fries, Cake & Biscuits, Tea/Coffee), before embarking on a guided tour of the castle before wandering the terraced gardens and lawns at leisure.

## YOUR HOTEL - HOLIDAY INN, BRISTOL



Holiday Inn Bristol - Filton, Filton Rd, Winterbourne, Bristol, BS16 1QX

**Tel: 0871 942 9014**

Located 4.6 miles from Bristol city centre, the 4\* Holiday Inn Bristol Filton Hotel, combines an excellent range of facilities for both business and leisure. All 211 fully air-conditioned bedrooms come with en-suite facilities, flat-screen TV, Hair Dryer,

Safe and tea/coffee making facilities. The hotel's restaurant, The Junction, specialises in contemporary British food and has a bar that is open to guests 24 hours a day. Their Spirit Health and Leisure Club boasts facilities such as indoor swimming pool, sauna, solarium, gymnasium and onsite beauty therapy.

### Day 4 - Depart for Home

After a hearty breakfast and cases have been loaded onto the coach. It is time to say farewell to your hosts at the Holiday Inn Hotel. Retracing your steps, with comfort stops on route. You will arrive in your local area, late afternoon-early evening.

Your Driver/Guide will do his professional best to ensure that you enjoy this tour. It will be at his discretion to rearrange the itinerary to better the tour for your comfort.



## SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance
- Please inform us of any Special Dietary needs e.g.: - Diabetic, Gluten Free, Vegetarian, ECT
- Special requests are put forward to the hotel, and they will do their utmost to accommodate your needs.
- The Itinerary could be subject to change.

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All Coach Travel
- ✓ 3 Nights Half Board
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Entrance to Aerospace Bristol
- ✓ Boat Trip (1hr)
- ✓ Berkley Castle with Lunch
- ✓ Services of Driver/Guide

## TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **4 Days**

Departure: **Friday**

Dates: **8 - 11 October**

Meals: **Half Board**

Included Excursions

## TOUR PRICE

Price per person

**£399.00**

Single room supplement

**£89.00**

(dbl/tw for sole use)







**5 DAYS**  
**£489**

**14 – 18 October**

## Serenity & Speed in Surrey

### YOUR HOLIDAY CENTRE

Woking is a large town Located in the heart of Surrey, offering visitors a wide range of things to do and well as excellent shopping and dining facilities. Woking marked Her Majesty the Queen's 60-year reign by designing a brand new public space in the heart of the town called 'Jubilee Square'. Visitors can now enjoy high quality restaurants and outdoor seating, new paving and landscaping in the town centre, plus enhanced retail outlets in this area and the refurbished shopping centres nearby.



#### Day 1 - Depart for Woking

After boarding your luxury coach, we make our way South to Woking. Time for a little sightseeing and lunch before we continue our journey to the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Woking, where will spend the next 4 nights with dinner bed and breakfast. There will be portorage at the hotel.

#### Day 2 - Polesden Lacey & Denbies Wine Estate

Our day starts with a visit to Polesden Lacey (entrance included), the perfect Edwardian retreat where the Queen mother spent her honeymoon. With gorgeous views across the Surry hills, it was home to the famous Edwardian hostess, Mrs Greville, who entertained Royalty and the celebrities of her time. In the afternoon, we visit Denbies Wine Estate, where you will enjoy a 50-minute wine tasting tour, starting with an introductory video in the indoor cinema before you pass through the working winery with a guide, finishing with a tasting of Denbies classic wine.

#### Day 3 - Brooklands Museum

After breakfast we will board the coach and head off to Brooklands Museum, the birthplace of British motorsport and aviation and the home of Concorde. Opened in 1907, Brooklands is steeped in History and has spawned many great pioneers, driver, aviators and engineers! Highlights include, the museum, aircraft displays, sheds with classic cars and busses, structures and monuments to explore, there is so much to see here.

#### Day 4 - Painshill & Thames River Cruise

This morning after Breakfast, we make our way to visit Painshill, England's most elegant 18th century landscape garden. On arrival,



## YOUR HOTEL - DOUBLETREE BY HILTON



DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Woking,  
Victoria Way, Woking, GU21 8EW  
**Tel: 01483-221000**

The DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Woking is a contemporary 4\* Hotel, within walking distance of the town centre and the New Victoria Theatre. A comfortable and modern hotel, their guest rooms offer complimentary Wi-Fi, and a HDTV, Tea &

Coffee making Facilities, Iron & Ironing Board. The hotels hospitality starts with a welcome drink and a warm chocolate chip cookie upon arrival and continues through to their Wocca Restaurant - serving high quality, locally sourced and British produce. The Bar 92, is an ideal places to unwind in a relaxed atmosphere.

you will enjoy refreshments before a guided tour taking in the stunning garden landscape from the best viewpoints; we will also gain exclusive access to the Sparking Crystal Grotto. In the afternoon we will travel to Hampton Court to embark on a short River Cruise to Kingston upon Thames, from there we will re-join our coach and return to our Hotel, freshen up before Dinner.

**Day 5 - Return Journey Home**

After another wonderful breakfast and cases have been loaded on to the coach. It is time to say goodbye to our hosts at The DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Woking and head for home. There will be a comfort stop on route, and you should be back in your local area by the evening.

The Tour Manager and Driver will do their professional best to ensure that you enjoy this tour. It will be at their discretion to rearrange the itinerary to better the tour for your comfort.



## SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance.
- Please inform us of any Special Dietary needs e.g.: - Diabetic, Gluten Free, Vegetarian
- Your request is put forward to the hotel, and they will do their utmost to accommodate your needs.
- Program could be subject to alteration.

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All Coach Travel
- ✓ 4 Nights Half Board
- ✓ Portage in/out
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Services of Driver/Guide
- ✓ Entrance to Polesden Lacey
- ✓ Denbies Wine Estate
- ✓ Brooklands Museum
- ✓ Painshill & River Cruise

## TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **5 Days**  
 Departure: **Thursday**  
 Dates: **14 - 18 October**  
 Meals: **Half Board**  
 Included Excursions

## TOUR PRICE

Price per person

**£489.00**

Single room supplement

**£109.00**

(dbl for sole use)





5 DAYS  
£449

17 - 22 October

## Cheshire & the Wirral Peninsula

### YOUR HOLIDAY CENTRE

However you like to enjoy autumn, it's time to explore Chester and Escape The Everyday. Its bewitching beauty and unique atmosphere make Chester one of Britain's most popular places for an unforgettable short break. But what makes it so special? The original Roman city of Chester is a fascinating place to visit. Not far from its ancient red stone walls, you'll find historical sites; this ancient city is a truly breathtaking experience. Each chapter of Chester's history is etched into the very fabric of the city. Well, you are walking where Roman Legionnaires marched to war, Viking raiders wreaked havoc and Norman invaders conquered Anglo Saxons. Chester has the most complete city walls, the oldest racecourse. Racing has taken place on the Roodee since 1539, and it has the largest Roman Amphitheatre in Britain, plus a 1000 year old Cathedral with Europe's finest example of medieval carvings - and of course the one and only 700 year old Rows galleries where shopping is a double delight. You'll find stores galore offering the hottest fashion in Chester all set against a background of unique treasures of antiquity and a vibrant cafe culture where outdoor dining and people watching go hand in hand.

