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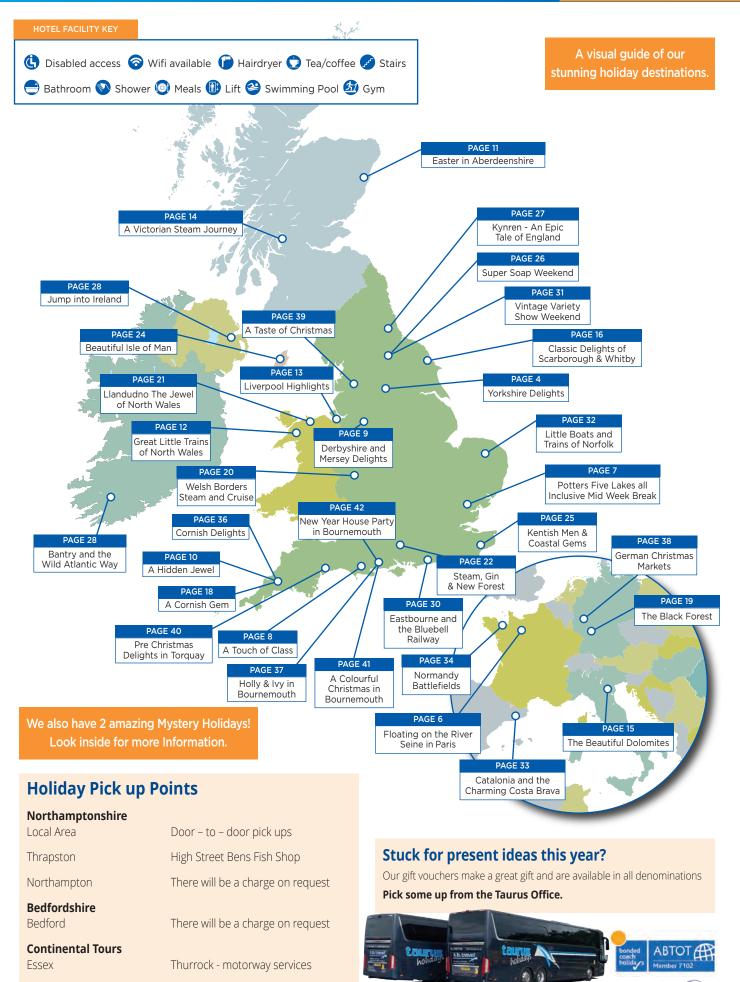


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# **Yorkshire Delights**

# YOUR HOTEL - THE BURN HALL HOTEL

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Burn Hall Hotel, Tollerton Road, Huby, York, YO61 1JB Tel: 01347 825400

Set in the heart of North Yorkshire, the Burn Hall Hotel has an outstanding reputation for customer service. When visiting the hotel you will receive a very warm Yorkshire welcome and will be looked after by a professional and friendly team to ensure that your expectations are exceeded at all times. Set in 8 acres of parkland, and surrounded by North Yorkshire

countryside, Burn Hall offers 2 stylish restaurants, a modern bar and comfortable bedrooms. The hotel offers 94 bedrooms including accessible rooms. The traditional rooms each have a private bathroom with free toiletries. Rooms also feature a flat-screen TV, tea/coffee making facilities and a work desk. Some rooms have scenic parkland views.

The popular restaurants serve modern British cuisine, using fresh local produce. With quality service and elegant decor, the restaurants also offer a world wine list. Friendly Benson's bar offers a selection of beverages and snacks.

# **HOLIDAY CENTRE**

Yorkshire is a historic county in northern England. It's known for its Roman and Viking heritage, as well as its Norman castles, medieval abbeys, and 2 national parks. The largest area is North Yorkshire, stretching from the Pennines in the west to the north east coast, covering nearly 3500 square miles. Known by the locals as 'God's own county', it is celebrated for its varied landscape. The North York Moors, with its spectacular heritage coastline, is a joy to behold. The Yorkshire Dales with its high peaks, low valleys, flowing rivers and patchwork fields ribboned with dry stone walling, is simply outstanding. The county town of York, founded by the Romans, is home to the 13th-century cathedral York Minster, Tudor houses and medieval walls. The interactive Jorvik Viking Centre recalls the area's 9th-century Norse occupation.



### Day 1. Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, you start your journey by travelling north, with comfort stops enroute. Heading for the small town of Huby and the Burn Hall Hotel, where you will spend the next 4 nights with half board. Porterage is supplied and while this is done there will be tea/coffee on arrival.

#### Day 2. Kilburn & Thirsk (included)

Today you depart for a scenic drive through part of Yorkshire. First, a stop at the charming village of Kilburn which sits beneath the Kilburn White Horse on the hillside. Here you shall have a visit to the famous workshop of Robert Thompson, otherwise known as the Mouseman. This famous mouse symbol is found on every beautiful hand-crafted piece of oak furniture crafted by Robert Thompson. From here you travel to the lovely market town of Thirsk. You will visit the museum and home of the famous writer and vet J A Wight, better known under his pen name of James Herriot. Free time in Thirsk before returning back to the hotel.

#### Day 3. Skipton Town & Market Day

After breakfast we take a leisurely ride to the town of Skipton, in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales. Wednesday is their ever-popular market. Stall holders and shoppers barter with each other along the high street which is close to the town's impressive medieval castle, and its medieval church. Time to stroll through the market, or explore and shop, before returning back to your hotel.

#### Day 4. York

Within York's towering medieval walls is a heart of rich and colourful character, with its history recorded in the streets, buildings and museums gathered around the mighty Minster. Discover the many treasures and architectural gems this remarkable city has to offer including its cobbled streets, the famous Shambles and the National Railway Museum. Later we return back to the hotel. You may wish to visit the York Bird of Prey Centre just behind the hotel. It is home to over 50 birds and has become one of

## **SPECIAL NOTES**

- Insurance
- Please inform us of any special dietary needs e.g.: diabetic, gluten free, vegetarian etc
- 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
- 🖌 Porterage
- ✔ Tea/coffee on arrival
- ✓ 4 Nights half board
- Excursions
- Complementary entrance to birds of prey centre
- Services of a courier

# TOUR INFORMATION

Duration:	5 Days	
Departure:	Monday	
Dates:	27 - 31 January	
Meals:	Half board	
Included excursions		

# **TOUR PRICE**

Price per person

**£379.00** Single room supplement **£80.00** (dbl/tw for sole occupancy)



York and North Yorkshire's most popular tourist attractions. Complimentary entrance for hotel guests.

### Day 5. Depart for Home

After all the suitcases have been packed and loaded onto the coach we say goodbye to our hosts at the Burn Hall Hotel and head for home. With comfort stops on the way, we arrive back in our local area late afternoon.



# **Seaside Mystery**

## YOUR HOTEL - MYSTERY HOTEL

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The hotels we use are all well-known and comfortable. All rooms are very comfortable and are en suite with TV and 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.

# **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 en-oute, you will arrive at the chosen hotel. 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, Moorland 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 and put back on the coach you depart for home. The return journey will take you a different way home. With comfort stops en route you should arrive at your local pick up point by late afternoon, early evening.



# SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance
- Please inform us of any special dietary needs e.g.: diabetic, gluten free, vegetarian etc
- 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
- ✔ 4 Nights half board
- ✓ Included excursions
- ✓ Entertainment on 2 nights
- Courier escorted

## TOUR INFORMATION

Duration:	5 Days	
Departure:	Monday	
Dates:	10 - 14 February	
Meals:	Half board	
Included excursions		

# **TOUR PRICE**

Price per person **£359.00** Single room supplement **£Nil** (2 rooms only) **£60.00** (dbl/tw sole occupancy)





# Floating on the River Seine in Paris

# YOUR FLOATING HOTEL - MS RENOIR

This elegant premier ship sails on the Seine, a historic and authentic river with breathtaking views. This ship was built in 1999 and completely renovated in 2018; the MS Renoir measures 110m long and 11.40m wide and can accommodate 105 passengers in 54 cabins on 2 decks. The cabins provide guests with all the comforts they need during their stay. Enjoy the comforts of home onboard with Croisi Europe. Cosy, tastefully decorated cabins greet passengers like a home from home. After dinner and entertainment, retire to your private

cabin in comfort for the night. All have en-suite with shower and toiletries. Headsets are also provided in your cabins for excursions. Located on the upper deck is the restaurant, where all meals are served during the cruise. It offers a delicate cuisine in a refined setting, where large windows allow guests to fully enjoy the views. Also on the upper deck is the lounge, bar and dance floor. This is where your cabaret show will take place on one night and dancing on another. On the sun deck there are comfortable sun lounges and a large shaded area (weather permitting of course). The Paris by night cruise, (for reasons of navigational safety, the captain and crew of the boat alone may decide to modify the cruise itinerary. This cruise is subject to tidal influences and arrival times at the ports of call may be modified.)

## **HOLIDAY CENTRE**

Paris is one of the world's great cities and has it all. "Paris never ceases to amaze us, we think we know it, and then there is another surprise waiting for us around the corner." Attractions such as the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame and the Louvre to name just a few are famous throughout the world, while the boulevards and cobbled streets are oozing with character and ambience. Paris is also famous for its rich history, beautiful architecture and cultural diversity. Paris remains one of the most visited cities in the world and has always been a hive of artistic and intellectual activity with its 134 museums, 170 theatres, world famous universities and cultural festivals. Of course, Paris is also the capital of fashion and design and is internationally renowned for its boutiques, department stores and young designers.

#### Day 1. Depart Local Area

Leaving your local area, the journey starts with your morning ferry from Dover to Calais. A meal voucher will be given to you for use on board for a main meal and drink. Making your way from Calais, you travel through France with comfort stops, to arrive at your floating hotel in Paris. Time to settle in on the MS Renoir before dinner.

#### Day 2. Paris Guided Tour

After a buffet breakfast you have a panoramic guided tour of Paris by coach. You will discover the renowned sights and attractions of this magnificent city. (Approx 2 ½ hours) Return back to the boat for lunch. This afternoon you are free to explore Paris on your own. Try out the Metro, buses or walk, whichever you desire. This evening is Gala night and dinner. Depending on the water level of the river, you may also cruise to the business district of La Défense in the evening. You will then return to the previous quay in Paris.

#### Day 3. Paris - The Old Montmartre

This morning after breakfast is another 1/2 day guided tour of the old Montmartre. (Approx 3 ½ hours) Located at the very heart of a 19th Century village, the Sacre-Coeur Basilica has remained one of the favourite models for all-time painters. sculptors and poets alike. Check out the artist square; see many artists working on their paintings, drawings and even doing caricatures of people. Visit the Sacre-Coeur; see the beautiful views from the top of Montmartre over Paris. After the tour, vou will return back to the boat to enjoy lunch. This afternoon you have more free time to explore. The boat

will be docked a short walk from the Eiffel Tower and the Trocadéro gardens, with the Invalides just a little further away. It is easy to visit Paris at your leisure. This evening you will cruise by night (depending on the water level) floating through the beautiful illuminated city, particularly attractive when viewed from the vantage point on the Seine.

#### Day 4. Return Home

After an early breakfast we depart the MS Renoir and make our way once again back through France to Dunkirk for our afternoon ferry to Dover. A meal voucher will be given to you for use on board for a main meal and drink. We will have comfort stops enroute to Dunkirk. Arrival time back in our local area should be mid evening.

# **SPECIAL NOTES**

- Insurance
- Please inform us of any special dietary needs e.g. diabetic, gluten free, vegetarian etc
- Special requests are put forward to the boat and they will do their utmost to accommodate your needs.
- There are no tea/coffee facilities in the cabins
- Itinerary could be subject to change

# **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

- ✔ All coach travel
- ✓ Ferries
- ✓ 3 Nights full board
- ✓ 8 Upper deck cabins
- ✓ 10 Main deck cabins
- ✓ 2 Half day excursions
- Entertainment
- ✔ Services of driver

## TOUR INFORMATION

Duration:	4 Days	
Departure:	Sunday	
Dates:	9 - 12 March	
Meals:	Full board	
Half day excursions		

# **TOUR PRICE**

Price per person

**£609.00** Upper deck **£599.00** Main deck Single room supplement **£202.00** (cabin for single use)





# Potters Five Lakes all Inclusive Mid Week Break

# HOLIDAY CENTRE

Potters Five Lakes Resort, Colchester Rd, Tolleshunt Knights, CM9 8HX Tel: 0333 320 7500

Five Lakes Resort opened in 1995 complete with a 114-room hotel, a new golf course and additional spa facilities. The resort operated as a corporate hospitality venue until its acquisition by Potters Resorts in 2021. The fantastic Potters Five Lakes resort is the UK's newest all inclusive resort that is packed with countryside charm and character. Their award-winning resort combines peaceful countryside surroundings, exclusive activities and amazing all inclusive value. Come and experience their second five-star destination for a break you won't forget. Set in 320 acres of glorious Essex countryside, it is the perfect place to unwind. There is an excellent variety of activities, first class West End quality entertainment, delicious food & drink and everything is included in the price! There are fantastic outdoor activities: take a peaceful row on the boating lake, try the archery or air rifle shooting or play a round of chip and putt. There's also a wealth of indoor activities and facilities including an indoor pool, sauna, table tennis, badminton, snooker, darts and so much more. With so much choice at your disposal, your break can be as active or relaxed as you would like. All rooms offer en-suite bathrooms, TV with premium channels, including Sky Sports, safe, tea & coffee making facilities, hair dryer, drinks cooler, iron & ironing board and free Wi-Fi.

#### Day 1. Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, you make your way to Bury St Edmonds with time to explore and have lunch. We will then continue our journey to arrive at Potters Resort Five Lakes, where you will spend the next 4 night's full board. Time to explore and enjoy the facilities before dinner.

#### Day 2. Day at Leisure

Time to enjoy all the facilities that Potters have to offer.

## Day 3. Cressing Temple Barns

This morning's tour takes you to Cressing Temple Barns. There's certainly an abundance of 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. You will then return to Potters for your lunch and enjoy the rest of the day.

#### Day 4. Colchester

Dating back to the Roman times, it's no big secret that Colchester is Britain's oldest recorded town. Colchester was so developed that they had their own Mint - meaning many ancient coins were made in Colchester, and the Colchester Mint even helped the Royal Mint in London produce all the Roman coins made for Britain! Colchester is the former capital of England and Britain's First City. It has a rich and varied history that can be explored through its museums, ruins, and by walking its streets. It has particularly strong connections to both its Roman heritage, and the scars left by the Siege of Colchester during the English Civil War. In 21st Century Colchester, you will find a thriving and expanding city with plenty to keep you entertained. The city has a strong cultural identity, with numerous galleries, theatres and arts venues as well as a bustling city centre with plenty of restaurants and shopping opportunities.

#### 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 Potters and head for home. There will be a comfort stop en-route, and you should be back in your local area by the evening.

# SPECIAL NOTES

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- Special requests are put forward to the hotel and they will do their utmost to accommodate your needs.
- All rooms have tea/coffee making facilities.
- Itinerary could be subject to change.

# **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

- ✓ All coach travel
- ✓ 4 Nights full board
- ✓ All drinks included
- ✓ Entertainment
- ✓ 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> day excursions
- ✓ Services of driver

## TOUR INFORMATION

Duration:5 DaysDeparture:MondayDates:10 - 14 MarchMeals:Full boardHalf day excursions

# **TOUR PRICE**

Price per person **£579.00** Single room supplement **£100.00** (3 only - in dbl/tw)







# A Touch of Class

## YOUR HOTEL - THE BELMONT HOTEL

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The Belmont Hotel 4\*, The Esplanade, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8RX 01395 512555

Discover the captivating luxurious 4\*Belmont Hotel in Sidmouth with its exquisite, timeless charm and first rate hospitality, the perfect base from which to enjoy the charm of this unique Regency town. From the moment you go through the castellated entrance and are greeted by their frock-coated doorman, you realise you are in a world apart. The hotel is only yards from

the beach and the Esplanade. The enchanting luxury Belmont Hotel maintains the impeccable standards of a bygone age. Enjoy traditional service and wonderful dining in the Belmont Restaurant which is complemented by the stylish decor and the resident pianist whose music creates a delightful atmosphere most evenings. In fact, with its attentive service and lovely sea views, The Belmont Hotel is everything you ever dreamt of finding in a traditional seaside hotel. Sidmouth makes the perfect escape for a luxury holiday in Devon or a short break near the coast. The Belmont is the most charming of luxury Sidmouth hotels. With luxury accommodation, outstanding service, spectacular sea views and delicious cuisine, The Belmont combines all the ingredients for a magical stay. Free leisure facilities, including an indoor and outdoor swimming pool and spa area, are available at the Belmont's adjacent sister hotel. All bedrooms are en-suite with shower or bath, TV, tea/coffee making facilities, iron, toiletries, hair dryer and full use of hotel facilities.

# **HOLIDAY CENTRE**

Sidmouth is a town in Devon. It is a gateway to the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site. A large part of the town has been designated a conservation area. Sidmouth lies on the Jurassic Coast and the coastline is dominated by the vivid red sandstone cliffs which date back to the Triassic period. Along the front is the Millennium Walkway which stretches the length of the beach and is made of pebbles, providing the perfect background for an afternoon stroll. Sidmouth Beach is a perfect family friendly beach, ideal for safe swimming and rock pooling at low tide. Sidmouth sits in the middle of East Devon and is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It is surrounded by spectacular scenery and vistas. The landscape is a wonderful mix of wooded areas, heathland and hilltops. A short distance away from Sidmouth, overlooking the town from the top of a steep hill, you will find the dramatic heathland of Mutters Moor, the haunt of the elusive Nightjar. Take some time to explore the town centre, rich in royal and architectural history, as well as discovering a great range of shops, cafe's and restaurants. The resort was very fashionable in the 1800s and was visited by Queen Victoria in her youth as well as the Grand Duchess of Russia in 1831. Sidmouth is home to hundreds of listed building and a liberal sprinkling of blue plaques can be found around the town.

### Day 1. Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, you make your way south to Sidmouth. There will be comfort stops en-route for coffee and lunch. Arriving at your hotel by late afternoon, where you will enjoy the next 4 nights with dinner bed and breakfast at the 4\* Belmont Hotel, overlooking the sea. On arrival you will be greeted by the doorman and there will be a welcome tea or coffee while your luggage is taken to your rooms. After settling in to your rooms, time to explore the hotel or just relax and admire the view before dinner.

#### Day 2. Quince Honey Farm & Donkey Sanctuary

Today we travel to something completely different, a honey farm. A family run working honey farm first established in 1949. The friendly team are ready to guide you around the

Nectar Gardens, maybe see millions of bees up close, visit the Honey Factory and take a look behind the scenes at the honey production areas. The unique hexagonal themed Nectar Gardens display thousands of bee friendly plants. This afternoon make a visit to the Donkey Sanctuary, where hundreds of donkeys are all waiting to meet you. They are all rescued donkeys. Browse the gift shop at leisure in the knowledge that every purchase goes towards helping donkeys in need. It is packed with unique donkey design items and souvenirs. You can also adopt a donkey for a small cost, and that donkey will send you cards and messages throughout the year. There will also be a cream tea provided in the restaurant

Day 3. River Cruise & Exeter This morning we take a trip to Exmouth for a river cruise on the River Exe, The water in the River Exe is sheltered and is therefore always calm. Your skipper will give you a live commentary on the history of the area, the beautiful sights and the resident and visiting wildlife. Since 1968, Stuart Line Cruises has been listed as one of the top family attractions in Devon and is widely recognised as the best tourist attraction in Exmouth. This afternoon you will visit the city of Exeter. A small city that packs a big punch, Exeter is one of the most vibrant, attractive and historically interesting cities in England. This is reflected in its fascinating attractions including, underground passages, free Red Coat guided tours, of its cathedral Roman wall and beautiful quavside. Later this afternoon vou retrace our journev back to the hotel.

## **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.
- All rooms have tea/coffee making facilities
- Itinerary could be subject to change

# **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

- ✓ All coach travel
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Tea/coffee on arrival
- ✓ 4 Nights half board
- Excursions
- ✓ Cream tea
- ✓ Boat cruise
- Services of courier

#### **TOUR INFORMATION**

Duration:	5 Days	
Departure:	Sunday	
Dates:	23 - 27 March	
Meals:	Half Board	
Included excursions		

# **TOUR PRICE**

Price per person

**£659.00** Single room supplement **£120.00** Deluxe **£240.00** (Double for sole occupancy)

#### Day 4. Lyme Regis

Today after a leisurely breakfast we will take a gentle drive along the coast to Lyme Regis, known to the locals as the "Pearl of Dorset". This natural seaside and fishing port has what they call 'Jurassic fossil cliffs'. Here you will have free time to explore the town, see the fishing boats in Cobb harbour and enjoy lunch in one of the many cafes, before we return to our hotel in Sidmouth. Maybe take a stroll along the promenade, or just relax in the hotel's lounge.

#### Day 5. Depart for Home

After breakfast and the cases have been loaded onto the coach, we say farewell to our hosts at the Belmont Hotel and start our journey home with comfort stops, to arrive back in your local area by late afternoon, early evening.



# **Derbyshire and Mersey Delights**

# YOUR HOTEL - SHRIGLEY HALL HOTEL

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Shrigley Hall, Pott Shrigley, Cheshire, SK10 5SB Tel: 01625 575757

Shrigley Hall Hotel Golf & Country Club is a 4\* manor house in Cheshire, right on the edge of the Peak District National Park, set in 262 acres of glorious English countryside and only 15 miles south of Manchester. Built in 1825 as a private family home for MP William Turner, Shrigley Hall is now a luxurious hotel boasting many original features, stately interiors, a spa

with indoor swimming pool, an 18-hole golf course, and an AA Rosette award-winning restaurant. The public areas are spacious, combining traditional and contemporary decor, and include a well-equipped gym and leisure facilities. There is a wide choice of bedroom sizes and styles, all have private facilities with complimentary toiletries, flat screen TV, tea/coffee making facilities and a safe.

