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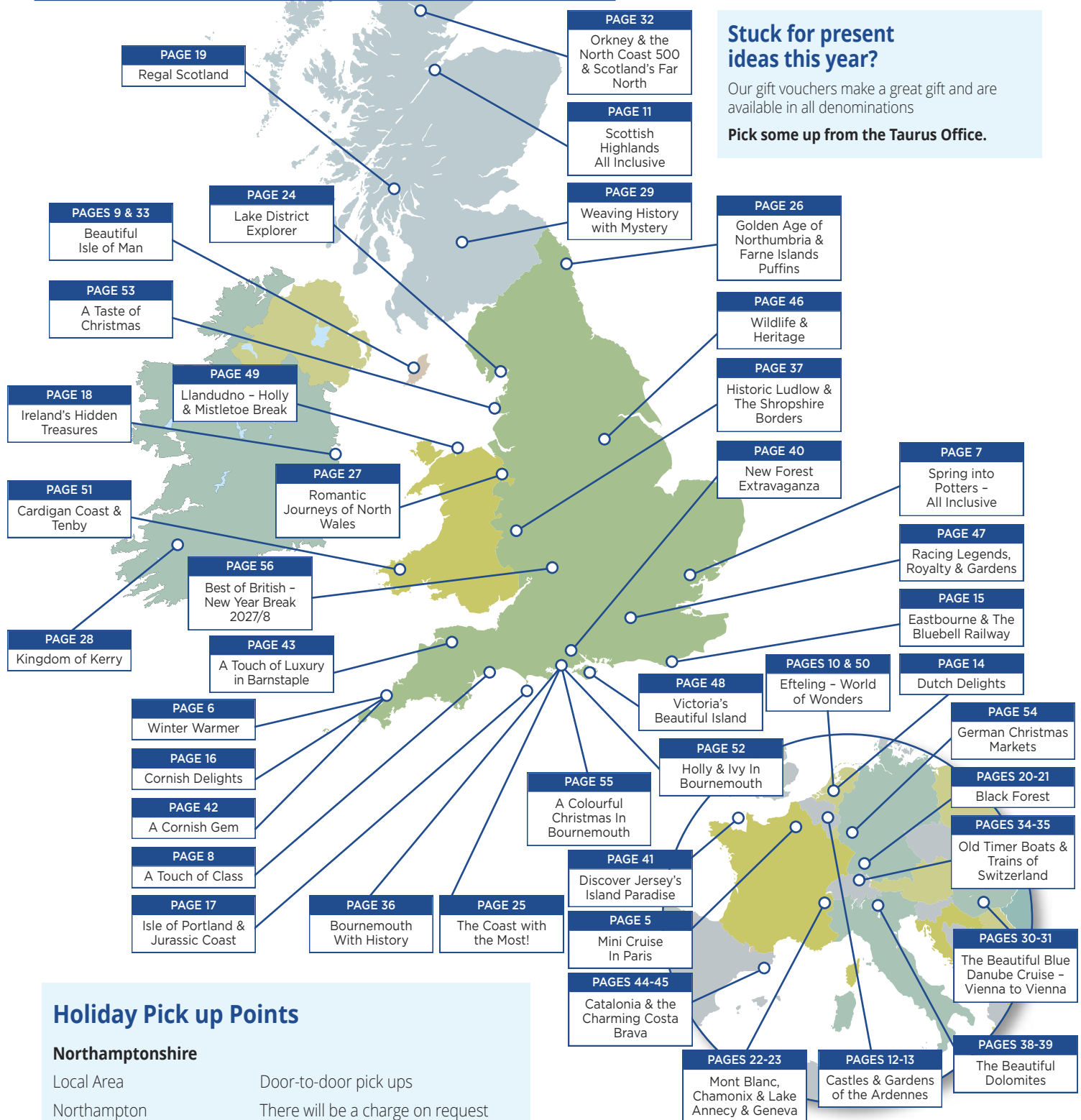


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5 DAYS
£599
8-12 Feb

Bournemouth's Monkeys & Mansions

YOUR HOTEL - MARSHAM COURT HOTEL BOURNEMOUTH



Marshall Court Hotel, 3 Russell Cotes Road, East Cliff, Bournemouth BH1 3AB
Telephone: 01202 552111

The Marshall Court Hotel is a relaxing full-service 4* hotel, ideally located for your holiday. 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 Marshall 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 in every room. 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, Marshall Court Hotel is just metres from the seafront. Bournemouth centre and shopping streets can be reached in 5 minutes' walk. Bournemouth Pavilion Theatre is a 5-minute walk from the property, while Bournemouth International Centre is a 9-minute walk away.

During 2027 the hotel will be following an improvement project to make future visits even better. The work will be completed in stages in order to minimise disruption, but this may impact upon your stay.

HOLIDAY CENTRE

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

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 Marshall Court Hotel, where you will spend the next four nights with dinner, bed and breakfast. On arrival there will be tea/coffee. Time to settle in before dinner.

Day 2. Monkey World

Today we enjoy a fun-filled, fascinating day out at Monkey World - Ape Rescue Centre. Set in a 65-acre park which provides sanctuary for rescued and endangered primates around the world. The park is well laid out and spacious for both humans and primates alike. You can also support Monkey World in continuing their

rescue and rehabilitation work by adopting a primate, giving you free entry to the park for a whole year. There is also a café which serves hot and cold food. Later returning to hotel.

Day 3. Day at Leisure

Today is a free day for you to do whatever you fancy. You may like to walk on the beach, have a paddle, shop, visit the parks etc.

Day 4. Montacute House & Gardens NT

Today we visit Montacute House. This is one of the few Elizabethan houses in England to still have its compartmentalised garden. A masterpiece of Elizabethan Renaissance architecture and design, with towering walls of glass, glowing

ham stone with its famous Long Gallery and its collection of Tudor and Elizabethan portraits. You will also see the State Rooms with its collections of fine furniture and textiles. Montacute House has been used in the BBC drama Wolf Hall. The surrounding garden, from the impressive 'wibbly wobbly' hedges by the Cedar Lawn, to the tropical interior of the orangery, each area offers something different for you to explore and enjoy, no matter what the season.

Day 5. Depart for Home

After breakfast we retrace our steps back home, making a stop at Winchester for a break. We then continue our journey and should be back by late afternoon.

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
- ✓ 4 nights half-board
- ✓ Tea/coffee on arrival
- ✓ 10% off all cold drinks, (not including bottles of wine)
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Entertainment
- ✓ Services of courier

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **5 Days**

Departure: **Monday**

Dates: **8-12 Feb**

Meals: **Half-board**

Included excursions

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£599.00

Single room supplement

£Nil



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4 DAYS
from **£599**
23-26 Feb

Mini Cruise In Paris

YOUR FLOATING HOTEL THE MS SEINE PRINCESS



This elegant ship sails on the Seine, a historic and authentic river with breathtaking views. The MS Seine Princess is a great standard ship, measuring 110 metres long and 11.40 metres wide. It can accommodate 138 passengers, in 67 cabins spread over two decks. The size of each cabin is 12.50 m² (apart from two suites, with a surface of 18 m² and 20 m²). All cabins offer a variety of amenities and provide guests with all the comforts they need during their stay. The tasteful decoration and the atmosphere, both elegant, warm and friendly, are in perfect harmony with its environment.

Located on the upper deck, the restaurant offers superb French cuisine in a refined setting, where large bay windows allow you to take full advantage of the panorama. Also situated on the upper deck is the lounge/bar with a dance floor. On the sun deck, an ideal place to relax and admire the landscapes, guests can enjoy comfortable sun loungers, as well as a large, shaded area, if weather permits. All cabins have en-suite with shower and toiletries. Headsets are also provided in your cabins for excursions. The Paris by night cruise is subject to tidal influences and arrival times at the ports of call may be modified. For reasons of navigational safety, the captain and crew of the boat alone may decide to modify the cruise itinerary.

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 all 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 our local area, the journey starts with our 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 our way from Calais, we travel through France with comfort stops, to arrive at our floating hotel in Paris. Time to settle in on the MS Seine Princess 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

(subject to change). 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 quay in Paris.

Day 3. Paris - The Old Montmartre

This morning after breakfast is another ½ day guided tour of the old Montmartre (Approx 3 ½ hrs). Located at the very heart of a 19C 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 at work and 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, you will return to the boat to enjoy lunch. This afternoon you have more free time to explore. As the boat will

be docked a short walk from the Eiffel Tower and the Trocadéro Gardens, and the Invalides which is 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 disembark the MS Seine Princess 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 en-route to the port. Arrival time back in our local area should be mid evening.

Your driver will do their utmost to ensure you have an enjoyable and memorable holiday. Should circumstances require it, they may, at their discretion, make minor adjustments to the itinerary in the interests of the group's comfort, safety, or overall enjoyment of the tour.

SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance
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- Please inform us of any special dietary needs e.g: diabetic, gluten free, vegetarian etc.
- Special requests are put forward to the ship, 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
- There is no lift but stairs to main deck cabins

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All coach travel
- ✓ Ferries
- ✓ 3 nights full-board + drinks
- ✓ 4 upper deck cabins
- ✓ 15 main deck cabins
- ✓ 2 half day excursions
- ✓ Entertainment
- ✓ Services of driver

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **4 Days**

Departure: **Tuesday**

Dates: **23-26 Feb**

Meals: **Full-board + drinks**

2 x ½ day morning excursions included

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£659.00 Upper Deck

£599.00 Main Deck





6 DAYS

£599

6-11 Mar

Winter Warmer

YOUR HOTEL - ROSEMUNDY HOUSE HOTEL ST AGNES



Rosemundy House Hotel, St Agnes, Cornwall, TR5 0UF
Telephone: 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, which are all shapes and sizes, which give the hotel its character. 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 begins. 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 five nights with dinner, bed and breakfast.

Day 2. Polperro & Fowey

Leaving after breakfast you travel to the beautiful and scenic villages of Polperro and Fowey along the Cornish coast. In Polperro it is easy to step back in time in what is a largely unspoilt fishing village. Pretty cottages cling to the steep hillsides around a small harbour, beloved by artists over the years. The River Pol runs through Polperro creating its idyllic appearance, as well as the tightly packed ancient fishermen's houses which survive almost untouched, its quaint harbour and attractive

coastline. We then head to Fowey, tucked away on the picturesque coast, a small historic town filled with narrow streets clustered around the harbour inlet. The town is located at the mouth of the River Fowey before running into the English Channel. The River Fowey is the centre of this traditional town creating the beautiful landscape. We will then return to the hotel to relax before dinner.

Day 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 35-acre 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. And 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. Porthleven - Marazion - St Ives

Today we have a circular tour of south Cornwall. Porthleven is now a fishing port, it was a harbour of refuge when this part of the Cornish coastline was infamous for wrecks in the days of sail. Then on to Marazion. a vast sandy shoreline within Mount's Bay. The focus of this charming coastline is St Michael's Mount and the fascinating cobbled causeway that leads to the legendary island. St Michael's Mount is one of the oldest chartered towns in the UK. With a small community, medieval castle, and church, visitors can access the island by boat or on foot at low tide when the ancient stone causeway, constructed in 1425, is revealed. From here we cross to

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- There are tea/coffee making facilities in the rooms
- The itinerary could be subject to change

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All coach travel
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ 5 nights half-board
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Eden Project
- ✓ Cream tea
- ✓ Courier escorted

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **6 Days**

Departure: **Saturday**

Dates: **6-11 Mar**

Meals: **Half-board**

Included excursions

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£599.00

Single room supplement

£Nil (4 rooms)



St Ives. Wander through the maze of narrow cobbled streets, independent shops and fisherman's cottages in the heart of St Ives.

Day 5. Day at Leisure

A day of leisure. You can wander into the village which has a museum on the history of St Agnes, or walk down the steep walk to the harbour, but remember you must walk back! This afternoon you will have a cream tea in 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.

Your tour manager and driver will do their utmost to ensure you have an enjoyable and memorable holiday. Should circumstances require it, they may, at their discretion, make minor adjustments to the itinerary in the interests of the group's comfort, safety, or overall enjoyment of the tour.



5 DAYS
£669
8-12 Mar

Spring into Potters – All Inclusive

YOUR HOTEL - POTTERS FIVE LAKES RESORT MALDON



Potters Five Lakes Resort,
Colchester Road,
Tolleshunt Knights,
Maldon CM9 8HX
Telephone: 0333 320 7500



HOLIDAY CENTRE

Five Lakes Resort opened in 1995 complete with a 114-hotel room, 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. With an excellent variety of activities, first class-West End quality entertainment; with delicious food & drink, 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 is included. 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, hairdryer, 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, 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 nights' all-inclusive. Time to explore and enjoy the facilities before dinner.

Days 2-4. At Your Leisure

Time to enjoy all the facilities that Potter's have to offer. Relax knowing that Potters will take care of everything for you on your early getaway. Everything is included and you won't need to lift a finger. Instead, indulge yourself with coffee or a hot chocolate in their Garden Bar, reconnect with friends as you tuck into

delicious food in The Eden Restaurant, enjoy superb sports and leisure facilities and take part in their daytime activities programme, packed with fun. The Glade Theatre doors open each evening as the Potters Theatre Company dazzle you with West End quality shows. Their five star fully inclusive resort in the Essex countryside provides a range of fantastic adult getaways, as well as a few inclusive bowls tournaments.

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 late afternoon.



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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 all-inclusive
- ✓ Sports, leisure & activities
- ✓ West End quality entertainment
- ✓ Drinks included in your stay
- ✓ Free to enter indoor bowls tournament
- ✓ Services of driver

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **5 Days**
Departure: **Monday**
Dates: **8-12 Mar**
Meals: **Full-board**

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£669.00

Single room supplement

£100.00 (3 only - in
Dbl/Tw)



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**5 DAYS
£659****21-25 Mar**

A Touch of Class

YOUR HOTEL - THE BELMONT HOTEL SIDMOUTH



The Belmont Hotel, The Esplanade, Sidmouth, Devon EX10 8RX

Telephone: 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 explore this unique Regency town. From the moment you go through the castellated entrance you are greeted by their frock-coated doorman, then you realise you are in a world apart. The hotel is only yards from the beach and the Esplanade. The enchanting 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, hairdryer 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 cliff which date back to the Triassic period. Along the front is the Millennium Walkway which stretches the length of the beach, which 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 the East Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and is surrounded by spectacular scenery and vistas. The landscape is a wonderful mix of wooded combs, 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, cafes and restaurants. The resort was very fashionable in the 1800's 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 buildings, 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 four nights with dinner bed and breakfast at the 4* Belmont Hotel, overlooking the sea. On arrival you will be greeted by the doorman and your luggage is taken to your rooms. After settling into 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 we 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. 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 Quayside. Later this afternoon you retrace our journey back to the hotel.

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

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All coach travel
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ 4 nights half-board
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Cream tea
- ✓ Boat cruise
- ✓ Services of courier

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **5 Days**Departure: **Sunday**Dates: **21-25 Mar**Meals: **Half-board**

Included excursions

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£659.00

Single room supplement

£80.00 Single Seaview**£160.00** 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.

Your tour manager and driver will do their utmost to ensure you have an enjoyable and memorable holiday. Should circumstances require it, they may, at their discretion, make minor adjustments to the itinerary in the interests of the group's comfort, safety, or overall enjoyment of the tour.



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5 DAYS
£799
1-5 Apr

Beautiful Isle of Man

YOUR HOTEL - EMPRESS HOTEL DOUGLAS



Empress Hotel, Central Promenade, Douglas IM2 4RA

Telephone: 01624 661155

The Empress Hotel located right on the beachfront just a short walk away from the promenade and the busyness of the town centre and attractions. With 102 spacious bedrooms all equipped with LCD flat screen TVs, direct dial telephone, free Wi-Fi, hairdryer and trouser press. There are two restaurants, the Brasserie located on the upper floor which provides spectacular views of the bay, to eat in this restaurant you would have to pay. The other is on the lower floor which is where groups would have

their dinner and breakfast. After a long day of sightseeing you can relax in one of the beauty rooms offering facials, massages, manicures etc.

HOLIDAY CENTRE

Situated between the coastlines of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, in the middle of the Irish Sea, you will find this beautiful island. Blessed with an extensive coastline, stunning natural landscape and unspoilt beaches, the Isle of Man is a perfect holiday destination. Douglas, situated on the east coast of the Isle of Man, has been the island capital since 1863 and holds most of the island action. Its beautiful seafront is lined with picturesque hotels and restaurants. The shopping high street is filled with familiar names like Boots, Next etc, as well as many locally owned stores. From spring to early autumn, the horse drawn trams run along the promenade which is two miles long. The magnificent sweep of Douglas Bay, against the background of green hills, has a charm hard to equal anywhere. Douglas was a pioneer in illuminations and at night presents a scene of spectacular beauty never to be forgotten.

Day 1. Depart for Heysham

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

Day 2. 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 (if available), 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 3. Douglas to Port Erin

After breakfast, we head for the railway station in Douglas to take one of the great train journeys of the Isle of Man. Departing Douglas station for Port Erin at 09:50hrs. Step aboard the I.O.M steam railway, this is the longest narrow gauge steam line in the British Isles, 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 approx. 10.50am, we can have time to explore

and have a break 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 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 Laxey mines were the deepest mines in the world during the 1800's. The Great Laxey Wheel 'Lady Isabella' was used to pump water out of the mines. We then board the Snaefell Mountain Railway to the summit of Snaefell, the islands highest peak at 2034ft, this offers amazing views of the Laxey Glens and surrounding countryside. We rejoin our coach to return to the hotel.

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 alteration

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All coach travel & ferries
- ✓ 4 nights half-board
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Train ride to Port Erin
- ✓ Manx Electric Railway &
- ✓ Snaefell Mountain Railway
- ✓ Courier escorted

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **5 Days**

Departure: **Thursday**

Dates: **1-5 Apr**

Meals: **Half-board**

Included excursions

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£799.00

Single room supplement

£58.00 (dbl/tw for sole use)



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Day 5. 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 08:30hrs. Arriving in Heysham approx 12:15hrs. We then retrace our steps back to our pick-up area.

Your tour manager and driver will do their utmost to ensure you have an enjoyable and memorable holiday. Should circumstances require it, they may, at their discretion, make minor adjustments to the itinerary in the interests of the group's comfort, safety, or overall enjoyment of the tour.



4 DAYS
from **£525**
4-7 Apr

Efteling – World of Wonders

YOUR HOTEL - EFTELING WONDER HOTEL RA KAATSHEUVEL



Efteling Wonder Hotel, Horst 31, 5171, RA Kaatsheuvel, Netherlands

Telephone: +31 416 537 777

The magic continues at the 4-star Efteling Wonder Hotel, where even your overnight stay becomes part of the adventure. Designed as a magical castle in the clouds, the hotel is full of imagination and atmosphere. Your comfortable premium room includes a generous double bed, bunk beds, a sofa, walk-in shower, television, tea and coffee facilities, mini fridge, safe, air-conditioning and Wi-Fi. Guests can also enjoy the Badhuys indoor water play area, with warm pools, gentle currents, bubble baths and play areas for younger children. It is the perfect place to relax after a busy day exploring the park.

HOLIDAY CENTRE

Step into a world where fairy tales, thrilling adventures and unforgettable experiences come to life. Efteling is unlike any ordinary theme park, with beautifully themed attractions, enchanting forests, exciting rides and magical stories around every corner. Thrill-seekers can brave the dramatic free fall of Baron 1898 or race through the park on the fun-filled Max & Moritz family roller coaster. For something gentler, float through the dreamlike world of Droomvlucht, meet the talking Fairytale Tree and wander through scenes inspired by much-loved stories and legends. There are also spectacular shows and live entertainment to enjoy, including Aquanura, an incredible water, light and music show. With so much to discover, Efteling offers a wonderful mix of excitement, imagination and relaxation for all ages.