#### Day 1 - Depart for Chester

After boarding your luxury coach, we make our way north west to the town of Shrewsbury. Time for a little sightseeing and lunch before we continue our journey to the Queen Chester Hotel, where we will spend the next 4 nights with dinner bed and breakfast.

#### Day 2 - Boat Trip & Free Time

Today we have a full day in Chester to explore all this wonderful historic city has to offer. To start your day, enjoy a relaxing half hour cruise along the River Dee, before discovering Chester's remarkable cathedral with Europe's finest example of medieval carvings; the unique 700yr old Rows galleries of shops; the largest Roman Amphitheatre in Britain and the most complete City Walls in Britain. Why not hop on and off an open top sightseeing bus.

#### Day 3 - Anderton Boat Lift

Today we will enjoy a boat lift and river trip at the Anderton Boat Lift, a Victorian masterpiece of waterway engineering built to connect the River Weaver and the Trent & Mersey Canal. Later we will visit the medieval market town of Nantwich, with its atmospheric streets, medieval timbered buildings antique and craft shops. Free time to explore before returning to Chester and our hotel.

#### Day 4 - Port Sunlight & Ness Botanic Gardens

After breakfast we head for the Wirral Peninsula. Our first stop is the historic and idyllic village of Port Sunlight, which was built in the late 19C by Lord Lever as a home for his soap factory workers. Today, it is home to a museum, parks, a world-class art gallery, and all this can be discovered with a guided tour on board the coach.

## YOUR HOTEL - LANDMARK, CHESTER HOTEL



The Queen Chester Hotel, City Road,  
Chester, Cheshire, CH1 3AH,  
**Tel: 0330 028 3402**

It's a Landmark, Chester hotel with a roll call of famous guests. Built opposite Chester station originally to serve first-class rail passengers, The Queen at Chester Hotel, has an illustrious past. This magnificent brick and stucco Italianate

building was said to be the first skyscraper of its time, and you'll be following in the footsteps of some rather famous guests with a stay here. Since opening in 1860, it's hosted none other than Charles Dickens, Cecil Rhodes and Lillie Langtry, to name but a few. The Queen, Chester is a luxurious four-star hotel set in the heart of Chester. This Victorian hotel has been fully refurbished to retain the finest of its historic architecture, mixed with every modern convenience. Each floor is dedicated to a country, with every suite named after a king of that nation. Each of the spacious 221 comfortable rooms, are fitted with the finest of facilities. They have superfast fibre optic Wi-Fi, satellite TV, Tea/Coffee making facilities, toiletries, hair dryer, safe and ironing board. All rooms are Non Smoking. When you're not relaxing in your room, enjoy a drink in one of their exquisite Victorian lounges or take arty photos on their sweeping four-storey staircase. Enjoy a mouth-watering meal in the Bacchus Restaurant, which features a delicious menu made from the freshest of local ingredients. It overlooks charming views of 2 Italian terraces as well as the picturesque sculpture garden. The Albert Lounge and the Waiting Room Bar offer informal dining and light refreshment.

(Included). Next stop is the traditional resort of New Brighton, which was created by a Liverpool merchant, before continuing to the wonderful Ness Botanic Gardens, (included).

**Day 5**

After another wonderful breakfast and cases have been loaded on to the coach. It is time to say goodbye to the Queen Hotel and head for home. There will be a comfort stop on route, and you should be back in your local area by late afternoon, early evening.

The Tour Manager and Driver will do their professional best to ensure that you enjoy this tour. It will be at their discretion to rearrange the itinerary to better the tour for your comfort.



## SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance.
- Please inform us of any Special Dietary needs e.g.: - Diabetic, Gluten Free, Vegetarian
- Your request is put forward to the hotel, and they will do their utmost to accommodate your needs.
- Program could be subject to alteration.

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All Coach Travel
- ✓ 4 Nights Half Board
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Boat Trip
- ✓ Anderton Boat Lift
- ✓ Guided Tour of Port Sunlight & Entrance to Ness Botanic Gardens
- ✓ Services of Driver/Guide

## TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **5 Days**

Departure: **Sunday**

Dates: **17 - 22 October**

Meals: **Half Board**

Included Excursions

## TOUR PRICE

Price per person

**£449.00**

Single room supplement

**£80.00**

(dbl/tw for sole use)





5 DAYS  
**£459**

29 Nov - 3 Dec

## A Taste of Christmas

### YOUR HOLIDAY CENTRE

St Anne's on Sea gives the gentle feel of a bygone age and is slowly being supplemented with an exciting range of new shops and restaurants, providing a welcome contrast to its neighbour, Blackpool. ST Anne's is a haven of tranquillity with four championship golf courses on the doorstep. The promenade of Blackpool is only minutes away, with vast array of amusements, shops, piers, and of course, the 'Blackpool Tower', there is a lot to offer to people of all ages.

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

##### Home to Lytham St Annes: Christmas Eve

After leaving our local area, we travel direct to Lytham St Anne's with comfort stops on the way. Arriving at the hotel, time to relax and prepare yourself for the forthcoming frivolities.

**6:00pm** The bar is open so come and join your hosts and meet some of your fellow guests.

**7:00pm** Welcome dinner, setting the tone for the week ahead freshly prepared by the chefs de cuisine in the ballroom.

Relax with coffee in the lounge

**9:00pm** Cabaret entertainment in the Ballroom

**11:00pm** A Goodnight glass of Sherry and homemade mince tarts

Hope that Santa doesn't get stuck

Go and hang that stocking up!!!

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

A crisp winter morning awaits - and have you had a visit from Santa???

**8 - 9:30am** Great traditional English breakfast  
Followed by a brisk walk on the Promenade???

**11:00am** Morning coffee and traditional Christmas Carols in the lounge. Enjoy your morning, explore the Promenade.

**12:00pm** Let the Festive spirit come alive with a Christmas sing-along in the lounge.

**12.30pm** Traditional Christmas Luncheon and the Grand arrival of Father Christmas. Followed by warm mince pies & coffee in the lounge.