## **HOLIDAY CENTRE**

Derbyshire is renowned for being a hugely diverse county with town and city nestled in breathtaking countryside with industry and leisure working hand in hand. Derbyshire can also claim the first national park to be set up in Britain - the Peak National Park which lies at the southern end of the Pennines, between Sheffield and Manchester, its boundaries also spread into several other counties. The park covers over 500 square miles, three quarters of which lie within Derbyshire itself. There is a choice of bustling market towns such as Ashbourne, Bakewell and Chesterfield and many picturesque villages nestled in unspoilt countryside, situated in the heart of the Peak District. The beautiful Georgian Spa town of Buxton boasts the highest market place in the country.

#### Day 1. Depart Local Area for Shrigley Hall

Step aboard your luxury coach as you start your journey to Pott Shrigley. There will be ample stops en-route for comfort and for lunch. Arriving at Shrigley Hall Golf & Country Club, where you will spend the next 4 nights with dinner. There will be tea/coffee on arrival while the porters take your luggage to your room. Unpack and relax or explore the hotel & grounds before dinner.

## Day 2. 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 our hotel.

#### Day 3. Derbyshire Dales Tour

After a good buffet breakfast we take a tour around the Derbyshire Dales. A world of contrasting natural beauty, with moors and dales, rivers, springs and caverns and at its heart the Peak District National Park, known and loved by millions for its breath-taking landscapes, relaxation, inspiration and adventure. Spanning parts of Cheshire. Derbyshire, Staffordshire and Yorkshire in the heart of England, it is home to dozens of market towns. pretty villages and historic houses. We will stop at the best places the Dales can offer, Castleton, Buxton, Bakewell and more. Returning back to the hotel to relax before dinner.

# Day 4. Liverpool & Liver Building 360 Tour

Today you will visit Liverpool, and the Royal Liver Building. For the first time in its 100+ year history, the Royal Liver Building is unlocking its doors and inviting you to explore this landmark building. You'll get a tour of some of the building's hidden secrets, journeying to the 15th floor to get breathtaking panoramic views across Liverpool from the most iconic viewing point in the city, and getting up close to the world famous Liver Birds. See a world-class immersive audio visual experience set in the original mechanism room, telling the story of Liverpool's recent history exploring the buildings significance and how a city full of culture, sport, history and music has made its mark across the world. There will also be time to explore the Albert Docks and visit the many museums. After a great day, you return to your hotel to relax before dinner. The lift takes you to the 10th floor and from there you have 124 steps to the top. (Not all at once)

#### Day 5. Depart for Home

After breakfast and cases have been loaded onto the coach, we say farewell to our hosts at Shrigley Hall and return

## SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance.
- 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

# **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

- ✔ All coach travel
- ✔ 4. Nights half board
- ✓ Tea/coffee on arrival
- 🖌 Porterage
- Excursions
- ✓ Entrance to Liver Building
- Anderton boat lift
- ✓ Services of tour manager
- ✓ Use of leisure facilities

# **TOUR INFORMATION**

Duration:	5 Days	
Departure:	Monday	
Dates:	31 March - 4 April	
Meals:	Half board	
Included excursions		

# **TOUR PRICE**

Price per person **£499.00** Single room supplement **£120.00** (dbl/tw for sole occupancy)



home via the Peak District. There will be stops for comfort and lunch. You should arrive in your local area late afternoon early evening.



# A Hidden Jewel

#### YOUR HOTEL - THE ROSEMUNDY HOUSE HOTEL



Rosemundy House Hotel, St Agnes, Cornwall, TR5 OUF 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 and 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. Strewn with old mine workings, copper and tin ore were once shipped from the cove.

# **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 en-route for lunch. Continuing your journey through beautiful countryside, to the Cornish coast town of St Agnes and the Rosemundy House Hotel where you shall spend the next 5 nights with dinner, bed and breakfast.

#### Day 2. Falmouth & Seal Sanctuary

After breakfast your journey takes you first to Falmouth. It's known for its deep natural harbour on the Fal Estuary. Shipping from all over the world use the harbour, which is the largest in the country and includes a dry dock capable of handling tankers of up to 90,000 tons! It became a station for the Mail Packet Service in 1688, and by 1827 had 39 overseasmail vessels. The National Maritime Museum Cornwall has interactive galleries and a flotilla of model boats. On Pendennis Point, Pendennis Castle is a well-preserved 16th-century fortress built by Henry VIII. This afternoon we visit the Cornish Seal

Sanctuary in Gweek (included). The Cornish Seal Sanctuary rescues numerous pups every year. With a self guided tour you will be able to follow the journey of their injured seal pups through their rescue from local coastal waters, through rehabilitation and eventually release back into the wild. There will also be a cream tea provided for you to enjoy.

#### Day 3. Eden Project

Today is a full day's visit to the Eden Project. Depart after breakfast for the Eden Project, (Admission Included), Millions have already visited this 35acre crater overlooking St Austell Bay, a phenomenal success. The awesome geodesic structures are the world's largest greenhouses, accommodating a fascinating array of plants from everywhere - tropics, rainforests, Oceania, the Mediterranean - and outside whatever grows under the warm Cornish sun. Not to be overlooked is the Eden Project's role as a new scientific institute and forum for the 21st Century, a centre of communication, education and participation. After a great day out, we return to our hotel for our evening meal.

#### Day 4. Penzance & St lves

Today is a full day tour around the West Cornwall Peninsular. Our first stop will be at the ancient market town of Penzance with its pretty harbour and level seafront. One of the striking things about the town is the abundance of palm trees and gardens full of sub-tropical plants, a sure sign that you have arrived somewhere unique, made even more special by the sight of St Michael's Mount out to sea that seems to hover magically over the water. After leaving Penzance, you travel along the coast to St Ives. Wander the maze of cobbled streets with their quaint stone cottages and explore the harbour. St Ives is deservedly one of Cornwall's top destinations. Returning back to your hotel to relax before dinner.

#### Day 5. Bodmin Jail

This morning you will take a trip to Bodmin Jail (included). As with most old prisons, Bodmin Jail has a dark history. 55 executions took place

### **SPECIAL NOTES**

- Insurance
- Please inform us of any special dietary needs e.g. - diabetic, gluten free, vegetarian etc
- 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
- Eden Project
- ✔ Seal sanctuary & cream tea
- ✔ Some entertainment
- Courier escorted

# TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: 6 Days Departure: Saturday Dates: 12 - 17 April Half board Meals: Included excursions

# **TOUR PRICE**

Price per person

£559.00 Single room supplement **£Nil** 

within its formidable walls for crimes such as rape, murder and stealing. Eight of these were woman. You can immerse yourself in Cornwall's Dark History in the new 'Dark Walk' with state of the art theatrical effects that bring some of the grimmest stories vividly to life. There is also a cafe and shop on site. You will then return back to the hotel

#### 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 en-route. You will arrive in your local area, late afternoon early evening.





# **Easter in Aberdeenshire**

# YOUR HOTEL - THE ABERDEEN ALTENS HOTEL 🚯 🛜 🗭 💭 💭 🛞 🛞 🌚



The 4\*Aberdeen Altens Hotel is 3 miles from the city centre and just 1 mile from the coast. Your accommodation is fully equipped with all of the facilities you need, with spacious, comfortable rooms all with en suite bathrooms, hairdryer, iron & ironing board, telephone, TV and tea/coffee making facilities. It has an indoor swimming pool, sauna, steam room and a well-equipped gym. You can guarantee you'll leave our hotel relaxed and well-rested. Wireless internet is available throughout the hotel. You will also have complimentary access to their

pool and gym, subject to availability, The Coast and Keg restaurant and bar offers delicious food and a relaxed and welldesigned environment.

#### Main

The Aberdeen Altens Hotel, Souter Head Road, Cove Bay Aberdeen, AB12 3LF Tel: 01224 379240

### HOLIDAY CENTRE

# Outward/Return

Dryfesdale Country House Hotel Dryfebridge, Lockerbie Scotland, DG11 2SF Tel: 01576 202427

Aberdeenshire is a destination steeped in history, with miles and miles of rugged coastline, rolling countryside nestled between impressive mountains and Munros . With the buzzing 'Granite City' as its capital, this corner of Scotland is a land of vast national parks, rare beasts and accessible experiences. There are 165 miles of outstanding coastline where the night sky is sometimes lit by the Northern Lights. Aberdeen is known for its granite architecture. For a place long associated with heavy industry, Aberdeen is certainly easy on the eye. It enjoys a spectacular location, fringed by the North Sea and framed to the south and north by the rivers Dee and Don. Elegant granite architecture is warmed by pockets of flora. The city has invested heavily in its museums and parks, with new and improved spaces to explore.

#### Day 1. Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, we travel north with comfort stops enroute. Still heading north, we cross the border into Scotland and head to Lockerbie and the Dryfesdale Country House Hotel where we will spend our first night with half board. On arrival we have porterage. Evening dinner is a three course, three choice menu, plus tea and coffee.

#### Day 2. Arrive at hotel

After breakfast we head to Aberdeen and our hotel. Here we will spend the next 5 nights with dinner, bed & breakfast. On arrival there will be tea/coffee while your cases are taken to your rooms. Settle in then to dinner.

### Day 3. Pitmedden Garden & Museum of Farming Life

After a leisurely breakfast we travel north to Pitmedden Garden and the Museum of Farming Life. This 17th century walled garden contains over 30,000 bedding plants, 6 miles of clipped box hedging and over 200 fruit trees. The garden is split over three levels and at the heart of the property is a formal walled parterre garden filled with an array of colourful plants. The adjacent museum brings to life the agricultultural heritage of the local area, where you can admire an extensive range of agricultural artefacts. We then journey west to the village of Oldmeldrum for our lunchtime stop before making the short drive to Haddo House & Garden. Visit the delightful terrace garden with flower beds, lovely borders and fountain. A magnificent avenue of lime trees lead to adjacent Haddo Country Park, with lakes, monuments and wildlife.

## Day 4. Day at Leisure

Today you are free to explore Aberdeen at your leisure. Perhaps visit the Maritime Museum, art gallery or the City of Aberdeen Distillery. The Winter Gardens at Duthie Park are also well worth a visit and admission is free.

#### Day 5. Highland Cattle at Crathes

After breakfast we travel a short way to the Aberdeen Highland cattle on the Leys Estate at Crathes. We will take a tour around a working farm, (suitable footwear for a working farm) meet these beautiful Highland cows, learn about their history and hear stories about life on a Scottish farm. The tour is followed by a tasting of Aberdeenshire Highland beef with refreshments of tea, coffee and Scottish shortbread. This afternoon we head to the pretty harbour town of Stonehaven. We take a break here for you to explore at leisure. The Stonehaven Tolbooth Museum is the oldest building in the town with its fascinating history of a former courthouse and jail. Maybe just sit and take in the view of Dunnottar Castle perched high on the cliffs just south of the town. We then make our way back to the hotel by way of the coastal road.

## SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance
- Please inform us of any special dietary needs e.g. - diabetic, gluten free, vegetarian etc
- 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

- ✓ 2 Overnights half board
- Porterage main hotel
- ✓ 4 Nights half board
- ✓ All excursions
- Entrances
- ✔ Services of courier

## **TOUR INFORMATION**

Duration:	7 Days	
Departure:	Wednesday	
Dates:	16 - 22 April	
Meals:	Half board	
Included excursions		

# **TOUR PRICE**

Price per person

£769.00 Single room supplement £190.00

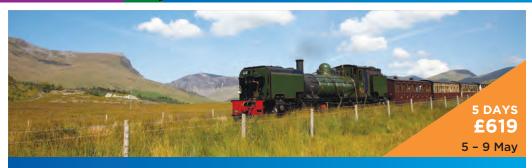


#### Day 6. Depart for Lockerbie

After all the luggage has been packed and loaded onto the coach we say farewell to our hosts at the hotel and retrace our steps to our last overnight hotel at Lockerbie. There will be comfort stops on the way. Settle in before dinner

### Day 7. Day of departure

After breakfast we head for home. There will be comfort stops on the way and we should arrive back at your local area mid to late evening.



# Great Little Trains of North Wales

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The Celtic Royal Hotel, Bangor Street, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, Wales, LL55 1AY Tel: 01286 674477

The impressive 3\* Celtic Royal Hotel is located in the famous town of Caernarfon and offers a relaxing stay. The Celtic Royal Hotel is a venue steeped in history and gets its royal name from Princess Victoria, when she visited the original main building in 1832, 5 years before she became Queen Victoria. All 110 luxurious bedrooms are en-suite with ESPA toiletries, hairdryer,

safe, TV and tea/coffee making facilities. Experience the culinary wonders of the elegant Castell Restaurant with the finest locally-sourced produce and the expertise of their head chef and team. For a hearty full Welsh breakfast or an evening meal – there's always a great atmosphere in their Castell Restaurant, which features classic dishes and new favourites alongside a superb wine list with a fine selection of local ales. The hotel features an air conditioned gym, 16m indoor heated swimming pool, sauna, bubble pool and steam room. The gym has top of the range equipment and a large TV screen. Guests can relax in the sauna or steam room.

# HOLIDAY CENTRE

Caernarfon is a town of contrasts: a busy market town, a major tourist centre, the county town for Gwynedd and a major local commercial and administrative centre. The town has a rich past. Mighty Caernarfon is possibly the most famous of Wales' castles. Its sheer scale and commanding presence easily set it apart from the rest, and to this day, trumpet in no uncertain terms the intention of its builder Edward I. Started in 1283, was the definitive chapter in his conquest of Wales. Caernarfon was constructed not only as a military stronghold but also as a seat of government and royal palace. Standing at the mouth of the Seiont River, at the southern end of the Menai Straits, the fortress dominates the walled town also founded by Edward I. Caernarfon's symbolic status was emphasized when Edward made sure that his son, the first English Prince of Wales was born here in 1284. In 1969, the castle gained worldwide fame as the setting for the Investiture of Prince Charles as Prince of Wales.

#### Day 1. Depart for North Wales

After boarding your luxury coach, we head west and over the border in to Wales, with comfort stops en-route. We arrive at The Celtic Royal Hotel where we will spend the next four nights with dinner bed and breakfast. On arrival we can relax while our cases are taken to our rooms.

#### Day 2. Welsh Highland Railway

After a traditional Welsh breakfast, you head for the railway station in Caernarfon for your single journey train ride. Your train steams through farmland and forest, crossing the foothills of Yr Wyddfa (Snowdon) before descending a steep hillside to pass the village of Beddgelert, through the magnificent Aberglaslyn Pass and across the Traeth Mawr (Great Estuary) to reach Porthmadog. Here you will have a short time before rejoining your coach for a visit to Portmeirion, Williams-Ellis' village built from 1925 to 1976 to show how a naturally beautiful site could be developed without spoiling it. It is compact, but his clever use of arches, slopes and window sizes makes it seem larger than it is. Be instantly transported to a charming Italianate village, whilst remaining in the heart of

North Wales. Where Wales meets Italy, Portmeirion is a picture-perfect village, which could easily be mistaken for a Mediterranean holiday destination. Discover colourful façades, an elaborate piazza, ornate gardens and breathtaking scenery at Portmeirion village. The Battery Square is a pretty little plaza containing guest accommodation, the Mermaid Spa and Caffi'r Sgwâr - a café with outdoor tables on the cobbles, a great spot to grab a coffee, Mediterranean-style. The 1960's series, The Prisoner, was filmed in Portmeirion village, Starring Patrick McGoohan, The Prisoner is well known as one of the most influential pieces of television of the 1960s. Every year Portmeirion is home to The Prisoner Convention. The Round House, is the cottage where Number Six lived in The Prisoner, which is now a shop selling nostalgic memorabilia. Later you return back to the hotel to rest before dinner.

### Day 3. Day at Leisure

Today you can enjoy a leisurely day to do as you wish. Visit the castle or the harbour or just explore the area.

#### Day 4. Ffestiniog Railway & Slate Mine

Today you take another historic train from Porthmadog to Blaenau Ffestiniog. This service will normally be hauled by one of the iconic Double Fairlie locomotives designed over 150 years ago to haul large trains on the steep gradients and sharp curves of the Ffestiniog line. The railway takes vou on a 13½ mile journey from the harbour in Porthmadog to the slateguarrying town of Blaenau Ffestiniog. Their historic trains climb over 700 feet from sea level into the mountains through tranquil pastures and magnificent forests, past lakes and waterfalls, round horseshoe bends (even a complete spiral) clinging to the side of the mountain or even tunnelling through it. The train emerges from the tunnel beside Llyn Ystradau reservoir and the slate tips beckon. After you arrive at Blaenau you then rejoin the coach and head to the slate mine of Llechwedd for a guided tour of the mine. Take a step back into the 19th century as you're submerged 500ft into rich history of the Deep Mine Tour, where you will spend approx 1hr 15min soaking up all there is to know about Llechwedd's fascinating past. Head underground

## SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance
- Please inform us of any special dietary needs e.g. diabetic, gluten free, vegetarian etc
- 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
- 🗸 Porterage
- ✓ 4 Nights half board
- Excursions
- 🖌 2 Train rides
- ✓ Entrance to Port Meirion
- ✓ Entrance to Blaenau slate mine
- ✓ Entertainment on 2 nights
- ✓ Services of courier

## TOUR INFORMATION

Duration:	5 Days	
Departure:	Monday	
Dates:	5 - 9 May	
Meals:	Half board	
Included excursions		

## **TOUR PRICE**

Price per person

**£619.00** Single room supplement **£140.00** (dbl/Tw room)

and learn all about this iconic mine including where the famous Llechwedd cheese is matured. You will be guided by former miners and see firsthand where the world-class slate was produced by local men and children, who risked their lives every day to provide the world with this famous slate, After the tour, hop aboard their underground train, which is Europe's steepest cable railway to take you back to the surface. After an educating day, you head back to the hotel.

#### Day 5. Depart for Home

After breakfast and all cases have been loaded onto the coach, you say farewell to your hosts at the Celtic Royal Hotel, and start the journey home. With a comfort stop en-route. You should arrive in your local area by late afternoon.



# **Liverpool Highlights**

# OUR HOTEL - HARD DAYS NIGHT HOTEL

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Hard Days Night Hotel, Central Buildings, N John St, Liverpool, L2 6RR Tel: 0151 236 1964

In Liverpool's bustling Cavern Quarter, is the 4\* Hard Days Night Hotel, set in a Grade II listed building, just a 10-minute walk from the famous Albert Dock. The unique hotel features chic furnishings throughout, and has impressive features including marble columns and a Victorian facade. This Beatles-themed hotel has exclusive artwork, an innovative restaurant and stylish cocktail bar. The vibrant Lounge Bar offers light meals and snacks, whilst Bar Four serves classic cocktails in contemporary

surroundings. The 4-star boutique bedrooms each have a luxury bathroom with free toiletries, hairdryer, iron, flat-screen TV, tea/coffee making facilities, safe and free Wi Fi. Rooms are individually decorated with Beatles artwork and modern furniture.

# **HOLIDAY CENTRE**

Liverpool, city and seaport, forming the nucleus of the metropolitan county of Merseyside in the historic county of Lancashire. The city borough of Merseyside forms an irregular crescent along the north shore of the Mersey estuary a few miles from the Irish Sea. The first significant date in the history of Liverpool is 1207, when King John of England granted a charter for a planned new town there. The town's medieval growth was slow, but in the 18th century it expanded rapidly as a result of profitable trade with the Americas and the West Indies, it became the second most important port in Britain. The first dock in Liverpool was built in 1715. By the end of the century, four other docks had been established along the Mersey. The port, in addition to handling general cargo, has developed as a major facility for containerised shipping, and in 2012 it became a terminus for cruise ships. Liverpool's important contributions to the 20th Century were the Beatles, who emerged from the Cavern (a nightclub that was part of the city's musical scene in the 1960s) to become the world's best-known rock group. Liverpudlians also contributed to the British comedy tradition. Tourism has grown in importance and includes a rise in interest for visiting locations associated with the Beatles.



# Day 1. Depart for Liverpool

After leaving our local area, we travel north in the direction of Liverpool. We will have a stop at the beautiful city of Chester for you to explore, shop and have lunch. Departing Chester we head for Liverpool and arrive at the Hard Days Night Hotel, where we will spend the next 4 nights with dinner,

bed and breakfast. On arrival there will be tea/coffee, while your cases are taken to your rooms. Then with time to relax before dinner.

## Day 2. Guided Tour of Liverpool & Mersev Ferry

After breakfast, there will be a 2hr guided tour of Liverpool. Marvel at the history, heritage and architecture of this vibrant city. A UNESCO World Heritage City, with its two cathedrals and an historic water front including the Albert Dock, the largest collection of Grade 1 listed buildings in Europe, Tate Liverpool, Maritime Museum, Beatles Story and Pier Head, home to the affectionately titled Tree Graces and the magnificent Royal Liver Building. Later, enjoy a River Explorer cruise on a 'Ferry across the Mersey'.

#### Day 3. Day at Leisure

Today is a free day for you to do as you wish. There are many places of interest to visit, e.g., Cavern Club, cathedrals, Beatles Story which is on the dock, the Liver building, which is well worth seeing but there are quite a few steps to climb after the lift to the top.

## Day 4. Southport

A fun-loving seaside town with attractions for all the family, and an abundance of restaurants and bars, making it a foodies' haven. Plenty of Victorian architecture like the Iron Pier, the second longest pier in Britain. which was opened in 1860 and is the oldest iron pier in the country after Southend with an original length of 3.600 ft. There is 22 miles of coastline where you can enjoy some of the most stunning views along our coast.

## SPECIAL NOTES

- All rooms have tea & coffee making facilities
- 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 half board
- Excursions
- City tour
- ✓ Mersey river cruise
- ✓ Services of courier

## **TOUR INFORMATION**

Duration:	5 Days	
Departure:	Monday	
Dates:	12 - 16 May	
Meals:	Half Board	
Included excursions		

# **TOUR PRICE**

Price per person

£549.00 Single room supplement £128.00 (dbl/tw for sole occupancy)



Day 5. Depart for Home After a traditional farewell breakfast and cases have been loaded you say farewell to your hosts at the Hard Days Night Hotel and return home via the Peak District arriving back to your local area late afternoon early evening.