Day 1. Depart Local Area

Our magical adventure begins as we travel to Dover for our ferry crossing to Dunkirk. A meal voucher will be provided for food and a drink during the journey. We then continue through Belgium and into the Netherlands, with a comfort stop along the way, before arriving at the Efteling Wonder Hotel for our three-night stay. Once we arrive, the excitement really begins. Depending on our arrival time, there may even be an opportunity to make our first visit into Efteling Park and enjoy an early taste of the magic.

Days 2-3. Efteling Park World of Wonders

After breakfast, you have two wonderful days to explore Efteling at your own pace. Whether you want to experience exciting roller coasters, discover magical dark rides, wander through the Fairytale Forest, watch live entertainment or simply soak up the atmosphere, there is plenty to

keep everyone entertained.

With attractions for thrill-seekers, families and those who prefer something gentler, every member of the group can create their own perfect day. Do not miss the chance to see Aquanura, Efteling's spectacular water show, which brings fountains, music and lights together in an unforgettable display.

Day 4. Return Home

After breakfast, we say goodbye to the Efteling Wonder Hotel and begin our journey back to Dunkirk for the ferry crossing to Dover. A meal voucher will again be provided for food and a drink during the journey. We then continue back to your original boarding point, arriving home by mid-evening after a truly magical few days.



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SPECIAL NOTES

- A full valid passport
- GHIC Card (Global Health Insurance Card)
- 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
- ✓ Ferry
- ✓ 3 nights bed & breakfast
- ✓ 3 days entrance to Efteling Park
- ✓ Tourist tax
- ✓ Escorted

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **4 Days**

Departure: **Sunday**

Dates: **4-7 Apr**

Meals: **Bed & breakfast**

TOUR PRICE

2 Adults

£725pp

1 Adult/1 child

£715pp

3 Adults

£585pp

2 Adults/1 child

£575pp

1 Adult/2 children

£565pp

4 Adults

£545pp

3 Adults/1 child

£535pp

2 Adults/2 children

£530pp

1 Adult/3 children

£525pp



7 DAYS
£1119
10-16 Apr

Scottish Highlands – All Inclusive

YOUR HOTEL - PALACE HOTEL INVERNESS



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

Best Western Inverness Palace Hotel & Spa is a charming 3-star property in a stately 1890's Victorian mansion overlooking the River Ness. Set in a prime location in the centre of Inverness just 2 minutes' walk from Inverness Cathedral, and 10 minutes' walk from Inverness Castle. There are 88 well-appointed rooms, which come with free Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs, and tea and coffee making facilities. All include clock radio, climate control, in-room safe, and phone and fax machine, iron/ironing boards as well as

trouser press. Bathroom amenities include hairdryer, complimentary toiletries and shower/tub combination. The hotel includes a cafeteria and a stylish restaurant offering a full Scottish breakfast buffet. There is an indoor swimming pool. Guests can also enjoy the following spa/wellness facilities: sauna, steam room and spa tub.

Out/Return Hotel

Barony Castle Hotel, Old Manse Rd, Peebles EH45 8QW, Scotland – Telephone: 01721 730395

HOLIDAY CENTRE

Inverness is in the north of Scotland and one of the smallest cities, known as Scotland's "Highland Capital", it still however retains its market town feel, dating back to its early development. Today tourism is a very important part of the economy. One of the many joys of Inverness is the rich variety of places to visit and things to do both in and around the city. The city boasts a host of historic buildings, notably in the Old Town, which you can appreciate while you browse city shops from the Victorian market to the new award-winning East Gate centre.

Take a stroll to Inverness Castle, currently used as a courthouse, and St Andrew's Cathedral, which dominates the River Ness and one of the most beautiful riverside settings in Britain. Enjoy the fine circular walk from the castle along the river and through the Ness Islands where you can watch anglers casting long lines to leaping Atlantic salmon. You can even buy a daily ticket and try it for yourself.

Above the city lies Craig Phadrig, once the stronghold of Pictish Kings, which offers interesting forest walks and magnificent views of the Moray Firth, home to a diverse range of wildlife including bottlenose dolphins which can even be seen from the city.

Day 1. Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, we travel north with comfort stops en-route, to Barony Castle Hotel in the Peebles. This imposing 16th century castle has evolved into a traditional welcoming hotel, and where we will spend our first & last overnight stay with dinner, bed & breakfast.

Day 2. Inverness

After a good night's rest and a full Scottish breakfast, we leave the hotel and head for Inverness. There will be interesting stops en-route. On arriving at the Palace Hotel, we settle in and relax before dinner. All drinks are included between 7pm-10pm whilst at the Palace Hotel.

Day 3. Jewel in the Crown of the Highlands

Today we head north to Dunrobin Castle, **(included)** the most northerly of Scotland's great houses. It is the largest house in the Highlands, with 189 rooms and is one of Britain's oldest continuously inhabited houses, dating from the early 1300's, home to the Earls and later, the Dukes of Sutherland. The castle, which resembles a French château with its towering conical spires, has seen the architectural influences of Scotland's own Sir Robert Lorimer along with Sir Charles Barry, who designed London's Houses of Parliament. The castle was used as a naval hospital during the First World War and as a boys' boarding school from 1965 to 1972.

Day 4. Day at Leisure

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

Day 5. Loch Ness & Boat Trip

Today we shall explore Loch Ness with a boat trip, maybe Nessy will put in an appearance?! We shall board the boat at Fort Augustus for a cruise. You will then have time to explore the little village of Fort Augustus which is on the south shore of Loch Ness, with its little shops and eateries, along with the Caledonian Canal and Loch chambers. Later we return to the hotel.

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
- Overnight bags can be taken
- Itinerary could be subject to change

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All coach travel
- ✓ 2 overnights half-board
- ✓ 4 nights full-board main hotel
- ✓ Excursions + entrances
- ✓ Entertainment
- ✓ Packed lunches
- ✓ Free bar 7pm-10pm
- ✓ Wine at dinner
- ✓ Complimentary tea/coffee
- ✓ Leisure facilities

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **7 Days**

Departure: **Saturday**

Dates: **10-16 Apr**

Meals: **Full-board main hotel**

Included excursions + entrances

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£1119.00

Single room supplement

£200.00 (dbl/tw for sole use)

Day 6. Depart for Peebles

After breakfast and cases have been loaded, it is time to say farewell to our hosts at the Palace Hotel and start our journey south. There will be stops en-route. Arriving late afternoon at the Barony Castle Hotel Peebles.

Day 7. Depart for Home

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

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Castles & Gardens of the Ardennes

YOUR HOTEL - MERCURE HOTEL NAMUR



Mercure Hotel, Av. Baron de Moreau 1, 5000 Namur, Belgium

Telephone: +32 81 64 92 20

Located in Circus Casino Resort, 4* Mercure Namur Hotel looks onto the River Meuse, offering a combination of peaceful surroundings and lively entertainment. All rooms are fitted with modern furnishings. Some rooms overlook the river, and others look at the citadel. All en-suite rooms include free toiletries, hairdryer, TV, tea/coffee machine and minibar. Traditional Belgian dishes are served at the restaurant of the hotel and celebrated Belgian beer brews complement the menu selection. A hot buffet breakfast is served daily in the renovated breakfast hall. Renowned for its elegant and discreet atmosphere, Mercure Namur Hotel's casino offers the chance to be lucky at the blackjack table or at the roulette wheel, while enjoying many themed nights. For a truly relaxing experience, indulge in their Cinq Mondes Spa – a true haven of well-being, where ancestral rituals and treatments from around the world await you.



HOLIDAY CENTRE

The Ardennes region covers a little bit of each of three countries: France, Belgium and Luxembourg... between magical forests, spectacular landscapes, inviting valleys, ancient fortresses, and picturesque towns and villages. Namur's role in history was assured by its huge citadel fortress on the strategic heights overlooking the confluence of the rivers Meuse and Sambre: whoever controlled it controlled local traffic on both rivers and in the surrounding area. The city was besieged and occupied many times by the armies of different European powers. Today, it has expanded beyond the citadel's walls and, since 1985, has been the seat of the Parliament of the Walloon region. It has retained many of its historic buildings alongside some dramatic modern additions and its city centre is mostly pedestrianised, making it very tourist friendly. Its position at the gateway to the Ardennes means that Namur and its surroundings enjoy all the rich colours and flavours of that region.





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5 DAYS
£919
18-22 Apr

Day 1. Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach and departing your local area, we head down to Dover for our morning ferry to Calais. We travel through France and Belgium to our hotel Mercure in Namur where we will spend the next four nights at half-board.

Day 2. Les Jardins d'Annevoie & Maredsous Abbey

Today we visit the beautiful Annevoie Gardens. It was built in the 18th century by the Montpellier family and is principally known for the extensive water gardens that surround it, the **Jardins d'Annevoie**, the only ones of their kind in Belgium. You will discover that everything works entirely naturally, without any mechanical or electrical intervention. Explore this wonderful place. Later we head for Maredsous Abbey, taste its typical gastronomy, visit its cheese museum where your taste buds will be awake,



without forgetting to taste the inevitable beer of Maredsous resulting from a traditional brewing. Return to hotel.

Day 3. Namur Citadel & River Cruise + Guided Walking Tour of Namur

Today we start with a river cruise on the River Meuse, to see the beautiful surroundings of Namur. Later we will have a guided walking tour of the city centre of Namur with a local guide, taking in all the interesting buildings and places. Entrance to the Namur Citadelle is also included.

Day 4. Castle & Garden of Freyr & River Cruise

Today we travel to the town of Dinant which is dramatically perched on the

narrow banks of the River Meuse, at a point where the river cuts deeply through the limestone of the Condroz plateau. Here we will board a boat for a 45min cruise along the River Meuse. On our return we then visit the 18th century castle and gardens of Freyr which has hosted many royal visitors. The gardens boasts a fountain, ancient orange trees and a 6km maze made from hornbeam hedges.

Day 5. Depart for Home

Departing after breakfast we retrace our steps back to Dunkirk with comfort stops, for our late afternoon ferry to Dover. Arriving home around mid-evening.



SPECIAL NOTES

- The currency you will need for this tour is the Euro
- A valid passport
- An GHIC card (Global Health Insurance card)
- Insurance
- To ring back to England, you dial: +44 then minus the 0 from your code, followed by your number
- 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.

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All coach travel & ferry
- ✓ 4 nights half-board
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Entrances
- ✓ Courier escorted

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **5 Days**

Departure: **Sunday**

Dates: **18-22 Apr**

Meals: **Half-board**

Included excursions & entrances

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£919.00

Single room supplement

£205.00

(double/twin for sole use)

Your tour manager and driver will do their utmost to ensure you have an enjoyable and memorable holiday. Should circumstances require it, they may, at their discretion, make minor adjustments to the itinerary in the interests of the group's comfort, safety, or overall enjoyment of the tour.

**5 DAYS
£725****30 Apr-4 May**

Dutch Delights

YOUR HOTEL - KONTAKT DER KONTINENTEN HOTEL SOESTERBERG



Kontakt der Kontinenten Hotel, Amersfoortsestraat 20, Soesterberg, Netherlands
Telephone: +31 (0)346 351755

The 3* Kontakt der Kontinenten hotel, a former mission house and monastery. The hotel is light and airy with a great restaurant. Their internationally oriented kitchen offers excellent meals, also from the restaurant you have a direct view and access to the terrace and beautiful forest garden. There are 125 bedrooms all with en-suite, TV, telephone and Wi-Fi.

The lounge serves as the living room, where you can get a freshly brewed cup of coffee or tea for free throughout the day. There are lounge chairs and a large reading table where you can calmly read the newspaper or a magazine. Free internet via Wi-Fi is available everywhere. In the Monastery Cenakel, there is also a lounge with delicious coffee, newspapers and wireless internet. In the bar you can relax while enjoying a drink and a snack. In good weather you can stroll with a drink from the bar to the large terrace overlooking the forest.

HOLIDAY CENTRE

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

Day 1. Depart Local Area

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

Day 2. Keukenhof Gardens

One of the most spectacular gardens in the world can be found at Keukenhof (entrance included). Think of Keukenhof as an "amusement park for flowers". There are meandering paths, fields exploding with colour as millions of tulips are blooming, and the site has a requisite windmill or two, as well as a variety of exhibits. The number of bulb-growing companies taking part has now grown from 10 to more than 100, but the Keukenhof's character remains unchanged: every year it exhibits the

best and most beautiful flowers in the Netherlands. Keukenhof has become one of the best-known attractions in the country and one of the most photographed sights in the world. A design dating back to 1840.

The majestic trees and the pond date back to that time. In the years following, the Keukenhof Estate was further developed into the present 32-hectare park. Areas of beautiful displays inside the many Pavilions. Many places for relaxation and refreshments. After a colourful day we return back to the hotel to relax before dinner, the rest of the evening is at leisure.

Day 3. Old Holland Tram & Boat

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

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

Day 4. Windmills - Cheese & Old Holland

Today we visit the windmill village of Zaanse Schans. An open-air museum full of traditional fisherman's houses and the old traditional style windmills. Visit the cheese and clog houses, see how the cheese is made and even try a piece. You can also see how clogs are formed. If you wish, you can climb the different windmills. Continuing your journey to the picturesque fishing village of Volendam, where the locals wear the traditional national costume of

SPECIAL NOTES

- Currency for this tour in the Euro
- Full valid passport
- Insurance
- To phone back to England: +44 then leave off the zero of your STD code then the number
- There are no tea/coffee making facilities in the rooms but there is free tea/coffee in the lounge 24/7
- 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
- ✓ Ferries
- ✓ 4 nights half-board
- ✓ Complimentary tea/coffee, 24/7
- ✓ Tourist tax
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Entrance to Keukenhof Gardens
- ✓ Train & boat ride
- ✓ Courier escorted

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **5 Days**

Departure: **Friday**

Dates: **30 Apr-4 May**

Meals: **Half-board**

Included excursions

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£725.00

Single room supplement

£92.00 (dbl/tw for sole use)

Volendam. Try the local herring, Paling (eel) or the scrumptious pancakes. The little harbour, bustling with fishing boats and a pleasure boat, can take you across to the little fisherman's island of Markham. After a great day, you return to the hotel for dinner.

Day 5. Depart for Home

After breakfast and cases have been loaded onto the coach, we depart the hotel making our way back to the port and our afternoon ferry to Dover, to arrive home later this evening.

Your tour manager and driver will do their utmost to ensure you have an enjoyable and memorable holiday. Should circumstances require it, they may, at their discretion, make minor adjustments to the itinerary in the interests of the group's comfort, safety, or overall enjoyment of the tour.



5 DAYS
£669
3-7 May

Eastbourne & The Bluebell Railway

YOUR HOTEL - THE LANSDOWNE HOTEL EASTBOURNE



The Lansdowne Hotel, King Edward's Parade, Eastbourne BN21 4EE

Telephone: 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 en-suite 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 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 to the hotel.

Day 4. Sissinghurst Castle & Gardens

Today we visit Sissinghurst Castle, a ruin of an Elizabethan manor house gently seated in the beautiful Weald of Kent. It was once a prison to captured French seamen during the Seven Years' War, a poor house and latterly a working farm. It gained international fame in the 1930's when Vita Sackville-West and Harold Nicolson created a garden here. The estate, perfect for wildlife and walking, also comprises an organic vegetable garden. There is a café onsite. Later returning to our hotel.

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

TOUR INCLUSIONS

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

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **5 Days**

Departure: **Monday**

Dates: **3-7 May**

Meals: **Half-board**

Included excursions

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£669.00

Single room supplement

£Nil (single rooms)



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.

Your tour manager and driver will do their utmost to ensure you have an enjoyable and memorable holiday. Should circumstances require it, they may, at their discretion, make minor adjustments to the itinerary in the interests of the group's comfort, safety, or overall enjoyment of the tour.



6 DAYS

£699

8-13 May

Cornish Delights

**YOUR HOTEL - ROSEMUNDY HOUSE HOTEL
ST AGNES**



Rosemundy House Hotel, St Agnes, Cornwall TR5 0UF
Telephone: 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 $\frac{3}{4}$ mile; Trevaunance Cove is the nearest thing to a sheltered harbour that this inhospitable coast 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

Day 1: Depart Local Area
After boarding your luxury coach, your holiday has now begun. 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 Rosemunda House Hotel where you will spend the next five 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 a gentle downhill from coach drop off 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 award-winning ciders.

wines, and fruit juices for over 25 years. We then return to the hotel to relax before dinner.

Day 3. Pencarrow House & Gardens & Cream Tea

Today we visit the lovely Pencarrow House & Gardens. The Cornish name for Pencarrow means 'head of the valley' or 'high fort' and as you drive down the mile-long carriageway lined with Rhododendrons, Camellias, and Hydrangeas you go through the Iron Age hill fort. Pencarrow House & Gardens has 500yrs of history, one of the great historic houses in Cornwall. Their heritage stretches over centuries, and the Georgian mansion is still occupied by the same family who settled here in 1500's. The gardens are beautiful whatever the season with Iron Age hill fort, the sunken Italian Garden with a quatrefoil fountain, Icehouse, palm house and an ancient Cornish cross, and much more. Later we will have a cream tea in the Peacock café.

Day 4. 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 28 miles away and beyond that, North America. Returning via St Ives, this is an attractive and very popular fishing village. Quaint old houses and winding alleys cluster beneath the 120ft rough-hewn granite spire of the church, a fine building dating from 15C. From here we return to the hotel.

Day 5. ½ Day in Truro

This morning we go to Cornwall's administrative capital and Cathedral City, 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

SPECIAL NOTES

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- The itinerary could be subject to change

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All coach travel
- ✓ 5 nights half-board
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Entrance to Pencarrow House & Gardens
- ✓ Cream tea
- ✓ Courier escorted

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: 6 Days

Departure: **Saturday**

Dates: 8-13 May

Meals: Half-board

Included excursions

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£699.00

Single room supplement

£Nil



offers a unique shopping experience. The café culture is impressive too, with hip coffee houses, artisan ice creameries and cocktail bars dotted across the centre. Returning to hotel.

Day 6. Day of Departure

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.

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5 DAYS

£659

17-21 May

Isle of Portland & Jurassic Coast

YOUR HOTEL - HEIGHTS HOTEL ISLE OF PORTLAND



Heights Hotel, Isle of Portland, Dorset DT5 2EN
Telephone: 01305 821361

Set on the summit of Portland near Weymouth. Heights Hotel is a modern hotel with high standards and has stunning views over Chesil Beach, Lyme Bay and Portland Harbour. The hotel consists of 2 floors. There are 16 steps to the first-floor bedrooms with an accessible lift to the Bar & Bistro, which is also on the first floor. All rooms are well-appointed with en-suite bedrooms with complementary toiletries, hairdryer, TV, ironing facilities, tea/coffee making facilities, and free Wi-Fi. Local produce is served in the bar, bistro and coffee shop, which have beautiful sea and coastal views.

HOLIDAY CENTRE

The Isle of Portland is a gem in the UK, a part of Dorset like no other. Portland is stunning. It is thought of as an island, although this isn't wholly correct, as it is reached over a causeway from Chesil Beach. This plate of Jurassic limestone is tilted from north to south. On the north side of the island, you are rewarded with stunning views across the Chesil, Portland Harbour and Weymouth. The Isle of Portland is a central part of the Jurassic Coast, which means dinosaurs were living here 185 million years ago a World Heritage Site on the Dorset and East Devon coast, important for its geology and landforms. Portland Stone has been quarried on the island for many years and has been used in many buildings all around the world, including London's St Paul's Cathedral, the United Nations HQ in New York and, of course, the Olympic rings located on the island. Quarrying continues on the island, although Tout Quarry is now disused, but has become a sculpture park.

Day 1. Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, we make our way south with comfort stops and lunch to our hotel, the Heights Hotel on the Isle of Portland. Here we will stay for four nights with half-board.

plant collection has been built up over the last quarter of a century. Later, returning to the hotel.