**4:00pm** ...if you can manage it... Tea and Christmas cake served in the Lounge

**7:00pm** Christmas Day carvery buffet.

A delicious selection of home roasted meats & poultry, tasty salads and homemade sweets from the patisserie. Something to tickle those taste buds, all beautifully displayed, so bring your camera!!!

And so the evening continues with live entertainment.

And so to bed you sleepy heads.



## YOUR HOTEL - THE CLIFTON PARK HOTEL



The Clifton Park Hotel exceeding expectations is fast becoming a hotel renowned for its superior quality and exemplary service. Located centrally in the traditional seaside town of St. Anne's on Sea, this popular hotel provides comfort and hospitality to every guest, from the moment

you enter, their dedicated team of staff will attend to your every need. All rooms are tastefully decorated with en-suite facilities, colour television, direct dialled telephones, thermostatically controlled heating and your own tea and coffee making facilities. A lift serves all floors. The impressive foyer area has a classical French feel throughout. Relax in the comfortable mezzanine or sun lounge whilst enjoying a drink from the Orchard Bar. The impressive Garden restaurant with its comfortable warm atmosphere serves Breakfast - Lunch and Dinner. Further facilities include lounges, a fabulous ballroom, landscaped gardens and a superb leisure centre, at the heart of which is a stunning indoor pool and Spa (Jacuzzi)

## BOXING DAY

**8 - 9:30am** Great Traditional English breakfast  
**11:00am** Morning coffee & chat in the lounge  
**12:30pm** Traditional Boxing Day Luncheon  
**3:30pm** Bingo  
**4.30pm** Tea/Coffee & Biscuits  
**7:00pm** Boxing Day Carvery Buffett  
**9.00pm** And so the evening continues with Cabaret entertainment

## Thursday The Grand Finale

**8 - 9:30am** Great traditional English breakfast  
**11:00am** Morning coffee & chat in the lounge  
**12:30pm** Light finger lunch served in the lounge  
**4:00pm** Tea/Coffee & Biscuits & Bingo  
**7:00pm** Le Grand Farewell Dinner & Chefs Parade!!!  
 This is a must for your camera so save your film. The Clifton Park Hotel is proud to present the chefs de cuisine in the Snowman Parade.

**8:30pm** The Great Fancy Dress Parade  
 (Costumes available outside the swimming pool)

**9:00pm** Cabaret entertainment in the Ballroom

**11:00pm** Champagne & Shortcake biscuits

Join us for a glass of bubbly!!!

And when the dancing is done

Let's drink a toast to everyone

And may our message sound quite clear

We'll meet again same spot next year

## Friday - Goodbye &amp; Home

**8:00am** Cases out for the trip home

**8 - 9:30am** Great traditional farewell English breakfast

We say farewell to our hosts at the Clifton Park Hotel and return home via the Peak district arriving back to your local area early evening.

## SPECIAL NOTES

- All rooms have tea & coffee making facilities
- Dinner is at 7:00pm every evening
- Your request is put forward to the hotel, and they will do their utmost to accommodate your needs
- Please inform us of any Special Dietary needs e.g.: - Diabetic, Gluten Free, Vegetarian etc.
- Itinerary could be subject to change

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All Coach Travel
- ✓ 4 Nights Full Board
- ✓ Full Entertainment Program
- ✓ Swimming Pool
- ✓ Jacuzzi

## TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **5 Days**

Departure: **Monday**

Dates: **29 Nov - 3 Dec**

Meals: **Full Board**

Included Excursions

## TOUR PRICE

Price per person

**£459.00**

Single room supplement

**£Nil**





4 DAYS  
**£299**

26 - 29 Nov

## German Christmas Markets

### YOUR HOLIDAY CENTRE

Lahnstein is situated among beautiful mountain ranges at the confluence of the Rhine and Lahn Rivers. It is the tranquil Lahn valley as well as the hustle and bustle of the busy Rhine that gives this town its unique character. There are also numerous old and medieval buildings showing Lahnsteins great historic past. Lahnsteins towns fortifications 1324, St Johannis church 1130, Burg Lahneck 1245, old town hall 1540 just to name a few. From the Historic city of Koblenz, the river Rhine flows south in majestic sweeping bends through the most magical of river landscapes in Europe. This is a land of magical castles overlooking the river like a string of pearls and wonderful half-timbered villages snuggled along the vine clad banks and steep valley sides. Some of Europe's best and most popular wines are produced here.

#### Day 1 - Home - Germany & Lahnstein

After boarding your luxury coach, we head straight down to Dover for our morning ferry to Calais.

We drive through France, Belgium, with comfort stops on route, then crossing the border into Germany, where we will stop for food. Arriving in Lahnstein early evening, where we will spend the next 3 nights on bed & breakfast.

#### Day 2 - Trier

After breakfast we head for the border town of Trier in Germany. Amid the medieval surroundings of the Hauptmarkt square and in front of the mighty Cathedral, 95 festive decorated wooden huts create an enchanting Christmas atmosphere in Germany's oldest town, renowned for its UNESCO status and its 2000 year old Roman Porta Nigra gate. At Trier's Weihnachtsmarkt you will find a great variety of Christmas articles, ranging from Christmas decoration, wooden toys, candles, hand blown or engraved glassware, up to gift articles and ceramics. After a busy day, we return back to the hotel.

#### Day 3 - Rhine Valley Tour

Departing after breakfast, we travel along the Rhine, passing many of its historic castle's. We have a stop at the Loreley rock where this legendary mystic nymph lived; beautiful views of the Rhine Valley can be seen from here. Travelling further up the beautiful Rhine with its characteristic castles and wine villages, to Rudesheim, where there are over 120 festively decorated chalets, representing 12 nations, selling all kinds of gifts from candles and jewellery to wood figures and festive foods, and there is an extensive music performance programme. Along with all this you have the little shops, there is also Siegfried's music museum, well worth a visit (entrance at own expense) or maybe the cable car that goes over the vineyards to the Neiderwald Monument high above the town. There are many Restaurants and Beer Keller's for your comfort. Later this afternoon we drive back down the Rhine to our hotel in Lahnstein.

## YOUR HOTEL - HOTEL WEILAND



Hotel Weiland, Burgerm-Muller-Str. 3-5  
D-56112 Lahnstein, Germany

Tel: +49 (0) 2621 2233

The Weiland is a family owned hotel, originally built in 1851. Since then the hotel has remained in the family and developed a tradition of Rhenish hospitality. The Name Weiland stands for tradition, elegant ambience, international cuisine

and regional delicacies, personal service and warm hospitality. All rooms are individually decorated, thus each room has its own charm. All with private facilities, Shower/WC, TV, hairdryer & safe. There is a separate Mediterranean Restaurant the Terra-Vino in the Hotel, where you can book an evening meal. The hotel bar is modern and bright and offers a wide range of regional beverages. You can enjoy draught beer and wine straight from the barrel, alongside other alcohol and soft drinks.