# A Victorian Steam Journey

# **YOUR HOTEL - THE WINNOCK HOTEL**



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

The Winnock Hotel is a beautiful, traditionally family run hotel overlooking the village green. The cosy log fires will help you to relax after a long day of exploring the stunning 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 hotel's 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.

## **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, steepflanked 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 enroute. 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. On arrival our cases are taken up to our rooms. Evening dinner is a three course three choice menu followed by tea and coffee.

Day 2. Loch Katrine Steam Cruise

After breakfast we head into the beautiful Trossachs and the Queen Elizabeth Forest Park to enjoy a 2 hour cruise on Loch Katrine on the steam ship SS Sir Walter Scott. We then retrace our steps back to the hotel.

#### Day 3. Falkirk Wheel & Steam Railway

After breakfast we visit 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 the 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. Leaving on the coach from the Falkirk Wheel, we travel to Bo'Ness station for a round trip on the heritage Bo'Ness & Kinnell steam railway with a traditional afternoon cream tea served on board. After a great day we return to Drymen and our hotel.

Day 4. Glasgow's Museum of Transport & Loch Lomond Today we visit the beautiful city of

Glasgow. Commonly mistaken for the capital of Scotland, Glasgow is the largest city in the country, situated right on the River Clyde. The Museum of Transport is a multi-award winning museum located on the banks of the River Clyde, with over 3000 objects on display from Glasgow's rich past. You can even walk down an old cobbled Glasgow street with shops dating from 1895 to the 1980s. Later we return to Loch Lomond for a 1hr cruise on the Loch. Afterwards we return back to Drymen and our hotel.

#### 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.

### **SPECIAL NOTES**

- Insurance
- Please inform us of any special dietary needs e.g. - diabetic, gluten free, vegetarian etc
- 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
- Entertainment on 2 evenings
- Included excursions
- Drinks package
- ✓ Packed lunches on certain days
- ✓ 2hr cruise on Loch Katrine
- ✔ Ride on Falkirk Wheel
- ✔ Bo'Ness and Kinnell Steam Railway with afternoon tea
- ✔ Boat on Loch Lomond
- ✓ Courier escorted

## **TOUR INFORMATION**

Duration:	5 Days	
Departure:	Sunday	
Dates:	18 - 22 May	
Meals:	Half board	
Included excursions		

# **TOUR PRICE**

Price per person

£659.00 Single room supplement £80.00







# The Beautiful Dolomites

# YOUR HOTEL - THE HOTEL PAGANELLA

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The 3<sup>\*</sup> Hotel Paganella will provide you with a beautiful setting of the surrounding Dolomite mountains. They make sure that nothing is left to chance, and that every aspect 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. Set in the picturesque village of Fai della Paganella, this charming hotel is surrounded by the

Dolomites. It offers a peaceful garden and a wellness centre with a Finnish sauna and Turkish bath, (only open in winter)
Outward/Return
Main Hotel

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# **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 plateaus combine to make an unmistakable silhouette. The Dolomites were named for the rock they are made of. At dusk and dawn 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 Germany

After an early start your luxury coach, will make its way to Dover for our DFDS morning ferry crossing to Calais. Travelling through France to our hotel Mercure Saarbrucken, where we will spend our first and last overnight stop with dinner, and breakfast. A welcome drink of juice on arrival.

#### Day 2. Depart for Paganella Dolomites

An early start, we make our way through Germany with comfort stops, then we cross the border into Austria, 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 the Hotel Paganella. There will be stops en-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, or choose between a day of leisure or join in a guided walk of Fai with Fausto the owner of the hotel, with a pizza & wine picnic. Sturdy shoes need to be worn. Not suitable for the immobile.

#### 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. We head towards Sankt Ulrich for lunch; Sankt Ulrich offers the prettiest town centre in Val Gardena. The cobblestone-lined pedestrian area embodies the valley's prime shopping street. After lunch we start a magical journey through beautiful countryside prior to starting to climb the Trentino Mountains before traversing the stunning Sellajoch Pass. We continue a panoramic journey; 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, with cobbled streets and beautiful buildings, shops and its castle that is right in the middle of the harbour. You can take a boat trip, eat at the many cafes 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 surrounding countryside, returning via Lake Caldaro, before returning back to our hotel.

#### Day 7. Depart Paganella for Saarbrucken

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 our hotel. Arriving at our hotel, we will spend our last night with dinner, bed and breakfast. There will also be a welcome drink of Juice or water.

#### Day 8. Depart for Home

After breakfast and bags have been loaded, we retrace our steps back to Calais for our DFDS ferry back to Dover. There will be comfort stops enroute. At Calais, passports will be needed for inspection by immigration. Once back in Dover, we continue our journey to our local area arriving mid SPECIAL NOTES

- Currency for this tour in the Euro
- Full valid passport
- Insurance
- EHIC (European Health INS Card)
- Dialling code for England: +44. Then leave the zero off 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 etc
- 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
- ✓ 7 Nights half board
- Porterage (overnights & main hotel)
- ✓ Main hotel
- ✓ Unlimited wine & water with dinner
- ✓ Free bar each night from 6pm -10.30pm
- Excursions
- ✔ Entertainment
- Guided walk of Fai & pizza, wine picnic
- ✔ Courier escorted

# **TOUR INFORMATION**

Duration:8 DaysDeparture:TuesdayDates:27 May - 3 JuneMeals:Half boardCity Tax:Not included,payable at resort: rangingfrom €1 - €5 pppnIncluded excursions

# **TOUR PRICE**

Price per person

£799.00

Single room supplement **£90** (dbl/tw for sole occupancy)

to late evening.



# **Classic Delights of Scarborough & Whitby**

# YOUR HOTEL - ESPLANADE HOTEL

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Esplanade Hotel, Belmont Rd, Scarborough, YO11 2AA Tel: 01723 360382

With picture-postcard views, charming Victorian elegance and the warmest of welcomes, Scarborough's Esplanade Hotel is the perfect place to enjoy a traditional seaside holiday. Overlooking the sweeping sands of the South Bay, it's the ideal spot to take in the true beauty of this North Yorkshire resort. The 3\*Esplanade Hotel is located in the centre of Scarborough,

just a short walk from the train station. This large comfortable hotel abounds with a very special charm. The richly decorated hotel has a restaurant, bar, lounge area and terrace. All 70 en-suite bedrooms have free toiletries, hairdryer, TV, telephone and tea and coffee making facilities, and many of them offer stunning sea views. The hotel has a lift serving all four floors. Evening meals are served in the Landau Restaurant, with its fabulous sea views, turning every meal into a special occasion.

## **HOLIDAY CENTRE**

Yorkshire is a historic county in northern England. It's known for its Roman and Viking heritage, as well as its Norman castles, medieval abbeys, and 2 national parks. The largest area is North Yorkshire, stretching from the Pennines in the west, to the north east coast, covering nearly 3500 square miles. Known by the locals as 'God's own county', it is celebrated for its varied landscape, which is host to two national parks. The North York Moors, with its spectacular heritage coastline, is a joy to behold. The Yorkshire Dales with its high peaks, low valleys, flowing rivers and patchwork fields ribboned with dry stone walling, is simply outstanding. On the coast sits Scarborough

#### Day 1. Depart Local Area

Our journey starts with us travelling north to the City of York. Within York's towering medieval walls is a heart of rich and colourful character, with its history recorded in the streets, buildings and museums gathered around the mighty Minster. Discover as many of the treasures and architectural gems this remarkable city has to offer: Its cobbled streets. the famous Shambles and the National Railway Museum. After lunch we continue our journey through the North Yorkshire Moors to our hotel in Scarborough where we will spend the next 4 nights with dinner bed & breakfast.

### Day 2. Whitby and North Yorkshire Moors Railway

Today we travel to the bustling fishing port of Whitby where the famous abbey, the inspiration for Bram Stoker's 'Dracula', stands guard, high above the town. There's time to explore the narrow streets, perhaps buy some Whitby jet - the 'black amber of the north', and have 'proper' fish and chips for lunch. In the afternoon we take the steam-hauled North Yorkshire Moors Railway for a trip through the spectacular national park and 'Heartbeat' country to Pickering. Here we will rejoin our coach to return to our hotel in Scarborough. Time to freshen up before dinner.

#### Day 3. Scarborough Fair – Afternoon Tea. Tea Dance (Included)

After breakfast, we set off to Scarborough Fair. The halls feature one of the largest collections of steam engines, mechanical organs, and vintage cars from times gone by. This afternoon, we enjoy a buffet afternoon tea with tea or coffee, followed by a tea dance. Live music is provided by a Wurlitzer organist playing a selection of your favourite melodies. Returning back to the hotel.

### Day 4. Filey and Castle Howard

This morning we travel via the coast road to visit the traditional seaside resort of Filey; the gentle pace of life, long sandy beach and historic promenade attracting generations of visitors. We continue to Castle Howard (entrance included) This has been rated as "one of the world's top ten grandest Baroque mansions and the perfect setting for the hit TV series 'Brideshead Revisited.' Set within 1000 acres of breathtaking landscape. Castle Howard is an 18th century stunning mansion situated a short distance from York, as well as stunning architecture it boasts beautiful grounds, gardens, lakes and events are often held there.

#### 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 Esplanade Hotel and head for home. With comfort stops on the way, we

## SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance
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- 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
- Excursions & entrances
- 🗸 Train ride
- ✔ Some entertainment
- Services of courier

### TOUR INFORMATION

Duration:	5 Days	
Departure:	Tuesday	
Dates:	3 – 7 June	
Meals:	Half board	
Included excursions		

# **TOUR PRICE**

Price per person

**£559.00** Single room supplement **£Nil** (first 3)





arrive back in our local area late afternoon.



# Bantry and the Wild Atlantic Way

# YOUR HOTEL - MARITIME HOTEL

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The Maritime Hotel, The Quay, Bantry Co. Cork, Ireland **Tel: 00353 2754700** The Maritime Hotel is set on Bantry Bay amid the three rugged Peninsulas of Mizen Head, Sheep's Head and Beara. The Hotel offers contemporary accommodation with luxurious bedrooms, The hotel features over 100 designer bedrooms, many of which boast spectacular sea views of Bantry Bay with balconies, while others overlook the mature woods of Bantry House. The hotel's dining room, the Maritime Bar serves modern Irish cuisine.

Club Maritime and Spa provide guests with a space to escape from it all with a 19m pool, sauna, Jacuzzi, Sauna, Steam Room, Gym and 2 Treatment Rooms. As you would expect of a luxury West Cork hotel 24-hour room service compliments the many inroom features which include: Complimentary broadband/Wi-Fi internet access, plasma screen TV, iron and ironing board, tea/coffee making facilities, bottled water, hairdryer, luxury toiletries and an in-room safe.

## HOLIDAY CENTRE

Bantry is in the heart of West Cork and is a region of lush vegetation, palm trees and semi-tropical flowers. Hemmed in by high mountain ridges, an azure blue sea and cascading mountain streams, it is a place of unparalleled beauty where the landscape changes with every mood of wind and sky. In this breath-taking mountain scenery, with meandering streams, lakes and woods, where megalithic monuments and ruins of monastic settlements dot the countryside, visitors can find peace and tranquillity. The climate is very mild with moist Atlantic breezes. The influence of the Gulf Stream of warm sea water has a pronounced effect on the climate allowing the growth of semi-topical vegetation and foliage which can be savoured in the many gardens both private and public.

#### Day 1. Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, we make our way to South Wales and the port of Fishguard and our afternoon Ferry to Rosslare Port. On arrival, we make our way to our overnight hotel the 3\* Dooleys Hotel in Waterford, where we will spend 1 night with dinner bed & breakfast.

#### Day 2. Depart for Bantry

After breakfast, we continue our journey across the southern part of Ireland stopping for comfort stops on the way. We continue our journey to Bantry and the 4\*Maritime Hotel where we will spend the next 4 nights half-board.

## Day 3. Mizen Head Signal Station

After a leisurely breakfast, we make our way to Mizen Head, Signal Station (included) built to save lives off the treacherous rocks at Ireland's most south-westerly point. The Maritime Museum and Heritage is an authentic all-weather experience that is a mustsee with its spectacular location on high cliffs with swirling Atlantic Ocean tides. From the Car park and Visitor Centre, the Signal Station is a tenminute walk along the path, down the 99 steps and across the famous Arched Bridge. One of the best places in the world to see Minke, Fin and Humpback Whales and Dolphins. At the signal station explore the station keeper quarters, the engine room, the Marconi Radio Room, the Mizen Map collection and an underwater wildlife exhibition. Look offshore to the Fastnet Lighthouse which was the last sight that emigrating Irish people would see of their beloved Ireland as they left for foreign shores by sea, returning to the visitors centre cafe for that well-earned refreshment. Then we head back to the hotel to relax before dinner.

### Day 4. Day at Leisure

Today you can explore the town, Visit Bantry House and Gardens, or relax and use the hotel facilities.

### Day 5. Boat Cruise & Garnish Island

Today we take a boat ride on the Queen Ferries, to cruise to Garnish. which includes a visit to Seal Island, a colony of wild harbour seals. Basking amid the summer sunshine, perched precariously on top of rocky outcrops. The sheltered waters of Glengarriff are also home to a variety of wild birds including swans, herons, shags, seagulls and waders. Visit the wonderful Gardens of Ilnacullin on Garnish Island. This unique Island plays host to a multitude of plant variations and the blanket of summer colouring which covers the Island creates a rainbow of colour. Garnish Island is a beautiful island garden located in the sheltered harbour of Glengarriff in Bantry Bay, Ilnacullin is a small island of 15 hectares (37 acres) known to horticulturists and lovers of trees and shrubs all around the world as an island garden of great beauty. The island was bequeathed to the Irish people in 1953 and was subsequently entrusted to the care of the Commissioners of Public Works. The island is laid out in walks.

#### Day 6. Depart for Bray

After breakfast and cases have been loaded onto the coach, we say farewell to our hosts at the Maritime Hotel in Bantry. We head north to Bray for our last overnight stop. We will stop for lunch at the Irish National Stud in Kildare, where will have a guided tour of the Stud (included). The Irish National Stud belongs to the people of Ireland. Nowhere better symbolises the beating heart of Ireland's thoroughbred industry, than the stud. A unique attraction of outstanding natural beauty that is home to the most magnificent horses and sumptuous gardens to be found

# SPECIAL NOTES

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- There is tea/coffee making facilities in all hotels.
- To ring back to England you dial: -+44 then minus the 0 from your code, followed by your number.
- Overnight bags required.
- 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
- ✓ 6 Nights half board
- Excursions
- ✔ Boat trip & Garinish Island
- ✓ Mizen Head signal station
- ✔ Services of tour manager

# TOUR INFORMATION

Duration:	7 Days
Departure:	Sunday
Dates:	8 - 14 June
Meals:	Half board
Included excursions	

## **TOUR PRICE**

Price per person **£899.00** Single room supplement **£218.00** (dbl/twin for single occupancy)

anywhere in the world. After lunch, we continue our journey towards Dublin and the 4\* Talbot Hotel Stillorgan, for our last overnight stop.

#### Day 7. Depart for Home

After an early start and all overnight cases have been loaded, we travel into Dublin to catch the early morning ferry crossing to Holyhead at 8.05hrs. (Breakfast is included on the ferry) Arriving in Holyhead approx 11.30am. We then continue our way back through Wales with stops on-route. Arriving home early evening.



# A Cornish Gem

# YOUR HOTEL - ROSEMUNDY HOUSE HOTEL



Rosemundy House Hotel, St Agnes, Cornwall, TR5 OUF 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 and 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. Strewn with old mine workings, copper and tin ore were once shipped from the cove.

# 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 en-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. 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. (It's downhill from coach drop of point) From here we travel to the Healy's Cider Farm. Healy's is a

working cider farm steeped in history, which has been brewing awardwinning ciders, wines, and fruit juices for over 25 years. We then return back to the hotel to relax before dinner.

## Day 3. Land's End & St Ives

Land's End is mainland Britain's most south-westerly point and one of the country's most famous landmarks. From the 200 foot high granite cliffs that rise out of the Atlantic Ocean you can gaze across to the Longships Lighthouse, the Isles of Scilly twenty eight miles away and beyond that, North America.

Returning via St Ives where, until her death, Barbara Hepworth was the leading light in a famous artists community that lived and worked in this attractive and very popular fishing village. Quaint old houses and winding alleys cluster beneath the 120ft roughhewn granite spire of the church, a fine building dating from 15th century. From here we return back to the hotel.

#### Day 4. Trebar Gardens

Today you visit the beautiful Trebar Gardens. Experience the magical essence of their sub-tropical Cornish garden, steeped in heritage, creativity and the spirit of innovation. Four miles of footpaths wind through dazzling exotic planting, transporting you from a little corner of England to sunnier climes. With a private beach, and the countless secret corners waiting to be discovered in the garden, it offers the ideal escape for all ages. With a unique outdoor theatre. Trebar is the perfect destination for peaceful solitude.

#### Dav 5. Bodmin Jail & Truro

This morning you will take a trip to Bodmin Jail (included). As with most old prisons, Bodmin Jail has a dark history. 55 executions took place within its formidable walls for crimes such as rape, murder and stealing. Eight of these were woman. You can immerse yourself in Cornwall's Dark History in the new 'Dark Walk' with

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- The Itinerary could be subject to change.

# **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

- ✓ All coach travel
- ✓ 5 Nights half board
- Excursions
- ✓ Trebar Gardens
- ✔ Bodmin Jail
- ✓ Courier escorted

## **TOUR INFORMATION**

Duration:	6 Days
Departure:	Sunday
Dates:	22 - 27 June
Meals:	Half board
Included excursions	

# **TOUR PRICE**

Price per person

£619.00 Single room supplement

**£Nil** 

state of the art theatrical effects that bring some of the grimmest stories vividly to life. There is also a cafe and shop on site. This afternoon you head to Truro. 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. Later we return to the hotel.

#### 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 en-route. You will arrive in your local area, late afternoon early evening.



# The Black Forest

## YOUR HOTEL - WALDECK SPA RESORT

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Waldeck Spa Resort, Waldstraße 18, 78073 Bad Dürrheim, Germany Phone: +49 7726 63100

The Waldeck Spa Resort is a modern, family run hotel, traditional in style and located just a short stroll from the town. The public areas are bright and spacious including a reception, bar, restaurant, roof terrace and garden. The 139 bedrooms are light and spacious, most with their own balcony and facilities such as hairdryer and TV. The hotel's leisure facilities include a large

indoor swimming pool, saunas, gym and spa. After a long day of sightseeing you can also enjoy a yoga session to help you relax which is free for guests. There is an atmospheric wine cellar and adjoining raclette restaurant and bar area where wine tasting and raclette can be enjoyed.

### **HOLIDAY CENTRE**

As the setting of countless Grimm Brothers' fairy tales, the Black Forest happily plays up to its image as a land of cuckoo clocks, cherry gateaux, outlandish traditional garb, hefty half-timbered farmhouses and hill upon hill of dark evergreen forests. But even brief exploration soon reveals more of the character of a region that's part of the state of Baden-Wurttemberg but was shaped as much by its history as a long-disputed borderland between Germany, France and Switzerland – and where something of each is in evidence. The Schwarzwald (Black Forest) comprises a swathe of deep-green woodland draped across the granite and Sandstone Mountains of Baden-Württemberg in south-west Germany. The forested slopes and shady valleys once gave rise to legends about mysterious beasts, wicked witches and enigmatic lake nymphs, and provided the setting for many of Grimm's fairy tales. Today, the woods and hills are celebrated for their unspoilt beauty.

#### Day 1. Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, we make our way to Dover for our morning DFDS ferry crossing to Calais. There is a meal voucher included. Travelling through France to the city of Reims and our Mercure hotel where we shall spend our first night with dinner, and breakfast.

### Day 2. Arrive at Bad Durrheim

After breakfast we continue our journey to the German border, driving through the Black Forest to Bad Durrheim. We arrive at the Waldeck Spa Resort where we spend the next 5 nights. On arrival we will be welcomed with a glass of Sekt while our cases are taken to our rooms. After a long day travelling just relax before dinner.

#### Day 3. Triberg & Gutach

After breakfast we depart the hotel to take a short trip to the lovely town of Triberg which is located in the centre of the Black Forest. Triberg is famous for Germany's highest waterfalls, which have an overall drop of 163 metres over 7 cascades. You can visit the Black Forest Folk Museum, visit the many cuckoo clock shops, feed the red squirrels by the waterfall and much more. After lunch we then head for Hornberg to see the world's largest cuckoo clock house. Then onto Gutach to visit the Black Forest open air museum for a guided tour (45mins). This is then followed by a Black Forest gateau demonstration to include coffee and cake. We then return back to the hotel to relax before dinner.

### Day 4. Day at Leisure

Today is a free day for you to do as you will. Take advantage of the facilities in the hotel or explore the town of Bad Durrheim.

#### Day 5. Titisee & Boat Cruise

Today we head for the beautiful town of Titisee. Lake Titisee was formed during the last Ice Age, Just 10,000 years ago, a glacier extended from the Feldberg to the present-day lake. The basins gouged out by the glacier and the terminal moraine now forms the basin of Lake Titisee. The lake is 850m above sea level, 2 km long, just under 1 km wide and approx. 40m deep. A pollution free lake where the boats are powered by electric motors. We will have a boat cruise on the lake. This wonderful town with its many shops, cafes and restaurants is a sight to behold. Full of charm and splendour. Why not try the real Black Forest Gateaux, you can't beat originality. Before we return back to the hotel, we

make a short stop at the charming little village of Hollsteig, which has a clock museum, little shops, hotels and it's by the Stags Leap rock. It is a Bronze statue of a stag that was being hunted many years ago and took a mighty leap across the valley to freedom.