Day 3. Day at Leisure

A day at leisure to explore the island or just relax.

been loaded onto the coach, its time to say farewell to our host at the Heights Hotel and head for home. There will be stops on the way. You should be back in your local area by late afternoon.

Day 2. Abbotsbury Gardens & Swannery

Today we visit the Swannery, with over 600 mute swans living together at Abbotsbury. This colony of a single species of swans is unique and the only one in the world. The mute swans are free flying and walk freely around the site. There are two main walks to see the swans, which include many features from the Swannery's history and the Fleet Lagoon. Later, we head to the gardens. Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens is no ordinary garden, with its own micro-climate in a sheltered woodland valley on the Jurassic Coast. Over 6000 species from across the world. The special

Day 4. Monkey World

Today we enjoy a fun-filled, fascinating day out at Monkey World - Ape Rescue Centre. Set in a 65-acre park which provides sanctuary for rescued and endangered primates from around the world. The park is well laid out and spacious for both humans and primates alike. You can also support Monkey World in continuing its rescue and rehabilitation work by adopting a primate, giving you free entry to the park for a whole year. There is also a café which serves hot and cold food. Later, returning to hotel.

Day 5. Depart for Home

After breakfast and cases have all



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- The itinerary could be subject to change

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All coach travel
- ✓ 4 nights half-board
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Monkey World
- ✓ Abbotsbury Gardens
- ✓ Swannery
- ✓ Services of courier

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: 5 Days

Departure: Monday

Dates: 17-21 May

Meals: Half-board

Included excursions

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£659.00

Single room supplement

£140.00 (dbl/tw for sole use)



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7 DAYS
£1029
22-28 May

Ireland's Hidden Treasures

YOUR HOTEL - TALBOT HOTEL STILLORGAN DUBLIN



Main Hotel, Manor House Country Hotel, Killadeas, Enniskillen BT94 1NY, Ireland
Telephone: +028 6862 2200

Located in the heart of the Fermanagh Lakelands, near Enniskillen and overlooking Lower Lough Erne, the Manor House Country Hotel is one of Northern Ireland's leading country hotels. Dating back to the 17th century, this family-owned property combines old-world charm with modern comfort and a warm Fermanagh welcome. All rooms have en-suite facilities, TV, telephone, tea/coffee making facilities and free Wi-Fi.

Guests can also enjoy the large Romanesque swimming pool, jacuzzi, steam room, sauna and outdoor hot tub. Please note that swim caps are required and can be purchased at the hotel.

Overnight Outward

Talbot Hotel Stillorgan, Stillorgan Road, Stillorgan, Dublin, Ireland - **Telephone: +353 1 200 1800**

Overnight Return

Wilton Hotel, Southern Cross Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow, Ireland - **Telephone: +353 1 276 0258**

HOLIDAY CENTRE

The magnificent lakes of County Fermanagh are one of Northern Ireland's best-kept secrets, with miles of crystal-clear waters, beautiful scenery and abundant wildlife. Lough Erne is divided into Upper and Lower Lough Erne, with the historic island town of Enniskillen sitting between the two. Surrounded by peaceful countryside, waterways and charming villages, the Fermanagh Lakelands provide a wonderfully scenic setting for this fascinating holiday.

Day 1. Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, we make our way to Holyhead for our ferry to Dublin. On arrival, we continue to the Talbot Hotel in Stillorgan, on the outskirts of Dublin, where we spend one night with dinner, bed and breakfast.

Day 2. Battle of the Boyne & Fermanagh Lakelands

After breakfast, we travel to Drogheda and the Battle of the Boyne Museum, housed in the restored 18th-century Oldbridge House. The story of the famous 1690 battle is brought to life through an audio-visual presentation, interactive exhibits and displays of real and replica weaponry. There is also a Victorian walled garden and pavilion tearoom, with time for lunch before we continue west to the Manor House Country Hotel in Killadeas, our home for the next four nights.

Day 3. Enniskillen

Today we visit the historic island town of Enniskillen, beautifully situated

between Upper and Lower Lough Erne. We include a visit to Enniskillen Castle, an impressive waterside landmark with a fascinating military history. There will also be time to explore the town and visit the Butter Market, home to a collection of independent arts and crafts shops, before returning to our hotel.

Day 4. Blessingbourne Country Estate

Today we visit Blessingbourne Country Estate, a beautiful 550-acre historic estate surrounded by woodland, lakes and wildlife in the Clogher Valley. The estate is home to a fascinating collection of vintage horse-drawn carriages, coaches, buggies and other historic transport, collected over many years by the Lowry family. During our visit we will receive a warm welcome, hear some of the stories and history of Blessingbourne, and enjoy refreshments with home-baked cakes.

Day 5. Belleek Pottery & Ulster American Folk Park

After breakfast we travel to Belleek

Pottery, established in 1857 and famous throughout the world for its fine china. Our guided factory tour takes us behind the scenes to see skilled craftspeople demonstrating techniques including moulding, painting, flowering and basket weaving.

Later we continue to the Ulster American Folk Park, an open-air museum near Omagh which tells the remarkable story of Irish emigration to America. Explore traditional thatched cottages, meet costumed characters and step aboard a full-scale emigrant ship to discover what life was like for those beginning a new life across the Atlantic.

Day 6. Depart for Dublin & Hotel

After breakfast we say farewell to our hosts at the Manor House Country Hotel and travel towards Dublin. There will be some free time for shopping and sightseeing in the city before we continue to the Wilton Hotel in Bray for dinner and our final overnight stay.

SPECIAL NOTES

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- Insurance
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- Your request is put forward to the hotel, and they will do their utmost to accommodate your needs
- To ring back to England, in Northern Ireland you dial your normal number. In Southern Ireland: +44 then your number without the beginning 0
- Program could be subject to alteration
- Overnight bags can be taken

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All coach travel & ferries
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ 6 nights half-board
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Entrance: Blessingbourne Country Estate with tea & cakes
- ✓ Entrance: Ulster American Folk Park
- ✓ Entrance: Belleek Pottery
- ✓ Entrance to Battle of Boyne Museum
- ✓ Enniskillen Castle
- ✓ Courier escorted

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **7 Days**

Departure: **Saturday**

Dates: **22-28 May**

Meals: **Half-board**

Included excursions

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£1029.00

Single room supplement

£190.00 (dbl/tw for sole use)

Day 7. Depart for Home

After an early start and a Grab & Go breakfast, we travel to Dublin Port for our morning ferry to Holyhead. Breakfast is included on board. On arrival in Wales, we continue our journey home with suitable comfort stops, arriving back in the early evening.

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5 DAYS
£769

31 May-4 Jun

Regal Scotland – Castles, Gardens and Scenery Fit for Kings & Queens

YOUR HOTEL - THE WINNOCK HOTEL DRYMEN



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

Telephone: 01360 660245

The Winnock Hotel is a beautifully, traditional family run hotel overlooking the village green. The cosy log fires will help you to relax after a long day of exploring the beautiful surrounding countryside. The 74 comfortable en-suite rooms are all well equipped with hairdryer, TV and tea and coffee making facilities. There is no lift, but ground floor rooms are available. The Merlin restaurant provides a more intimate setting for dinner complementing the 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. A packed lunch will be provided on three days.

HOLIDAY CENTRE

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

Day 1. Depart Local Area

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

Day 2. Kilbryde Castle

After breakfast, we set off for a visit to the delightful 16th century Kilbryde Castle and gardens Kilbryde Castle, has been home to the Campbell family since 1659. The building was originally a traditional Scottish Tower House. It is situated on the side of a gorge which the River Ardoch flows through, encircling the castle on three sides.

It was rebuilt in the 1870's by the present owner's great, great grandfather in the style of the period. The gardens were created from the 1970's onwards by Sir Colin and Lady Campbell to provide a wonderful backdrop to events. (Admission is included) You will have a warm welcome by Sir James Campbell who will tell you all about their wonderful home. This will be followed by tea/coffee and cake. Time on your own to explore the castle and garden. Later we return to the hotel.

Day 3. Stirling Castle & the Lady of the Lake at Loch Katrine

After breakfast, we set off for Stirling Castle, (entrance included). Stirling Castle is one of Scotland's most historically important sites and was once a favoured residence of the Stewart kings and queens who held grand celebrations at the castle. This afternoon we enjoy a cruise on the "Lady of the Lake" on Loch Katrine,

(included) with afternoon cream tea served onboard as you sail the Queen of the Scottish Lochs.

Day 4. Royal Edinburgh

After breakfast we head to Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland, located on the southern side of the Firth of Forth, the estuary of Scotland's River Forth, where it flows into the North Sea. Whilst in Edinburgh your first stop will be the Royal Yacht Britannia (entrance included).

Discover what life was like on board the Queen's floating royal residence. You can follow in the footsteps of world leaders such as Sir Winston Churchill, Nelson Mandela and

SPECIAL NOTES

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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
- ✓ Inclusive drinks package (limited)
- ✓ Included excursions
- ✓ Live entertainment
- ✓ Courier escorted

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: 5 Days

Departure: Monday

Dates: 31 May-4 Jun

Meals: Half-board

Drinks package included (limited)

Included excursions

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£769.00

Single room supplement

£140.00 (dbl/tw for sole use)

Rajiv Gandhi. After we then go to the world-famous Botanic Gardens. Then it's back to the hotel to relax before dinner.

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.



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Black Forest

YOUR HOTEL - MARITIM HOTEL TITISEE NEUSTADT



Maritim Hotel Titisee, Seestrasse 16, 79822 Titisee, Neustadt Germany
Telephone: +49 76518080

The superior 4* Maritim Hotel Titisee-Neustadt is in the beautiful town of Titisee. It's on the promenade, just steps from the lake, walking distance from the town's amenities. It has 129 rooms with private balconies. All are en-suite with shower, free toiletries, hairdryer, TV, safe, complimentary wired and wireless internet access and fridge.

There are two restaurants on site. Breakfast will be a buffet style. Snacks are also available at the coffee shop/café. Relax with a refreshing drink at one of the two bars and lounges. Pamper yourself with a visit to the spa, which offers massages, body treatments and facials at an extra cost. There is an indoor pool, a fitness centre, and bicycles to rent. You will also receive the Hochschwarzwald Card with over 80 free basic services including free use of buses and trains on local transport.

Overnight Hotel

Campanile Tiqueux, 42 AV, Sarah Bernhardt, 51430 Tiqueux, France
Telephone: +33 3 26040946

HOLIDAY CENTRE

The Black Forest has provided the setting for countless Brothers Grimm fairy tales. It happily plays up to its image as a land of cuckoo clocks, cherry gateaux, traditional dress, half-timbered farmhouses and endless dark evergreen forests. However, even a brief visit reveals much more. The region forms part of Baden-Württemberg in south-west Germany and has been shaped by its location close to France and Switzerland. Influences from all three countries can still be seen today.

Known in German as the Schwarzwald, the Black Forest is a vast area of deep-green woodland spread across granite and sandstone mountains. Its forested slopes and shady valleys once inspired legends of mysterious beasts, wicked witches and lake nymphs.

Today, the region is celebrated for its unspoilt scenery, peaceful villages, walking trails and beautiful mountain landscapes.





8 DAYS
£1229
5-12 Jun



© Black Forest Open-Air Museum



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Day 1. Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, we make our way to Dover for our morning ferry crossing to Calais. We travel through France with comfort stops, to the city of Reims and our Campanile Hotel where we shall spend our first night with dinner, bed and breakfast.

Day 2. Black Forest

After an early breakfast we continue our journey south through the Vosges Mountains to the beautiful medieval town of Kaysersberg for lunch. Departing after lunch, we head into the Black Forest and the beautiful village of Titisee, and the Maritim Hotel where we will spend the next five nights with dinner, bed and breakfast.

Day 3. Day at Leisure

Today is free to explore 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 850 m above sea level, 2 km long, just under 1 km wide and approx. 40 m deep. The lake remains pollution free as the boats are powered by electric motors. 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 the original!

Day 4. Triberg

Today we will take a trip to the lovely town of Triberg, which is in the centre of the Black Forest. Triberg is famous for Germany's highest waterfall, which has an overall drop of 163 metres over 7 cascades. You can visit the Black Forest Folk Museum or visit the many cuckoo clock shops, feed the red squirrels by the waterfall and much more. Returning to the hotel to relax before dinner.

Day 5. Freiburg

After breakfast we depart for Freiburg, often regarded as the gateway to the Black Forest. Also known as a wine town, Freiburg is surrounded by fertile vineyards. Explore the city's culture and visit Freiburg Minster, a striking Gothic cathedral built from red

sandstone between 1200 and 1530. It stands in Münsterplatz, Freiburg's largest square, which is surrounded by historic buildings, cafés and market stalls. 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. We return to the hotel to relax before dinner.

Day 6. Black Forest Open-Air Museum

This morning we head for Hornburg 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. Free time to visit the rest of the museum. We then return to the hotel to relax before dinner.

Day 7. Depart for Reims

After an early breakfast, and cases have been loaded onto the coach we say farewell to our hosts at the Maritim Hotel and make our way back to Reims for our overnight stay at the Campanile Hotel with dinner and breakfast.

Day 8. Depart for Home

Departing Reims for Calais and our late afternoon ferry to Dover. Returning to your local area by mid to late evening.



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SPECIAL NOTES

- The currency you will need for this tour is the Euro
- A valid passport
- A GHIC card (Global Health Insurance card)
- Insurance
- A 2-pin European adapter plug
- To ring back to England dial: +44 then minus the 0 from your code, followed by your number
- There is no tea or coffee making facilities in the hotel rooms. (Best bring your own)
- Your request is put forward to the hotel, and they will do their utmost to accommodate your needs
- Please inform us of any special dietary needs e.g: diabetic, gluten free, vegetarian etc.
- Overnight bags can be taken
- Itinerary could be subject to change

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All coach travel
- ✓ 2 overnights half-board
- ✓ 5 nights half-board
- ✓ Included excursions & entrances
- ✓ Use of swimming pool
- ✓ Courier escorted

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **8 Days**

Departure: **Saturday**

Dates: **5-12 Jun**

Meals: **Half-board**

Included excursions

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£1229.00

Single room supplement

£163.00

(double/twin for sole use)

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Mont Blanc, Chamonix & Lake Annecy & Geneva

YOUR HOTEL - LE SAINT GERVAIS HOTEL SAINT-GERVAIS-LES-BAINS



Le Saint Gervais Hotel, 680 Rue du Mont Lachat, 74170 Saint-Gervais-les-Bains, France

Telephone: +33 4 86 80 74 74

Le Saint Gervais Hotel & Spa in Saint-Gervais-les-Bains offers rooms with air-conditioning, balconies, and mountain views. Each room has an en-suite with bath/shower, bathrobes, slippers, hairdryer, safe, TV, tea/coffee making facilities, alarm clock and modern amenities. Lift to upper floors. It has a terrace, restaurant, and bar. The modern restaurant serves local cuisines. It does a buffet breakfast with juice, fresh pastries, pancakes, cheese, and fruits. Its convenient location 1.8 km from Le Valleen

Gondola, the hotel is near an ice-skating rink and winter sports. Attractions such as Montenvers – Mer de Glace train station are 23 km away. Guests appreciate the spa, restaurant, and convenient location.

Overnight Hotel

Reims Mercure Parc Expositions, 2 Rue Gabriel Voisin BP 308, 51688 Reims, France
Telephone: +33 3 26050008

HOLIDAY CENTRE

This village in the Pays du Mont Blanc area offers a combination of hydrotherapy, mountain and alpine sports. It is from the village of Saint-Gervais-les-Bains that the Mont Blanc tramway departs. In the summer, this highest train in France offers magnificent views of the Mont Blanc mountain range all along the route. It takes passengers up to the Nid d'Aigle at an altitude of 2,372 m, as well as the Bionnassay glacier. In winter, this train takes skiers up to the Bellevue plateau. Saint-Gervais is the gateway to Mont Blanc and its 445 km of slopes.





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8 DAYS
£1239
12-19 Jun

Day 1. Depart Local Area

After everyone has boarded the coach, we make our way to Dover for our morning ferry to Calais. When we arrive in Calais, we make our way to the Reims Mercure Parc Expositions for our overnight stop with dinner and breakfast. There will be ample comfort stops on the way. Overnight bags can be taken.

Day 2. St Gervais Mont Blanc

Today we continue our journey to Saint Gervais. We travel through France down to Geneva; there will be ample comfort stops on the way. We then continue on to Saint Gervais and our hotel, where we will spend the next five nights half-board.

Day 3. Chamonix

Chamonix is a vibrant town known as both a world-class ski resort and a



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mountaineering destination. Situated in the Haute-Savoie region of France and dominated by the incredible Aiguilles de Chamonix mountain chain peaking at the top of Mont Blanc (4810m). With these vast, jagged mountains towering over the town, the scenery here is arguably the most spectacular in the French Alps. The snow-capped peaks soar into the bright blue sky; ancient glaciers sweep down towards the valley floor and waterfalls cascade through pine-covered hillsides. Time to enjoy what Chamonix has to offer.

Day 4. Annecy

Today we take a trip to the beautiful town of Annecy, known as the Venice of the Alps. This beautiful lakeside town features charming canals and narrow streets to explore. On Tuesdays the streets are lined with a bustling market. First, we take a boat ride on Lake Annecy for 1hr to see the beautiful surrounding mountains and small villages. Later you can explore the town and market, before we go back to the hotel.

Day 5. Yvoire & Boat Cruise

Today we travel to Lake Geneva and the lakeside village of Yvoire. A former 14th century stronghold and once a fishing village on the shores of Lake Geneva, this medieval town is must-see. Valuable 14th-century gates, ramparts, castle, square and tower still remain. You'll also notice the splendid gleaming bulbous bell tower of Saint Pancrace church. We will take a cruise on the lake for 1hr, when we return you can take a leisurely stroll through the narrow streets and discover Yvoire's pretty stone houses and its two harbours, and enjoy the beautiful views over the lake. There are many cafés for lunch or a drink. Later we return to the hotel.

Day 6. Day at Leisure

Enjoy a day at leisure today. Relax in the mountain air with views of the Dome de Miage and Mont Joly

Mountains, or you may want to wander into the town centre. Alternatively take the Mont Blanc Tramway, which is opposite the hotel. You may also like to take the Ascenseur des Thermes lift, situated just below the hotel to the wonderful Mont Blanc thermal spa where you can spend a few hours enjoying the thermal waters and treatments available. (subject to opening times).

Day 7. Depart for Reims

Sadly its time to say farewell to our hosts at the hotel and head back into France to Reims for our last overnight at the Reims Mercure Parc Expositions hotel with dinner and breakfast.

Day 8. Depart for Calais

After breakfast and all overnight bags are loaded, we set off for the port and our ferry crossing back to Dover. You should be back to our area mid evening.



SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance
- Full passport
- 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 can be taken
- The itinerary could be subject to change

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All coach travel
- ✓ Ferries
- ✓ 2 overnight hotels half-board
- ✓ Porterage main hotel
- ✓ 5 nights half-board
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Boat trips
- ✓ All city tax
- ✓ Services of courier

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **8 Days**

Departure: **Saturday**

Dates: **12-19 Jun**

Meals: **Half-board**

Included excursions

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£1239.00

Single room supplement

£338.00

(double/twin for sole use)

Your tour manager and driver will do their utmost to ensure you have an enjoyable and memorable holiday. Should circumstances require it, they may, at their discretion, make minor adjustments to the itinerary in the interests of the group's comfort, safety, or overall enjoyment of the tour.