## Day 4 - Lahnstein - Home

After an early breakfast and the cases have been loaded on the coach, we say farewell to our hosts at the Weiland Hotel and depart for Calais. We will make stops along the way for coffee and lunch. Arriving at Calais for our ferry/tunnel crossing to Dover. Arriving home mid to late evening.

Your Driver and Guide will do their professional best to ensure that you enjoy this tour. It will be at their discretion to rearrange the itinerary to better the tour for your comfort.



## SPECIAL NOTES

- Currency for this tour in the Euro
- Full valid Passport
- Insurance
- To phone back to England: +44 then leave off the zero of your STD code then the number
- There are no Tea/Coffee making facilities in the rooms (please bring your own)
- Special requests are put forward to the hotel, and they will do their utmost to accommodate your needs.
- Itinerary could be subject to change.

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All Coach Travel
- ✓ Ferries
- ✓ 3 Nights Bed & Breakfast
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ City Tax
- ✓ Courier Escorted

## TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **4 Days**  
Departure: **Friday**  
Dates: **26 - 29 Nov**  
Meals: **B&B**  
Included Excursions

## TOUR PRICE

Price per person

**£299.00**

Single room supplement

**£48.00**





**5 DAYS**  
**£579**

**23 - 27 Dec**

## Christmas in Warwickshire

### YOUR HOLIDAY CENTRE

Warwickshire is a county in the West Midlands region of England. The county town is Warwick, and the largest town is Nuneaton. The county is famous for being the birthplace of William Shakespeare at Stratford-upon-Avon. Other significant towns in the county include Rugby, Leamington Spa, Bedworth and Kenilworth. The majority of Warwickshire's population live in the north and centre of the county. The market towns of northern and eastern Warwickshire were industrialised in the 19th century. Major industries included coal mining, textiles, engineering and cement production, but heavy industry is in decline, being replaced by distribution centres, light to medium industry and services. The prosperous towns of central and western Warwickshire including Royal Leamington Spa, Warwick, Stratford-upon-Avon, Kenilworth, Alcester, Southam and Wellesbourne harbour light to medium industries, services and tourism as major employment.

#### Day 1 - Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, we make our way Warwickshire. We will make a comfort stop/Lunch on route. We will then continue our journey to arrive at the Walton Hall & Spa Hotel. While you cases are taken to your rooms, there will be a welcome Tea/Coffee with scones, cream and jam on arrival in the Lemon Tree Bar. Time to relax and formualrise your selves with your surroundings before dinner. A glass of wine with your meal and tea/coffee after dinner.

#### Day 2 - Stratford on Avon

After breakfast we will take a ride into Stratford on Avon to get those last minute gifts or shopping. There will be time to explore this historic town where Shakespeare was born. Visit the Theatre or the church where he is buried, the school room, New Place and lots more. We return back to the hotel to relax before getting ready for a mulled wine reception with Carol singers before dinner, followed by live musical entertainment. And so to bed, don't forget to hang up your stocking.

#### Day 3 - Day at Leisure

After Father Christmas has been its time for breakfast, after you may want to take a walk in the grounds or take advantage of the facilities (swimming pool etc). It will soon be time for Christmas Lunch with all the trimmings. After lunch you have the opportunity to watch the



## YOUR HOTEL - WALTON HALL HOTEL &amp; SPA



Walton Hall Hotel & Spa, Walton, Wellsbourne, Warwickshire, CV35 9HG  
Tel: +44 1789842424

Located just a stone's throw away from Shakespeare's birthplace. The 4-star Mercure Walton Hall Hotel & Spa is 16th century Grade II listed building with a wealth of character. Situated within 65 acres of private grounds, the hotel is

tucked away amid woodland and beautifully maintained greenland. The hotel is equipped with a bar & restaurant as well as leisure facilities, including spa treatment rooms, a swimming pool and a gym. As only a stone's throw from Stratford-upon-Avon, it's the ideal retreat for a festive break. Close to Warwick, Leamington Spa and Warwick Castle. The Oranges and Lemons Brasserie Restaurant is light and spacious and overlooking the beautiful Victorian gardens. The Classic Double rooms are located in the contemporary hotel and Coach House. Rooms are modern in design and all have en suite bathroom, hairdryer, direct dial telephone, TV, tea and coffee making facilities, iron and ironing board.

Queens Speech in the Lemon Tree Bar then Tea/Coffee with Christmas cake and Festive films. This evening you will have a Hot & Cold buffet evening meal followed by a Quiz to round of the evening.

## Day 4 - Leamington Spa

After Breakfast we will head to Royal Leamington Spa for a catch up in the Boxing Day Sales, Leamington Spa is a town in central England. Set on the winding River Leam, it's known for its Regency architecture and broad boulevards. The colonnaded Royal Pump Rooms, a 19th-century bathhouse, now house the Leamington Spa Art Gallery and Museum. It includes a local history gallery and an original hammam, or cooling room. Jephson Gardens is a park with formal flowerbeds and a glasshouse for tropical plants. The town with an unrivalled selection of specialist boutiques and major high-street stores, Royal Leamington Spa is a shopping experience not to be missed.



## Day 5 - Depart for Home

After another wonderful breakfast and your cases have been loaded on to the coach. It is time to say goodbye to our hosts at the Walton Hall Hotel and head for home. There will be a comfort stop on route, and you should be back in your local area by late afternoon.

Your Driver and Guide will do their professional best to ensure that you enjoy this tour. It will be at their discretion to rearrange the itinerary to better the tour for your comfort.

## SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance
- Please inform us of any Special Dietary needs e.g.: - Diabetic, Gluten Free, Vegetarian, Ect
- Special requests are put forward to the hotel, and they will do their utmost to accommodate your Needs.
- Itinerary could be subject to change

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All Coach Travel
- ✓ Portage
- ✓ 4 Nights Half Board
- ✓ Christmas Day Lunch
- ✓ Excursion
- ✓ Entertainment
- ✓ Services of Driver/Guide

## TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **5 Days**  
Departure: **Thursday**  
Dates: **23 - 27 Dec**  
Meals: **Half Board**  
**Included Excursions**

## TOUR PRICE

Price per person

**£579.00**

Single room supplement

**£98.00**

(dbl for sole use)





**4 DAYS**  
**£449**

**30 Dec - 2 Jan**

## New Year in Bournemouth

### YOUR HOLIDAY CENTRE

Bournemouth is among Britain's best-loved seaside towns. Its mild climate makes it a popular resort both in summer and in winter, as is well supplied with good shops, restaurants and sports and entertainment facilities. It is a town of parks and gardens and many trees.