#### Day 6. City of Freiburg

Today we travel to the city of Freiburg, the capital of the Black Forest. Also known as a wine town, Freiburg is surrounded by fertile vineyards. Explore the culture of the city and visit the Freiburg's Münster; a gothic minster cathedral constructed of red sandstone, built between 1200 and 1530. Around the cathedral is the Münsterplatz or Cathedral Square Freiburg's largest square. A farmers' market takes place here every day with locals selling their produce and goods. Feel free to wander round and buy anything that takes your fancy. Later this afternoon we return back to the hotel to relax before dinner.

#### Day 7. Depart for Reims

Today we say goodbye to our hosts at the Waldeck Spa Resort and start our journey back to Reims. We travel back into France with comfort stops on the way to arrive at the Mercure hotel for

## SPECIAL NOTES

- The currency you will need for this tour is the Euro.
- A valid passport.
- An E H R card (European Heath Insurance card) that has replaced the E111 form.
- Insurance.
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- There is no tea or coffee making facilities in the hotel rooms. (Best bring your own)
- 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.
- 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

- ✓ 7 Nights half board
- ✓ All excursions & entrances
- 🗸 Tourist tax
- ✔ Titisee boat trip
- ✔ Guided tour of BF Museum
- ✔ Black Forest Gateaux demo
- with tasting
- ✔ Tea/coffee & cake at museum
- Courier escorted

## TOUR INFORMATION

Duration:	8 Days
Departure:	Sunday
Dates:	29 June-6 July
Meals:	Half board
Included excursions	

# **TOUR PRICE**

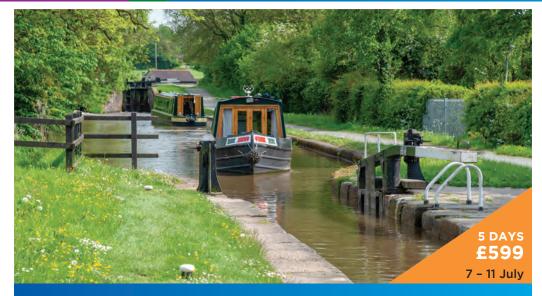
Price per person

**£1019.00** Single room supplement **£142.00** (dbl/tw for sole use)

our last overnight stay with half board.

#### Day 8. Depart for Home

After breakfast we depart the hotel, and head to Calais for our ferry to Dover. We then travel north with comfort stops on route and arrive back in your local area early evening.



# Welsh Borders Steam and Cruise

# YOUR HOTEL - MERCURE SHREWSBURY ALBRIGHTON HALL HOTEL AND SPA



Mercure Albrighton Hall Hotel & Spa, Ellesmere Rd, Albrighton, Shrewsbury, SY4 3AG Tel: 01939 291000

The 4\* Mercure Shrewsbury Albrighton Hall Hotel and Spa is a beautiful 18th century manor house nestled in 15 acres of grounds with an ornamental lake. The hotel has 87 contemporary guest rooms, which are decorated in an elegant modern style, all with en-suite rooms with toiletries, hairdryer, TV, telephone, iron & ironing board, mini bar and tea/coffee making facilities. Enjoy dinner in the Oak Room restaurant or relax in the 1630 bar. Their unrivalled leisure club & spa has an indoor

heated pool an advanced techno gym fitness machines and dance studio.

# **HOLIDAY CENTRE**

At nearly 1500 square miles, Shropshire is one of Britain's least populated areas, located in the West Midlands on the border with Wales. Home to the famous Ironbridge Gorge and the beautiful Severn Valley, with its excellent heritage steam railway. The spectacular mountainous and rugged Shropshire hills cover a quarter of the county and are designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. To the west the English/Welsh border has born witness to a long history of conflict. Under the Normans, this area become one of the most heavily fortified, indicated by the number of Norman castles still standing today. The Severn, Britain's longest river, winds its way through lush valleys down to the county town of Shrewsbury. With over 600 listed buildings, Shrewsbury is said to be one of the finest preserved towns in England. Much of Shropshire was previously within Wales, and formed the eastern part of the ancient Kingdom of Powys. It was annexed to Saxon Mercia by King Offa in the 8th century.

#### Day 1. Depart for Shropshire

After boarding your luxury coach, we head west, with comfort stops enroute. Arriving at the Mercure Shrewsbury Albrighton Hall Hotel & Spa, where you will spend the next four nights with dinner bed and breakfast. On arrival there will be tea/coffee and biscuits and you can relax while your cases are taken to your room. Time to explore the hotel and grounds before dinner.

#### Day 2. Shrewsbury and River Cruise

Today you spend the day in Shrewsbury, one of England's finest medieval market towns with over 600 listed buildings including many black and white half timbered Tudor buildings. This morning you take a river cruise along the River Severn (40 mins included) with beautiful views. There will be tea/coffee and biscuits supplied on board during the journey. After the cruise you have free time for exploring this lovely town which was

the birthplace of Charles Darwin. Shrewsbury also has a Norman castle, an abbey and the quarry, which at its heart lies the Dingle; a floral masterpiece designed by the famous gardener Percy Thrower. Later returning back to the hotel.

#### Day 3. Ludlow

After a hearty breakfast you head for the beautiful historic market town of Ludlow, often referred to as the perfect historic town. It has over 500 listed buildings and a castle at its heart. Wednesday is also market day and this takes place in Castle Street right in the middle of Ludlow. Later returning back to the hotel to relax before dinner

#### Day 4. Llangollen Canal Boat Cruise & Train Ride

This morning you cross the border into Wales and explore this picturesque town on the river Dee. First enjoy the peace and tranquillity of a horse

drawn canal boat trip (included) along the Llangollen Canal, now part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site (there are a few steps to negotiate). On your return you can enjoy time in the town to see a wealth of independent shops, take a stroll along Victoria Promenade or have lunch in one of the many cafes. This afternoon take a nostalgic trip back in time through the Dee Valley on the Llangollen steam railway. This 50min journey takes you from the station in Llangollen to the end of the line at Corwen. From here you reboard the coach and return back to vour hotel.

#### Day 5. Depart for Home

After breakfast and all cases have been loaded onto the coach, you say farewell to your hosts at the hotel, and start the journey home. With comfort stop en-route you shall arrive in your local area by late afternoon.

## SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance.
- 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.

# **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

✓ All coach travel

- Porterage
- ✓ 4 Nights half board
- Excursions
- Boat trips
- Train journey
- Leisure facilities
- ✔ Services of courier

### **TOUR INFORMATION**

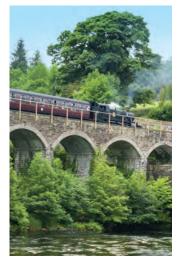
Duration:	5 Days
Departure:	Monday
Dates:	7 – 11 July
Meals:	Half board
Included excursions	

# **TOUR PRICE**

Price per person

£599.00 Single room supplement £128.00 (dbl/tw for sole use)







# Llandudno The Jewel of North Wales

## YOUR HOTEL - THE TYNEDALE HOTEL

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Tynedale Hotel, 459211 Gloddaeth Crescent, Central Promenade, Llandudno, Conwy. LL302XS Tel: 01492 877426

The Tynedale Hotel is centrally located on Llandudno's iconic promenade, only 20 meters from the beach and just a pleasant level stroll to the beautiful well preserved pier, theatre and shops. This boutique style 4 star hotel, offers executive sea view rooms, penthouse suites, modern double, twin and single rooms all with modern fabrics, digital TV, telephones, free

Wi-Fi, hairdryers and hot drink making facilities. The majority of rooms are accessed by a lift. Peppercorns is their contemporary restaurant located on the lower ground floor, offering a daily choice of traditional and modern dishes. They have a wonderful bar and terrace, and live evening entertainment.

# **HOLIDAY CENTRE**

Llandudno is Wales's largest resort with a multitude of hotels, traditional B&Bs, creative self catering and other attractions with a mazing things to do. Stroll the perfectly preserved Victorian seafront lined with candy-coloured hotels, or get some sea air with a walk down the historic pier. The Great Orme headland rises above the promenade. A nature reserve with rare flora and – would you believe? – wild Kashmir goats. You can go to the top on the historic tramway, or by cable car.

The town is renowned for its sweeping bay and Victorian architecture. It is uniquely situated between the Great and Little Ormes with two wonderful beaches. Did you know that Llandudno is one of the drier places in the country? It has a mild climate all year round. The Victorian's knew this and when they designed the town they provided for the comfort of visitors by building covered walkways next to all the shops on Mostyn Street. This means you can walk along the majority of the street and keep your hair dry while you are browsing from shop to shop! When you tire of shopping you can take a break in one of the many cafes, restaurants and pubs on offer.

#### Day 1. Depart Local Area

After boarding your coach and all pickups have been done, you depart your local area for Llandudno. There will be comfort stops on the way. Stopping at Llangollen for lunch. Continuing your journey to Llandudno via the Dee Valley, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. On arrival at the Tyndale Hotel, while your cases are taken to your rooms, there will be afternoon tea provided. After dinner, there will be cabaret style entertainment which can be enjoyed every evening.

#### Day 2. Snowdonia Mountain Railway (included)

What a day we have for you today. Take a once in a lifetime adventure on the Snowdon Mountain Railway, which has been described as one of the most scenic railway journeys in the world. It is a narrow gauge rack and pinion mountain railway that travels for 4.7 miles from Llanberis to the summit of Snowdon, the highest peak in Wales. On a clear day the views can stretch as far as Ireland. It's the UK's highest visitor centre at 1,085m above sea level. With stunning scenery and aweinspiring views, it's all part of a great day out. Just a short drive away is the slate museum where we will have a stop to explore. The museum opened in 1972, a building full of memories of the past. The museum has been a hive of activity over the years! Every year, people from all over the world marvel at the skill of the quarrymen and blacksmith. The building has resonated to the sounds of bands and choirs and has been a venue for plays and films. It is now part of an UNESCO World Heritage Site.

## Day 3. Day at Leisure

Today you can please yourselves as to what you want to do. Lay on the beach (if the weather permits) shop and explore the town or maybe get the old tram to go up the Great Orme. Your guide can arrange this for you as a group.

# Day 4. Plas Newydd House & Gardens (Included)

Today we travel to Anglesey to the beautiful house and gardens of Plas Newydd, home of the Marques of Anglesey. The grade 1 listed landscape consists of 40 acres of gardens and 129 acres of woodland and parkland. The mild conditions of the garden allow a wide range of plants to flourish. So much of what's special in the garden is in direct result of the setting and climate. With views across the Menai Strait to the mountains of

### SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance.
- 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.

# TOUR INCLUSIONS

✔ All coach travel

- ✓ 4 Nights half board
- Excursions
- ✓ Entrances
- ✓ Mountain railway
- ✓ Entertainment
- Courier escorted

## TOUR INFORMATION

Duration:	5 Days
Departure:	Sunday
Dates:	13 - 17 July
Meals:	Half board
Included excursions	

# **TOUR PRICE**

Price per person

**£589.00** Single room supplement **£Nil** (6 rooms only)



Snowdonia, it is easy to see why a house has stood in this spot since the early 16th century. Inside you can discover art, military history and also the interior design that made Plas Newydd what you see today. It is most definitely a hard location to beat. After a wonderful day we return back to the hotel.

#### Day 5. Depart for Home

After breakfast and cases have been loaded onto the coach, we say farewell to our host at the Tynedale Hotel and head back. There will be stops on the way. We should arrive at your boarding points late afternoon.



# Steam, Gin & New Forest

# YOUR HOTEL - NORTON PARK HOTEL

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Norton Park Hotel, Sutton Scotney, Winchester, Hampshire SO21 3NB Tel: 01962 763000

This 4\* Norton Park Hotel can be found within 54 acres of land, and features a spa and health club. With 165 bedrooms all boasting a modern decorative finish, a fantastic restaurant and the beautiful grounds to stroll through. Norton Park has everything you'll need for a relaxing stay. The gym offers all the latest techno gym equipment including running and rowing machines

and cross trainers. The swimming pool area provides a great place to relax after a day's sightseeing. Enjoy the sauna and steam room. The warm and welcoming Scene Restaurant provides the perfect setting to enjoy a meal and the chefs, where possible, utilise locally sourced produce. The bedrooms are large, beautifully decorated with modern furnishings, comfortable and equipped with everything you need. En-suite facilities, shower and/or bath, trouser press or ironing facilities, remote flat screen LCD TV, direct dial telephone, tea/coffee making facilities, hairdryer and free Wi-Fi.

### **HOLIDAY CENTRE**

The county of Hampshire's coastline extends for miles and miles and is relatively unspoilt. Destinations along the Solent include Lepe, Southsea and Hayling Island. From the Roman walls of Portchester Castle, the Spinnaker Tower at Portsmouth and Emsworth's peaceful harbours, you will see some unforgettable coastal views. To the west of Hampshire is the historic New Forest, with its miles of ancient woodland, and famous ponies. The New Forest has popular attractions too, such as the National Motor Museum at Beaulieu. To the north of Hampshire you can discover fascinating museums and country houses. Travel back in time at the Milestones, a living history museum where costumed actors help bring the streets of old to life.

#### Day 1. Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, you make your way south to the Winchester area. There will be comfort stops en-route for coffee and lunch. Arriving at your hotel by late afternoon, where you will enjoy the next 4 nights with dinner bed and breakfast at the Norton Park Hotel. There will be porterage on arrival to take your luggage to your rooms. After settling in to your rooms, time to relax before dinner.

#### Day 2. Milestones Museum & Bombay Sapphire Distillery

This morning we see something a little different. The immersive Victorianstyle streets create an atmosphere that transports you back in time. It's truly remarkable how you can suspend your disbelief and feel like you are stepping into Hampshire's past. The experience is well worth it, and the cafe offers a perfectly adequate dining option as well. This afternoon we go to Bombay Sapphire Distillery, based at Laverstoke Mill, that is in a conservation area with over 1000 years of history. The distillery showcases the care, skill and artistry behind every drop of Bombay Sapphire, and allows you to discover the flavours of the botanicals which make this gin so unique. There will be a guided tour of this working distillery. There will also be a tasting for each person suited to your personal taste. We then return to the hotel.

### Day 3. Winchester & Watercress Line

Today we take a trip to the historic streets of King Alfred's ancient capital of England, Winchester. Visit the Great Hall and King Arthur's Round Table, a fully restored working water mill and Winchester Cathedral, where Jane Austen is buried. This afternoon we take a trip on the Watercress Line. In years gone by the Watercress Line took people on holiday, carried people to war, transported evacuees and moved all the essential goods of the area. Let off steam at this living history railway! Experience the nostalgic sights, sounds and smells of steam. You join the line at the bustling market town of Alton, travelling through 10 miles of beautiful Hampshire countryside to the picturesque Georgian town of Alresford. Alresford station is where

the watercress, that gave the line its name, was sent all over the country by train from the goods platform you can still see behind the signal box.

#### Day 4. New Forest & Beaulieu

The New Forest is a former royal hunting area in the south of England. It was created in 1079 by William I (known as William the Conqueror) as a hunting area, principally of deer. It is a unique area of historical, ecological and agricultural significance, and retains many of the rural practices conceded by the Crown in historical times to local people. Principal of these is the pasturing of ponies, cattle, pigs and donkeys in the open forest by local inhabitants known as commoners. The New Forest has also been an important source of timber for the Crown. Our visit will take us to the National Motor Museum at Beaulieu. There are over 800 years of heritage to be seen on the Beaulieu Estate, which has been in the ownership of the Montagu family for over four centuries. In 1867 Beaulieu received its first resident owner when Lord Henry Scott was given the estate by his father, the 5th Duke of

## SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance.
- 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.
- All rooms have tea/coffee making facilities
- Itinerary could be subject to change

## **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

- ✓ All coach travel
- ✓ 4 Nights half board
- Excursions
- Entrances
- Sapphire Gin
- ✓ Watercress Line
- ✔ Milestones Museum
- Services of courier

## TOUR INFORMATION

Duration:	5 Days
Departure:	Sunday
Dates:	20 - 24 July
Meals:	Half board
Included excursions	

# **TOUR PRICE**

Price per person

**£559.00** Single room supplement **£120.00** (dbl/tw for

sole use)

Buccleuch, as a wedding present. The museum is home to a world famous collection of over 280 vehicles and motoring memorabilia. From legendary Formula One cars and land speed record-breakers, to incredible examples of pioneering motoring, the varied galleries and displays in the National Motor Museum tell the story of motoring on the roads of Great Britain. The Palace House & Gardens, Little Beaulieu, Beaulieu Abbey, the Secret Army Exhibition can all be seen, and unlimited rides on the monorail.

### Day 5. Depart for Home

After breakfast and the cases have been loaded onto the coach, we say farewell to our hosts at the hotel and head for home. There will be comfort stop on the way. Continuing your journey home, to arrive in your local area by late afternoon, early evening.



# **Summer Mystery**

# YOUR HOTEL - MYSTERY HOTEL

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The hotels we use are all well-known and comfortable. All rooms are very comfortable and are en suite with TV and 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.

# **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 and 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 en-route, you will arrive at the chosen hotel. 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, moorland 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 and put back on the coach you depart for home. The return journey will take you a different way home. With comfort stops en route you should arrive at your local pick up point by late afternoon, early evening.



## **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

- ✓ All coach travel
- ✓ 4 Nights half board
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Included excursions & entrances
- ✓ Courier escorted

# TOUR INFORMATION

Duration:5 DaysDeparture:SaturdayDates:26 - 30 JulyMeals:Half boardIncluded excursions

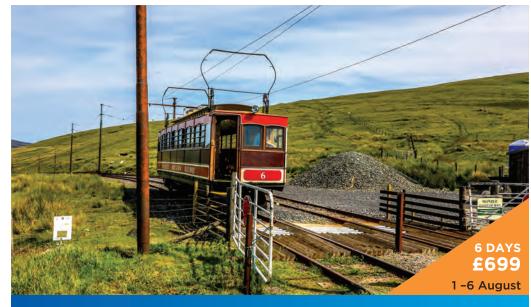
**TOUR PRICE** 

Price per person **£599.00** Single room supplement **£160.00** (dbl/tw for sole occupancy)









# **Beautiful Isle of Man**

# YOUR HOTEL - EMPRESS HOTEL

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Empress Hotel, Central Promenade, Douglas, IM2 4RA Phone: 01624 661155

The Empress Hotel located right on the beachfront is 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.

# **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 landscapes and unspoilt beaches, the Isle of Man is a perfect holiday destination. Douglas, situated on the east coast, has been the island's capital since 1863 and holds most of the 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 en-route. We head for Hevsham in Lancashire for the 14:15hrs ferry to Douglas on The 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 5 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 on 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 and Peel for lunch. Then on to the Manx Transport Museum in Jurby, occupying a former aircraft hangar. A nostalgic look back in time focusing largely on public transport vehicles, many of which are accessible. You'll be surprised what the smell of a bus can do to bring back those childhood memories! Then on to Bride for those who wish to visit Norman

Wisdom's grave, Ramsey, TT Racing Course and more. After an interesting day we return to the hotel to relax before dinner.

#### Day 4. Laxey & Snaefell Railway

After a hearty Manx breakfast you depart Douglas on the electric train to Laxey. Laxey is a village located on the east coast of the island. The Laxev 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 island's highest peak at 2034ft. This offers amazing views of the Laxey Glens and surrounding countryside We rejoin our coach to return to the hotel.

#### Day 5. Day at Leisure

Today you have a free day to do as you will. Shop, explore or just relax.

# **SPECIAL NOTES**

- Insurance.
- 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.
- 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:	Friday	
Dates:	1 -6 August	
Meals:	Half board	
Hotel not suitable for limited		
mobility		
Included excursions		

# **TOUR PRICE**

Price per person

£699.00 Single room supplement £70.00



#### 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



# Kentish Men & Coastal Gems

## YOUR HOTEL -ASHFORD INTERNATIONAL HOTEL

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Ashford International Hotel, Simone Weil Avenue, Ashford, Kent, TN24 8UX Tel: 01233 219988

Arguably the most exciting and stylish hotel development in Kent. Exceptional business and leisure facilities. The 4\* Ashford International Hotel has 179 modern large bedrooms all with en-suite, free toiletries, hairdryer, TV, telephone, ironing facilities, radio, WiFi and tea/coffee making facilities. The Horizon Restaurant & Bar offer a brasserie style menu with a relaxing atmosphere, including a 70 seater terrace area. Their Quench Bar offers Costa coffee by day & a sports bar by night. The fitness and spa centre has a wealth of amenities including a 20-

metre indoor pool, a spa area and an extensive gym, There is also a rock sauna, steam room and 6 beauty rooms offering a wide variety of spa treatments.

## **HOLIDAY CENTRE**

Discover the captivating essence of the Garden of England wending along lanes past lavender fields, orchards, vineyards and oast houses. Be enriched by England's oldest county, alive with its exciting past.

This southeast home county has worked hard to earn its nickname 'Garden of England'. Whether you're a history or nature lover, Kent will not disappoint you. The Downs and High Weald are Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. There are three RSPB reserves at Dungeness, Cliffe Pools and Elmley Marshes. Bedgebury National Pinetum and Forest is home to the world's finest conifer collection and there are more castles, stately homes and historical sites you can fit into one holiday. History lessons come to life in ancient Canterbury where the Romans built walls, Chaucer wrote medieval tales, Marlowe penned Elizabethan plays and the towering cathedral is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

#### Day 1. Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, we make our way south to Kent and the historical Chatham Docks. Here you shall have free time to explore the docks. The historic Dockyard Chatham is home to the largest concentration of iconic buildings, historic ships, museum galleries and attractions in the UK. It's a fantastic day out for all ages whatever the weather. The knowledgeable and friendly staff are on hand to help you learn the ropes, quite literally. The Victorian Ropery Tour is fascinating. You get the chance to make your own piece of rope, and it culminates with the amazing view of the ¼ mile rope walk

There is a chance to get on board three historic war ships including a Cold War submarine, Oselot, 2WW destroyer HMS Cavalier and the Victorian slupe HMS Gannett. History and adventure all in one place. From here you make your way to the Ashford International Hotel, home for the next 4 nights, with dinner bed & breakfast.