5 DAYS
£779
7-11 Jun

Lake District Explorer

YOUR HOTEL - THE GRANGE HOTEL GRANGE-OVER-SANDS



The Grange Hotel, Station Square, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria LA11 6EJ
Telephone: 01539 533666

The Grange Hotel is an elegant historic hotel situated between Morecambe Bay and the Lake District, with landscaped gardens and views towards the bay. Its individually designed bedrooms combine traditional character with modern comfort, and include tea and coffee-making facilities. Guests can enjoy the elegant Carriages Restaurant and relax with a drink in the welcoming Lounge Bar. The hotel's leisure facilities include a heated indoor swimming pool, Jacuzzi, sauna and steam room, while complimentary

Wi-Fi is available throughout the hotel.

HOLIDAY CENTRE

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

Day 1. Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, we make our way north to the Lake District. We will make comfort stops on route and stop for lunch. We will continue our journey to arrive at The Grange Hotel in Grange-Over-Sands. There will be a welcome tea/coffee on arrival whilst our cases are taken to our rooms. Time to relax before dinner.

Day 2. The Lakeside & Haverthwaite Railway

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

across the wooded shoreline and distant Lakeland fells. Time in Bowness for sightseeing or shopping. We then re-board our coach and head back to the hotel.

Day 3. Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway Journey

After breakfast we head off to Ravenglass for our train journey. The journey takes 80 minutes return from Ravenglass to Dalegarth and back. The cosy covered and open top carriages provide the best of comfort and views as you travel up the line. The Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway was originally built way back in 1873 and was commercially opened on the 24th May 1875. The railway's main purpose was to transport iron ore that was being mined in the hills above the village of Boot, down to Ravenglass where it could be transferred onto the Furness Railway's mainline to Barrow. The Railway was also open to passenger traffic (beginning in 1876)

and was built to the narrow gauge of 3ft (between the rails); this made the Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway the first public narrow-gauge Railway in England! We then return to our hotel.

Day 4. Holker Hall & Gardens

Originally built in 17th-century, Holker Hall is the home to Lucy Cavendish and her husband Tor McLaren. Immerse yourself in the family history, stunning architecture and beautiful interiors. Every turn of your journey will reveal a different visual splendour as you navigate between the formal and informal rooms of this beautiful family home. The gardens at Holker have evolved over many hundreds of years, under the guidance of generations of the Cavendish Family. Each owner has made their mark, adding new features and plantings, to create a garden that is now rich in character and beauty. At its heart, it remains a family garden and while its scale is grand, it retains an intimacy in

SPECIAL NOTES

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- The itinerary could be subject to change

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All coach travel
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ 4 nights half-board
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Haverthwaite Railway
- ✓ Windermere Lake cruise
- ✓ Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway
- ✓ Holker Hall & Gardens
- ✓ Courier escorted

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **5 Days**

Departure: **Monday**

Dates: **7-11 Jun**

Meals: **Half-board**

Included excursions

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£779.00

Single room supplement

£Nil (6 rooms only)



its planting and design. The 23 acres of immaculately kept gardens comprise of a series of formal gardens set within a more informal landscape of interesting trees, shrubs and meadows.

Day 5. Journey Home

After breakfast and cases have been loaded on to the coach, it is time to wave goodbye to our hosts at The Grange 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.

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**5 DAYS
£699****14-18 June**

The Coast with the Most!

YOUR HOTEL - MARSHAM COURT HOTEL BOURNEMOUTH



Marsham Court Hotel, 3 Russell Cotes Road, East Cliff, Bournemouth BH1 3AB

Telephone: 01202 552111

The Marsham Court Hotel is a relaxing full-service 4* hotel, ideally located for your holiday. 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 in every room. 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 centre and shopping streets can be reached in 5 minutes' walk. Bournemouth Pavilion Theatre is a 5-minute walk from the property, while Bournemouth International Centre is a 9-minute walk away.

During 2027 the hotel will be following an improvement project to make future visits even better. The work will be completed in stages in order to minimise disruption, but this may impact upon your stay.

HOLIDAY CENTRE

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

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 four nights with dinner, bed and breakfast. On arrival there will be tea and coffee. Time to settle in before dinner.

Day 2. Highcliffe Castle

After breakfast we depart the hotel and take a short drive to Highcliffe Castle. This magnificent building, once lavishly furnished in the 18th-century French style, remained a family home until the 1950's. Two fires destroyed the rich interiors in the 1960's. The castle's renovated exterior is testimony to the remarkable skills of craftsmen and woman who carried out a huge

repair and conservation programme in the 1990's. One of the building's former residents was Harry Gordon Selfridge – the founder of the London-based department store Selfridges. Mr Selfridge lived in the castle between 1916 and 1922 and is buried with his wife at St Mark's churchyard just across the road from the castle. This afternoon (time permitting) you head to Lymington, a coastal town. This colourful and vibrant town is an ancient seaport with a rich maritime history, and with so much to see and do. Learn about the rich heritage of the town, enjoy some retail therapy, treat yourself to delicious food and drink and relax by the water.

Day 3. Day at Leisure

Today is a free day for you to do whatever you would like to do. You

may choose to walk on the beach, have a paddle, shop, visit the parks etc.

Day 4. Poole & Boat Cruise

Today we travel to Poole for a one-hour cruise around its spectacular natural harbour. Departing from Poole Quay, we enjoy a relaxing cruise past Sandbanks, the harbour's islands, the Isle of Purbeck and the busy harbour entrance. Along the way, the on-board commentary will point out places of interest and explain more about the harbour's history, wildlife and working port. After returning to Poole Quay, there will be free time to explore the historic town and harbour or enjoy refreshments before we return to the hotel.

Day 5. Depart for Home

After breakfast and your cases have

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SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance
- Please inform us of any special dietary needs e.g: diabetic, gluten free, vegetarian, etc.
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- The itinerary could be subject to change

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All coach travel
- ✓ 4 nights half-board
- ✓ Tea/coffee on arrival
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Entrance to Highcliffe House
- ✓ 1 hour Poole boat cruise
- ✓ Entertainment
- ✓ Services of courier

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **5 Days**

Departure: **Monday**

Dates: **14-18 Jun**

Meals: **Half-board**

Included excursions

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£699.00

Single room supplement

£Nil (dbl/tw for sole use)



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.



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**5 DAYS
£719****20-24 June**

Golden Age of Northumbria & Farne Islands Puffins

YOUR HOTEL - WHITE SWAN HOTEL ALNWICK



White Swan Hotel, Bondgate Within Alnwick NE66 1TD
Telephone: 01665 602109

The White Swan is a 300-year-old coaching inn located in the heart of the historic market town of Alnwick. It's a short walk from Alnwick Castle and Gardens. The White Swan is steeped in history and one of its most distinctive features is the stunning Olympic Suite, showcasing original panelling, mirrors, stained glass and an ornate ceiling, which was all salvaged from RMS Olympic, the sister ship of the famous Titanic. Hardy's Bar proposes a more informal experience with its bar and bistro menu. All bedrooms

have en-suite facilities with bath/shower, hairdryer, free toiletries, TV, clock, Wi-Fi, and there is also a seating area and tea/coffee making facilities in each room. There is no lift in the hotel and there are areas with odd steps.



HOLIDAY CENTRE

The county of Northumberland is the most northern of the English counties bordering County Durham and Newcastle upon Tyne in the south, Cumbria and The Lake District to the west and, of course, Hadrian's Wall and the Scottish Borders to the north. Much of the area is unpopulated, tranquil, with mile-after-mile of clean and safe award-winning golden sandy beaches, quiet country lanes and an unequalled sense of freedom. Explore mile upon mile of gloriously uncrowded golden sandy beaches and stunning countryside set amongst two Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the rugged Northumberland National Park. Discover more castles than anywhere else in England, the birthplace of English Christianity on the Holy Island of Lindisfarne, the historic World Heritage Site of Hadrian's Wall, picturesque towns and villages and, at the end of it all, historic houses and heritage sites abound in Northumberland.

Day 1. Depart Local Area

Departing our local area, we travel north to the City of York, one of the most attractive old cities in England. The city walls themselves, among York's main attractions, enclose streets which follow their narrow and irregular medieval course, with overhanging rows of old buildings. The beautiful York Minster is the largest English medieval cathedral. We will stay here for lunch and a little sightseeing, then we continue to our hotel in Alnwick, for the next four nights with dinner bed & breakfast.

Day 2. Afternoon Visit to Wooler

Enjoy a relaxing morning exploring the town of Alnwick. Why not visit Barter Books, this is one of Europe's largest second-hand bookstores, in Alnwick's old railway station. It's all indoors so perfect if the weather isn't playing ball. A spectacular range of books available to browse and purchase, lots of lovely second handbooks at bargain prices and a rather special station cafe serving light bites, cake and drinks. This afternoon we travel to Wooler to visit Ad Gefrin. This is a new attraction

which showcases life at an Anglo-Saxon Royal Court. This immersive museum features a great hall with original artifacts telling the stories of the people who made up the Royal Court. Following our visit to the museum, we enjoy a guided tour and tasting in the distillery. Barley Strains dating back to the Anglo-Saxon times are used in the distilling process to recreate a heritage whisky of this area. Later we return to hotel.

Day 3. Seahouses & Farne Islands

After breakfast we make our way to the lovely little fishing port of Seahouses situated on the coast. Here you will have some free time to explore this delightful little town, browse the variety of shops, a range of local food delis serving freshly caught fish of the day - and make sure you have a look in Farne Gift Store for a wide range of interesting and unique products. At midday we make our way to the harbour to board a 2hr cruise to the Farne Islands. The boat trip offers the chance to see a variety of wildlife. The Farne Islands are home to over 150,000 seabirds, including puffins,

razorbirds and guillemots along with thousands of grey seals, as well as close-up views of the Grace Darling Light House.

Day 4. Holy Island

Lindisfarne - is also known as Holy Island - (only accessible by a causeway at low tide). Time here is governed by the tides. (It may be necessary to amend this excursion.) This is one of the most important centres of early English Christianity. Irish Monks settled here in AD 635 and the Monastery became the centre of a major saint's cult celebrating its bishop, Cuthbert. The masterpiece now known as the Lindisfarne Gospels was created here in the early 8th century. The ruins now visible are those of the 12th-century priory, which claimed direct descent from the early monastery. The castle is 16th century and not always open to the public, but the gardens are. Later we visit Bamburgh for free time. Maybe visit the majestic castle on the beach or the Grace Darling Museum. We then return to hotel.

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
- This hotel does NOT have a lift but has a few ground floor rooms
- The itinerary could be subject to change

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All coach travel
- ✓ Portage
- ✓ 4 nights half-board
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Boat cruise to Puffin Island
- ✓ Entrance to museum
- ✓ Entrance to brewery & tasting
- ✓ Services of courier

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **5 Days**

Departure: **Sunday**

Dates: **20-24 Jun**

Meals: **Half-board**

Included excursions

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£719.00

Single room supplement

£142.00 (dbl/tw for sole use)

Day 5. Depart for Home

After breakfast and the cases have been loaded onto the coach, we say farewell to our hotel and head for home first stopping at the beautiful city of Durham. Durham is a compact city and was once described as 'a perfect little city'. Durham Castle and Cathedral are renowned as one of the most popular historic sites in Europe and are now designated as 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. On departing Durham, we continue our journey home, with comfort stops arriving in your local area by early evening.

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**5 DAYS
£699****28 Jun-2 Jul**

Romantic Journeys of North Wales

YOUR HOTEL - BEAUFORT PARK HOTEL MOLD



Beaufort Park Hotel, Mold, Wales CH7 6RQ
Telephone: 01352 758646

Set in the beautiful countryside, Beaufort Park Hotel is an independently run 3* hotel situated 5 minutes' drive from the historic market town of Mold. It offers 105 guestrooms which are designed to a very high standard with tasteful furnishings. Each room features en-suite bathroom with toiletries, hairdryer, TV, ironing facilities and tea/coffee making facilities. Arches Bar and Coffee House provide an informal relaxed atmosphere and serve carefully selected beers, locally sourced guest ales, wines and spirits with a full array of soft drinks. The Orchard Restaurant is for more formal dining with the finest cuisine in a relaxed atmosphere.

HOLIDAY CENTRE

Mold is a town in Flintshire Wales, on the river Alyn. Set on the North Welsh coast offering a great variety of scenery with its spacious beaches and rugged cliffs, little fishing villages and secluded bays. It is the largest historic market town in this county. The town has developed around Mold Castle. An earthwork motte and bailey fortress probably founded by Robert de Montalt around the year 1140.

Day 1. Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, we head west to Mold, with comfort stops en-route. Arriving at the Beaufort Park Hotel, where you will spend the next four nights with dinner bed and breakfast. On arrival there will be tea/coffee and biscuits. Settle in for a fun-packed week.

Day 2. Ffestiniog Railway

After breakfast, we travel along the coast to Abergelle and then head to the Conwy Valley, Llanrwst, and Betws-y-Coed where we take a break. We then travel over the Crimea Pass to Blaenau Ffestiniog. Here we join the famous Ffestiniog Railway for a spectacular ride over the mountains to Porthmadog. Time to explore and have lunch before we make our way through Snowdonia National Park to

Lake Bala. We travel along the lake shore to the delightful Bala Lake Railway.

Day 3. Chester

Today we head to the historic city of Chester. This historic city offers lots to see and do. You can explore the unique 'Rows' of two-tiered shops or take a stroll around the city walls, meander down to the River Dee, or maybe enjoy lunch in a riverside pub. Later returning to the hotel.

Day 4. Llangollen Railway & Canal Cruise

Today we travel through some lovely Welsh scenery, including the spectacular Horseshoe Pass, to the Dee Valley where we join the Rheilffordd Llangollen Railway for a journey on a nostalgic train. We will

also take a cruise on the Stream in the Sky - the Llangollen Canal as we glide gently over the country's biggest navigable aqueduct. After which, we return to hotel.

Day 5. Depart for Home

After breakfast and all cases have

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
- ✓ 4 nights half-board
- ✓ All excursions
- ✓ 2 nights entertainment
- ✓ Services of courier

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **5 Days**

Departure: **Monday**

Dates: **28 Jun-2 Jul**

Meals: **Half-board**

Included excursions

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£699.00

Single room supplement

£Nil (dbl/tw for sole use)



been loaded onto the coach, we say farewell to our hosts at the Beaufort Park Hotel and start our journey home. With comfort stops en-route we shall arrive in our local area by late afternoon.



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7 DAYS
£969
4-10 Jul

Kingdom of Kerry

YOUR HOTEL - RIVER ISLAND HOTEL CASTLEISLAND



River Island Hotel, Lower Main Street, Castleisland, Co Kerry, Ireland

Telephone: +353 66 7142555

The 3-star River Island Hotel enjoys a central location on Castleisland's Main Street and offers a relaxed, homely atmosphere. Its 52 en-suite bedrooms include a television, telephone, safe, hairdryer, iron and complimentary toiletries. Guests can also enjoy Con's Bar and Restaurant, which serves dishes using locally sourced produce. The hotel is well placed for exploring the surrounding countryside and provides a comfortable base for the tour. Please note: the hotel has two bedrooms with walk-in showers, available on request only. All other bedrooms have a shower over the bath.

Outbound Hotel

Dooley's Hotel Waterford, The Quay, Waterford, Ireland - **Telephone: +353 51 873531**

Return Hotel

Wilton Hotel, Southern Cross, Bray, Co Wicklow, Ireland - **Telephone: +353 1 276 0258**

HOLIDAY CENTRE

County Kerry is famous for its dramatic mountains, golden beaches, peaceful lakes and spectacular Atlantic coastline. Killarney is a lively and welcoming town, filled with colourful shops, restaurants and traditional Irish pubs. During your stay, you will discover the magnificent Ring of Kerry and the beautiful Dingle Peninsula, with their picturesque villages, historic sites and unforgettable scenery. Kerry's varied landscape and warm Irish character make it a wonderful destination to explore.

Day 1. Depart Local Area

After boarding your coach, we travel to Fishguard for the afternoon ferry to Rosslare. On arrival, we continue to Waterford for dinner and our overnight stay at Dooley's Hotel.

Day 2. Depart for Castleisland

After breakfast, we continue our journey through the south of Ireland, travelling via Youghal to the famous village of Blarney. There will be time to visit Blarney Castle **at your own expense**, perhaps taking the opportunity to kiss the legendary Blarney Stone, or simply browse the extensive Blarney Woollen Mills, renowned for its wide range of traditional Irish gifts and products. We then continue through the beautiful Irish countryside to Castleisland and the River Island Hotel, our base for the next four nights.

Day 3. Killarney & Jaunting Car Ride

Today we visit beautiful Killarney, surrounded by mountains, lakes and some of County Kerry's finest scenery. Here we enjoy an included ride on a traditional jaunting car, travelling through Killarney National Park and

along the shores of Lough Leane to historic Ross Castle. From here we board the **Lily of Killarney** for a relaxing cruise across the lake, offering wonderful views of the surrounding mountains and countryside. Our coach will then return us to Killarney town, where there will be free time to explore the colourful shops, cafés and traditional Irish pubs before returning to our hotel.

Day 4. Ring of Kerry

Today we enjoy a full-day excursion around the spectacular Ring of Kerry, one of Ireland's most celebrated scenic routes. Travelling around the Iveragh Peninsula, we pass through picturesque villages and enjoy ever-changing views of mountains, rugged coastline and golden beaches. Our journey takes us through Killorglin, Glenbeigh and Caherciveen before continuing towards Moll's Gap and the famous Ladies View, with plenty of magnificent scenery to enjoy along the way. We return to Castleisland later in the day.

Day 5. Dingle & the Dingle Peninsula

Today we explore the beautiful Dingle

Peninsula, where dramatic mountains meet the wild Atlantic coastline. This wonderfully scenic area is known for its sandy beaches, traditional villages, rich Irish heritage and strong musical traditions. We travel through some of the peninsula's impressive scenery before spending time in colourful Dingle itself, with an opportunity to explore its shops, cafés and harbour at your own pace. Later, we return through the Kerry countryside to our hotel.

Day 6. Irish National Stud & Bray

After breakfast, we leave Castleisland and begin our journey towards Bray. En-route we visit the Irish National Stud, **where admission is included**. This fascinating attraction celebrates Ireland's world-famous horse-breeding tradition and can be explored at your own pace. Our visit also includes the beautiful Japanese Gardens, with their winding pathways, streams, greenery and the picturesque Bridge of Life and Tea House. After time to explore, we continue to the Wilton Hotel in Bray for dinner and our final overnight stay.

Day 7. Return Home

After an early Grab & Go breakfast,

SPECIAL NOTES

- The currency you will need for this tour is the Euro
- 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
- There are 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

- ✓ Ferries
- ✓ All coach travel
- ✓ Portage
- ✓ 2 overnights half-board
- ✓ 4 nights half-board main hotel
- ✓ All excursions
- ✓ Entertainment
- ✓ **Main hotel:** Complimentary drink with dinner each evening - wine, beer or soft drink
- ✓ Courier escorted

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **7 Days**

Departure: **Sunday**

Dates: **4-10 Jul**

Meals: **Half-board**

Included excursions

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£969.00

Single room supplement

£212.00 (dbl/tw for sole use)

we travel to Dublin for the morning ferry to Holyhead, **with breakfast included on board**. We then continue our journey home, with suitable comfort stops along the way, arriving during the early evening.

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5 DAYS
£799
11-15 Jul

Weaving History with Mystery — In the Scottish Borders

YOUR HOTEL - NEW LANARK MILL HOTEL LANARK



New Lanark Mill Hotel, Mill No. 1, New Lanark Mills, New Lanark Road, Lanark ML11 9DB
Telephone: 01555 667200

The New Lanark Mill 4* Hotel is in the heart of the UNESCO New Lanark World Heritage Site in Scotland, a beautiful, restored 18th century cotton mill village. Nestled in the spectacular Clyde Valley in southern Scotland, a stone's throw from the Falls of Clyde. All 38 of our bedrooms and the rooftop garden both offer stunning views of the river and the surrounding conservation area. All rooms are en-suite with tea/coffee making facilities, TV, telephone, hairdryer, trouser press, iron/board. The restaurant overlooks

the River Clyde and offers traditional Scottish dishes, whilst the Falls Bar serves a fine selection of drinks and bar food throughout the day. The hotel has extensive facilities, which include a heated indoor swimming pool, modern gym, sauna and steam room and spa facilities. The hotel is also surrounded by native woodlands, and the Falls of Clyde. The hotel is ideal for woodland walks and wildlife spotting at the wildlife reserve.