The star attraction is unquestionably its stretch of soft sandy beach. The iconic Bournemouth Pier offers all manner of seaside fun, with retro amusement arcades, colourful souvenir shops and tempting ice-cream stalls.



#### Day 1 - Depart Local Area

Step aboard your luxury coach as you start your journey to Bournemouth. There will be stops on route for comfort. We arrive at the Trouville Hotel, where you will spend the next 3 night's with Dinner bed and breakfast. On arrival there will be tea/coffee and biscuits in the Granville Suite. Time to settle in before dinner in the Deauville Restaurant. Live entertainment after dinner.

#### Day 2 - Poole

The New Year is nearly upon us and after a leisurely breakfast (8 - 9.45am) we take a run out to Poole. Poole Harbour, features the second largest natural harbour in the world (after Sydney) and is fast becoming the St Tropez of the South Coast as lucrative investment spreads along the harbour from the mega-money areas of Sandbanks, Canford Cliffs and Lilliput. Visit the many quaint little shops and cafes along the quay. Later we will take a drive around Sandbanks, see some of the houses that the rich and famous own before returning back to our hotel, where you can try your luck with the hotel quiz which you can pick up from Reception. After preparing yourselves for the night's festivities, there will be a chance to meet with the hotel management team for a Bucks Fizz reception follows by the New Year Gala dinner in the restaurant. Later to see the New Year in you will be able to dance the night away with a live band 'Side One'.

## YOUR HOTEL - TROUVILLE HOTEL



Trouville Hotel, 5-7 Priory Road, Bournemouth, BH2 5DH  
**Tel: 01202 552262**  
 Welcome to The 3\* Trouville Hotel, a family business established in Bournemouth in 1983. The Trouville Hotel is a well established hotel located in the heart of Bournemouth just a few minutes stroll from the town centre,

gardens, award winning beaches, the Bournemouth International Centre (BIC) and the pier is just a 5-minute walk away. Renowned for its high level of customer service and superb cuisine, along with its luxurious art deco surroundings The Trouville Hotel is the perfect choice whether you're visiting for pleasure or business. The Trouville Hotel offers 75 well presented bedrooms. All guest rooms are en suite with complimentary toiletries, hairdryer and all have a flat-screen TV and tea/coffee making facilities. Boasting a heated indoor swimming pool, sauna and fitness centre, Free Wi-Fi is accessible in public areas. The Deauville Restaurant boasts fantastic views across Bournemouth alongside a varied menu. Le Café Bar has a relaxed atmosphere, quiet corners and alcoves. .

**Day 3 - Day at Leisure**

New Year is seen in with a hearty brunch between (8.30 - 10.30am). Take the opportunity to get some fresh air, or to explore Bournemouth, or even use the facilities in the hotel. This afternoon at 3.30pm there will be Bingo with tea & biscuits in the Granville Suite. Once rested its time for dinner. To round of the New Year's celebrations there will be live music to dance the night away.

**Day 4 - Depart for Home**

After breakfast and your cases have been loaded onto the coach, we say goodbye to our hosts at the Trouville Hotel and start our journey home. We will stop on route for lunch. Continuing our journey we arrive back in our local area late afternoon.

The Driver/Guide will do his professional best to ensure that you enjoy this tour. It will be at his discretion to rearrange the itinerary to better the tour for your comfort.



## SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance
- Please inform us of any Special Dietary needs e.g.: - Diabetic, Gluten Free, Vegetarian
- Special requests are put forward to the hotel and they will do their utmost to accommodate your needs.
- Itinerary could be subject to change

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All Coach Travel
- ✓ Portage
- ✓ 3 Nights Half Board
- ✓ Excursion
- ✓ Entertainment Package
- ✓ Full Use of Facilities
- ✓ Services of Driver/Guide

## TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **4 Days**  
 Departure: **Thursday**  
 Dates: **30 Dec - 2 Jan**  
 Meals: **Half Board**  
**Included Excursions**

## TOUR PRICE

Price per person

**£449.00**

Single room supplement

**£Nil** (5 rooms only)







**13 DAYS**  
**£1019**

**22 Dec - 3 Jan**

## Christmas & New Year In Spain

### YOUR HOLIDAY CENTRE

Calella is perfect for enjoying the Costa Maresme's coastline. As you would expect, much of the town's entertainment is geared towards beach life. Away from the beach, the old town is classic Spain. Winding alleys lined with whitewashed houses lead to a pretty town square, home to markets and festivals throughout the year. Calella packs a lot into its petite size, with a delightful town centre and a series of pristine blue flag beaches, as well as historic architecture, first rate cultural institutions, and reams of natural beauty. Located on the northern coast of Catalonia, this resort town sits some 58km northeast of Barcelona, excellent for a day trip for those staying in the regional capital.

#### Day 1 - Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, you make your way down to Dover and your early morning ferry. After arriving in Calais, you continue your journey through France, with stops on route, as this will be a long day you have the opportunity to eat before arriving at your overnight Ibis Macon Sud Hotel. Here you shall spend your first night with bed and breakfast.

#### Day 2 - Arrive at Calella

After breakfast, we depart for Spain. You continue to travel through France, with stops on route, crossing the border into Spain to arrive at your Hotel Volga in Calella late afternoon. Here we will spend the next 10 nights with dinner, bed and buffet breakfast. On arrival there will be a welcome cocktail.





## YOUR HOTEL - HOTEL VOLGA

Hotel Volga, C/ Anselm Clave 71680, 121 Baixos, 08370 Calella, Barcelona

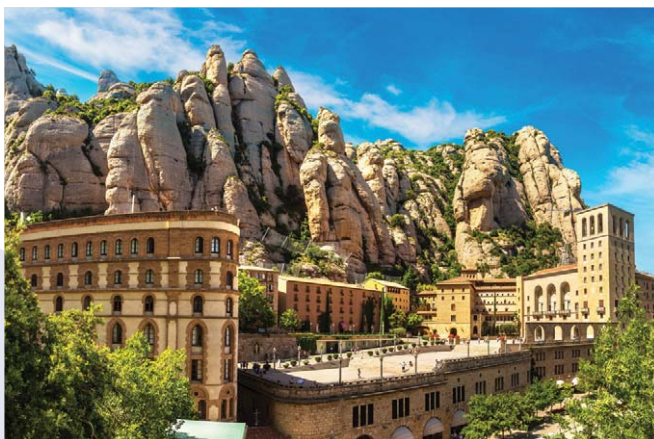
Tel: **+34 (0)937662327**

The 4\* Volga Hotel Offers views of the Mediterranean Sea, this laid-back hotel in a corner building is a minute's walk from the beach, a 2-minute walk from Calella train station. The Hotel Volga's outdoor swimming pool has a large terrace ideal for sunbathing, and a Beach Club at the Beach called NUI Beach, with a bar, sun loungers and umbrellas. The air-conditioned rooms all have satellite TV; free Wi-Fi and private bathroom. The Volga's buffet restaurant offers a wide range of Spanish and international dishes, and has a show-cooking area. The hotel also has a lobby bar with a poolside terrace, plus a casual buffet restaurant.