#### Day 2. RH & DR Railway & Rye

There's nothing quite like a ride on The Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway. A journey on one of the small trains of this heritage railway is a unique experience combining years of steam railway heritage with some of Kent's most picturesque countryside. The starting place for the RH&DR is at its station in the historic and pretty town of Hythe. It's one of six along the track, which stretches 13.5 miles across the picturesque Romney Marsh to Dungeness, one of the largest expanses of shingle in the world. It is a place of other-worldly beauty and a designated National Nature Reserve. The RH&DR opened in 1927 and now operates the most complete collection of one-third full-sized steam locomotives in the world. These small but perfectly-formed trains take just over an hour to complete the full journey from Hythe to Dungeness. Reboarding the coach, your journey continues to the beautiful town of Rve with its cobbled lanes like Mermaid Street which is lined with medieval half-timbered houses, and past links to smuggling.

## Day 3. Leeds Castle

After breakfast we take a visit to "The Loveliest Castle in the World" Set in 500 acres of beautiful parkland. Leeds Castle is the perfect backdrop to your day out. The historic castle, glorious gardens, attractions and programme of events awaits visitors. Listed in the Doomsday Book as a Saxon manor, Leeds Castle has played many roles in the intervening centuries. It has been a Norman stronghold, the private property of six of England's medieval queens, a palace used by Henry VIII and his first wife Catherine of Aragon, a Jacobean country house, a Georgian mansion, an elegant early 20thcentury retreat for the influential and famous and in the 21st century it has become one of the most visited historic buildings in Britain.

#### Day 4. Margate & Broadstairs

Today you head to the fascinating Isle of Thanet, home to 16 beautiful bays and beaches, with a scenic drive to Margate; a setting for many famous film locations like Only Fools & Horses, Empire of Light, Last Orders and more. Time for a short visit then off to

## SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance.
- 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.

# **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

- ✓ All coach travel
- 🗸 Porterage
- ✓ 4 Nights half board
- Excursions
- ✓ Train ride
- ✔ Entrance to Leeds Castle
- ✔ Entrance to Chatham Docks
- ✓ Use of leisure facilities
- Services of courier

## TOUR INFORMATION

Duration:	5 Days
Departure:	Sunday
Dates:	10 - 14 August
Meals:	Half board
Included excursions	

## **TOUR PRICE**

Price per person

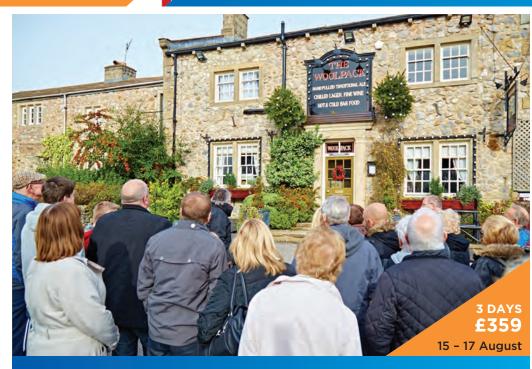
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Broadstairs which is brim-full of nostalgic, old-world, seaside charm. The town has a wealth of inviting cafes, restaurants, bars and two 1950's ice-cream parlours, Morelli's and Chiappini's, provide flavourful scoops of nostalgia. In the High Street historic red-brick and flint-fronted buildings are dotted between a rich stock of independent shops. Time here before you have to leave to return back to the hotel.

#### Day 5. Return Home

After breakfast and the cases have been loaded onto the coach, we say farewell to our hosts at the Ashford International Hotel and head for home. We will make stops en-route. We should arrive home late afternoon.



# Super Soap Weekend

# YOUR HOTEL - CEDAR COURT HOTEL

Phone: 01422 375431

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The 4\* Cedar Court Hotel is a great choice for a stay in Huddersfield and they offer a friendly welcome. There is free Wi-Fi available throughout the hotel. The hotel's restaurant prides itself on sourcing their ingredients locally and using as much Yorkshire products as possible. They

Cedar Court Hotel, Ainley Top, Lindley Moor Rd, Elland, Huddersfield, HD3 3RH

have also partnered up with many local distilleries (gin in particular), beer microbreweries and soft drink makers to offer their guests a great taste of Yorkshire in a glass. All 113 guest rooms have en-suite with free toiletries, hairdryer, a luxurious 2000 pocket sprung mattress for a good night's sleep, TV, refreshment tray, ironing facilities, trouser press and direct dial telephone. Guests can visit the fitness centre for a workout. Other highlights at this upmarket hotel include a bar, lounge, a snack bar and deli.

## **HOLIDAY CENTRE**

Yorkshire is a historic county of England in the north-central part of the country, between the Pennines and the North Sea. Yorkshire is England's largest historical county. It comprises of four broad belts each stretching from north to south: the high Pennine moorlands in the west, dissected by the Yorkshire Dales; the central lowlands—including the Vale of York—draining into the Humber estuary in the southeast; the North Yorkshire Moors and Yorkshire Wolds in the east; and, in the far southeast, the Holderness plain along the North Sea. Yorkshire entered the Industrial Revolution as a centre of woollen textile manufacturing in the towns of Leeds, Bradford, Halifax, Wakefield, and Huddersfield, where rivers flowing from the Pennines provided both waterpower and a means of transport to the seaport of Kingston upon Hull.

#### Day 1. Depart Local Area

Departing our local area, we travel north to the market town of Chesterfield, with the church with the twisted spire. We will stay here for lunch and a little sightseeing, and then we will continue on to our hotel in Huddersfield for the next 2 nights with dinner bed & breakfast. On arrival you will receive tea/coffee while your cases are taken to your rooms.

# Day 2. Emmerdale the Village Tour and Harewood House

After breakfast you will head for Emmerdale. Step in the footsteps of your favourite Emmerdale characters with a guided tour around the village where the famous characters film. Saunter past the familiar haunts of Home Farm, Brenda's Café, the Woolpack, the village church and rows of stone cottages. All known as home for over 43 years to your favourite Emmerdale characters. Guides will share secrets, stories and reveal fascinating facts behind the making of the multi award-winning ITV soap. Not only will you embark on a fully guided, 80 minute outdoor walking tour of the village, you will also visit Harewood House, which was built in the 18th century and has over 100 acres of exquisite gardens to explore. Later you will return to your hotel for dinner.

#### Day 3. The Coronation Street Experience & Tour

After breakfast and cases have been loaded, you travel to Salford Keys and head to the famous cobbles of the Coronation Street Experience, including a tour. The tour of Coronation Street will last approximately 1.5 hours and be full of filming stories and secrets, packed with picture opportunities. This is your chance to step on to the largest working television lot in the country and be immersed in the familiar

## SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance
- Please inform us of any special dietary needs e.g. - diabetic, gluten free, vegetarian etc
- 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
- ✓ 2 Nights half board
- Emmerdale tour
- Coronation St tour
- ✔ Services of tour manager

# TOUR INFORMATION

Duration:	3 Days
Departure:	Friday
Dates:	15 - 17 August
Meals:	Half board
Included excursions	

# **TOUR PRICE**

Price per person

**£359.00** Single room supplement **£50.00** 

surroundings of the Rovers Return, Rov's Rolls Underworld and The Kabin. The new exhibition includes replica sets, costumes, props, café, retail and cinema which is in addition to the tour. Journey through over 60 vears of television history as you see original iconic props and costumes, a collection of artwork and replica interior sets of The Dobbs. Rov's Rolls and The Rovers Return (approx. 45 minutes). Next time you see these soaps on the TV you can say 'I've been there'. After an exciting tour, it's time to say farewell to the street and head for home.





# Kynren - An Epic Tale of England

# YOUR HOTEL - MARRIOTT HOTEL DURHAM ROYAL COUNTY

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Marriott Hotel Durham Royal County, Old Elvet, Durham City, County Durham, DH1 3JN Tel: 0191 386 6821

4\* Delta by Marriott Hotel is situated on the River Wear in Durham city centre. Marriott Durham Royal County boasts views of Durham Cathedral and Durham Castle. Each room is ensuite with free toiletries, hairdryer, TV, safe, ironing facilities, tea/coffee making facilities and air con. The Cast Iron Grill restaurant serves a buffet-style breakfast and dinner. The Brew Bar,

along with the Terrace, serves an extensive selection of breakfast items, sandwiches, mains, sides and desserts along with traditional and bespoke afternoon teas, classic and contemporary cocktails, wines, spirits and soft drinks. The hotel also offers an indoor gym.

# **HOLIDAY CENTRE**

City of Durham is a compact city and was once described as 'a perfect little city'. It's a captivating city with winding cobbled streets, a prominent peninsula crowned with the dramatic Durham Cathedral and Castle which are both renowned as one of the most popular historic sites in Europe and they are now designated a World Heritage Site. The cathedral was founded in 1093 and is regarded as a fine example of a Norman cathedral. The castle was formerly a Norman fortress built in the 11th century by William the Conqueror on a hill overlooking the river Wear and was an ideal location to defend Northumbria against the Scots.

### Day 1. Depart for Durham

Departing our local area, we travel north, with comfort stops en-route to the Auckland Castle, one of the bestpreserved Bishop's palaces in the whole of Europe, with a story spanning almost 1.000 years. Positioned high above the River Wear, Auckland Castle is a remarkable symbol of faith and power and was once the seat of the Prince Bishops of Durham. The Prince Bishops were given exceptional powers by the Norman Kings of England, as well as the church, and governed vast swathes of North East England. Auckland Castle reopened in 2019 following major conservation work. The building has been restored and the original wall colourings, furniture and textiles lovingly recreated by an incredible team of restorers and conservators. Each space takes you to a different moment in time, right up to the present day. Dance around the Throne room, rifle through the drawers in the Bishop's study, or take a seat at

the grand table in the long dining room. A visit to Auckland Castle can help us to appreciate the power, wealth, influence and faith of the Prince Bishops of Durham and understand the fascinating history of the men who have helped to shape the country we live in today. This castle is also the backdrop to Kynren. After our visit we travel a short way to Durham to our Marriott hotel, home for the next 2 nights with dinner bed & breakfast.

#### Day 2. Kynren

Today you are free to explore Durham city at your leisure. This evening's meal will be a little earlier and afterwards we travel back to Auckland Castle ground to see Kynren. Travel through time and watch legends come to life. An Epic Tale of England. This 90minute show is a truly unique experience not available anywhere else in the UK. Performed by a 1,000strong cast and crew on a 7.5-acre outdoor stage, these multi-awardwinning live action spectacular delights dazzle the senses, with its mix of hand-to-hand combat, daring stunts, incredible horsemanship, stunning pyrotechnics and amazing effects. Kynren provides an unforgettable experience taking audiences on a thrilling adventure through 2,000 years of history. As this is an outdoor event, warm or waterproof clothing should be brought in case of adverse weather conditions. (No umbrellas are allowed. You have superior tickets).

#### Day 3. Depart for Home

After breakfast and the cases have been loaded onto the coach, we say farewell to our hotel and head for home. Later stopping at the spa town of Harrogate where you can have lunch, and then on departing Harrogate, we continue our journey home, arriving in your local area by early evening.

## SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance.
- 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

# TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✔ All coach travel
- 🗸 Porterage
- ✓ 2 Nights half board
- Excursion
- ✓ Entertainment
- ✓ Auckland Castle
- Services of courier

## **TOUR INFORMATION**

Duration:	3 Days
Departure:	Friday
Dates:	22 - 24 August
Meals:	Half board
Included excursions	

## **TOUR PRICE**

Price per person

**£399.00** Single room supplement **£70.00** 







**£919** 24 - 30 August

# Jump into Ireland

# YOUR HOTEL - STORMONT HOTEL

The 4\* Stormont Hotel boasts an unequalled location, overlooking Belfast's Royal Mile and gardens leading up to Stormont Parliament Buildings, the seat of government. This leafy suburban setting is just a short drive from Belfast city centre. With an excellent reputation for professionalism and hospitality, this luxurious hotel boasts superb facilities to assure the ultimate in comfort and style. At the Stormont Hotel all 105 bedrooms are tastefully decorated and furnished to the highest standards and designed with your comfort in mind their famous

King Koil "cloud beds", Wi-Fi internet access, full en-suite facilities, with TV, telephone, iron & ironing board, trouser press, hairdryer, and tea/coffee making facilities. When staying at the hotel you can be assured of a warm welcome and luxurious stay with around-the-clock room service

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Stormont Hotel Upper Newtownards Road Belfast, Ireland BT4 3LP Tel: +44 (0) 28 9065 1066 Return Hotel Talbot Hotel Stillotgan Stillorgan Road Stillorgan, Dublin Ireland Tel: +353 1 200 1800



Belfast is Northern Ireland's capital. In recent years this city has undergone a remarkable transformation and Belfast's economy is now booming. With important 19th century buildings and award-winning 20th century architecture, this city offers excellent facilities and many modern tourism developments. The scenic River Lagan flows through central Belfast and into the North Channel. Over the years, the important River Lagan has provided the city with much wealth and was an integral part of the city's thriving shipbuilding industry in the early 20th century.

Undoubtedly the most famous ship ever to be built in Belfast was the ill-fated Titanic, which was actually built in the city's very own Harland & Wolf shipyards in 1911. This legacy is recalled in the renovated dockyards' Titanic Quarter, which includes the Titanic Belfast, a museum reminiscent of a ship's hull, as well as shipbuilder Harland & Wolff's drawing offices and the Titanic Slipways, .







#### Day 1. Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, we start our journey north with comfort stops en-route. Still heading north, we cross the border into Scotland, where we will overnight at our chosen hotel. Here we will spend our first night with dinner, bed and breakfast.

#### Day 2. Depart for Ireland

After breakfast we head to the west coast of Scotland to the port of Cairnryan and board our ferry to Belfast. On arrival we make our way to the Stormont hotel in Belfast, where we will spend the next 4 night's half board.

#### Day 3. Giant's Causeway

Today we will travel along the spectacular Antrim coast, one of the finest drives in Ireland to the Giant's Causeway. Flanked by the wild Atlantic Ocean and a landscape of dramatic cliffs for centuries the Giant's Causeway has inspired artists, stirred scientific debate and captured the imagination of all who see it. This is Northern Ireland's only UNESCO World Heritage Site. To learn how the Causeway was formed, pick up an audio guide and unlock the secrets of this landscape at your own pace. (The mini bus going from the visitors centre to the Causeway rock, leaves every 15 mins at £1.50 single or £3 return, price could be subject to change) Returning back to your hotel to relax before dinner.

#### Day 4. Belfast

After an early breakfast we drive into Belfast to City Hall where we will pick up our city guide. We will be given a full guided tour of the city of Belfast and the docks where the Titanic was built. We will be dropped off at City Hall for lunch and a little free time. We will be picked up again at City Hall and transferred to Titanic Belfast. We will have free time to explore the site and the visitor's centre of the Titanic. When RMS Titanic sailed away on her maiden vovage on April 10th, 1912, she was hailed as 'the new wonder of the world' A remarkable feat of engineering, she was the largest and most luxuriously appointed ship ever seen and, despite her tragic sinking five days later, she remains a source of enduring pride in the city where she was built - Belfast. Returning by coach back to the hotel, where you can relax after an exciting day, before dinner

### Day 5. Hillsborough Castle

There is a treat in store today with a rare visit to the King's official residence in Northern Ireland, Hillsborough Castle. After a guided tour of the elegant mansion and the majestic throne room, there is time to explore the gardens. Morning tea & scones will be served in one of the rooms provided. We then leave the castle to explore Hillsborough town itself with its Georgen architecture and visitors centre with an original courtroom exhibit. We finish the day with a visit to Thomas Ferguson's Irish Linen at Banbridge, producers of the finest damask table linen as used in Buckingham Palace. We return back to the hotel and relax before dinner.

### Day 6. Depart for Dublin

After breakfast and cases have been loaded into the coach, we say farewell to our Hotel, and head for Dublin

#### Day 7. Depart for Home

This morning we head for the port of Dublin for our morning ferry back to Holyhead. On arrival in Wales we travel through Wales with stops on the way, to our departure points. We should be back by early evening.

## SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance
- Currency for this tour is Pound Stirling & Euro's for Dublin
- Please inform us of any special dietary needs e.g.- diabetic, gluten free, vegetarian etc
- Special requests are put forward to the hotel and they will do their utmost to accommodate your needs.
- Overnight bags
- There are tea/coffee facilities in the rooms
- Itinerary could be subject to change

# **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

- ✔ All coach travel
- Ferries
- ✔ 6 Nights half board
- ✔ Portarage main hotel
- Excursions
- ✔ Guided tour of Hillsborough Castle
- ✔ With tea & scones
- ✔ Guided tour of Belfast
- Entrance for Titanic
- ✓ Entrance for Giant's Causeway & audio guide

## TOUR INFORMATION

Duration:	7 Days
Departure:	Sunday
Dates:	24 - 30 August
Meals:	Half board
Included excursions	

# **TOUR PRICE**

Price per person **£919.00** Single room supplement **£248.00** (dbl/tw for sole occupancy)







# Eastbourne and the Bluebell Railway

# YOUR HOTEL - THE LANSDOWNE HOTEL

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The Lansdowne Hotel, King Edward's Parade, Eastbourne BN21 4EE Tel: 01323 725174

The 3\* Lansdowne Hotel has the perfect location, opposite the beach and Western Lawns, arguably in the best beachfront location. Family owned since 1912, it has sea-facing lounges with original Victorian features. The 1912 Seafood & Steak restaurant officially opened in 2022, and is located on the ground floor of the hotel. It is a large airy restaurant offering spectacular

views over the sea; the 1912 brand represents the Lansdowne's fascinating history. The hotel is currently in its 110th year of being owned and run by the same family, now in its fourth generation. It is believed that the Lansdowne is one of only a handful of hotels in the UK that have been owned and run by the same family for over a century. All 98 well appointed bedrooms have ensuite with free toiletries, hairdryer, TV and tea and coffee making facilities. Guests can walk straight out of the hotel and relax on the beach, enjoy the paved beachfront walk, stroll to the pier or explore the town.

## HOLIDAY CENTRE

Eastbourne - One of Britain's most elegant resorts with that special quality that makes it stand out from the rest. The three tiered promenade and the magnificent Carpet Gardens are the envy of all the other seaside towns. Sheltered by Beachy Head and the South Downs, its climate is mild and the sunshine record good. There is always plenty to see and do - shops, shows, concerts, museums, dancing, boating, bowls, putting and walking....the list is endless.

#### Day 1. Depart Local Area for Eastbourne

After boarding your luxury coach and departing the local area you travel south towards Kent and Eastbourne. A stop for lunch at Tunbridge Wells. Royal Tunbridge Wells is the only spa town in the South East of England. Discover Tunbridge Wells' 400-year history. The town's elegant architecture, especially in The Pantiles, accommodates a variety of independent shops, cafés and restaurants, Royal Victoria Place, the High Street and the department stores of Fenwick's and Hoopers add to this choice. After lunch your journey continues to Eastbourne and your hotel, the 3\* Lansdowne Hotel, where you will spend the next four night's half board. On arrival there will be tea/coffee while your luggage is taken to your rooms.

#### Day 2. Day at Leisure

Today is a free day to do as you wish.

If the weather is good spend time on the beach or just explore the town and shops. Take a ride on the little Noddy train which takes you around, (if it's running)

### Day 3. Bluebell Rail Journey

After a leisurely breakfast, you embark on a nostalgic ride on the Bluebell Railway. You travel to Sheffield Park Station where you have time to explore the museum before we board the train to East Grinstead and return. The Bluebell Railway was one of the first preserved heritage lines in the country commencing train services in 1960. As a result, they have one of the finest collections of vintage steam locomotives and carriages. Sheffield Park, Horsted Keynes and Kingscote stations were all built in traditional 'Queen Anne' style in 1882 and have all been seen regularly on television and in films including Downton Abbey. Muppets Most Wanted movie and Churchill's Secret. The museum is one

of the highlights. It is a fascinating museum with exhibits to intrigue all visitors. It is situated at Sheffield Park station on Platform 2. Many can remember travelling on steam trains and a few can even recall being evacuated during the Second World War. The museum is a wonderful place to re-live these memories. After your return journey, you re-board the coach and return back to the hotel.

#### Day 4. Pashley Manor Gardens

Today you visit Pashley Gardens. At Pashley you will discover 11 acres of beautiful borders and vistas. These graceful gardens are owned and maintained by the family. Sweeping herbaceous borders, well maintained lawns, box hedges, rose walk, historic walled garden, inspiring kitchen garden, venerable trees and the Grade 1 listed house as a backdrop. The gardens are also a haven for wildlife, bees, butterflies and small birds as well as moorhens, ducks and a black

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- There are tea/coffee facilities in the rooms
- Itinerary could be subject to change

# **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

- ✓ All coach travel
- ✓ 4 Nights half board
- Excursions
- ✓ Porterage
- Entertainment (2 nights)
- 🗸 Train ride
- ✓ Entrance to gardens
- ✔ Services of a courier

# TOUR INFORMATION

Duration:	5 Days
Departure:	Monday
Dates:	1 - 5 September
Meals:	Half board
Included excursions	

# **TOUR PRICE**

Price per person

£599.00 Single room supplement £Nil



swan. There is also a cafe and gift shop with plant sales. A recipe for a wonderful day out is complete, you return back to your hotel.

#### Day 5. Return Journey

After breakfast and cases have been loaded on to the coach, you say farewell to your hosts at the Lansdowne Hotel and head back to your local area. Arriving back late afternoon.



# Vintage Variety Show Weekend

# YOUR HOTEL - CEDAR COURT HOTEL

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Cedar Court Hotel, Ainley Top, Lindley Moor Rd, Elland, Huddersfield HD3 3RH 01422 375431

The 4\* Cedar Court Hotel is a great choice for a stay in Huddersfield, and they offer a friendly welcome. There is free Wi-Fi available throughout the hotel. The hotel's restaurant prides itself on sourcing their ingredients locally and using as much Yorkshire products as possible. They have also partnered up with many local distilleries (gin in particular), beer microbreweries and

soft drink makers to offer their guests a great taste of Yorkshire in a glass. All 113 guest rooms have en-suite with free toiletries, hairdryer, a luxurious 2000 pocket sprung mattress for a good night's sleep, TV, refreshment tray, ironing facilities, trouser press and direct dial telephone. Guests can visit the fitness centre for a workout. Other highlights at this upmarket hotel include a bar, lounge, a snack bar and deli.