HOLIDAY CENTRE

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

Day 1. Depart Local Area

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

Day 2. Dumfries House

Today we head down to discover Dumfries House from the 18th century to today. Experience the incredible art and furniture that make this 18th century family home so special. Learn why this prompted King Charles III to save Dumfries House for the nation in 2007 on our house tour. After the tour there will be lunch of soup, sandwiches and cake. **(included)** Time to have a wander before leaving to return to hotel.

Day 3. New Lanark World Heritage Site

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

Day 4. Edinburgh

Today we travel to Edinburgh. The city boasts a rich and intriguing history

which can be uncovered as you explore the city. Atmospheric cobbled streets, wonderful architecture, old closes and wide avenues allow you to imagine yourself transported back in time. The Lothians are also steeped in fascinating history, filled with castles, stately homes and battle sites. You will have free time to explore the city at your leisure. We will then head back to the hotel to relax before dinner.

Day 5. Depart for home

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

SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance
- Please inform us of any special dietary needs e.g: diabetic, gluten free, vegetarian, vegan etc.
- Special requests are put forward to the hotel, and they will do their utmost to accommodate your needs
- There are tea making facilities in the rooms
- Itinerary could be subject to change

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All coach travel
- ✓ 4 nights half-board
- ✓ Entrance to all heritage sites
- ✓ Guided tour & lunch at Dumfries House
- ✓ Courier escorted

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **5 Days**

Departure: **Sunday**

Dates: **11-15 Jul**

Meals: **Half-board**

Included excursions

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£799.00

Single room supplement

£160.00 (dbl/tw for sole use)



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The Beautiful Blue Danube Cruise – Vienna to Vienna

YOUR HOTEL SHIP - THE DOUCE FRANCE FRANCE



The Douce France

The Douce France is a premium ship which is 110m long x 10.1m wide, carries 107 passengers and has a total of 55 cabins, 20 on the upper deck and 35 on the main deck. One of these cabins is reserved for passengers with reduced mobility. The Douce France was completely renovated in 2017 to the company's new standards. The ship now offers much more spacious cabins with large bay opening windows with French balconies on the upper deck, and large windows on main deck. The common areas are of soft relaxing colours. The cabins are of a marine atmosphere. Located on the upper deck,

is the lounge & bar which is at the front of the ship and the restaurant is at the rear of the ship which have large wide panoramic windows. Do not hesitate to go to the sun deck to relax! It has armchairs and sun lounges for your comfort while enjoying a panoramic view of the landscape. The cabins on the Douce France envelop you in a comfort that will stay with you throughout your cruise! Each cabin offers a stunning view of the Danube. Your comfort is guaranteed with a double bed (or 2 single beds), a bathroom with hairdryer, toilet, shower and sink, mirror, individually controlled air-conditioning, safe, TV and radio. There are stairs to the main deck and rooftop.

Outbound Hotel

Hotel Gasthof Zum Storch, Markt Place 20, 96132 Schlüsselfeld, Germany – Telephone: +49 9552 9240

Return Hotel

Post Hotel, Rue Hurbise 160, 4040 Herstal, Belgium – Telephone: +32 4 264 64 00



HOLIDAY CENTRE

The River Danube is the second longest in Europe after the Volga. It rises in the Black Forest Mountains of Western Germany and flows for some 1,770 miles to its mouth of the Black Sea. Along its course it passes through 10 countries: Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, Romania, Moldova and Ukraine. The Danube played a vital role in the settlement and political evolution of central and southeastern Europe. Its banks, lined with castles and fortresses, formed the boundary between great empires, and its waters served as a vital commercial highway between nations. The Danube's majesty has long been celebrated in music. The famous Blue Danube Waltz, 1867 by Johann Strauss, became the symbol of imperial Vienna. In the 21st century the river has continued its role as an important trade artery. It has been harnessed for hydroelectric power along the upper course of the river, and the cities along its banks, including the national capitals of Vienna (Austria), Budapest (Hungary) and Belgrade (Serbia), have been dependent upon it for their economic growth.





12 DAYS
from **£2475**
18-29 Jul

Day 1. Depart Dover

After boarding your luxury coach, we make our way to Dover for our morning DFDS ferry crossing. There is a meal voucher included for food and a drink. We travel through France and Belgium with comfort stops, to Liege and our first overnight hotel, with dinner, and breakfast. Overnight bags can be taken if you wish.

Day 2. Depart for Germany

After breakfast, we make our way from Belgium into Germany and on to our second overnight hotel in Schlusselfeld Bavaria. There will be comfort stops en-route for food and drink. On arrival there will be portage if needed for overnight bags. Dinner and breakfast will be provided.

Day 3. Schlusselfeld to Vienna ship

After an early breakfast, we start our journey to Vienna. Travelling through Germany and into Austria. There will be comfort stops en-route. We arrive at the cruise port in Vienna where we board our ship, The Douce France. After comfortably settling into your cabins, they will introduce their crew with a welcome cocktail, dinner and entertainment. The ship will depart at 8pm, towards Melk and sail through the night.



Day 4. Melk

Overnight we travel into lower Austria to the point where the River Danube enters the Wachau Valley. We arrive at Melk, best known for its massive Benedictine Abbey, one of the most splendid monastic houses in Austria. Seeing is believing here, Melk Abbey is one of the biggest and most beautiful European Baroque ensembles. Its splendid architecture is famous worldwide and part of UNESCO's world cultural heritage. The Baroque building, situated on a rock overlooking the Danube, ranks as one of Austria's most visited art-historical sites. Since 1089, Benedictine monks have continually been living and working in Melk Abbey. Today we have a guided tour of Melk Abbey which includes the Imperial Staircase, Imperial Corridor, the Abbey Museum, the Marble Hall, the Balcony, Library and the Abbey Church. Later we return to the ship, then cruise up the beautiful Wachau Valley to Durnstein, passing gothic ruins and picturesque villages. On arrival we'll take a tour of this charming medieval town with their hostess. Returning to the ship, we continue cruising towards Bratislava.

Day 5. Bratislava

This morning we have a guided tour of Bratislava. Straddling the Danube River, this is Slovakia's compact capital and a must for art lovers. It has a multitude of museums, art galleries, palaces and ornamental churches (all found in and around its historic Old Town). This afternoon is spent cruising.

Day 6. Puszta

This morning enjoys a half day excursion of Puszta with a traditional horse show. Puszta, is one of Europe's largest expanses of protected prairie, and the 2,000,000-acre home to Hungarian grey cattle, stud horses, Racka sheep and buffalo herds, that graze on open pastures. This afternoon is spent cruising towards Budapest which will be reached in the night.

Day 7. Budapest

Today we have a guided tour of Budapest, the metropolis that was once two distinct cities united only in 1873: Buda, on one bank with its rolling hills and valleys: and Pest, on the other, with its flatter landscape offering a panoramic view over the banks of the Danube. In the evening, join an excursion of traditional entertainment in Budapest.

Day 8. Esztergom

Enjoy some free time in Esztergom, one of the oldest cities in Hungary. This afternoon will be spent cruising to Vienna. Tonight is their Gala evening. The ship will cruise through the night to Vienna.

Day 9. Vienna

Today we have a guided tour of Vienna and the Schoenbrunn Castle. This afternoon, a guided tour of Hofburg Palace.

Day 10. Vienna to Schlusselfeld

Enjoy one last buffet breakfast before we must disembark at 9am. We reboard our coach to travel back to our hotel in Schlusselfeld Bavaria for our overnight accommodation with dinner. Overnight bags can be used.

Day 11. Schlusselfeld to Liege

After an early breakfast and cases have been loaded on the coach, we say farewell to our hotel in Schlusselfeld, and we will be retracing our steps to our overnight hotel at Liege with dinner and breakfast. There will be comfort stops on the way.

Day 12. Depart for Home

After breakfast and overnight bags have been loaded, we say farewell to our 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 & GHIC
- Full valid passport
- Please inform us of any special dietary needs e.g: diabetic, gluten free, vegetarian, etc
- Special requests are put forward to the hotels/boat, and they will do their utmost to accommodate your needs
- The itinerary could be subject to change
- Overnight bags can be taken

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All coach travel
- ✓ 2 overnights half-board out
- ✓ 2 overnights half-board return
- ✓ 7 nights all-inclusive on ship
- ✓ All excursions
- ✓ Entertainment
- ✓ Services of courier

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **12 Days**

Departure: **Sunday**

Dates: **18-29 Jul**

Meals: **All-inclusive on boat**

Drinks: All-inclusive on boat

Included excursions

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£2475.00 Main Deck

Price per person

£2615.00 Upper Deck

Single room supplement

£765.00

(double/twin for sole use)

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8 DAYS
£1159
24-31 Jul

Orkney & the North Coast 500 & Scotland's Far North

YOUR HOTELS



Dryfesdale Country House Hotel, Dryfebridge, Lockerbie DG11 2SF – Telephone: 01576 202427

Pentland Hotel, Princes St, Thurso KW14 7AA – Telephone: 01847 893202

Caledonian Hotel, Quay St, Ullapool IV26 2UG – Telephone: 01854 612306

Rob Roy Hotel, Aberfoyle, Stirling FK8 3UX – Telephone: 01877 382245

Your first overnight is the Dryfesdale Country House Hotel in Lockerbie, which is a family-run hotel set in 5 acres of parkland. It offers spectacular views, free Wi-Fi and a restaurant with an excellent local reputation. Your second is the Pentland Hotel in Thurso for three nights is centrally located. There is a restaurant, lounge and bar rooms. Each bedroom comes with a flat-screen cable TV, a desk, and coffee/tea facilities. The private bathrooms are fitted with a bath or a shower, a hairdryer, free toiletries, and free Wi-Fi. Your third hotel is the Caledonian Hotel Ullapool for two nights, which overlooks Ullapool harbour and the colourful fishing boats on Loch Broom. The hotel is in the centre of Ullapool, with 80 rooms featuring flat-screen TVs. Wi Fi, en-suite with bath or showers, free toiletries, hairdryers, desks and coffee/tea making facilities. The last overnight is the Rob Roy Hotel in Aberfoyle. Set in the Queen Elizabeth Forest Park, with excellent food and friendly staff.

HOLIDAY CENTRE

Scotland is famed for the mythical Loch Ness Monster ("Nessie"), green forests, towering mountains, vast lochs and is the birthplace of golf. It's also where the waterproof raincoat (Mackintosh) was invented. Scotland boasts more castles per square mile than any other country, from grand fortresses like Edinburgh Castle to ancient ruins. Scotland features dramatic Highlands and hundreds of islands. It has the UK's largest red deer population and is home to Scotland's national animal, the unicorn. The country is famous for textiles like tartan and Harris Tweed, traditional music, and vibrant festivals like Edinburgh's arts festivals. The North Coast 500 (NC500) is a spectacular 516-mile scenic route looping around the North Highlands of Scotland, starting and ending in Inverness, renowned for its coastal scenery.

Day 1. Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, you start your journey travelling north, with comfort stops on route. Still heading north, we cross the border into Scotland with a stop at the picturesque Gretna Green. Here you shall have lunch, before continuing your journey to Lockerbie and the Dryfesdale Country House Hotel, where you will spend your first overnight half-board.

Day 2. Depart for Thurso

Departing after breakfast, we head north, passing the Cairngorms National Park to Inverness. Inverness is known as the 'Highland Capital'; it still retains its market town feel to it, dating back to its early development. Here we shall have lunch and time for a bit of sightseeing. After lunch, we continue our journey to Thurso, following the east coast of Scotland

to our main Pentland Hotel in Thurso, where we will spend the next three nights half-board.

Day 3. Guided Tour of Orkney

After an early breakfast, we depart for Scrabster and our 08.45 am ferry to Orkney for a full day's guided tour. Your local guide will meet you at the terminal building of Stromness. Your guide will take you to places like Skara Brae, Churchill Barriers, Ring of Brodgar, Kirkwall, the Stone of Stenness, St Magnus Cathedral in Kirkwall, the Italian Chapel and Scapa Flow. Arriving back at Stromness for the 16:45 ferry. To arrive back at the hotel for dinner.

Day 4. John O'Groats

Welcome to the end of the road. Tucked away in an area of outstanding beauty and wild Scottish landscapes. John O'Groats is a small coastal village

scattered over a large area and is mainly a rural farming community situated in an extreme location. It is a fantastic, unspoilt location from which the adventurous can see the wonderful landscape and wildlife that is so special to this area and is the real star of the show. The iconic John O'Groats is probably one of the most photographed signs in the UK, featuring on countless social media feeds and media articles. The signpost was installed in 1964 to mark one of the traditional end points of mainland UK. You can visit the signpost and take as many photos as you like, free of charge.

Day 5. Depart for Ullapool

Today we depart for Ullapool. Our journey will take us through beautiful Scottish landscapes and some of the NC500 route. There will be comfort stops on the way. Then we reach

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
- Overnight bags can be taken
- The itinerary could be subject to change

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All coach travel
- ✓ 7 nights half-board
- ✓ All excursions
- ✓ Guided tour of Orkney
- ✓ Services of courier

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: 8 Days

Departure: Saturday

Dates: 24-31 Jul

Meals: Half-board

Included excursions

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£1159.00

Single room supplement

£97.00 (dbl/tw for sole use)

Ullapool, The Caledonian Hotel overlooks Ullapool's working harbour and the colourful fishing boats on Loch Broom. There will be portage on arrival. Time to settle in before dinner. We will stay here for two nights.

Day 6. Day at Leisure

Today you have a day at leisure to explore the town of Ullapool. Maybe take a boat ride?

Day 7. Depart for Aberfoyle

After all the suitcases have been packed and loaded onto the coach, we leave our hosts at the Caledonian Hotel and head south with comfort stops on the way to our last overnight stay at the Rob Roy Hotel, with dinner, tea and coffee.

Day 8. Depart for Home

After breakfast and all the overnight luggage has been packed and loaded onto the coach, we leave the hotel and head for home. With comfort stops on the way, we arrive back at your local area mid to late evening.

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**6 DAYS
£799****31 Jul-5 Aug**

Beautiful Isle of Man

YOUR HOTEL - EMPRESS HOTEL DOUGLAS



Empress Hotel, Central Promenade, Douglas IM2 4RA

Telephone: 01624 661155

The Empress Hotel is located right on the beachfront just a short walk away from the promenade and the busyness of the town centre and attractions. With 102 spacious bedrooms all equipped with LCD flat screen TVs, direct dial telephone, free Wi-Fi, hairdryer and trouser press. There are two restaurants, the Brasserie located on the upper floor which provides spectacular views of the bay, to eat in this restaurant you would have to pay. The other is on the lower floor which is where groups would have

their dinner and breakfast. After a long day of sightseeing you can relax in one of the beauty rooms offering facials, massages, manicures etc.

HOLIDAY CENTRE

Situated between the coastlines of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, in the middle of the Irish Sea, you will find this beautiful island. Blessed with an extensive coastline, stunning natural landscape and unspoilt beaches, the Isle of Man is a perfect holiday destination. Douglas, situated on the east coast of the Isle of Man, has been the island capital since 1863 and holds most of the island action. Its beautiful seafront is lined with picturesque hotels and restaurants. The shopping high street is filled with familiar names like Boots, Next etc, as well as many locally owned stores. From spring to early autumn, the horse drawn trams run along the promenade which is two miles long. The magnificent sweep of Douglas Bay, against the background of green hills, has a charm hard to equal anywhere. Douglas was a pioneer in illuminations and at night presents a scene of spectacular beauty never to be forgotten.

Day 1. Depart for Heysham

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

Day 2. 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 3. Douglas to Port Erin

After breakfast, we head for the railway station in Douglas to take one of the great train journeys of the Isle of Man. Departing Douglas station for Port Erin at 09:50hrs. Step aboard the I.O.M steam railway, this is the longest narrow gauge steam line in the British Isles, 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 approx. 10.50am, we can have time to explore and have a break 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 4. Laxey & Snaefell Railway

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

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 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: **Saturday**

Dates: **31 Jul-5 Aug**

Meals: **Half-board**

Included excursions

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£799.00

Single room supplement

£85.00 (dbl/tw for sole use)



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Day 5. Day at Leisure

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

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 08:30hrs. Arriving in Heysham approx 12:15hrs. We then retrace our steps back to our pick-up area.

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Old Timer Boats & Trains of Switzerland

YOUR HOTEL - PARK HOTEL WINTERTHUR WINTERTHUR



Park Hotel Winterthur, Stadthausstrasse 4, 8400 Winterthur, Switzerland

Telephone: +41 52 265 02 65

Located in Winterthur's Old Town, in the middle of the city and yet surrounded by greenery is your oasis of well-being – the 4* Park Hotel Winterthur. It has 73 modern non-smoking rooms which are spread over five floors and offer the most beautiful views of the park or the city centre. The Park Hotel offers a restaurant and a lounge bar, as well as a sauna and a small fitness area. All rooms are soundproofed and feature en-suite with bath/shower, safe, TV, mini bar (soft drinks) and free Wi-Fi. The hotel's Bloom

Restaurant serves fresh, seasonal dishes. During the warmer months guests can also dine on the hotel's terrace. The entire hotel is smoke-free.

Outward & Return Hotel
TBC
Reims Area, France



HOLIDAY CENTRE

Winterthur is a city in the canton of Zurich in northern Switzerland. Located about 20 kilometres (12 miles) northeast of Zurich. The official language of Winterthur is German, but the main spoken language is the local dialect, Schweizerdeutsch. Winterthur is mentioned in documents as early as 1180. At that time, the Romans called this settlement Vitodurum. The compact rows of houses, the alleys and lanes, backyards and squares make for charming excursions. Winterthur railway station is the fourth busiest railway station in Switzerland and is 20 minutes away by train from Zurich. Winterthur inspires you with diversity: The old town with shops and cafés, right next to its industrial history in old factory halls, villas, parks and gardens, first-class museums, the Technorama as an interactive experience centre and the Casino Theatre round off the offer.



8 DAYS
£1589
15-22 Aug

Day 1. Depart Local Area

After an early start and boarding your luxury coach, we make our way to Dover for our morning ferry crossing. At Dover, all passports will be needed for inspection by French Immigration. There will also be a food voucher for food and one drink supplied for the ferry. We travel into France to our chosen hotel in the Reims area, where we will spend our first and last overnight stop with dinner, bed, and breakfast.

Day 2. Depart for Switzerland

After breakfast we continue to travel across France to the border and Switzerland. Driving through the beautiful countryside to arrive at the Park Hotel in Winterthur where we spend the next five nights. After a day's travelling, we can relax before dinner.



Day 3. Old Zurich, Lake Cruise & City of Roses

After breakfast, we take the local train to Zurich where we will meet our local guide for a walking tour of the old town. Attractions include the Linderhof which offers views of the city and lake, the Niederdorf, and Grossmünster Church. Stroll across the Münster Brücke to see the Fraumünster with its famous stained-glass windows. Later, embark on an historic paddle steamer for a 2hr cruise along Lake Zurich to the picturesque medieval town of Rapperswil, the riviera of Lake Zurich and known as the City of Roses. We then return to Winterthur by train.

Day 4. Lucerne Paddle Steamer & Rigi Mountain Railway

Today we travel to beautiful resort of Lucerne to meet up with our local guide for a walking tour of the old town and a stroll across the famous Chapel Bridge. You will also see the Lion monument which is carved into the rock face and was created in honour of the Swiss Guards who died in the Storming of the Tuileries in Paris in 1792. After the tour we embark on an historic paddle-steamer for a cruise across Lake Lucerne to Vitznau, where we then board the cog-wheel railway for a journey to the summit of Mount Rigi. Time to explore and take in the panoramic views from the top. When we return to the bottom, we rejoin our coach to return to our hotel.