### Out & Return

Ibis Macon Sud Creches, 371 rue du Maconnais, Chaintre, Craches, France

Tel: **+33 (0) 385365160**



### Day 3 - Christmas Eve - Day at Leisure

After a long journey, it's time to relax. Brunch is served in the hotel between 8am and 12 midday every day. In the hotel there is also the Golden Hour (50% discount on all drinks and snacks everyday between 2pm and 5pm) Relax before a Gala dinner which includes wine and Champagne, which is then followed by entertainment.

### Day 4 - Christmas Day - Day at Leisure

Today there is a special Christmas Day Lunch served with wine and

Champagne. Calella also has a tradition on Christmas Day called Christmas Day Calella Beach Splash.

### Day 5 - Montserrat Monastery

Today, you take a drive up the steep, winding mountain roads to the Benedictine monastery of Montserrat? Located near the top of the 4,000-foot rocky mountain range, it is home to about 80 monks. The Basilica and Monastery is Catalonia's most important religious retreat. Inside this fascinating monastery is a statue of the Virgin of Montserrat, one of the few black Madonna's in Europe and it's



Catalonia's most important religious retreat. The basilica also holds one of the monastery's most noted attractions, the 50-member Escolania, one of the oldest and most renowned boys' choirs in Europe, dating from the 13th century. You return back via the beautiful mountain scenery to Calella.

### Day 6 - Barcelona

Today you travel to Barcelona with a local guide for a guided tour of the city. The vibrant and dynamic capital of Catalonia, Barcelona is home to architect Antonio Gaudi's quirky houses and his unfinished masterpiece, the Sagrada Familia Cathedral. (There could be long queues to enter the Cathedral) Explore the fascinating Gothic quarter with the Cathedral of Santa Eulalia and the majestic courtyard of the Episcopal Palace. Don't miss the famous tree-lined pedestrianised shopping street, Las Ramblas replete with lovely bars and restaurants and the fascinating Boqueria Market. After a beautiful day, you return to the hotel to relax before dinner and entertainment.

## Day 7 - Gerona

Your visit today is Gerona. Known as the "City of Four Rivers", renowned for its medieval architecture, walled old quarter and Roman remains of the Forca Vella fortress. Walk along its ancient fortress walls for breathtaking views, discover the splendour of the wonderfully preserved Jewish Quarter or visit its spectacular landmarks including The Placa de la Catedral, which has a grand staircase leading up to it and was used during the filming of Game of Thrones. Don't forget to pack your fancy dress costume for the fancy dress competition for the evening of 28 December 2021. May the best costume win?

## Day 8 - Day at Leisure - Market Day

Today is market day in Calella.

## Day 9 - Lloret de Mar

Today's trip takes you to one of the Costa Brava's largest and liveliest holiday hotspots, Lloret de Mar. It boasts seven kilometres of coastline, and five safe main beaches that are popular with people on holidays. Their EU blue flag bears witness to the quality of the water and sand, and facilities. It has kept its distinctive personality and fiery spirit. With its mild climate and impressive surroundings, you can discover locations like the Santa Clotilde Gardens, the Maritime Museum, the Church of Sant Romà and the modernist cemetery. These are just a few examples of the most iconic sights of the town, where every corner turned reveals an unforgettable experience.

## Day 10 - New Years Eve - Day at Leisure

A free day to chill out before a Gala dinner this evening with wine and Champagne and then the New Year festivities begin with a Disco and live

entertainment. You will enjoy New Year in Spanish, then 1hr later an English New Year.

## Day 11 - Day at Leisure

### Day 12 - Spain to Macon France

After breakfast and all cases have been loaded on to the coach we start our journey back to France. We travel back through Spain then crossing the border into France with comfort stops on route to our overnight hotel at the Ibis Macon Sud Hotel, for our last overnight stay with dinner bed and breakfast.

### Day 13 - Depart for Home

After breakfast and our overnight bags have been loaded on the coach, we leave the Hotel and depart for



## TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **13 Days**  
 Departure: **Wednesday**  
 Dates: **22 Dec - 3 Jan**  
 Meals: **Half Board**  
**Included Excursions**

## TOUR PRICE

Price per person

**£1019.00**

Single room supplement

(dbl/tw room) **£342.00**

Calais. There will be comfort stops along the way. Arriving at Calais for our late afternoon ferry crossing to Dover. Arriving back in our local area, mid to late evening.

## SPECIAL NOTES

- The currency you will need for this tour is the Euro.
- A Valid Passport.
- Insurance.
- To ring back to England, you dial: - +44 then minus the 0 from your code, followed by your number.
- There is no tea or coffee making facilities in the hotel rooms. (Best bring your own)
- European 2 pin Adapter plugs will be needed
- Your request is put forward to the hotel, and they will do their utmost to accommodate your needs.
- Please inform us of any Special Dietary needs e.g.: - Diabetic, Gluten Free, Vegetarian etc
- Overnight Bags can be taken
- Itinerary could be subject to change
- **Exchange Rate:** The price is NOT guaranteed against any alterations as a result of currency fluctuations. We have done our best to calculate in advance.

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All Coach Travel
- ✓ 10 Nights Half Board Spain
- ✓ 1 Overnight B&B (Out)
- ✓ 1 Overnight HB (Rtn)
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Entertainment
- ✓ (50% discount on drinks, snacks everyday between 2pm and 5pm)
- ✓ City Tax
- ✓ Services of Driver/Guide

# Taurus Holidays Fair Trading Agreement

Our Fair Trading Agreement and holiday information sets out clearly and simply responsibilities which we at Taurus Holidays have to you and which you in turn have to us when a contract is made between us. The contract is made when you make a booking and we accept it by written confirmation. When signing the Booking Form for your holiday you will sign on behalf of yourself, and the others named in your party, that you have read, understood and have accepted this Fair Trading Agreement and the Holiday information provided. Your obligation is to pay the price of the holiday and to recognise your liabilities if you wish to alter the holiday or have to make a cancellation. On our part we have obligations to provide you with the holiday you have booked. Our specification of that holiday and our terms are clearly stated. This Fair Trading Agreement applies to all holidays sold by Taurus Holidays

**Our promise to you** We reserve your holiday. When we have provisionally confirmed that we have available space on the holiday of your choice, a confirmation/invoice will be forwarded to you normally within 21 days of receipt of your signed booking form and the contract is made between us when you receive this confirmation

**Other Terms** You are responsible for ensuring that you are at the correct departure point at the correct time, and we cannot be liable for any loss or expense suffered by passengers because of their late arrival at any departure point. Excursions are included in the price of most holidays and refunds cannot be made for passengers not wishing to go on these excursions. Admission fees to buildings, grounds etc are not included in the price do the holiday unless otherwise stated.