## **HOLIDAY CENTRE**

Yorkshire, is an historic county of England, in the north-central part of the country between the Pennines and the North Sea. Yorkshire is England's largest historical county. It comprises of four broad belts each stretching from north to south: the high Pennine moorlands in the west, dissected by the Yorkshire Dales; the central lowlands—including the Vale of York—draining into the Humber estuary in the southeast; the North Yorkshire Moors and Yorkshire Wolds in the east; and, in the far southeast, the Holderness plain along the North Sea. Yorkshire entered the Industrial Revolution as a centre of woollen textile manufacturing in the towns of Leeds, Bradford, Halifax, Wakefield, and Huddersfield, where rivers flowing from the Pennines provided both waterpower and a means of transport to the seaport of Kingston upon Hull.

#### Day 1. Depart Local Area

Departing our local area, we travel north to the market town of Chesterfield, with the church with the twisted spire. We will stay here for lunch and a little sightseeing, and then we will continue on to our hotel in Huddersfield. There we will spend the next 3 nights with dinner bed &



breakfast and entertainment. On arrival you will receive tea/coffee and biscuits, while your cases are taken to your rooms. After dinner your first night of entertainment begins with "The JDs Rockin Good Nite", a fourpiece boy band playing hits from 60s and 70s on guitar and keyboard.

#### Day 2. Harrogate

After breakfast we make our way to the spa town of Harrogate. Make a visit to the famous Betty's Tearoom. founded in 1919 by a Swiss confectioner. The Royal Pump Rooms Museum is also worth a visit, where you will be able to find out why Charles Dickens said that Harrogate is the 'queerest place with the strangest people, leading the oddest lives'. We return back to our hotel to get ready for another night of variety. After dinner enjoy another evening of entertainment in the form of a 'Vintage Variety Show'. Comedy numbers, jugglers, singers and

dancers all help create moments of joy and laughter.

#### Day 3. Howarth Express

Enjoy a relaxing morning before making our way to board the Haworth express for a 1920s-style murder mystery. As we journey through the Yorkshire Dales a bespoke live-action story will unfold. This is where you can become detectives and be able to solve the case and discover who committed the murder. After you have solved the murder, we return back to the hotel to enjoy dinner. Our final night of entertainment comes from 'The Lipsticks'. This trio of classy ladies will play hits from the 1940s and 1950s rounding off our weekend of vintage entertainment in style.

#### Day 4. Depart for Home

After breakfast and the cases have been loaded onto the coach, we say farewell to our hotel and head for home. We will have a break at

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- The Itinerary could be subject to change.

# **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

- ✔ All coach travel
- 🗸 3 Nights half board
- Pre-dinner drink each evening
   Excursions
- Murder mystery train ride
- ✓ All entertainment
- ✓ Courier escorted

## **TOUR INFORMATION**

Duration:	4 Days	
Departure:	Friday	
Dates:	5 - 8 September	
Meals:	Half board	
Included excursions		

# **TOUR PRICE**

Price per person

**£350.00** Single room supplement **£75.00** 





Downtown for lunch before we continue our journey home, arriving in your local area by late afternoon early evening.



# Little Boats and Trains of Norfolk

# YOUR HOTEL - MERCURE HOTEL NORWICH



Tel: 01603 294330 The 4-star Mercure Norwich Hotel is great for guests who are looking to relax. The hotel is conveniently located just three miles from Norwich city centre, so guests can enjoy easy

Mercure Hotel Norwich, 121 131 Boundary Road, Norwich, NR3 2BA

conveniently located just three miles from Norwich city centre, so guests can enjoy easy access to the Norfolk Broads and Great Yarmouth, as well as a host of spectacular local attractions. The hotel features a bar and the Brasserie restaurant, where you can enjoy a

carefully prepared meal from a selection of internationally inspired dishes. The hotel also offers complimentary high-speed Wi-Fi throughout. The contemporary rooms feature an en suite bathroom with free toiletries, flat-screen TV, complimentary Wi-Fi, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities.

## **HOLIDAY CENTRE**

Norwich is a wonderful fusion of the modern and historic, one complements the other. Like any great city its centre is easy to walk around and has a river at its heart. As well as being the most complete medieval city in the UK with a stunning Norman cathedral and castle, it has a flourishing arts, music and cultural scene, superb independent as well as High Street shopping, quaint covered market, lively restaurants, bars and nightlife and a heritage that is a delight to explore. It was also England's first UNESCO city of literature.



#### Day 1. Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, we start our journey by travelling to Bressingham Steam & Gardens. What better way to explore the beautiful gardens, woodlands and countryside of Bressingham than by climbing aboard one of their narrow gauge passenger trains. Lots to see and do here. Time for lunch before continuing our journey to Norwich and our hotel. On arrival at our Mercure Hotel Norwich there will be tea/coffee and biscuits whilst your luggage is taken to your rooms. Time to settle in before dinner.

# Day 2. Bure Valley Railway and Cruise

Today we combine a nostalgic steam train ride with a cruise on the Norfolk Broads. We join the Bure Valley Railway at Aylsham for the 9 mile ride to Wroxham. At Wroxham we join the boat for a cruise on the Broads. On our way back to the hotel we travel through some of the delightful Broads villages, such as Woodbastwick, with its diminutive green and thatched cottages, Time to relax before dinner.

#### Day 3. Cromer and the Poppy Line

After a leisurely breakfast we set off to Cromer, perched on the very edge of the north Norfolk coast. It is famous for its tasty crabs, wide open beaches and a traditional pier. It has a lighthouse and a proud tradition of RNLI service. It has been said that the lifeboat service is the lifeblood of the town and the Henry Blogg Museum offers a great insight into the service's past history. After a stop here, we continue to Sheringham where we enjoy another train ride. A steam train on the Poppy Line from Sheringham to Holt, which is a pretty Georgian market town with lots of little alleyways to explore. We head back to our hotel to relax before dinner.

#### Day 4. Houghton Hall & Gardens

Today we visit Houghton Hall & Gardens, built for Britain's first Prime Minister, Sir Robert Walpole, in the 1720s. Houghton Hall is now the home of the 7th Marques of Cholmondeley – a descendent of Sir Robert Walpole and his family. The hall is set in extensive parkland, with its famous white fallow deer, an award winning Walled Garden and the Model Soldier Museum (the world's largest private collection of model soldiers). There is also a cafe and gift shop. We then return back to our hotel.

#### Day 5. Depart for Home

After breakfast and cases have been loaded onto the coach, we say farewell to our hotel and head for home. Enroute we will stop at Bury St Edmonds, surrounded by countryside

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- Itinerary could be subject to change

## **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

- ✓ All coach travel
- ✓ 4 Nights half board
- Excursions
- ✓ Train rides
- 🗸 Boat ride
- ✔ Services of courier

## TOUR INFORMATION

Duration:	5 Days	
Departure:	Thursday	
Dates:	11 - 15 September	
Meals:	Half board	
Included excursions		

# **TOUR PRICE**

Price per person

**£579.00** Single room supplement **£100.00** 



with 1,000 years of history, Bury St Edmunds is the home of Saint Edmund, the original patron Saint of England. In Medieval times, The Abbey of St Edmund was one of the richest, largest and most powerful Benedictine monasteries in England, The Abbey was dissolved in 1539 and Edmund's final resting place is a great mystery. Arriving back late afternoon / eary evening.



# Catalonia and the Charming Costa Brava

## YOUR HOTEL - GOLDEN BAHIA DE TOSSA HOTEL



The 4\*Golden Bahia de Tossa Hotel is located 800 m from the beach in Tossa de Mar. It features outdoor pools, big garden, palm trees, sun terraces and pool bars. Rooms are spacious and have a private balcony. All come with en-suite with bath/shower, free toiletries, hair dryer, air con, TV, fridge, tea/coffee maker and safe. The hotel has a buffet restaurant with many traditional and international dishes. The spa includes a hot tub, indoor pool and sauna. Massage and beauty treatments are also available.

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# **HOLIDAY CENTRE**

Standing proudly on the north coast of Catalonia (in Spain) is the historic city of Tossa de Mar, that is a treasure. The town has panoramic views across the Mediterranean Sea and famous for its sandy beaches, lighthouse and, its historic fortified medieval village. This typically Catalan town has bags of atmosphere. The Vila Vella, as its known, is all cobbled streets and traditional houses - there's even an ancient castle. The surrounding countryside is some of the prettiest in the Costa Brava, with mountains and valleys to explore. Plus you've got 2 big sandy beaches to hop between. The town's main beach, Playa Gran, is a large horseshoe bay with golden sands that shelve into warm, blue waters. You've got all the amenities here, including water sports, and loungers and umbrellas for rent. It's all topped off with some sterling castle views. And when hunger hits, you can take your pick from the bars and cafés on the prom.

#### Day 1. Depart Local Area

Leaving your local area, the journey starts with your morning ferry DFDS from Dover to Calais. A meal voucher will be given to you for use on board for a main meal and drink. Making your way from Calais, you travel through France with comfort stops, to arrive at your overnight hotel, the Novotel Dijon Sud. Dinner is a set menu and a hot buffet breakfast. There is no left but have ground floor rooms.

#### Day 2. Dijon to Spain

After an early start, you continue your journey through France into Spain and on to Tossa de Mar and the Golden Bahia de Tossa Hotel, which will be your home for the next 7 nights. Dinner is a set menu with 1 glass of wine and water each evening.

#### Day 3. Day at Leisure

A free day to explore the pretty town of Tossa del Mar or relax with the wonderful amenities in your hotel.

#### Day 4. Barcelona

A visit to the Costa Brava would not be complete without a tour of the vibrant city of Barcelona. A guided coach tour is a good way to get your bearings in a city full of stunning architecture and famous buildings including the unfinished masterpiece church of the Sagrada Familia. Make sure you have enough free time to wander the world-famous Las Ramblas promenade with its traditional cafes, and the narrow alleyways, boutiques and tapas bars of the medieval quarter. After a busy day, you return to your hotel.

#### Day 5. Girona

Today you will visit the nearby town of Girona. Girona is a city beside the River Onyar. It's known for its medieval architecture, walled Old Quarter (Barri Vell) and the Roman remains of the Forca Vella fortress, Landscaped gardens line the Passeig Arqueològic, a walkway following the Old Quarter's medieval walls, which include watchtowers with sweeping views. Time to explore the labyrinth of narrow medieval streets. Whether you are a history buff, shopper or foodie there is something for everyone in this picturesque city. Then return to your hotel to relax before dinner.

#### Day 6. Day at Leisure

Another free day in the resort and the town's popular market day (Thursday) with a chance to grab a bargain.

**Day 7. Blanes & Lloret de Mar** Today you travel along the coast to the popular resort of Blanes. Time to eniov a stroll along the 4km of sandy beach, while looking at the crystal clear blue waters of the Mediterranean. Blanes still has an active fishing fleet. Its fish auction is, in fact, the most important in the region. Between Sa Palomera and the harbour lies Blanes' characteristic old village. It is home to many fine shops, restaurants and tapas bars. When you venture away from the seafront boulevards - lined with restaurants and eateries, you'll find the sort of places where locals shop, eat and drink. Just a block away from the beach is a daily fresh fruit and vegetables market. Now off to another popular resort, Lloret de Mar. this is known for its beaches. The medieval hilltop Castle of Sant Joan offers views over the area, while the central Iglesia de Sant Romà church provides examples of Catalan Gothic and modernist architecture. On a cliff overlooking the sea, the Santa Clotilde Gardens were built in the style of the Italian Renaissance. Enjoy some free time before returning to the hotel.

#### Day 8. Day at Leisure

Enjoy your last relaxing day in resort, make use of the hotels great facilities take a dip in one of the 4 pools and enjoy a drink at one of the 4 bars.

# SPECIAL NOTES

- The currency you will need for this tour is the Euro.
- A valid passport.
- An EHIC card (European Heath Insurance card).
- Insurance.
- To ring back to England you dial: -+44 then minus the 0 from your code, followed by your number.
- You will need 2 pin continental plugs to use any of your electrical devices.
- 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 luggage can be taken.

# **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

- ✓ All coach travel
- Ferries
- ✓ Porterage main hotel
- ✓ 9 nights half board
- Wine & water with dinner (Spain)
- ✔ Use of leisure facilities
- ✓ City tax ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Entertainment
- ✓ 4 Services of courier

### **TOUR INFORMATION**

Duration:10 DaysDeparture:SaturdayDates:20-29 SeptemberMeals:Half boardIncluded excursions

# **TOUR PRICE**

Price per person **£1079.00** Single room supplement **£247.00** (dbl/tw for sole occupancy)

### Day 9. Depart for France

After breakfast and cases have been loaded, you say farewell to your hosts at the Golden Bahia de Tossa Hotel and head back to France for your overnight hotel at the Novotel Dijon Sud, There will be comfort stops on the way.

#### Day 10. Return Home

After an early breakfast you make your way back to the port for our afternoon ferry to Dover. There will be comfort stops en-route. Arrival time back in your local area should be mid evening.



# **Normandy Battlefields**

# YOUR HOTEL - HOTEL ANTARÈS & SPA



Hotel Antarés & Spa Honfleur, Rue St Clair, 14600 La Rivière-Saint-Sauveur, France +33 2 31 89 10 10

The Antarès hotel is located 2 km from Honfleur city centre and its port. This 3\* Antarès Hotel & Spa will seduce you with the wealth of its facilities entirely dedicated to your well-being. There are 78 rooms, all with en-suite (bath or shower), you will appreciate the comfort of spacious rooms, some of which have a view of the Pont de Normandy. The rooms

have a flat screen TV with satellite channels, hairdryer, alarm clock and tea/coffee making facilities. The SPA area is accessible to all residents at no extra charge with an indoor swimming pool heated to 29° and a sauna. There is also an indoor and outdoor terrace.



# HOLIDAY CENTRE

A region known for its wealth of major historical sites, fabulous countryside, the most delicious seafood imaginable and its produce of rustic cheeses and ciders in its pretty rural areas. Normandy has an important history from William the Conqueror to WW2 with a dramatic coastline that included the D Day Landing beaches, stylish beach resorts and the stunning Mont St Michel. These are just a few of the many attractions that will all vie for your attention. With superb attractions, from the picturesque harbour of Honfleur to the magnificent Gothic abbey of Mont St Michel, this region has long been a favourite with British holidaymakers. The 6th of June 1944 saw one of the most audacious and heroic wartime operations of the 20th century. Around 156,000 Allied soldiers landed on the beaches of Normandy in the biggest seaborne invasion in military history. Known as Operation Overlord, the Allied mission was clear: to take back France from the invading Germans by moving inwards from the coast. Five landing beaches were given the codenames Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword, by which they are still known today. From Saint-Marie-du-Mont to Ouistreham, soldiers stormed the coast, taking thousands of casualties. The ensuing Battle of Normandy lasted for 80 days as the Allies repelled the German forces.









### Day 1. Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, you make your way to Dover for our morning DFDS ferry crossing to Calais. There is a meal voucher included for food and a drink. We travel south through France with comfort stops, to the harbour town of Honfleur and our Hotel Antares Honfleur where we shall spend the next 4 nights with dinner, bed and breakfast.

#### Day 2. Rouen & Honfleur

Today you will visit the town of Rouen for free time to explore this capital of Normandy, which lays claim to William the Conqueror in 1066, Richard the Lionheart, who literally left his heart here and the tragic story of Joan of Arc, This afternoon you travel back to the harbour area of Honfleur for you to explore the beautiful harbour. Later, you return back to the hotel to relax before dinner.

#### Day 3. Bayeux Tapestry & Guided Tour of the D Day Beaches

A morning visit to the Musee de la Tapisserie de Bayeux. The Bayeux Tapestry is an 11th century work of art unique in the world. Almost 70 meters long, immerse yourself in the embroidered story of the conquest of England in the year 1066 by William, Duke of Normandy. A visit to the museum allows you to discover the Bayeux Tapestry in its entirety, to approach it without damaging it, and to understand its history and creation. There is an audio-guided commentary, available in 16 languages. This afternoon we pick up our local guide for a tour 3-4hr tour of the Normandy Beaches.

#### Day 4. Caen City & Memorial

Today we travel to the city of Caen, for free time to explore the two abbeys, the castle and historical city centre. After lunch we go to Caen Memorial Museum. As we step up to the Esplanade Eisenhower, named after the Supreme Commander in 1944, before us is the smooth stone cliff face of the Memorial. A jagged gash splits it apart, and either side a huge inscription in capital letters spells out the solemn words across the ripped facade: 'Suffering shattered me, brotherhood raised me up, and from my wound spurted forth a flood of freedom'. Now we are invited to step inside that wound of history. Just as the architecture symbolises the eruption of war into peace, so the site of the Memorial was chosen as a symbol. Bang on top of the German General Richter's underground headquarters in a former Caen stone guarry. He commanded the principal defending division of the D-Day Landing Beaches - which would be almost wiped out in one day. A century marked by the World War II, a conflict that resulted in the death of 60 million soldiers and civilians. A century of major geopolitical upheavals, marked by Europe's determination to preserve peace. Inside there are different sections to

visit. World War II - This section plunges you into the heart of the Second World War, exploring the causes, the consequences, the key players, and the decisive battles. The D-Day landings and the Battle of Normandy - This section explains the decisive military operation that enabled the Allied forces to successfully land on the beaches of Normandy, significantly contributing to the defeat of the Nazi forces in Europe. There is also much more on offer. From here we make our way back to the hotel.

#### Day 5.

After breakfast and cases have been loaded, we say farewell to our hosts at the Antares Hotel and make our way back to the ferry port for our afternoon ferry. There will be a meal voucher included for food and a drink. We should arrive back in our local area mid evening.

# **SPECIAL NOTES**

- Insurance.
- Full valid passport
- Currency for this tour is the Euro
- 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.

# TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All coach travel
- 🗸 Ferries
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ 4 Nights half board
- 🖌 City tax
- Excursions
- ✓ Guided Tour of D Day Landing Beaches
- Entrance to Museum-Bayeux Tapestry
- ✔ Entrance to Caen Memorial
- ✔ Services of a tour manager

## **TOUR INFORMATION**

Duration:5 DaysDeparture:SundayDates:5 - 9 OctoberMeals:Half boardIncluded excursions

## **TOUR PRICE**

Price per person

**£659.00** Single room supplement **£150.00** (in dbl/tw room)







# **Cornish Delights**

## YOUR HOTEL - ROSEMUNDY HOUSE HOTEL

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Rosemundy House Hotel, St Agnes, Cornwall, TR5 OUF 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. Strewn with old mine workings, copper and tin ore were once shipped from the cove.

## **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 en-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. Tintagel & Port Isaac

Today we spend time on the north Cornish coast. First to Tintagel, immerse yourself in history, myths and stunning scenery at Tintagel Castle, set high on Cornwall's rugged north coast. It is renowned for its association with the legend of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table. The magic of the association is captured particularly by the castle, King Arthur's castle, which is reached by steps leading from the mainland or by the new bridge which crosses over to the island. Originally the castle was attached to the mainland but due to erosion over the years a bridge had to be built. It is a hard climb to the top but well worth it. Later 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 harbour town.

### Day 3. Mevagissey and the Lost Gardens of Heligan

Today you shall first visit the lovely harbour of Mevagissey. Mevagissey is an attractive old town which was once the centre of Cornwall's pilchard fishery and which still boasts a working harbour, with a few dozen small fishing boats. It has a tradition of boat building dating back to 1745. Many of the old buildings, constructed of cob and slate, bear testimony to a time when the large shoals of pilchards were the livelihood of the whole village. In the narrow streets are many gift shops, craft workshops. galleries, cafés and pubs. There are many fish restaurants in Mevagissev and, of course, plenty of fish and chip shops! Many of the latter were once the haunts of Cornish smugglers. Then on to The Lost Gardens of Heligan. (entrance included) These magnificent award winning gardens are thought to be the largest garden restoration project in Europe!! The Lost Gardens of Heligan consist of over 80 acres of magnificent gardens, which until 1991 were lost and forgotten under seventy years of ivy, bramble, laurel and fallen timber. In

1990 the inherited owner of the estate leased the gardens to Tim Smith who took on the process of restoring the historic gardens to their former glory, becoming one of Europe's largest garden restoration projects. After a busy day you then return back to the hotel to relax before dinner.

#### Day 4. Falmouth & Seal Sanctuary

After breakfast your journey takes you first to Falmouth It's known for its deep natural harbour on the Fal Estuary, Shipping from all over the world use the harbour, which is the largest in the country and includes a dry dock capable of handling tankers of up to 90,000 tons. It became a station for the Mail Packet Service in 1688, and by 1827 had 39 overseasmail vessels. The National Maritime Museum Cornwall has interactive galleries and a flotilla of model boats. On Pendennis Point, Pendennis Castle is a well-preserved 16th-century fortress built by Henry VIII. This afternoon we visit the Cornish Seal Sanctuary in Gweek (included). The Cornish Seal Sanctuary rescues numerous pups every year. With a self guided tour you will be able to follow the journey of their injured seal pups through their rescue from local coastal waters, through rehabilitation and

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- Insurance
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- Itinerary could be subject to change.

# **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

- ✓ All coach travel
- ✓ 5 Nights half board
- Excursions
- Entrances
- ✔ Courier escorted

### **TOUR INFORMATION**

Duration:	6 Days	
Departure:	Tuesday	
Dates:	14 - 19 October	
Meals:	Half board	
Included excursions		

# **TOUR PRICE**

Price per person

£629.00

Single room supplement **£Nil** 

eventually release back into the wild.