Day 5. St Gallen & Appenzell & Brewery Visit

With its UNESCO listed Cathedral and Abbey there is plenty to explore in St Gallen with its historic alleyways and lanes. A self-guided visit has been included to the Abbey Library, Switzerland's oldest, and one of those few places in the world that will take your breath away! We continue to the Swiss town Appenzell with its decorated houses adorned with wood carvings, you may like to sample some traditional Swiss cheese or gingerbread. Enjoy a tour of the local brewery before finishing off with a tasting of Appenzell beer. We then return to our hotel.

Day 6. Flower Island & Lake Constance Cruise

This morning, we drive to the island of Mainau on Lake Constance, a tropical paradise with a palm house, water cascades, botanical gardens and palaces. After time to explore at leisure, embark on a 1hr cruise across Lake Constance, via Meersburg, to Konstanz, the largest town on the lake. Time to explore this old town and see the impressive cathedral before returning to the hotel.

Day 7. Depart for Metz Area

Today we have to say farewell to Switzerland and start the homeward journey, first stopping en-route at Schaffhausen for a view of the mighty Rhine Falls, the most powerful in Europe. We continue towards Metz area of France for our last overnight stay with dinner & breakfast.

Day 8. Depart for Home

After an early breakfast and cases have been loaded, we retrace our steps back to Dunkirk. There will be comfort stops en-route. There is also a voucher for food on your return. Once back in Dover, we continue to our local area arriving mid to late evening.

SPECIAL NOTES

- Currency for this tour in the Euro/Swiss Francs
- Full valid passport
- 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
- Overnight bags can be taken
- The itinerary could be subject to change

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All coach travel
- ✓ Ferries
- ✓ 2 overnights half-board
- ✓ 5 nights half-board at main hotel
- ✓ Included excursions & entrances
- ✓ Train & boat rides
- ✓ Courier escorted

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **8 Days**

Departure: **Sunday**

Dates: **15-22 Aug**

Meals: **Half-board**

Included excursions

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£1589.00

Single room supplement

£319.00

(double/twin for sole use)



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Bournemouth With History

YOUR HOTEL - MARSHAM COURT HOTEL BOURNEMOUTH



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

The Marsham Court Hotel is a relaxing full-service 4* hotel, ideally located for your holiday. 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 in every room. 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 centre and shopping streets can be reached in 5 minutes' walk. Bournemouth Pavilion Theatre is a 5-minute walk from the property, while Bournemouth International Centre is a 9-minute walk away.

During 2027 the hotel will be following an improvement project to make future visits even better. The work will be completed in stages in order to minimise disruption, but this may impact upon your stay.

HOLIDAY CENTRE

Bournemouth is among Britain's best-loved seaside towns. Its mild climate makes it a popular resort both in summer and in winter, as is well supplied with good shops, restaurants and sports and entertainment facilities. It is a town of parks and gardens and many trees. The star attraction is unquestionably its stretch of soft sandy beach. The iconic Bournemouth Pier offers all manner of seaside fun, with retro amusement arcades, colourful souvenir shops and tempting ice-cream stalls.

Day 1. Depart Local Area

Step aboard your luxury coach as you start your journey to Bournemouth. There will be stops on route for comfort. We arrive at the Marsham Court Hotel, where you will spend the next four nights with dinner, bed and breakfast. On arrival there will be tea/coffee. Time to settle in before dinner.

Day 2. Salisbury

Salisbury is a medieval cathedral city. The ornate 13th-century cathedral has a 123m spire, the tallest church spire in the UK, you can view an original copy of the Magna Carta from 1215 A.D in the 13th-century Chapter House (**at own expense**). You can also see the world's oldest working 14th-century mechanical clock. Explore the cobblestone streets, local boutiques, and the centuries-old Charter Market

(open on Tuesdays and Saturdays). Grab a pint and lunch at the Haunch of Venison, a traditional pub housed in a 14th-century building. Later returning to the hotel.

Day 3. Day at Leisure

Today is a free day for you to do whatever you would like to do. You may like to walk on the beach, have a paddle, shop, visit the parks, etc.

Day 4. Portsmouth

Today we visit the Naval city of Portsmouth, known for its maritime heritage and Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. The dockyard is home to the interactive National Museum of the Royal Navy, the wooden warship HMS Victory, where Nelson died in the Battle of Trafalgar, and HMS Warrior 1860. The Tudor ship Mary Rose is also conserved in a dockyard museum.

Entry is **included** with one visit of your choice to any exhibit. There is also Gunwharf Quays, A premium waterfront shopping and dining complex that features over 90 outlet stores, 30 restaurants, and the towering 170-metre-high Spinnaker Tower. After a busy day we return to the hotel.



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 on 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
- The itinerary could be subject to change

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All coach travel
- ✓ 4 nights half-board
- ✓ Tea/coffee on arrival
- ✓ 10% off all cold drinks (not including bottles of wine)
- ✓ Excursions & entrances
- ✓ Entertainment
- ✓ Services of courier

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **5 Days**

Departure: **Monday**

Dates: **9-13 Aug**

Meals: **Half-board**

Included excursions

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£599.00

Single room supplement

£Nil



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**5 DAYS
£749****23-27 Aug**

Historic Ludlow & The Shropshire Borders

YOUR HOTEL - FEATHERS HOTEL LUDLOW



Feathers Hotel, 25 Bull Ring, Ludlow SY8 1AA
Telephone: 01584 875261

The Feathers Hotel is a stunning facility, originally built in 1619, The Grade I listed, half-timbered hotel has recently undergone a huge £2m makeover but has, without doubt, retained all its personality and iconic features. The hotel has 42 en-suite bedrooms, beautifully finished with contemporary touches, with spa-inspired rain showers, free toiletries, hairdryer, TV, safe, ironing facilities, Wi-Fi and tea/coffee making facilities, along with luxurious Sleepzee beds. It has a bustling lounge and cocktail bar, Plume

restaurant with imaginative menus and a strong emphasis on local produce, served with style in beautiful surroundings, and an elegant tearoom. There is also a lift to the upper floors. They pride themselves on being one of Shropshire's most unique and elegant hotels.

HOLIDAY CENTRE

Ludlow is a thriving medieval market town and an architectural gem. Praised for its stunning mix of medieval/Tudor/Georgian architecture. This historic town centre is set around the 11th century Ludlow Castle and situated on a cliff above the river Teme and surrounded by beautiful countryside of South Shropshire and the Welsh Marches. With its famous festivals, vibrant food scene, bustling markets, and its location as a gateway to the scenic Shropshire Hills. It offers a charming experience for history buffs, foodies, and those seeking a picturesque English market town.

Day 1. Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, we make our way to Telford and the Iron Bridge. The Iron Bridge is a cast iron arch bridge that crosses the River Severn in Shropshire. Opened in 1781, it was the first major bridge in the world to be made of cast iron. Its success inspired the widespread use of cast iron as a structural material, and today the bridge is celebrated as a symbol of the Industrial Revolution. Here we shall have lunch before continuing to Ludlow and the 3* Feathers Hotel where you will spend the next four nights half-board.

Day 2. West Midlands Safari Park

Today we go on safari. The park holds over 165 species of exotic animals and features other attractions such as a small theme park. The park contains

the largest groups of white lions, cheetahs, hippopotamuses and meerkats in the UK, as well as the largest lemur walk-through exhibit. It was also the first park in the UK to have the African big five game animals, lion, leopard, rhinoceros, elephant, and African buffalo. We will take a drive through with the coach to see the larger animals, then you can do the Safari walk-through if you wish or explore the rest of the site. There is a restaurant on site for lunch. After an exciting time, we return to the hotel.

Day 3. Day at Leisure

After breakfast you have a free day. Today is also market day in Ludlow, so you might like to wander around to find those bargains, explore the town or perhaps visit the castle.

Day 4. Severn Valley Railway & Stokesay Castle

Today there will be a steam train ride from Kidderminster to Bridgenorth for a 70-minute ride. Arriving at Bridgenorth there will be a short time to explore this historic town. Later we travel to the medieval castle of Stokesay. Standing in a peaceful Shropshire valley near the Welsh border, Stokesay Castle has survived remarkably intact since a leading wool merchant, Laurence of Ludlow, built it in the late 13 century. His fine fortified manor house was both comfortable and impressive, designed as a statement of his wealth and power. Today, barely touched by the passage of years, the castle offers a unique insight into life in medieval England. (Please note due to the historic nature

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- The itinerary could be subject to change

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All coach travel
- ✓ Portage
- ✓ 4 nights half-board
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ West Midlands Safari Park
- ✓ Entrance to Stokesay Castle (not suitable for scooters or wheelchairs)
- ✓ Train journey
- ✓ Services of courier

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **5 Days**

Departure: **Monday**

Dates: **23-27 Aug**

Meals: **Half-board**

Included excursions

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£749.00

Single room supplement

£140.00 (dbl/tw for sole use)



of the castle the whole site is unsuitable for motorised scooters and unassisted wheelchairs).

Day 5. Depart for home

After a leisurely breakfast and all cases are loaded onto the coach, we say farewell to the Feathers Hotel and head for home.

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The Beautiful Dolomites

YOUR HOTEL - HOTEL PAGANELLA PAGANELLA



Hotel Paganella, Piazza Italia Unità, 10, 38010 Fai Della, Paganella TN, Italy
Telephone: +39 0461 583116

The Hotel Paganella will provide you with a comfortable structure in harmony with the colours of the surrounding mountains of the area, and at the same time modern and comfortable. A few steps away from the fabulous ski slopes of Paganella, with the spectacular background of the Dolomites, in an enchanting place where you can get lost in the traditions and spirit of the mountains and remain in close contact with technology. Hotel Paganella gives you beautiful surroundings, where the clear air and

the soft light of the Dolomites will give you natural comfort and help you forget the strain of the city. They make sure that nothing is left to chance, and that every 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 and a peaceful garden area.

Overnights Out/Return Hotels

Mercure Hotel Saarbrücken, Zinzinger Str., 9, 66117 Saarbrücken, Germany – **Telephone: +49 681 58630**

Maritim Hotel Ulm, Basteistraße 40, 89073 Ulm, Germany – **Telephone: +49 731 923**

Seligweiler Hotel, Seligweiler 1, 89081 Ulm-Seligweiler, Germany – **Telephone: +49 731 20540**



HOLIDAY CENTRE

Holidays to the Dolomites invite you to uncover beautiful secrets in one of the most stunning mountain ranges in the world, an Eden of striking peaks, lush valleys, and hidden lakes. Vertical walls, sheer cliffs and sharp plateaux combine to make an unmistakable silhouette. The Dolomites were named for the rock they are made of. At dusk and dawn, the sunlight paints the mountains pink and purple, a phenomenon called enrosadira by the locals. Wandering through sweeping valleys and past clear lakes, this area is 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 and boarding your luxury coach, we make our way to Dover for our morning ferry crossing. At Dover, all passports will be needed for inspection by French Immigration. There will also be a food voucher for food and one drink supplied for the ferry. We travel through France to the Mercure Hotel Saarbrücken, where we will spend our first and last overnight stop with dinner, bed, and breakfast. There is also a welcome drink of juice on arrival.

Day 2. Depart for Ulm

We leave Saarbrücken and make our way, with comfort stops on the way, to Ulm. Ulm was founded in medieval times. In the center is Ulm's Gothic Minster, a centuries-old church. Its steeple is the highest in the world. The Town Hall has an early-Renaissance facade, murals and a 16th-century astronomical clock. Half-timbered houses line the narrow alleys of the Fischerviertel, an area close to the River Danube. Here we have our



second overnight at the Maritim Hotel on the banks of the Danube with dinner and breakfast.

Day 3. Depart for Paganella Dolomites

After breakfast, we make our way through Germany, then later crossing 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 Italian border and the Dolomites, then on to our hotel Paganella. There will be stops en-route for food and drink. This will be a beautiful scenic drive. You are welcomed by a glass of prosecco or non-alcoholic drink.

Day 4. Day at Leisure

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

Day 5. 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 before starting to climb the Trentino Mountains before traversing the stunning Sellajoch Pass. We continue a panoramic journey with a stop at the colourful Lake Caldaro before returning to the hotel.

Day 6. 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.

SPECIAL NOTES

- Currency for this tour is the Euro
- Full valid passport
- Insurance
- GHIC (Global Health Ins Card)
- Dialling code for England: +44. Then leave the zero off 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
- You will need 2 pin continental plugs to use any of your electrical devices
- Overnight bags
- Exchange Rate: The price is NOT guaranteed against any alterations because of currency fluctuations. We have done our best to calculate in advance
- City tax must be paid at resort, ranging from €3-€5 per person per night

Day 7. Verona

Departing after breakfast we travel down the motorway passing Monti Baldo, where you will get a glimpse of the Abbey that is built into the rockface. We continue onto the ancient city of Verona. Immortalised by Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet", you can visit the Roman amphitheatre, nowadays the venue for the famous Verona Opera which attracts its devotees from all over the world. Visit the famous courtyard of Romeo & Juliet, touch her statue or even stand on that famous balcony. Time to explore the town and its many interesting buildings.

Day 8. 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 viewpoint above the vineyards, to see fantastic views over the town and surrounding countryside. Continuing, via Lake Caldaro, before returning to our hotel. You will then be treated to a candlelit Trentino dinner with music as a farewell by our hosts.

Day 9. Depart Paganella for Ulm

After 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 into Germany for our overnight at Seligweiler hotel in the area of Ulm with dinner, bed, and breakfast.

Day 10. Depart for Saarbrücken

After breakfast, we retrace our steps with comfort stops on the way, back to Saarbrücken and our Mercure Hotel with dinner and breakfast.

Day 11. Depart for Home

After an early breakfast and bags have been loaded, we retrace our steps back to Dunkirk. There will be comfort

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All coach travel
- ✓ 10 nights half-board
- ✓ Porterage at two hotels
- Main Hotel**
- ✓ Unlimited wine & water with dinner
- ✓ Free bar each night from 6pm-10.30pm
- ✓ Tea/coffee after dinner
- ✓ Quiz night, Grollo evening & wine tasting evening
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Entertainment
- ✓ Guided walk of Fai & pizza, wine picnic
- ✓ Courier escorted

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: 11 Days
 Departure: Wednesday
 Dates: 25 Aug-4 Sep
 Meals: Half-board

Included excursions

City Tax: Not included
 payable at resort; Ranging
 from €3-€5 pppn

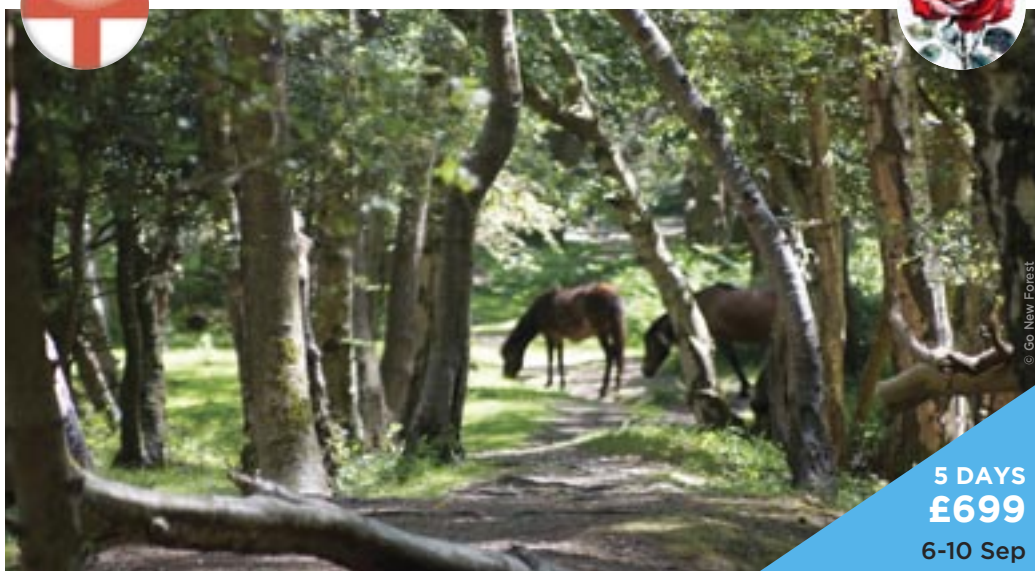
TOUR PRICE

Price per person
£1139.00

 Single room supplement
£150.00
 (double/twin for sole use)

stops en-route. There is also a voucher for food on your return. Once back in Dover, we continue to our local area arriving mid to late evening.

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5 DAYS
£699
6-10 Sep

New Forest Extravaganza

YOUR HOTEL - FOREST LODGE HOTEL LYNDHURST



Forest Lodge Hotel, Pikes Hill, Lyndhurst SO43 7AS

Telephone: 02380 283 677

Step into a historic 1820's charming and elegant Georgian townhouse, originally built as the Dower House for the Northerwood Estate. It served as a hunting box for King George IV. The Forest Lodge Hotel effortlessly blends timeless history with chic, urban-inspired design. Nestled on the edge of the picturesque and vibrant village of Lyndhurst, known to be the lively heart of the New Forest. The hotel blends historical charm and contemporary style with warm hospitality. Located just minutes from the 'capital' of the

New Forest, Lyndhurst. The 36 bedrooms are stylishly decorated in warm and cosy colours. All rooms have en-suite with complimentary toiletries, hairdryer, TV, ironing facilities, bottled water and tea/coffee making facilities. There is a casual bistro style restaurant serving comforting classics, from light bites and hearty mains to stone-baked pizzas and indulgent desserts. Breakfast includes a continental buffet selection or cooked-to-order breakfasts. There is a large indoor, heated swimming pool and sauna. Please note there are no walk-in showers available in the twin/doubles for two people and only a couple in single rooms. There are showers over baths only. NO LIFT but ground floor is available.

HOLIDAY CENTRE

In 1079 William the Conqueror took ownership of the area as his own hunting forest. He enforced a forest law, preventing local communities from using the forest to graze their livestock, hunt, forage for food or even build fences, as these activities would interfere with William's hunting pursuits. After the death of William, and his successor Rufus, the rights of the common people were eventually restored in the 1217 Charter of the Forest. A special Verderers' Court was set up to enforce the laws of this Charter and protect these rights. Commoners of the New Forest are people who occupy land or property to which attaches one or more rights over the forest, first laid out in the Charter of the Forest (1217).

Common of pasture - the right to turn out 'commonable' livestock: ponies, cattle, mules and donkeys. Common of mast - the right to turn out pigs during the 60-day autumn pannage season to forage for acorns and beech mast, which are poisonous to ponies and cattle. Estovers - the free supply of wood for fuel. Common of pasture of sheep - still practised occasionally on the Northern Commons. Common of marl - the right to dig lime-rich clay from marl pits to fertilise land or to use for building. Common of turbary - the right to cut peat turves for fuel. Many of these common rights survive today in the New Forest and are still protected by law. They are attached to land or property (rather than an individual) and people who are entitled to them are called "commoners".

Day 1. Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, we make a short comfort stop. We then continue our journey to Newbury and time for lunch. After lunch we continue to our journey to the New Forest and the Forest Lodge Hotel. There will be a welcome tea/coffee on arrival whilst your luggage is taken to your rooms. Time to settle in before dinner.

Day 2. Guided Tour of the New Forest

This morning after breakfast, we will meet our local guide who will take us on a 2hr tour of the New Forest. You will learn about its history, nature and

wildlife, with a chance of seeing the famous free roaming New Forest ponies. Travel through Minstead (including a short walk), Brockenhurst and Beaulieu with some surprising links to your favourite literary characters.