**Holiday Insurance (Optional)** Competitive insurance cover is offered and is strongly recommended that either this or alternative cover is taken at the time of booking. In the event of private arrangements being made, it is essential to furnish the company with the relevant details when paying the due balance. All clients who take our insurance cover will be covered by a special Holiday Travel policy. Our Tour Managers and we can help to ensure prompt and efficient service if you use this insurance. We summarise below the details of the insurance cover provided which includes International Medical Rescue 24 hour emergency services. Full details of cover will be forwarded with your confirmation of booking.

Cover	Sum insured
Cancellation or Curtailment	up to £1,500
Missed Departure	
Non UK Trips	up to £400
UK Trips	up to £100
Travel Delay	up to £60
Personal Accident	up to £10,000
(Benefits limited for persons under 18 or 65 and over)	
Medical and Treatment Expenses	
Including Curtailment	£5000, 000
(Non UK trips only)	
Other Expenses (UK trips)	up to £1,000

Hospital Confinement Ben	up to £600
	(£10 per 24hr day)
Personal Property	£1,500
Loss of Passport	£100
Personal Liability	£1000, 000
Delayed Baggage	up to £100

**You're Holiday Price** The price of your holiday is guaranteed and will not be subject to any surcharges except those resulting from fuel, currency exchange, government action including additional boarding or licensing requirements and VAT. In all cases we reserve the right to pass these amounts on in full.

**You're Contract with Taurus Holidays** You pay a deposit. When you make your booking, you must complete a booking form, accepting on behalf of all your party the terms of this trading agreement, and pay a deposit of £50 per person on each holiday. You pay the balance by the due date shown on your invoice. If you book within eight weeks of the departure date you must pay the full amount at the time of booking. Generally deposits paid are not refundable.

**If You Change you're booking** If after confirmation has been issued you wish to change to another of our holidays, or change departure date, we will do our utmost to make changes, provided that written notification is received from the person who signed the original Booking Form, no later than the date on which the balance of the original holiday cost was due for payment. Any alteration by you made later than the original balance date will be treated as a cancellation of the original booking and will be subject to the cancellation charges set out below. Other alterations such as the addition of requests or changes of pick up points that require a re-confirmation to be issued must be notified.

**If You Cancel Your Holiday** You or any member of your party may cancel your holiday at any time provided that the cancellation is made by the person signing the Booking Form and is communicated to us in writing via the office at which you made your booking. As this incurs admin costs, we will retain your deposit and, in addition, apply cancellation charges up to the maximum shown below.

Period before departure	Amount of cancellation charge shown as % of holiday price
Within which written Cancellation is required	
More than 64 days	Deposit
64 days to Departure	100%

## Note.

If the reason for cancellation is covered under the terms of an insurance policy, you may be able to reclaim these charges. If you have a complaint during your holiday, please inform our Driver/Courier, or representative, who will do their utmost to resolve the problem immediately. If the matter cannot be put right on the spot, you must notify us in writing within 14 days of the completion of your holiday, and this must be sent to our office. You must quote your booking reference number Holiday and departure date.

**Statutory Authorities** These holidays are issued subject to current applicable acts of Parliament and Government Regulations and the company reserves the right to modify itineraries to conform to requests from the competent authorities in the UK and any other sovereign state through which the tours run.

**Passport** For all continental holidays you will require a full 10 years British Passport.

**Company Bonding** All monies received for Tours and short breaks will be held in trust with the Bank. Monies can generally be withdrawn after the completion of the trip, though there are exceptions e.g. when a trip is cancelled, or for necessary pre-payment of components of the package.

**If We Change Your Holiday** The arrangements for holidays are made many months in advance and changes are sometimes unavoidable. Most of these changes may be very minor but where they are significant we will notify you as soon as is reasonably possible before your departure date. A significant change would be recorded as changes in the departure date, departure point, or resort area, reducing the quality of your main hotel (not single overnight hotels on touring holidays) or a change of tour itinerary which involves a destination being completely eliminated from the revised itinerary or reducing the specification on the coach. In the event of a significant change you may decide to:

- a) Continue with the "holiday" as amended
- Or b) accept an alternative holiday which we may offer you
- Or c) cancel you're booking

If you choose (a) or (b) we will pay you compensation on the scale below. If you choose (c) we will refund all monies paid by you, plus compensation on the scale below. No other claims for compensation or expenses will be considered.

More than 42 days	Nil
29-42 days	£10
15-28 days	£15
8-14 days	£20
0-7 days	£25

**If We Cancel Your Holiday** It is necessary for they're to be a minimum number of passengers in order to operate the tour. In certain circumstances, therefore, we may have to cancel your holiday, and if this should occur we would return to you all the money you have paid us with the exception of the inclusive premium paid or offer you a suitable alternative.

**Our Responsibilities to You** We accept responsibilities for ensuring that all component parts of your holiday as described are supplied to you to a reasonable standard and this includes optional excursions.

1) Please remember that some amenities (e.g. hotel lifts swimming pools etc.) require servicing and cleaning and may not therefore be available at all times. Some services may be affected by weather

# Taurus Holidays Fair Trading Agreement *continued*

conditions and their availability is entirely at the discretion of the provider of the service. Entertainment (particularly live entertainment) provided by hotels is frequently subject to demand and its nature and/or frequency may be varied if there is lack of demand or insufficient numbers staying in the hotel.

2) Some excursion itineraries include the use of ferries and other forms of transport, which can be affected by inclement weather, and may have to be cancelled or arrangements changed. Whenever possible a suitable alternative excursion will be offered.

3) The published running times of services are estimated only and we will not be liable for any loss (howsoever caused) arising from delay or failure to operate services in accordance with published timings.

**European Holidays** No price guarantee (i.e. any or all permissible elements may be surcharged). The price of your holiday is subject to surcharges on the following items: Government action, VAT, currency and fuel. Even in this case, we will absorb an amount equivalent to 2% of the holiday price, which excludes insurance premiums, and any amendment charges. Only amounts in excess of this 2% will be surcharged. If this means paying more than 10% on the holiday price you will be entitled to cancel your holiday with a full refund of all money paid except for any premium paid to us for holiday insurance and amendment charge. Should you decide to cancel because of this, you must exercise your right to do so within 14 days from the issue date printed on the invoice. Surcharges will not be imposed within 30 days of departure.