#### Dav 5. Bodmin Jail & Truro

This morning you will take a trip to Bodmin Jail (included). As with most old prisons, Bodmin Jail has a dark history. 55 executions took place within its formidable walls for crimes such as rape, murder and stealing. Eight of these were woman. You can immerse yourself in Cornwall's dark history in the new 'Dark Walk' with state of the art theatrical effects that bring some of the grimmest stories vividly to life. There is also a cafe and shop on site. From Bodmin Jail you travel then to Truro, time for that last minute shopping or explore the city before returning back to the hotel.

#### Day 6. Day of Departure

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



# Holly & Ivy in Bournemouth

## YOUR HOTEL - MARSHAM COURT HOTEL

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Marsham Court Hotel, 3 Russell Cotes Road, East Cliff, Bournemouth, BH1 3AB Tel: 01202 552111

The Marsham Court Hotel is a relaxing full-service 4 star hotel, ideally located for your Bournemouth Christmas holiday. With a refreshing blend of contemporary and friendly seaside ambience their hotel offers a welcoming retreat for holidays. Experience a haven of hospitality with its stunning location on East Cliff, overlooking Bournemouth's Pier, bay and

beaches. The family-run award-winning Marsham Court Hotel offers free Wi-Fi, a south-facing swimming pool, heated May to September, 95 stylish bedrooms individually decorated with modern bathrooms, many featuring a large walk-in shower, a flat-screen TV, laptop safe, ironing facilities and tea and coffee making facilities. Guests can enjoy the on-site bar, which serves a selection of drinks, as well as afternoon tea and homemade dishes. The property features award-winning gardens with sun terraces overlooking the bay and offering sea views. Overlooking Bournemouth's sandy beaches, Marsham Court Hotel is just metres from the seafront. Bournemouth's centre and shopping streets can be reached in a 5-minute walk. Bournemouth Pavilion Theatre is also 5-minute walk from the property, while Bournemouth International Centre is a 9-minute walk away.

### **HOLIDAY CENTRE**

Bournemouth is among Britain's best-loved seaside towns. Its mild climate makes it a popular resort both in summer and winter, and is well supplied with good shops, restaurants and sports and entertainment facilities. It is a town of parks, 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. Plus Christmas Tree Wonderland, an animated tunnel, which is a warm white tunnel leading you on a festive trail through the lower gardens, featuring replica Christmas trees from around the world plus a multitude of enchanting illuminations and installations. The Alpine Market and Alpine Lodge Bar in the square offer a great atmosphere and festive fare.

### Day 1. Depart Local Area

Step aboard your luxury coach as you start your journey to Bournemouth. There will be stops en-route for comfort. We arrive at the Marsham Court Hotel where you will spend the next 4 night's with dinner bed and breakfast. On arrival there will be tea/coffee and fruit cake. Time to settle in before enjoying a candle lit dinner with quiz entertainment. This is Christmas Eve.

Day 2. Christmas Day - Day at Leisure After breakfast you are free to explore Bournemouth and its wonderful Christmas Tree Wonderland. There will be a visit from Santa with a token Christmas gift for all. Christmas Day is a traditional dinner and mince pies, with a soloist for your evening entertainment.

### Day 3. Boxing Day - Visit to Poole

After a leisurely breakfast 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 return back to the hotel. This evening's Boxing Day dinner is followed by bingo entertainment.

### Day 4. New Years Eve -1/2 Day New Forest

After breakfast there will be a trip to the New Forest and Lyndhurst. Towering over the skyline is the church of St Michael and All Angels where the grave of former Lyndhurst resident Alice Liddell, Lewis Carroll's inspiration for Alice in Wonderland, can be found. Lyndhurst has a wide range of shops, cosy tea rooms, oldie worldie pubs, cafes and fine restaurants to discover. This evening is a New Year's Eve gala dinner followed by soloist music and Auld Lang Syne.

### Day 5.Depart for Home

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

## SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance
- Please inform us of any special dietary needs e.g.- diabetic, gluten free, vegetarian etc
- 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

- ✓ 4 Nights half board
- Excursion
- 🖌 Entertainment
- Services of courier

### TOUR INFORMATION

Duration:5 DaysDeparture:MondayDates:17 - 21 NovemberMeals:Half boardIncluded excursions

# **TOUR PRICE**

Price per person **£459.00** Single room supplement **£40.00** (dbl/tw for sole occupancy)







# German Christmas Markets

# YOUR HOTEL - BELLEVUE HOTEL

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Bellevue Hotel, Rheinallee 41, 56154 Boppard, Germany Tel: +49 (0) 67421020

The 4\* superior Bellevue Hotel built in 1887, is a family run hotel for over 130 years. It offers elegant Art Nouveau décor. It has 93 elegantly furnished rooms, all en-suite with free toiletries, bath robe and hairdryer. The large bedrooms have a flat-screen TV with satellite channels, safe, fan, radio, telephone, alarm clock as well as a mini fridge. The 3 restaurants serve gourmet

cuisine. Regional specialities are served in the Le Bristol and Le Chopin restaurants. Guests are free to use the Bellevue's indoor pool, sauna, and gym. Massages and beauty treatments can be booked on-site. Guests receive a special pass which includes free admission to Museum Boppard and free use of public transport. The hotel stands right beside the River Rhine, directly opposite several ferry piers.

### **HOLIDAY CENTRE**

The Upper Middle Rhine Valley is part of the UNESCO World Heritage since 2002 and is on a par with such wonders as the Pyramids in Egypt, the Grand Canyon in USA or the famous Taj Mahal in India!

The Rhine is like a journey through a thrilling story, full of myths and legends. This is where you will find the beautiful and magical Loreley Rock, but also an abundance of flora and fauna which thrive in the sunny climate of the Rhine Valley. The Rhine region happens to be one of the most important wine-producing areas in the country, and Boppard proudly houses the largest vineyard in the Middle Rhine valley, Boppard Hamm. Boppard is known for its picturesque setting amid vineyards and hills. It has a charming Rhine River promenade lined with cafés and shops, where visitors can stroll along and enjoy views of the river. The town has a well-preserved historic centre with narrow cobblestone streets and half-timbered houses. The abundance of culture and the 2000-year-old history contained in this part of the river Rhine are incomparable and are the reason for the status World Heritage Upper Middle Rhine Valley. The special role the Rhine has played as a transport route, the special scenery, the traditional winegrowing and the shipping all show the different faces of the Rhine.

## Day 1. Home - Germany & Boppard

After boarding your luxury coach, we head straight down to Dover for our morning ferry crossing to Calais. We drive through France, Belgium, with comfort stops en-route, then crossing the border into Germany. Arriving in Boppard early evening, where we will spend the next 4 nights on half board. There will be a welcome drink on arrival.

### Day 2, 3, 4. Christmas Markets

Over the next 3 days you will visit local Christmas markets, with their many wooden chalets selling all sorts of Christmas goodies. May include Trier, Rudesheim, Bernkastle, Cochem or others. We will not know until nearer the time in 2025.

#### Day 5.Return Home

After an early breakfast and the cases have been loaded on the coach, we say farewell to our hosts at the Bellevue Hotel and depart for Dunkirk. We will make stops en-route for comfort and for lunch. Arriving at Dunkirk for our ferry crossing to Dover. Arriving home mid to late evening.

## SPECIAL NOTES

- Currency for this tour is the Euro
- Full valid passport
- Insurance
- EHIC (European Health Insurance Card)
- To phone home: +44 then leave the zero off 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 etc
- Special requests are put forward to the hotel and they will do their utmost to accommodate your needs.

# **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

- ✓ All coach travel
- Ferries
- ✓ 4 Nights half board
- Excursions
- ✔ Use of wellness area
- ✓ Free entrance to castle of Boppard & museum
- Free use of local public transport
- ✔ Services of a courier

### TOUR INFORMATION

Duration:	5 Days			
Departure:	Sunday			
Dates:	23 - 27 Novembe			
Meals: Half Board				
Included excursions				

# **TOUR PRICE**

Price per person **£599.00** Single room supplement **£80.00** 



# A Taste of Christmas

## YOUR HOTEL - CLIFTON PARK HOTEL

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Clifton Park Hotel, 299/301 Clifton Drive South, St Anne's on Sea, Lytham St Anne's Lancashire, FY8 1HN Tel: 01253 725801

The Clifton Park Hotel exceeds expectations and 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).

### **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 a vast array of amusements, shops, piers and of course the 'Blackpool Tower. There is a lot to offer to people of all ages.



Day 1 - 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.

**5.30pm** Meet your fellow guests with a Bubbly Reception in the lounge**6:00pm** Dinner is served in the Grand Ballroom followed by live entertainment

Day 2. Christmas Day A crisp winter morning waits – and have you had a visit from Santa???

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

12:00pm Let the festive spirit come alive with a Christmas sing-along around the piano. 12.30pm Traditional Christmas

luncheon is served with a visit from Santa Claus.

**4:00pm** ...if you can manage it... tea and Christmas cake served in the lounge, followed by bingo & a Christmas quiz

**6:00pm** 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.

Day 3. Boxing Day 8 - 9:30am Great traditional English

breakfast Excursion 6:00pm Dinner is served in the Grand Ballroom, followed by live entertainment.

Day 4. The Grand Finale

8 - 9:30am Great traditional English breakfast Excursion

**5:30pm** Bucks Fizz drinks reception in the lounge

**6:00pm** New Years Eve dinner celebration in the ballroom, 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 Snowball Parade.

**8:00pm** The Clifton Park's piper brings in the New Year followed by live superb finale entertainment.

## SPECIAL NOTES

- All rooms have tea & coffee making facilities
- Dinner is at 6:00pm every evening (subject to change)
- 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
- Excursions
- Swimming pool
- 🗸 Jacuzzi
- Courier escorted

# TOUR INFORMATION

Duration:	5 Days				
Departure:	Monday				
Dates:	1 - 5 December				
Meals: Full Board					
Included excursions					

# TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£499.00 Single room supplement £Nil



Day 5. Goodbye & Home 8:00am Cases out for the trip home 8 - 9:30am Great traditional farewell English breakfast.

**10.00am** Time to check out, until next time!!!!!

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.



# Pre Christmas Delights in Torquay

## YOUR HOTEL - TLH CARLTON HOTEL

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Tel: 01803 400500 The TLH Carlton Hotel is a lovely 3\* Spa hotel (TLH Leisure Resort) close to the sea front and

TLH Carlton Hotel, Falkland Road, Torquay, TQ2 5HS

town centre. It has outstanding on-site leisure and entertainment facilities include The Aztec Spa, a leisure complex, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, a gym, fitness studio, and bistro and games arena with entertainment on site. The stylish TLH Carlton Hotel prides itself on a warm, welcoming atmosphere and impressive panoramic views across Torbay. There are 70 en-suite bedrooms all with TV,

tea/coffee making facilities, and free Wi-Fi. The Carlton Hotel's friendly restaurant offers buffet style breakfasts, including full English or continental choices. Look forward to the tempting table d'hôte evening meals with an additional a la carte selection. In the Riviera Lounge Bar you can enjoy some of the best views across the bay in this lovely south-facing lounge. Overlooking the Aztec Bistro terrace and outdoor pools, the Riviera Lounge is also the perfect spot to enjoy a bit of peace and quiet, whilst enjoying the views and maintaining your connection to the rest of the resort.

### **HOLIDAY CENTRE**

Torquay is a seaside town located in Devon and is part of the stunning English Riviera, one of the UK's top holiday destinations since Victorian times. Torquay has always been popular with all types of tourists of all ages. The iconic palm trees, busy harbour and international marina create this beautiful town. There are 22 miles of coastline, cliffs, coves, beaches and walks with a climate that belongs much further south. Stunning views go out over the English Channel from all across Torquay. The waterfront is the focus of life in the town where you will find the palm-lined promenade, seafront gardens and lively harbour.

### Day 1. Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, we make our way south to Torquay, with comfort stops en-route. We arrive at the Carlton Hotel, your home for the next 4 nights. Time to settle in and explore the complex before dinner.

# Day 2. Day at Leisure & Train of Lights

Today you have a free day to explore Torquay's town and harbour. You return back to the hotel for an early dinner before leaving for Paignton and the Dartmouth Steam Railway for a return ride on the Christmas Train of Lights. Your festive illuminated journey starts at Paignton where your train and its vintage carriages await – decorated with thousands of lights, both inside and out. You will be propelled through the Greenway tunnel that leads you to the enchanted forest which is transformed by a multitude of lights and displays. The stunning show ends as you leave the forest only to be greeted by the twinkling lights of Dartmouth reflected on the River Dart. After a turnaround at Kingswear you will be on your way back to Paignton to experience the spectacle from a different direction.

### Day 3. Boat Cruise & Exeter

Today you head first to Exmouth to have a cruise on the River Exe, with Stuart Line Cruises, Award-winning family boat trips for over 50 years! The all-weather attraction sailing on the calm and sheltered waters of the River Exe will allow you to experience the river, scenery and the wildlife. After the cruise we head for the city of Exeter for its Christmas markets. Set on Exeter Cathedral Green, this awardwinning event features crafts, gifts and tasty food to keep you fuelled as you explore, all against the stunning backdrop of Exeter Cathedral. Traditional wooden chalets inspired by German markets, sparkling lights and

craft arrangements on the stalls all create a wonderful Yuletide atmosphere. Events and activities take place at the cathedral itself, including carol services, concerts, events and education activities.

### Day 4. Brixham

A visit to Brixham. Generations have been enchanted by the charm and romance of Brixham, a colourful and bustling fishing port at the southern end of Torbay. The hilly town is built around the central harbour area, which remains the lifeblood of this quaint historic town. Vibrant fishermen's cottages gaze out across the port and the fishing trawlers below. Brixham is one of the three towns that make up Torbay on the English Riviera. The picture postcard harbour has a replica of the Golden Hind beside the quay amongst the yachts and fishing boats. The town and harbour side has many interesting shops and cafes among the maze of narrow, winding streets. We

## SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance
- Please inform us of any special dietary needs e.g.- diabetic, gluten free, vegetarian etc
- 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
- ✓ 4 Nights half board
- Excursions
- ✓ Light train from Paignton
- 🗸 Boat cruise
- ✓ Entertainment
- Courier escorted

### **TOUR INFORMATION**

Duration:5 DaysDeparture:MondayDates:8 - 12 DecemberMeals:Half boardIncluded excursions

## **TOUR PRICE**

Price per person

**£399.00** Single room supplement **£Nil** (5 rooms only) **£80** (in double/twin room on request)



return back to the hotel, where you can just relax before dinner.

### Day 5. Depart for Home

After breakfast and cases have been loaded on to the coach, it's time to wave goodbye to our hosts at the Carlton Hotel and head for home. There will be comfort stops en-route, and you should be back in your local area by late afternoon, early evening.



# A Colourful Christmas in Bournemouth

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Marsham Court Hotel, 3 Russell Cotes Road, East Cliff, Bournemouth, BH1 3AB Tel: 01202 552111

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family-run award-winning Marsham Court Hotel offers free Wi-Fi, a south-facing swimming pool, heated May to September, 95 stylish bedrooms individually decorated and have modern bathrooms, many featuring a large walk-in shower, flat-screen TV, laptop safe, ironing facilities and tea and coffee making facilities. Guests can enjoy the on-site bar, which serves a selection of drinks, as well as afternoon tea and homemade dishes. The property features award-winning gardens with sun terraces overlooking the bay and offering sea views. Overlooking Bournemouth's sandy beaches Marsham Court Hotel is just metres from the seafront. Bournemouth's centre and shopping streets can be reached in a 5 minute walk. Bournemouth Pavilion Theatre is also a 5-minute walk from the property, while Bournemouth International Centre is a 9-minute walk away.

### **HOLIDAY CENTRE**

Bournemouth is among Britain's best-loved seaside towns. Its mild climate makes it a popular resort both in summer and winter, and is well supplied with good shops, restaurants and sports and entertainment facilities. It is a town of parks, 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. Plus Christmas Tree Wonderland, an animated tunnel, which is a warm white tunnel leading you on a festive trail through the lower gardens, featuring replica Christmas trees from around the world plus a multitude of enchanting illuminations and installations. The Alpine Market and Alpine Lodge Bar in the square offer a great atmosphere and festive fare.

#### Day 1. Depart Local Area

Step aboard your luxury coach as you start your journey to Bournemouth. There will be stops en-route for comfort. We arrive at the Marsham Court Hotel, where you will spend the next 4 night's with dinner bed and breakfast. On arrival there will be tea/coffee and chef's homemade shortbread. Time to settle in before joining a reception drink with introductions to the family and management, and a Christmas cabaret, followed by their 3 course table d'hôte dinner with entertainment. Dress code: smart casual or evening wear.

Day 2. Christmas Eve Day at Leisure After a hot & cold buffet breakfast you are free to explore Bournemouth and its wonderful Christmas Tree Wonderland. There will be an informal buffet lunch, followed by light hearted competitions throughout the day. Dinner with entertainment. Dress code: Lounge suits and something dressy for the ladies.

#### Day 3. Christmas Day

After breakfast there will be light hearted competitions throughout the day. Christmas day lunch complete with a visit from Santa, and a "Last Night of the Proms" atmosphere from the entertainer. This evening enjoy a Ploughman's buffet with mince pies whilst an entertainer presents a relaxed sing-a-long in the bar. Dress code: Smart wear for lunch, glitz & glamour for evening.

#### Day 4. Poole

After a leisurely breakfast 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 guay. Later we will return back to the hotel for afternoon tea with sandwiches and homemade scones, followed by charity cinema horse racing. This evening the Chef and his team will present a gala buffet whilst City Limits Duo will play music for dancing followed by an alpine themed cabaret and a Christmas charity raffle. Dress code: Dress up if you wish or just accessorize to suit their Alpine theme (optional).

### SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance
- Please inform us of any special dietary needs e.g.- diabetic, gluten free, vegetarian etc
- 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
- ✓ 4 Nights half board
- Excursion
- Entertainment
- ✔ Services of courier

### **TOUR INFORMATION**

Duration:	5 Days			
Departure:	Tuesday			
Dates:	23 - 27 December			
Meals: Half board				
Included excursions				

# **TOUR PRICE**

Price per person **£769.00** Single room supplement **£120.00** 



#### Day 5. Depart for Home

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





# New Year House Party in Bournemouth

# YOUR HOTEL - THE MARSHAM COURT HOTEL



Marsham Court Hotel, 3 Russell Cotes Road, East Cliff, Bournemouth, BH1 3AB Tel: 01202 552111

The Marsham Court Hotel is a relaxing full-service 4 star hotel, ideally located for your Bournemouth Christmas holiday. With a refreshing blend of contemporary and friendly seaside ambience their hotel offers a welcoming retreat for holidays. Experience a haven of hospitality with its stunning location on East Cliff, overlooking Bournemouth's Pier, bay and beaches. The

family-run award-winning Marsham Court Hotel offers free Wi-Fi, a south-facing swimming pool, heated May to September, 95 stylish bedrooms individually decorated and have modern bathrooms, many featuring a large walk-in shower, flat-screen TV, laptop safe, ironing facilities and tea and coffee making facilities. Guests can enjoy the on-site bar, which serves a selection of drinks, as well as afternoon tea and homemade dishes. The property features award-winning gardens with sun terraces overlooking the bay and offering sea views. Overlooking Bournemouth's sandy beaches Marsham Court Hotel is just metres from the seafront. Bournemouth's centre and shopping streets can be reached in a 5 minute walk. Bournemouth Pavilion Theatre is also a 5-minute walk from the property, while Bournemouth International Centre is a 9-minute walk away.

### **HOLIDAY CENTRE**

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### Day 1. Depart Local Area

Step aboard your luxury coach as you start your journey to Bournemouth. There will be stops en-route for comfort. We arrive at the Marsham Court Hotel, where you will spend the next 3 night's with dinner bed and breakfast. On arrival there will be tea/coffee and Chef's homemade shortbread. Time to settle in before joining a reception drink with introductions to the family and management, and a Christmas cabaret, followed by their 3 course table d'hôte dinner with entertainment. Dress code: Smart casual or evening wear.

Day 2. New Years Eve -Day at Leisure A hot & cold buffet breakfast, followed by light hearted competitions all day. You are also free to explore Bournemouth and its wonderful Christmas Tree Wonderland. There will be a pie buffet lunch served from 12:30pm followed by their New Year's Eve prize bingo in late afternoon. A Gala banquet will start from 7pm with dancing, followed by a charity raffle and a glass of bubbly to welcome the New Year in with fizz and Auld Lang Syne. Dress code: Glitz & Glamour for ladies and Black Tie or lounge suits for the gents.

### Day 3. New Years Day

Enjoy their full and healthy brunch, served from 9.30am. This afternoon there will be afternoon tea with sandwiches and homemade scones that will be followed by charity cinema horse racing. This evening's dinner will be followed by entertainers who will play music and they will have an Irish themed cabaret. Dress code: Dress up if you wish or just accessorize to suit the Irish theme (optional).

### Day 4. Depart for Home

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

# SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance
- Please inform us of any special dietary needs e.g.- diabetic, gluten free, vegetarian etc
- 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
- ✓ 3 Nights half board
- ✓ Entertainment
- Services of courier

## TOUR INFORMATION

Duration:	4 Days	
Departure:	Tuesday	
Dates:	30 Dec - 2 Jan	
Meals:	Half board	
Included excursions		

# **TOUR PRICE**

Price per person

**£549.00** Single room supplement **£90.00** (dbl/tw for sole occupency)







# Ambience

## **YOUR SHIP - AMBIENCE**

Here she is, the flagship of the fleet, their first lady of the sea: Ambience. Their ambition at Ambassador is to create the optimum atmosphere onboard; one that brings out the best in each of us. The perfect ambience. With an average 1,400-guest capacity and careful configuration, she offers both a feeling of spaciousness and freedom, whilst retaining that sense of intimacy and camaraderie we each crave; it's whatever makes you comfortable. Entertainment-wise, she really will spoil you for choice. Let your hair down at the Observatory and bring out your finest ensembles for The Palladium. She has numerous bars to whet your whistle, including Raffles Bar, Botanical Lounge, SW19 and The Purple Turtle pub. Dining options are plentiful at their Buckingham restaurant or the Borough Market, with many cuisine options; they have their glorious Alfresco Grill. Wining and dining are more than fine at Saffron or their deluxe Chef's Table where they offer a speciality gastronomic experience that's not to be missed. Put your best cards forward at Aces & Eights bridge and card room, and the Ambassador casino, or revive and renew at the gym and wellness centre. Other facilities include Kapoor's, our onboard crafting studio, Bronte's library, the shopping galleria, not to mention a swimming pool, two hot tubs and a large screen for outdoor movies.