Day 3. Beaulieu

Today 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 Buccleuch, as a wedding present. The museum is home to a world-famous collection of over 280 vehicles and motoring memorabilia, including legendary Formula One cars. You can also visit the house, take the monorail or have a lift in an old vehicle.

Day 4. Chichester

Chichester is a historic Roman cathedral city with 1st-century walls, Georgian architecture, and a 12th-century cathedral. The city is defined

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
- ✓ Portage
- ✓ 4 nights half-board
- ✓ Excursions & guided tour
- ✓ Entrance to Beaulieu
- ✓ Services of courier

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **5 Days**

Departure: **Monday**

Dates: **6-10 Sep**

Meals: **Half-board**

Included excursions

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£699.00

Single room supplement

£80.00 (small double)



© National Motor Museum

by four main Roman streets meeting at a central 16th-century market cross. Key sites include the city walls (a 1.5-mile walk), the cathedral, and a Roman bathhouse. Time here to explore before returning to hotel.

Day 5. Return Home

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

Your tour manager and driver will do their utmost to ensure you have an enjoyable and memorable holiday. Should circumstances require it, they may, at their discretion, make minor adjustments to the itinerary in the interests of the group's comfort, safety, or overall enjoyment of the tour.



6 DAYS

£799

11-16 Sep

Discover Jersey's Island Paradise

YOUR HOTEL - MONTEREY HOTEL ST HELIER



Monterey Hotel, St Saviours Road, St Helier, Jersey JE2 7LA

Telephone: 01534 724762

The Best Western 3* Monterey Hotel is situated on the edge of St Helier. Rooms all have en-suite with bath or shower, free toiletries, hairdryer, TV, tea/coffee making facilities, iron/ironing board and free Wi-Fi. Gordini's Restaurant serves a range of cuisine, including full English buffet breakfast in the morning and a freshly prepared menu each evening and the renowned Sunday carvery. The comfortable open plan bar area offers a relaxed all-day menu. The hotel has 2 swimming pools, including an outdoor pool with

loungers for fine days, and a luxury indoor pool with a steam room, spa bath, and a mini gym. Regular evening entertainment. It is directly on the island's bus route; regular buses operate from the hotel to the centre of the town.

HOLIDAY CENTRE

The most southerly and largest of the Channel Islands has much to offer with its fine blend of the best of England and France. Situated around its 72 km coastline are quaint fishing villages such as St Aubin, marvellous sandy beaches (rated as some of the cleanest in Europe) and a collection of dramatic craggy coastal walks. Inland is just as rewarding, fascinating attractions, diverse historic sites and gentle verdant scenery all linked by narrow country lanes. Festivals play a big part in island life and barely a month goes by when a local seasonal event is not being celebrated. The capital is St Helier and, whilst small, is a cosmopolitan harbour town and the focus for the islands shopping, eating, entertainment and nightlife culture.

Day 1. Depart Local Area

After boarding your coach from your local area, you make your way south to Poole to catch the ferry to Jersey. On arrival in Jersey, you will meet your transfer coach to take you to the Monterey Hotel, where you will spend the next five nights with dinner, bed and breakfast. You will be met by a hotel representative, who will welcome you to the island of Jersey, and let you know what is on offer to you in the way of excursions.

Day 2. Island Tour

Today, after breakfast, you will go on a tour of the island in an island coach as their roads are a lot smaller than ours. Departing from St Helier, this guided tour takes you to St Aubin's Bay,

St Brelade Bay, Corbiere Lighthouse, St Ouen's Bay, the northern coastline, Gorey Harbour and the rugged east coast (subject to change). Returning to hotel to relax before dinner.

Days 3, 4 & 5. Days at Leisure

The next few days are at your leisure for you to explore more of the island. Take one or more of the excursions on offer, maybe to the German underground hospital, vineyards, and more, or just relax on the beautiful beaches. The choice is yours. Tickets are available at the reception from your hotel rep.

Day 6. Return Home

Depart the hotel by transfer bus to the ferry, for your crossing back to Poole,

where your coach will be waiting to take back to your local pick-up area.



SPECIAL NOTES

- Currency for this tour in the Pound Sterling
- Full valid passport or photo ID
- Insurance
- GHIC (Global Health Insurance Card)
- 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
- ✓ 5 nights half-board
- ✓ 1 included excursion
- ✓ Escorted

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: 6 Days

Departure: Saturday

Dates: 11-16 Sep

Meals: Half-board

1 included excursion

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£799.00

Single room supplement

£250.00 (dbl/tw for sole use)



Your tour manager will do their utmost to ensure you have an enjoyable and memorable holiday. Should circumstances require it, they may, at their discretion, make minor adjustments to the itinerary in the interests of the group's comfort, safety, or overall enjoyment of the tour.



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**6 DAYS
£745****17-22 Sep**

A Cornish Gem

YOUR HOTEL - ROSEMUNDY HOUSE HOTEL ST AGNES



Rosemundy House Hotel, St Agnes, Cornwall TR5 0UF
Telephone: 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 begun. 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 five nights with dinner, bed and breakfast.

Day 2. 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 Mevagissey

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 more than 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 to the hotel to relax before dinner.

Day 3. 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 overseas-mail 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.

Day 4. ½ Day to Healy's Cider Farm

This morning we visit Healy's cider farm, steeped in history, which has been brewing award-winning ciders, wines, and fruit juices for over 25 years. You will have a chance to sample some Cornish ciders. A wander around the farm and maybe some lunch, before we return to the hotel, the rest of the day is at leisure.

SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance
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- The 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: **Friday**

Dates: **17-22 Sep**

Meals: **Half-board**

Included excursions

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£745.00

Single room supplement

£Nil (5 Rooms Only)

Day 5. Penzance & St Ives

Today is a full day tour around the West Cornwall Peninsula. 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 with plenty of pavement cafes, ancient pubs, top notch eateries and a fascinating working harbour, St Ives is deservedly one of Cornwall's top destinations. Returning to your hotel to relax before dinner.

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.

Your tour manager and driver will do their utmost to ensure you have an enjoyable and memorable holiday. Should circumstances require it, they may, at their discretion, make minor adjustments to the itinerary in the interests of the group's comfort, safety, or overall enjoyment of the tour.



5 DAYS
£699

26-30 Sep

A Touch of Luxury in Barnstaple

YOUR HOTEL - IMPERIAL HOTEL BARNSTAPLE



Imperial Hotel, Taw Vale Parade, Barnstaple EX32 8NB
Telephone: 02030 276 614

Sitting by the River Taw, the 4* luxury Imperial Hotel is a stunning Grade 2 listed building which was originally a grand private manor, home to one of Barnstaple's wealthiest families. In 1898, it became a 'family hotel' and was extended over the years to become the iconic building it is today. With its sweeping oak staircase and lavish soft furnishings, the Imperial Hotel captures the magic and style of a lovely country house. It has 63 guest bedrooms which all have an en-suite with bath or shower, free toiletries, hairdryer,

TV, ironing facilities, telephone, and tea/coffee making facilities. There is also an AA rosette award-winning restaurant, and a cosy terrace lounge. The hotel is in the heart of Barnstaple, yet it has all the tranquillity and warmth of an elegant country house.

HOLIDAY CENTRE

Barnstaple is an ancient market town and is the largest conurbation in North Devon. Situated on the River Taw it provides access to the popular Tarka Trail and is within a short bus journey from the beautiful North Devon beaches such as Woolacombe and Croyde. Within the town there are town trails taking in the 17th-century almshouses, churches and chapels, and the old bridge, with the history of the area illustrated in the Barnstaple Museum (free admission) and in the heritage centre. Catering to the tourist trade the town is well supplied with hotels, like the luxurious Imperial Hotel. For shopping there is a traditional pannier market along with the usual high street shops, indoor shopping and local stores. There are also a 4-screen cinema and a theatre.

Day 1. Depart for Devon

After boarding your luxury coach, your holiday has now started. You start your journey by travelling southwest with stops on route for comfort and food. Continuing your journey through beautiful countryside, to the North Devonshire town of Barnstaple and the luxurious Imperial Hotel, where you shall spend the next four nights with dinner, bed and breakfast. 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 into your rooms, time to explore the hotel or just relax and admire the view before dinner.

Day 2. Lynton & Lynmouth

This morning you spend time at leisure in the twin villages of Lynton & Lynmouth. Pretty Lynmouth with its rows of charming fishermen's cottages, with shops that cluster around the harbour of gently bobbing

boats. Lynton perched high above is a vibrant Victorian village retaining a quaint mix of times present and times past. Lynton is 500 ft above Lynmouth, and the two towns are connected by the Lynton & Lynmouth Cliff Railway, the highest and steepest fully water powered Victorian railway in the world! The railway is a 'must see and do' offering wonderful views over the bay. Later this afternoon you head back to the hotel where you have free time to relax before dinner.

Day 3. Day at Leisure

Today you can please yourself. Take a walk along the riverside or walk into the town. Maybe visit the Pannier Market which is a bustling indoor market open all year round. The historic market is filled with stalls offering fresh local produce, artisan crafts, unique gifts, everyday essentials, and tasty food and drink. The choice is yours. This evening after dinner, we go with a guide on a

walking tour at 7.30pm which is called Bygone Brothel Tour. As this was a seaport with ships in the early days, you'll hear stories of the past of the women who earned their money from sailors. It's interesting and a laugh.

Day 4. Rail Journey & Arlington Court House NT

This morning, we travel to the Lynton & Barnstaple railway for a nostalgic journey on a steam train. The only steam railway in the UK where passengers travel in Victorian railway carriages designed in the 1890's. A one mile return trip from Woody Bay Station to Killington Lane and back. Two miles in total taking approximately 20 minutes. What you can see today at Woody Bay is just the beginning of an exciting project to rebuild one of the world's most famous and picturesque narrow-gauge railways. Later we look at Arlington Court House & Gardens, a National Trust property. An unexpected jewel

SPECIAL NOTES

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- The itinerary could be subject to change

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All coach travel
- ✓ 4 nights half-board
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Steam train ride
- ✓ Entrance to house & gardens
- ✓ Guided walking brothel tour
- ✓ Services of courier

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: 5 Days

Departure: Sunday

Dates: 26-30 Sep

Meals: Half-board

Included excursions

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£699.00

Single room supplement

£Nil for standard single

(5 only)

£80 for small double for sole occ. (7 only)



on the edge of Exmoor, a complete family estate held by the Chichester family for over 500 years. The neo-classical mansion, completed in 1823, boasts an impressive collection of artefacts, fine art, and period furnishings. An intriguing Regency house with an impressive collection of horse-drawn vehicles, set in a picturesque garden.

Day 5. Depart for Home

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

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Catalonia & the Charming Costa Brava

YOUR HOTEL - GOLDEN BAHIA DE TOSSA HOTEL TOSSA DE MAR



Golden Bahia de Tossa Hotel, Av. Puerto Rico, 29, 17320 Tossa de Mar, Girona, Spain
Telephone: +34 (0) 972343130

The 4*Golden Bahia de Tossa Hotel is located 800 metres from the beach in Tossa de Mar. It features outdoor pools, a big garden, palm trees, sun terraces and pool bars. Rooms are spacious and have a private balcony, an en-suite bathroom with a bath or shower, free toiletries, a hairdryer, air-conditioning, a TV, fridge, safe and tea/coffee-making facilities. 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.

Outward & Return Hotel

Novotel Dijon Sud, 11 Rte de Beaune, 21160 Marsannay-la-Côte, France
Telephone: +33 3 80 51 59000



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HOLIDAY CENTRE

Standing proudly on the north coast of Catalonia, the historic town of Tossa de Mar is a real treasure. The town offers panoramic views across the Mediterranean Sea and is famous for its sandy beaches, lighthouse and, of course, historic fortified medieval village. This typically Catalan town has bags of atmosphere, thanks to its old town. The Vila Vella, as it's known, is all cobbled streets and traditional houses - there's even an ancient castle. The surrounding countryside, meanwhile, is some of the prettiest in the Costa Brava, with mountains and valleys to explore, plus you've got not 1 but 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, 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.



9 DAYS
£999
9-17 Oct

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 will be a set menu, followed by a hot buffet breakfast the



next morning. There is no lift, but ground-floor rooms are available.

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 six nights. Dinner is a set menu with one 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 just relax by the wonderful amenities in your hotel.

Day 4. Girona & Besalu

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 Força 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 place. This afternoon, you will explore the fairytale medieval town of Besalú by crossing the iconic 12th-century, stone Pont Vell bridge. Lose yourself in the narrow, cobbled streets of the Jewish Quarter and visit the underground Miqué, one of the best-preserved medieval ritual baths in Europe. Look upon its 10th-century Benedictine monastery of Monestir de Sant Pere and its impressive Romanesque architecture. Returning to your hotel to relax before dinner.

Day 5. Blanes & Lloret de Mar

Today you travel along the coast to the popular resort of Blanes, known as the gateway to the Costa Brava. Time to enjoy a stroll along the 4km of sandy beach, while looking at the crystal-clear blue waters of the Mediterranean Sea. Blanes still has an active fishing fleet. Its fish auction is 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 sorts of places where the locals shop, eat and drink. Just a block away from the beach is a daily fresh fruit and vegetables market. From here continue to another popular resort, Lloret de Mar. Lloret de Mar is known for its beaches. The medieval hilltop Castle of Sant Joan, to the east, offers views over the area, while the central Iglesia de Sant Romà church provides examples of both 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 6. Day at Leisure

A free day to explore the pretty town of Tossa del Mar and its market day, or just relax by the pool in the hotel.

Day 7. St Feliu De Guixols ½ Day

This morning we go to the seaside town of Sant Feliu de Guixols, a city located in the heart of the Costa Brava. It is an old fishing village which has preserved its historical heritage. The best example of this is the Benedictine monastery and the oldest part is the Romanesque Porta Ferrada. Discover the coastline with cliffs pierced by small coves, walk along the beach and let yourself be carried away by the charm of the natural spaces that surround it, such as the Gavarres mountains and the Ardenya massif. Time to return to the hotel where you can relax for the afternoon.

Day 8. Depart for France

After breakfast and cases have been loaded onto the coach, you say farewell to your hosts at the Golden Bahia de Tossa Hotel and head back into France for your overnight hotel at the Novotel Dijon Sud. There will be comfort stops on the way. Dinner is a set menu and a hot and cold breakfast.

SPECIAL NOTES

- The currency you will need for this tour is the Euro
- A valid passport
- An EHIC card (European Health 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
- ✓ 2 overnights
- ✓ 6 nights half-board
- ✓ Wine & water with dinner (Spain)
- ✓ Use of leisure facilities
- ✓ City tax
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Entertainment
- ✓ Services of Courier

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **9 Days**
Departure: **Saturday**
Dates: **9-17 Oct**
Meals: **Half-board**
Included excursions

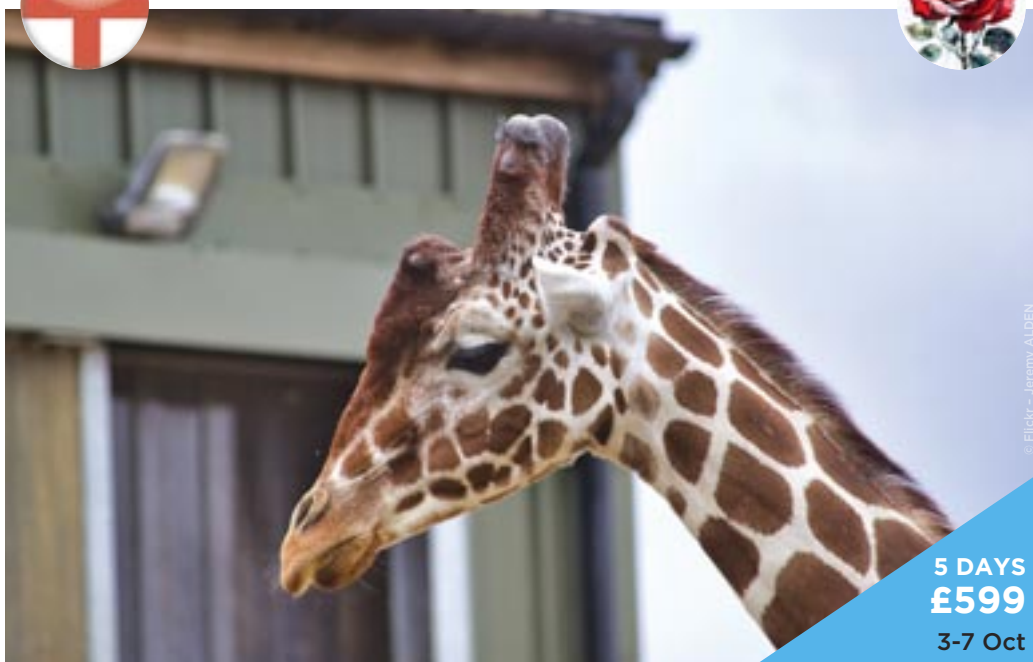
TOUR PRICE

Price per person
£999.00
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Single room supplement
£270.00
(dbl/tw for sole occupancy in 3 hotels)

Day 9. Return Home

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

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5 DAYS
£599
3-7 Oct

Wildlife & Heritage

YOUR HOTEL - HEX WILDLIFE HOTEL DONCASTER



Hex Wildlife Hotel, Hurst Lane, Auckley Doncaster DN9 3HQ

Telephone: 01302 279494

The 3* Hex Wildlife Hotel at Yorkshire Wildlife Park in Doncaster offers something different. All rooms have private bathrooms, free toiletries, and all with air-conditioning, a work desk, TV, tea/coffee making facilities and free Wi-Fi. There is a sun terrace, bar and two restaurants. Wilds Café Bistro serves breakfast, brunch, lunch and dinner in a modern and romantic ambience. Breakfast options include continental, buffet, and a full English/Irish. The hotel has a lounge, lift, and 24-hour front desk. Additional amenities

include a coffee shop. There are no ground floor rooms.

HOLIDAY CENTRE

Doncaster is a city in South Yorkshire. Named after the River Don, it is the administrative centre of the City of Doncaster metropolitan borough, and is the second largest settlement in South Yorkshire after Sheffield. Noted for its racing and railway history, it is situated in the Don Valley on the western edge of the Humber Head, and east of the Pennines. On 28 October 2021, Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council announced its bid for Doncaster to become a City for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Alongside seven other areas, Doncaster succeeded in its bid to gain city status. The city status applies to the whole metropolitan borough of Doncaster. Doncaster formally became a city when a ceremony took place on 9 November 2022 as part of a royal visit.

Day 1. Depart for Doncaster

After boarding our luxury coach, we make our way north to Doncaster and the Hex Wildlife Hotel. There will be comfort stops en-route for lunch. When we arrive at the hotel, we will have a meet and greet at the coach with welcome letters, wildlife park tickets and key cards. Portage is included. Then a short walk to main building.

Day 2. Wildlife Park

Today you have a full day to experience 'no ordinary animal adventure' at the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. You can also get up close. Conservation is at the heart of everything they do! Discover truly incredible animals on the wonderful walk-through wildlife adventure including lions, tigers, leopards, rhinos, lemurs, monkeys, zebras, giraffes,

polar bears, sea lions and much more. The Yorkshire Hive shopping village is adjacent to the hotel.

Day 3. Lincoln

Today we visit the City of Lincoln. Lincoln is a beautiful historic city full of heritage and culture - renowned for its medieval heritage, including the 11th-century Lincoln Castle (holding a Magna Carta) and the stunning Lincoln Cathedral, Roman ruins, and medieval architecture. Wander along the picturesque, cobbled streets and take in the spectacular sights of Lincoln's magnificent historic architecture. Later returning to the hotel.

Day 4. Brodsworth Hall & Gardens

The Hall was built in the 1860's and the grand ground floor rooms still recall the house's Victorian heyday, with glittering chandeliers and marble

statues. The last owner, Sylvia Grant-Dalton, fought a losing battle against subsidence and leaking roofs, the mansion remains virtually as she left it. The Victorian kitchen with its impressive cooking range and the cosier 'Aga kitchen' and scullery with the original housekeeper's chair. The extensive gardens have been restored over the last 30yrs, with brilliant bedding, formal topiary, a fern-filled dell and quirky garden buildings. There is also a café onsite.