## Holiday Information (not Part of Contract)

**1. Children reductions**..... see individual holidays

**2. Seating Arrangements** There is a seating plan of the coach for each holiday, but it is possible that on occasions for operational reasons a coach of a different configuration may be used, and we therefore reserve the right to alter a seating plan and allocate seats should it be necessary.

**3. Smoking** All coaches' non-smoking

**4. Travel Documents** When you have paid balance we will send you all the necessary information and labels.

**5. Special Care for the Disabled** Disabilities and medical problems should you or members of your party have any medical condition or disability that may affect your/ their holiday or that of other passengers, you must provide full written details to us at the time of booking so that we can advise you of the suitability of the holiday. This applies whether the booking is made in person, in writing, or by telephone. If a particular issue is identified, we reserve the right to request a doctor's certificate confirming that the passenger is fit for travel and reserve the right to refuse any booking in the absence of such doctor's certificate being produced upon request. If a passenger requires personal

assistance (for example but not limited to assistance with feeding/ ressing/toileting/mobilizing) then this passenger must travel with an able bodied companion/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/tour managers are unable to offer such assistance. Whilst we will make every reasonable adjustment to do so, if we are unable to accommodate the needs of a passenger or believe that the medical condition or disability of a passenger is likely to adversely affect other passengers, we reserve the right to decline the booking. We also reserve the right to cancel any holiday and impose cancellation charges if we are not fully advised of any relevant disability or medical condition at the time the booking is made and subsequently decide that we are unable to accommodate this passenger. This applies whether we advise that we are unable to accommodate a passenger either before departure or during the holiday and if this occurs during the holiday then we will seek additional costs of returning the passenger home.

**6. Special needs** Unfortunately, many hotels overseas do not provide adequate facilities for guests with mobility problems or who suffer from other disabilities. We will accept lightweight wheelchairs for travel, subject to them being able to be folded and stowed away in the luggage hold of the coach. We regret we are unable to accept wheelchairs which are more than 20 Kg in weight. This means we cannot carry battery powered wheelchairs or scooters that need to be taken apart for storage. We MUST be advised at the time of booking that a folding wheelchair is being taken on the trip, as we have also to consider the luggage capacity of the coach. Our drivers and Escorts will be happy to provide general assistance to passengers but will not be expected to: -  
• Provide assistance that extends to the bodily lifting and carrying of any customers on and off the coach;  
• Undertake any action that may put their health, safety, welfare or the legal requirements for a break in duty at risk;  
• Act as carers for customers at departure, during the journey or on arrival at destination. But whether you are planning a holiday overseas or in the UK, please notify us before you book if you or any member of your party has special needs or suffers from any disability. We are keen to plan arrangements for your holiday so that special needs and requests can be accommodated as far as possible. If you will need assistance or special facilities in the hotel, or may have difficulties in taking part in excursions or boarding and travelling on the coach or other means of transport you must let us know in advance. Not all the holidays in this brochure may be suitable for you. We want you to enjoy your holiday and will try to help you select an appropriate trip. If you need advice or further information, please contact Taurus Holidays.

**7. Diets** If you require a special diet you must inform us at the time of booking and remit a copy of the diet. You must pay any additional cost to the hotel before departure.

**8. Ground Floor Accommodation** Request for ground floor rooms must be made on booking form under special requests and cannot be guaranteed.

**9. Rooming Arrangements** Most of our holidays include all accommodation with full private facilities within the charge. Single occupancy of rooms when available may be subject to a supplementary charge and this will be shown on the brochure page. Although some tours featured in this brochure have no single supplement, spaces are limited and therefore sell quickly. However, additional single rooms may be requested but will be subject to availability and a charge made by the hotel.

**10. Entertainment** As shown in holiday description and subject to discretion of hotel management

## 11. Tour Operators Liability Insurance

### Section 1.

Public/Product Liability	Limit of Liability
	£5,000,000

Any one occurrence, and in the annual aggregate in respect of Products.

### Section 2.

Limit of Liability	£1,000,000
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Any one loss and in all any one period of Insurance. Excess: £250 per person, but limited to £1,250 in all any one occurrence.

**12.** Due to the forth coming Brexit, we do not know how this will affect the travel industry. UK operators may have to consider contractual terms with their customers that allow them to sub-contract all or part of the coach travel to EU based operators if necessary.

**14. Covid 19** The government recently issued new guidelines that allow us to consider the re-start of our holiday programme, albeit with many precautions and may be limited passenger numbers on board. We want to ensure that while Covid 19 restrictions are in place you are still able to fully enjoy your holiday with us. Throughout this pandemic period and in this transition as we return to normal operation, it is very important that we all follow some simple guidelines to protect our staff, our passengers and anyone else that we may come into contact with as we carry out our holidays. As such, please ensure you follow this guide to help maintain the hygiene levels that we currently have in place to reduce the spread of any disease.

"Temperature checks when boarding the coach, anyone found with a temperature or signs of having the virus will not be allowed to travel. Always wash your hands. Sanitizer to be used every time you get on the coach. Face coverings must be worn whilst on the coach (whether a mask or a visor). All areas which are touched will be cleaned by the driver. A Fogging Machine is used after every tour to disinfect the coach in places we can't reach ready for the next tour." If Masks or visors cannot be worn because of health conditions, please inform us on booking.

**13. Publication Date October 2020**



Booking form (Please use BLOCK CAPITALS)



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Email: taurus@rbtravel.co.uk

Website: www.taurusholidays.co.uk

DEPARTURE DATE:
NUMBER OF DAYS:
TOUR TITLE:
SPECIAL REQUESTS:
DISABILITIES: (wheel chairs, walkers or mobility scooters)

CLIENTS & ROOMING DETAILS

MR/MRS/MISS	INITIALS	SURNAME (PERSON SIGNING BOOKING FORM FIRST)	AGE IF UNDER 16	TWIN/DOUBLE/SINGLE	BOARDING POINT

CLIENTS NAME & ADDRESS

INSURANCE: (if you would like our insurance form please tick here) ☐

PAYMENT DETAILS

HOLIDAYS Deposit: Up to 5 days	£40 per person
£	
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HOLIDAYS Deposit: Over 5 days	£50 per person
£	
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FULL PAYMENT	£
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TOTAL SUM ENCLOSED:	£
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Please make all cheques payable to: R.B. Travel



NAME:
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PASSPORT NO (CONTINENTAL TOURS ONLY):
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Important: Signed booking form must accompany every booking

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