## 2025/26 Departures from Tilbury

Date D	Destination	Nights	Price From Per Person
2025			
5 Jan 🧿	iems of the Caribbean Sea	39	£2599.00
13 Feb N	lordic City Escapes	11	£899.00
24 Feb C	Classical Mediterranean	24	£1699.00
20 March N	lorway's Land of Northern Lights	17	£1399.00
6 April S	pringtime Norwegian Fjordland	11	£899.00
17 April E	aster Multi-Generational Getaway	7	£549.00
24 April D	Denmark & Norway Experience	7	£559.00
16 May T	aste of the Fjords	7	£549.00
22 Aug F	rench Escape	3	£ 316.00
25 Aug T	reasures of Northern Europe	14	£1331.00
8 Sep E	British Isles Discovery	12	£1295.00
20 Sep F	rance, Portugal & Spain Adventure	14	£1463.00
4 Oct S	candinavia Explorer	7	£659.00
11 Oct S	pain, Portugal & Canaries Island Odyssey	16	£1724.00
27 Oct N	lorway's Land of the Northern Lights & Scotland	16	£1619.00
12 Nov T	he Nederlands to Honfleur	5	£455.00
17 Nov G	iems of Western Europe	12	£1211.00
29 Nov C	Canals & Culture of Hamburg & Amsterdam	5	£467.00
4 Dec V	/iking Heritage Voyage	8	£743.00
14 Dec C	Christmas Markets	6	£575.00
20 Dec C	Christmas in Canaries	18	£1823.00

### 2026

30 Jan Jew

Jewels of the Caribbean Sea

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£3299.00





# Ambition

# YOUR SHIP - AMBITION

Here she is, Ambition, the second lady of the sea. Aptly named to further emphasise their commitment to inspire and delight every guest to enjoy an authentic cruise experience effortlessly, and sustainably. Ambition will carry up to 1,200 passengers to give her a true sense of comfort and space in her 680 cabins, 125 of which have balconies and 113 are suites with up to 62m2 of living space. Her dining options will inspire you with two main restaurants, speciality dining options and a more casual bistrostyle café. Sit back, relax and enjoy a drink in one of her four bars, lounges and pub, take in a show in the tiered main theatre or discover your hidden talents in the card room, library, and craft studio. Other facilities include the wellness centre, gym, two swimming pools and a range of retail shops, perfect for days at sea.

# 2025/26 Departures from Tilbury

Date	Destination	Nights	Price From Per Person
2025			
9 Jan	Cuba & Treasures of West Indies	45	£2999.00
23 Feb	Norway's Land of the Northern Lights	14	£1159.00
9 March	Hidden Gem of France, Spain & Portugal	12	£899.00
21 March	Springtime Azores Madeira & North Africa	21	£1549.00
10 Dec	Hamburg & Amsterdam Festive Break	5	£559.00
15 Dec	Antwerp Festive Getaway	3	£ 345.00
21 Dec	Sunshine Christmas in Spain, Portugal & Morocco	16	£1799.00
2026			
6 Jan	Hamburg Staycation & Amsterdam Adventure	6	£679.00
12 Jan	Treasures of Canaries & Western Erope	23	£2439.00
4 Feb	Spain, Morocco & Canary Islands	15	£1625.00





### 1. Financial Protection

Your contract is with R B Coach Travel Ltd of Pytchley, Kettering, NN14 1FW

When you book a holiday with us, which does not include a flight, the money you pay us for booking will be protected by Bonded Coach Holidays (BCH) and the Association of Bonded Travel Organisers Trust Ltd (ABTOT); this is a government approved consumer protection scheme. The scheme will also ensure your repatriation in the event the company becomes insolvent. Our trading charter and booking conditions set out clearly and simply the responsibility we have to you and in turn, you have with us, when a contract is made. Please see the Consumer Guarantee at https://www.abtot.com/bch-abtot-members-directory/ There is no financial protection if you purchase just transport or accommodation - only from us. We fully comply with the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018. The combination of travel services offered to you is a package holiday within the meaning of the Regulations. Therefore, you will benefit from all rights applying to package holidays. R B Coach Travel Ltd will be fully responsible for the proper performance of the holiday and providing assistance if you are in difficulty. Your key rights will be in the details of the tour which will be provided prior to booking

### 2. Booking & Payment

When a booking is made, the 'lead name' on the booking guarantees that he or she is 18 or over and has the authority and accepts on behalf of the part the terms of these booking conditions and pays a deposit indicated in the brochure and as confirmed in the pre-contract information. After we receive your booking and all appropriate payments, if the arrangements you wish to book are available, we will send you a confirmation invoice within 14 days. This confirmation will include any special requests we have agreed. A binding agreement will come into existence between us when we dispatch this invoice to the 'lead name'. Please check the confirmation carefully to ensure all the information is correct. This contract is governed by English Law, and the jurisdiction of the English Courts.

Single occupancy of rooms, when available, may be subject to a supplementary charge and these will be shown in the brochure. You can book by paying a deposit for each person named on the booking, but our commitment is always conditional on the balance being paid as below.

Deposit: £40 up to 5 days, £50 over 5 days. Per person The balance of the price of your holiday must be paid at least 8 weeks before your departure. If you book within our balance due period, you will need to pay the total holiday cost at the time of booking. If the balance is not paid in time, we reserve the right to cancel your holiday, retain your deposit, and apply the cancellation charges set out in the paragraph below. The date of cancellation will normally be the date we receive your written confirmation that you intend to cancel or 15 days after the balance due date, whichever comes first.

Where optional items are purchased as part of the holiday, these are payable on the balance due date except where items, such as theatre tickets, have been specifically purchased for you. In this case the cost will be payable at a separate date notified to you and will not normally be refunded unless we obtain a refund from the supplier we use.

#### 3. Brochure Accuracy

Although "R B Coach Travel Ltd" make every effort to ensure the accuracy of the brochure information and pricing, regrettably errors do sometimes occur. You must therefore ensure you check the price and all other details of your holiday with us at the time of booking and when you receive our confirmation invoice.



## 4. Our Pricing Policy

"R B Coach Travel Ltd" endeavour to ensure that the most up to date and correct prices are shown in our brochure. Occasionally, an incorrect price may be shown, due to an error. When we become aware of any such error, we will endeavour to notify you at the time of booking (if we are then aware of the mistake) or as soon as reasonably possible. We reserve the right to cancel the booking if you do not wish to accept the price which is applicable to the holiday. Local Authorities in many towns and cities throughout Éurope have introduced new tourist taxes which must be paid directly to the hotel by all guests in person. These taxes are not included in our prices, but we will notify you when applicable. Holiday prices include all travel, hotel accommodation and meals as specified in the holiday description and VAT payable in the UK where applicable. The price of the holiday will not be subject to any surcharges accept those arising from exchange rate changes, transportation including the price of fuel, air and ferry operator fares and tolls, embarkation or disembarkation fees at terminals, duties and taxes (including the rate of VAT). Even in these cases we will absorb the cost equivalent or cost of the first 2% of the holiday price. Amounts more than this plus £1 administration fee will be surcharged to you. If this means the total cost of the holiday increases by more than 8% then you are entitled to cancel your holiday and receive a full refund of all monies paid. We will communicate the options with you either through email or letter, with a reminder if necessary. If you exercise the right to cancel, we must receive written notice within 20 days of the date of the surcharge invoice. The currency exchange rate used in the holiday costing are based on rates as at the time of printing of this charter.

### 5. If You Change Your 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, but we cannot guarantee to do so. Provided that written notification is received from the person who sighed 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, at admin cost of £20.

#### 6. Transferring Your Booking

You can transfer your booking to somebody else, but the person must satisfy all the conditions of the holiday and you must inform us either by letter or email no less than 7 days before departure. This transfer will cost (because of name change) £20 plus reasonable costs to make the transfer. You will remain responsible for ensuring payment before the balance due date. This is in addition to (and does not affect) the separate liability of the transferee to us.

### 7. If You 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 to cover our administration costs and to compensate for the risk of us not re-selling the holiday. If the holiday is re-sold a refund will be made. Your cancellation will take effect from the date on which we receive your written confirmation of your cancellation. You must also return any tickets or vouchers you have received. A reduction in room occupancy may increase the charges for the remaining passengers by the application of supplements for low occupancy of rooms. Where bought in supplies such as ferries, hotel accommodation etc have been bought in on your behalf, and where the terms and conditions of the supplier are non refundable, these products will be charged to you at the full retail rate. If this applies, the non refundable items will be deducted from your holiday costs and the following scale of charges will be applied to the remainder.

Period before	Amount of		
departure	cancellation		
Within which written	charge show as %		
Cancellation is required	of holiday price		
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.

### 8. Alterations To Your Holiday By Us

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: If We Change Your Holiday a) Continue with the "holiday" as amended

- b) accept an alternative holiday which we
- may offer you
- Or c) cancel your booking

If you choose (a) or (b) we will transfer your holiday to another. If you choose (c) we will refund all monies paid by you.

#### 9. Our Responsibilities to You

We accept responsibilities for ensuring the holiday which you book with us is supplied as described in our publicity material and the service offered reach a reasonable standard and if you are in difficulty, we will assist you. If any part of our holiday contract is not provided as promised, you may terminate the contract without paying a termination fee and we will pay you appropriate compensation if this has effected your enjoyment of your holiday. We will, however, not be liable if there are any unforeseeable or unavoidable actions of a third party not connected with our travel services, or there were unavoidable or extraordinary circumstances, or the lack of conformity is due to a traveller in the party. We accept responsibility for the acts and/or omissions of our employees, agents and suppliers except where they lead to death, injury or illness. Our liability in all cases shall be limited to a maximum of twice the value of the original holiday cost (not including insurance premiums and amendment charges). We accept responsibility for death, injury, or illness caused by the negligent acts and/or omissions of our employees or agents together with our suppliers and sub-contractors, servants and/or agents of the same whilst acting within the scope of, or during their employment in the provision of your holiday. We will accordingly pay to our clients such damages as might have been awarded in such circumstances under English Law. In respect of carriage by air, sea, tunnel and rail and the provision of accommodation our liability in all cases will be limited in the manner provided by the relevant international convention. If we make any payment to you or any member of your party for death or personal injury or illness, you will be asked to assign to us or our insurers the rights you may have to act against the person or organisation responsible for causing the death, personal injury or illness. This clause does not apply to any separate contracts that you may enter for excursions or activities during or outside of your holiday. If you or any member of your party suffer death, illness or injury whilst overseas arising out of an activity which does NOT form part of your holiday, we may offer guidance and where legal action is contemplated and you want our assistance, you must obtain our written consent prior to any proceedings (We limit the cost of our assistance to you or your party to £5,000 per party)

#### 10. If You Have A Complaint

If you have a problem during your holiday, please inform your tour manager, your driver or the relevant supplier/resort representative immediately who will endeavor to put things right. If your complaint cannot be completely resolved locally, you must complete a Holiday Report Form which can be obtained by your tour manager/driver or local representative, which you should keep. Our contact number, for unresolved complaints will be our office number on +44 01536 791066 (open in office hours) if you remain dissatisfied please follow this up within 14 days of your return home by writing to RB Coach Travel Ltd giving your original booking reference number and all other relevant information, including the reference of the Holiday Report Form. It is therefore a condition of this contract that you communicate any problem to the supplier of the services in question AND to our representative whilst in resort and obtain a written report form. If you fail to follow this simple procedure, we cannot accept responsibility as we have been deprived of the opportunity to investigate and rectify the problem. Should you wish to pursue the complaint further, BCH ABTOT have an Alternative Dispute Resolution scheme and full details are available from them. Please contact them at ABTOT 7th Floor 69 Leadenhall Street London EC3A 2BG.

#### 11. Our Coaches

We will always use our reasonable endeavors to provide a coach to the specification in our brochure or advert but reserve the right to substitute an alternative vehicle should there be unforeseen

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circumstances. There is a seating plan, but in some cases, operational reasons may require a coach with different configuration. We reserve the right to alter a coach seating plan and allocate seats other than those booked. Single passenge may be required to share a double seat with other single passengers. When your booking is confirmed, you will be offered the best seats that are available at that time. If you feel you require two seats, then these must be booked and paid for in advance, at the time of booking. If you fail to do this and it transpires that the seat allocated to you is insufficient for your need and there is no alternative seating available, then you will be refused access to the coach and any payments made will be liable to forfeiture. Specific seats will not be allocated on coaches operating a feeder service between joining points and main holiday departure points or on coaches that carry out transfers between airports, seaports etc.

### 12. Hotel Facilities

Some hotel facilities and entertainment may be withdrawn for routine maintenance or be subject to seasonal availability and provision of the facilities cannot be guaranteed. Single occupancy of rooms may be subject to a supplementary charge.

### 13. Health & Safety

In some foreign countries, standards of infrastructure, safety and hygiene may be lower than those to which we are accustomed in the UK. You should therefore exercise greater care for your own protection. There may be countries that we visit that have special medical requirements for tourists, these regulations are subject to change and our clients are responsible for complying with entry and current health requirements. If you are not sure of the health requirements for the country you are visiting, you are advised to check with your own GP before traveling. You are also advised to refer to the Department of Health leaflet "Health Advice for the Travelers".

Some people may be at risk from discomfort or deep vein thrombosis (DVT) if they remain immobile on a journey for a long period. If you are planning to undertake a journey of more than three hours, you should consult your doctor, if you have ever had DVT, pulmoary embolism, a family history of clotting conditions, cancer or treatment for cancer, stroke, and heart or lung disease or if you have had major surgery in the past three months. We reserve the right to refuse any booking in the absence of a doctor's certificate confirming that you are fit to travel. Where we provide comfort stops you are encouraged to walk around. Exercise reduces any discomfort, which may be caused by periods of immobility.

NO SMOKING is allowed on our coaches (including E-Cigarettes) and we do not allow pets or any other animals, although we accommodate registered assistance dogs, but not on overseas holidays.

### 14. Travel Documents, Itineraries, Pick-up Points & Passports

For all continental holidays, you will require a full 10 year British passport (machine readable) valid for a further 6 months after your holiday. If you do not hold a full British passport or have any doubts about your status as a resident British subject, you must check with the Embassies or Consulates of the countries to be visited to confirm the passport or visa requirements when you book. We cannot accept responsibility if passengers are not in possession of the correct travel documents. For full details on passport requirements, please contact 'the identity and passport service' on 0300 222 0000 (www.direct.gov.uk)

In relation to holidays in the European Union or a requirement to travel through an EU Member State, you are responsible to ensure that you have any necessary entry documents as required by the EU including any required compliance with the EU's 'ETIAS' system, for more information on which see www.etiasvisa.com. For travel in the European Union or Schengen area a valid General Health Insurance Card (GHIC) is required.

Available free of charge from the NHS and valid for 5 years https://www.nhs.uk

We cannot accept any liability for the consequences of your failure to do so. You are responsible for ensuring you are at the correct departure point, at the correct time and with the correct documents. R B Coach Travel Ltd reserves the right to modify itineraries to conform with requests from competent authorities both within the UK and abroad. Excursions which are included in the cost of your booking are detailed on the brochure page and refunds will not be made for excursions not taken. Optional excursions booked and paid for in resort do not form part of your booking. Admission fees to buildings may not be included in the price of the holiday, please check.

### 15. Special Requests

All special needs and requests if agreed, should be entered on the booking form and be included in the confirmation of the holiday These cannot be guaranteed except where confirmed as part of our holiday commitment to you and are detailed on your holiday booking confirmation. We are keen to ensure that we plan the arrangements for your holiday so that special needs and requests can be accommodated as far as possible. If you will need assistance or may be unable to fully enjoy all aspects of your holiday you must tell us in advance so that we can maximize your enjoyment of the holiday. We will need to know if you will need special facilities in the hotel, taking part in the excursions or have difficulty boarding and travelling on the coach or other means of transport. Before booking your holiday, you should be sure that you and your party are both physically and mentally capable of completing the itinerary, if you need advice or further information either you or your booking agent should contact 01536 791066. If you require a special diet please tell us at the time of booking, or as soon as you are medically advised, together with a copy of the diet.

### 16. Passengers with Disabilities

We want everyone to enjoy our travel arrangements. We are happy to advise and assist you in choosing a suitable holiday. But, as some of the accommodation and resorts featured may not cater for even minor disability, it is important that, when booking, you advise us of any disability, specific need or complex need you may have and any special requirements that will make sure the holiday is suitable. If a passenger requires special assistance (for example, assistance with feeding, dressing, toileting, mobilizing) then this passenger must travel with an able-bodied companion or carer and written confirmation that such assistance will be provided for the entirety of the holiday is required at the time of booking. Coach drivers/tour managers are unable to provide such assistance.

Selection & Cover	Benefit (up to)	Excess
Cancellation Loss of Deposit	£1,500	£60
Travel Delay-Delayed Dept Abandonment	£60 (£20 first full 12hrs/£10 each Extra 12hrs £1,500(after 12hrs) £60	Nil
Missed Departures	£100 England Scotland Wales £300 N Ireland Isles Scilly, Channel Isles I.O.M & Europe	Nil
Personal Accident	£10,000 (Subject to age limits)	Nil
Medical & Other Expenses (including Curltailment & Repatriation)	£1,000,000 – outside the UK medical (emergency dental treatment limited to £350), additional travel, accommodation & repatriation expenses if you are hospitalized Or have to stay beyond your return date (trips solely within the UK are limited to 31,500 And to £300 for additional travel expenses)	£60
Funeral Expenses Abroad	£1,000	
Taxi Fares & Telephone calls	£100	
Hospital Benefit - Trips solely within UK	£15 each 24hr period, max £450 £10 each 24hr period, max £100	Nil Nil
Personal Property Single Item, pair or set Valuable limit Delayed Baggage Personal Money Children aged under 16	£1,500 £200 £200 £100 £200 £50	£60 Nil £60
Loss of Passport Expenses	£200 including loss or theft of visa	Nil
Personal Liability	£1,000,000	Nil
Legal Costs & Expenses	£25,000	Nil



### Important

You must tell us if you have an existing medical condition, disability or complex need that may affect your holiday or other group members' enjoyment of it before you book your holiday. We reserve the right to request a doctor's certificate confirming the passenger is fit to travel. If, in our reasonable opinion, your chosen holiday is not suitable for your medical condition or disability, we reserve the right to refuse your booking. You are responsible for bringing with you the proper clothing and equipment, which we advise you about in our printed trip information. We want you to enjoy your holiday and will help you select an appropriate trip.

### 17. Passenger Behavior

We want our passengers to have a happy and carefree holiday. You are responsible for your behavior and hygiene and the effect it may have on others. If you or any other member of your party is abusive, disruptive or behaves in a way that could cause damage or injury to others or affect their enjoyment of their holiday or which could damage property, we have the right to terminate your contract with us and we will have no further liability or obligation to you. The coach driver/tour manager or authorized official is entitled to refuse you boarding if in their reasonable opinion you are unacceptably under the influence of drink or drugs or you are being violent or disruptive. If you are refused boarding on the outward journey, we will regard it as a cancellation by you and we will apply cancellation charges. If on your return journey, we have the right to terminate the contract with you. We also request that mobile telephones are not used on the coach.

### 18. Travel Insurance

We strongly advise that you take out personnel travel insurance for the trip. We have arranged travel insurance with "P J Hayman" which is outlined below. You may use an alternative insurer, but you must advise us. The insurance should cover medical and repatriation costs, personal injury, loss of bagage and cancellation charges. If you do not have adequate insurance and require our assistance during your holiday, we reserve the right to reclaim from any medical repatriation or other expenses which we may incur on your behalf which would otherwise have been met by insurers. You must advise us if you use an alternative insurer, the policy number and 24-hour contact number.

### 19. Luggage

Please restrict your luggage to a suitcase weighing no more than 20 kgs per person. We cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage to luggage unless through our negligence. Please do not leave valuable items in your suitcase when left on the coach. Please contact us for our policy on mobility scooters.

### 20. General Data Protection Regulations

We comply with the GDPR 2018 Regulations, our data controller is Mr Symon Dawson and our data protection policy is available on request.

### 21. Emergency Contact

Our emergency contact details are Tel: 01536 791066

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# **Booking form** (Please use BLOCK CAPITALS)



TOUR TITLE:
SPECIAL REQUESTS:
DISABILITIES: (wheelchairs, walkers or mobility scooters)
DEPARTURE DATE:
NO. OF DAYS:

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# **CLIENTS & ROOMING DETAILS**

MR/MRS/ MISS	INITIALS	SURNAME (PERSON SIGNING BOOKING FORM FIRST)	DATE OF BIRTH	TWIN/DOUBLE/ SINGLE	BOARDING POINT
INSURANCE: : If you would like Information on our recommended insurance (please tick here)					

# **PAYMENT DETAILS**

	HOLIDAYS Deposit: Up to £40 per person £	o 5 days
>	HOLIDAYS Deposit: Over £50 per person £	5 days
	<b>CRUISES Deposit: All Crui</b> £	ises 15% of Total Cruise Price
	FULL PAYMENT	£
	TOTAL SUM ENCLOSED:	£
		ayable to: RB Coach Travel Ltd

# **CLIENTS NAME & ADDRESS**

NAME:
ADDRESS:
POSTCODE:
TEL NUMBER HOME:
TEL NUMBER WORK:
PASSPORT NO. (CONTINENTAL TOURS ONLY):
DATE OF BIRTH:
SIGNATURE:

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