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 Hex Wildlife Hotel and head for home. With comfort stops on the way, we arrive back in our local area late afternoon.

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
- ✓ 4 nights half-board
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Entrance to wildlife park
- ✓ Entrance to Brodsworth Hall
- ✓ Services of courier

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **5 Days**

Departure: **Sunday**

Dates: **3-7 Oct**

Meals: **Half-board**

Included excursions

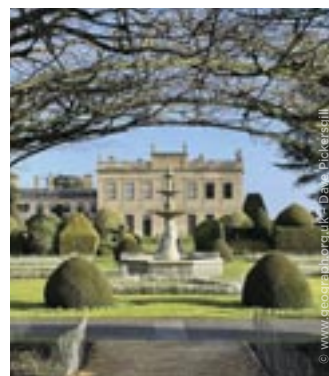
TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£599.00

Single room supplement

£70.00 (Tw/Dbf for sole use)



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5 DAYS
£629
14-18 Oct

Racing Legends, Royalty & Gardens

YOUR HOTEL - BROOKLANDS HOTEL WEYBRIDGE



Brooklands Hotel, Brooklands Drive, Weybridge, Surrey KT13 0SL

Telephone: 01932 335700

The 4* Brooklands hotel is located within Brooklands motor racing circuit and next to Mercedes-Benz World. It has an art deco inspired décor and the contemporary and vibrant 1907 restaurant, bar & grill, which is named after the year the world-famous Brooklands racetrack opened, and draws inspiration from the 1920's and 30's – a period of glamour, innovation, and the golden age of racing. They pride themselves on great food, exceptional service, and a fine selection of wines. The spacious bedrooms have

en-suites with walk-in rain showers, free toiletries, hairdryer, tea/coffee making facilities, mini bar and excellent in-room entertainment. The Wellness centre has steam, stillness and skyline views. From soothing treatments to a rooftop hot tub, their Surrey spa is your space to pause and relax.

HOLIDAY CENTRE

Surrey is a beautiful, vibrant, and diverse county full of charm and surprise, with lively market towns surrounded by the scenic Surrey hills. As England's most wooded county, Surrey is blessed with rolling hills, peaceful valleys, and sweeping landscapes. Step into a world of world-famous gardens, ancient heathlands, and peaceful rivers and canals. Surrey's rich history and heritage can be seen around every corner. Discover stately homes, castles and royal palaces or wander through picturesque villages steeped in centuries of charm.

Day 1. Depart Local Area

After boarding our luxury coach and depart our local area, we start our journey to Surrey. There will be a stop at Oxford for a break and lunch. Continuing our journey, we will arrive at the Brooklands Hotel in Weybridge. Here we will spend the next four nights with dinner, bed & breakfast.

Day 2. Brooklands Museum

This morning we take a short drive to the Brooklands Museum. A large open-air museum with many period buildings and exhibits. Explore classic vehicles, racing cars, motorcycles and historic aircraft. Discover the world-famous Concorde and British motorsport history at the world's first purpose-built race track. Due to the historic nature of the site, there are areas which have bumpy and uneven surfaces. After a fun-packed

day, we return to the hotel to rest before dinner.

Day 3. Windsor Castle

The royal residence of Windsor Castle, the oldest and biggest occupied castle in the world was established by William the Conqueror in the 11th century. You'll explore the opulent State Apartments, furnished with extraordinary items from the Royal Collection, Henry VIII's armour and the bullet that killed Lord Admiral Nelson in the Battle of Trafalgar. You will see St George's Chapel, an exquisite building that's seen many royal weddings, including both Princess Eugenie and Prince Harry. The beautiful grounds and curiosities like Queen Mary's Doll's House are also available for you to enjoy.

Day 4. Kew Gardens

Today we visit Kew Gardens which is London's largest UNESCO World Heritage site, offering unique landscapes, vistas and iconic architecture from every stage of the garden's history. Their collection of living plants is the largest and most diverse in the world, growing out in the landscape and within their glasshouses and nurseries. There is a noddly train that can take you to most parts of the gardens if walking is a problem. After a busy day, we return to the hotel.

Day 5. Return Home

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

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
- ✓ Portage
- ✓ 4 nights half-board
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Entrance Brooklands Museum
- ✓ Entrance Windsor Castle
- ✓ Entrance Kew Gardens
- ✓ Services of courier

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **5 Days**

Departure: **Thursday**

Dates: **14-18 Oct**

Meals: **Half-board**

Included excursions

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£629.00

Single room supplement

£88.00 (dbl/tw for sole use)



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**7 DAYS
£699****17-23 Oct**

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Victoria's Beautiful Island

YOUR HOTEL - SHANKLIN HOTEL SHANKLIN



Shanklin Hotel, Clarendon Road, Shanklin, Isle of Wight

Telephone: 01983 862286

Situated in a premier location within Shanklin town, the Shanklin Hotel has a well-deserved reputation for always delivering high standards in service and hospitality. The Starlight Restaurant boasts panoramic views across the sweep of the bay and is recognised for producing high quality food that uses fresh, locally sourced ingredients. The bars, lounges and restaurant all enjoy panoramic views, making for the ideal place to relax and perhaps plan your exploration of the island. The hotel has 90 bedrooms,

all with bath or shower en-suite and all have direct dial telephones, TV and tea/coffee making facilities. The hotel has a heated indoor swimming pool, spa pool, sauna and gym.

HOLIDAY CENTRE

The Victorians adopted the Isle of Wight as a holiday island, and tourism has been its bread and butter ever since. The high chalk downs and famous chines, or clefts, along the south coast appealed to the Victorians sense of picturesque; and the resorts they built have given the island a lasting appeal for lovers of Victorian architecture. The fortifications of the Isle of Wight provide a historic insight into the island's strategic role throughout history. Carisbrooke Castle dates from Norman times and brings history alive to many thousands of visitors each year. Shanklin is located on the east side of the island and has a lift that takes you down to the sheltered sands and pier. The old village has one of the prettiest inns on the island, The Crab Hotel.

Day 1. Depart Your Local Area

Step aboard your luxury coach as you start your journey to Portsmouth and the ferry to the Isle of Wight. We will have a comfort stop en-route for lunch. We arrive at Portsmouth for the short crossing to Fishbourne, where we continue our journey to Shanklin and the Shanklin Hotel where we will spend the next six nights' half-board. Time to relax before dinner.

Day 2. Island Tour

Departing after breakfast, we enjoy a full day's scenic tour of the southern part of the island, taking in places like Ventnor and Black Gang Chine. Continuing along the Military Road, we will have a comfort stop at the Isle of Wight Pearl where you can have a look around the famous pearl shop and have a morning cuppa. From here we travel along the Military Road to Freshwater Bay. Later we will see the Needles and the multi-coloured cliffs of Alum Bay. We continue to Yarmouth, where we will have time for a break. We then make our way back via the 13th century Carisbrooke Castle, picturesquely situated on a hill, long the seat of authority on the island. We will visit the castle in detail on day 5. Then to Shanklin where you will have time to relax before dinner.

Day 3. Osborne House

After breakfast we travel north towards Cowes for a spectacular visit to Osborne House. It's no surprise that Osborne House was Queen Victoria's favourite retreat. Set in magnificent grounds overlooking the Solent, this beautiful stately home promises a fantastic trip out. Trace the footsteps of one of Britain's most popular monarchs as you wander through the terrace gardens, and marvel at the sumptuous interiors and furnishings. Time for lunch in the café before returning to the hotel. Time for a rest or maybe a stroll along the promenade before dinner.

Day 4. Steam Railway Journey

Take a ride behind one of the vintage steam locomotives for a special journey back in time. Breathe in the evocative smells of a real steam railway and experience the sights and sounds of the steam engine puffing and hissing into life. Settle back in beautifully restored Victorian and Edwardian carriages and enjoy a unique view of some of the island's unspoilt countryside. A journey on the multi-award-winning Isle of Wight Steam Railway is an unforgettable experience.

Day 5. Carisbrooke Castle

After breakfast we travel towards the centre of the island to Carisbrooke

Castle. The castle is best known as the place where King Charles I was imprisoned. You can still play bowls on the very green that Charles used. For a castle that has lived through more than 800 years of service, including resisting a siege by the French and seeing off the Spanish Armada, it's also wonderfully well preserved. The new Edwardian-style Princess Beatrice Garden is a joy to explore. For hundreds of years the castle's resident donkeys have drawn up water in the well-house. All the donkeys' names begin with the letter 'J'. This tradition started when Charles I was a prisoner at the castle. Whenever Charles I wrote letters, or was planning his escape route, he always signed his letters with a 'J'. So for 150 years all the donkeys at the castle have had a name beginning with 'J'. This is a tradition that continues to be upheld! We return via the picturesque old village of Godshill. A beautiful village full of charm, thatched cottages and legends, with its early 15th century church built high above the town (the church is a steep climb). Returning to the hotel.

Day 6. Wildheart Animal Sanctuary

Today we visit Wildheart Animal Sanctuary in Sandown. The sanctuary is home to a wide variety of animals that have been rescued from suffering and

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
- ✓ Ferries
- ✓ 6 nights half-board
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Entrance to Osborne House
- ✓ Entrance to Carisbrooke Castle
- ✓ Entrance to Wildheart Sanctuary
- ✓ Steam railway
- ✓ Entertainment
- ✓ Courier escorted

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **7 Days**Departure: **Sunday**Dates: **17-23 Oct**Meals: **Half-board**

Included excursions

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£699.00

Single room supplement

£60.00 (dbl/tw for sole use)

sea. You will see lions, tigers, lynx, lemurs, monkeys, wallabies, reptiles, farmyard animals and many more species from around the world. Their latest arrivals are two European brown bears who were rescued from Azerbaijan. Benji & Balu, both brothers lived a life of misery as restaurant bears. Here they will learn how to be bears again.

Day 7. Depart Shanklin

A leisurely breakfast will be served from 8am. After breakfast we bid a fond farewell to our hosts at the Shanklin Hotel, we retrace our steps back to Fishbourne and the ferry to Portsmouth. Travelling back, we will have a break at the beautiful town of Winchester. After our lunch we return back to our local area, arriving home late afternoon/early evening.

Your tour manager and driver will do their utmost to ensure you have an enjoyable and memorable holiday. Should circumstances require it, they may, at their discretion, make minor adjustments to the itinerary in the interests of the group's comfort, safety, or overall enjoyment of the tour.



5 DAYS
£699

24-28 Oct

Llandudno – Holly & Mistletoe Break

YOUR HOTEL - TYNEDALE HOTEL LLANDUDNO



Tynedale Hotel, Gloddaeth Crescent,
Central Promenade, Llandudno, Conwy LL30 2XS
Telephone: 01492 877426

The Tynedale Hotel is centrally located on Llandudno's iconic promenade, only 20 metres from the beach and just a pleasant level stroll to the beautiful well-preserved pier, theatre and shops. This boutique style 4* 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 amazing 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 Victorians 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 (is that possible?) 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 and stopping at Llangollen for lunch. You continue your journey to Llandudno via the Dee Valley, an area of outstanding natural beauty. On arrival at the Tynedale Hotel, while your cases are taken to your rooms, there will be afternoon tea provided. After dinner, there will be cabaret style entertainment every evening.

Day 2. Anglesey

Today we visit the Isle of Anglesey and Beaumaris, a picturesque seaside town on Anglesey overlooking the Menai Strait and the Snowdonia mountains.

Take a walk through the town, a stroll along the seafront, taking in the pier and the views, then continuing through the charming streets with their attractive cottages, many painted in soft pastel colours and its medieval heritage. Beaumaris Castle, constructed between 1295-1330, is a United Nations World Heritage site. Beaumaris has lively cafés, pubs, restaurants and hotels, with good food to suit every taste, and some excellent shopping marked by quality independent traders. Later we take a visit to the Anglesey Transport Museum, the largest of its kind in Wales. It is set in a replica of a 1940's cobbled village street, which includes two houses, a garage and a shop, with a window displaying old merchandise. It displays cars, motorbikes, commercial and farm vehicles and static engines. Walk back in time and see over 60 gleaming classic cars and

vehicles from the 1920's onwards. Later we return to the hotel.

Day 3. Day at Leisure

Today you can choose to do whatever you would like. 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

Today we travel to Anglesey to the beautiful house and gardens of Plas Newydd, home of the Marquess 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 is special in the garden is a direct result of the

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
- ✓ Portage
- ✓ 4 nights half-board
- ✓ Tea/coffee on arrival
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Entrances
- ✓ Entertainment
- ✓ Courier escorted

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: 5 Days

Departure: Sunday

Dates: 24-28 Oct

Meals: Half-board

Included excursions

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£699.00

Single room supplement

£Nil (6 Rooms)

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setting and climate. With views across the Menai Strait to the mountains of 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.



4 DAYS
from **£530**
24-27 Oct

Efteling – World of Wonders

YOUR HOTEL - EFTELING WONDER HOTEL RA KAATSHEUVEL



Efteling Wonder Hotel, Horst 31, 5171, RA Kaatsheuvel, Netherlands

Telephone: +31 416 537 777

The magic continues at the 4-star Efteling Wonder Hotel, where even your overnight stay becomes part of the adventure. Designed as a magical castle in the clouds, the hotel is full of imagination and atmosphere. Your comfortable premium room includes a generous double bed, bunk beds, a sofa, walk-in shower, television, tea and coffee facilities, mini fridge, safe, air-conditioning and Wi-Fi. Guests can also enjoy the Badhuys indoor water play area, with warm pools, gentle currents, bubble baths and play areas for younger children. It is the perfect place to relax after a busy day exploring the park.

HOLIDAY CENTRE

Step into a world where fairy tales, thrilling adventures and unforgettable experiences come to life. Efteling is unlike any ordinary theme park, with beautifully themed attractions, enchanting forests, exciting rides and magical stories around every corner. Thrill-seekers can brave the dramatic free fall of Baron 1898 or race through the park on the fun-filled Max & Moritz family roller coaster. For something gentler, float through the dreamlike world of Droomvlucht, meet the talking Fairytale Tree and wander through scenes inspired by much-loved stories and legends. There are also spectacular shows and live entertainment to enjoy, including Aquanura, an incredible water, light and music show. With so much to discover, Efteling offers a wonderful mix of excitement, imagination and relaxation for all ages.

Day 1. Depart Local Area

Our magical adventure begins as we travel to Dover for our ferry crossing to Dunkirk. A meal voucher will be provided for food and a drink during the journey. We then continue through Belgium and into the Netherlands, with a comfort stop along the way, before arriving at the Efteling Wonder Hotel for our three-night stay. Once we arrive, the excitement really begins. Depending on our arrival time, there may even be an opportunity to make our first visit into Efteling Park and enjoy an early taste of the magic.

Days 2-3. Efteling Park World of Wonders

After breakfast, you have two wonderful days to explore Efteling at your own pace. Whether you want to experience exciting roller coasters, discover magical dark rides, wander through the Fairytale Forest, watch live entertainment or simply soak up the atmosphere, there is plenty to

keep everyone entertained.

With attractions for thrill-seekers, families and those who prefer something gentler, every member of the group can create their own perfect day. Do not miss the chance to see Aquanura, Efteling's spectacular water show, which brings fountains, music and lights together in an unforgettable display.

Day 4. Return Home

After breakfast, we say goodbye to the Efteling Wonder Hotel and begin our journey back to Dunkirk for the ferry crossing to Dover. A meal voucher will again be provided for food and a drink during the journey. We then continue back to your original boarding point, arriving home by mid-evening after a truly magical few days.



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SPECIAL NOTES

- A full valid passport
- GHIC Card (Global Health Insurance Card)
- Insurance
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- The itinerary could be subject to change

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All coach travel
- ✓ Ferry
- ✓ 3 nights bed & breakfast
- ✓ 3 days entrance to Efteling Park
- ✓ Tourist tax
- ✓ Escorted

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **4 Days**
Departure: **Sunday**
Dates: **24-27 Oct**
Meals: **Bed & breakfast**

TOUR PRICE

2 Adults
£735pp

1 Adult/1 child
£720pp

3 Adults
£585pp

2 Adults/1 child
£575pp

1 Adult/2 children
£565pp

4 Adults
£555pp

3 Adults/1 child
£545pp

2 Adults/2 children
£540pp

1 Adult/3 children
£530pp

**5 DAYS
£599****25-29 Oct**

Cardigan Coast & Tenby

YOUR HOTEL - THE CLIFF HOTEL & SPA CEREDIGION



The Cliff Hotel & Spa, Gwbert, Cardigan, Ceredigion SA43 1PP

Telephone: 01239 613241

This renowned hotel boasts one of the most breathtaking views and marine locations in Wales. Set on a hillside overlooking the Irish Sea, The Cliff Hotel & Spa sits in one of Wales' most spectacular coastal locations, set within 30 acres of headland overlooking Cardigan Bay, Poppit Sands and the Teifi estuary. It's perfect, with a warm attentive team dedicated to making every stay unforgettable. Their 76 comfortable bedrooms all feature en-suite bathrooms, free toiletries, hairdryer, smart TV, Wi-Fi and tea/coffee

making facilities. There is a contemporary restaurant and bar with a terrace that overlooks the sea. Guests can also unwind in their tranquil underground spa, complete with sauna, steam room, hot tub, heated loungers, relaxation room and treatment menu, plus a fully equipped fitness room.

HOLIDAY CENTRE

Cardigan Bay is famous for being home to Europe's largest resident population of bottlenose dolphins, making it a prime spot for dolphin watching and marine wildlife viewing, including seals, porpoises, seabirds, and occasional turtles. It's also known for its stunning Welsh coastline, diverse beaches, picturesque harbours, rich history, including Cardigan Castle, and being a great destination for coastal walking and family holidays. Charming fishing villages and colourful harbours dot the coastline. Cardigan, the historic county town, has a castle, markets, a vibrant arts scene, and ancient sites including hillforts like Pendinas and ruined abbey.

Day 1. Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, your holiday has now begun. Start your journey by travelling westward with comfort stops, to Wales. Continuing your journey through the beautiful countryside of Wales, to the area of Cardigan and the Cliff Hotel & Spa where you shall spend the next four nights with dinner, bed and breakfast. You will enjoy a welcome tea/coffee upon arrival.

Day 2. St Davids & Picton Castle

This morning you will embark on a journey to the smallest cathedral city in Britain. Surrounded by some of the finest coastline in Europe, is St Davids. A popular location for pilgrims and artist alike. Adjacent to its 12th-century cathedral stands the magnificent ruins of the medieval Bishops Palace. Time to explore before you continue to Picton Castle. Picton Castle & Gardens is a magnificent 14th-century stronghold in the heart of

Pembrokeshire via a guided tour.

With over 700 years of rich history, the castle is set within 50 acres of enchanting gardens and woodlands. You can explore the castle's beautifully furnished rooms, discover its remarkable collections, and uncover the stories that have shaped its past. Later you return to hotel.

Day 3. Cardigan & National Wool Museum

Today we visit the lovely market town of Cardigan with its unspoilt townscape and rich heritage. Cardigan is an historic market town and port. Henry VIII granted Cardigan its charter in 1543 and by the 18th-century Cardigan was the most important seaport in southern Wales. It had a thriving herring and shipbuilding industry, and its merchant fleet carried fish, slate, bricks, bark for tanning, corn and ale. Cardigan was also a major embarkation point for migrants to the New World during the 19th

century. Time to explore before continuing to the National Wool Museum, once the most important industry in Wales. Let it weave its magic in this unique working museum. Later returning to the hotel.

Day 4. Tenby & Saundersfoot

Today your excursion takes you through Pembrokeshire Coast National Park, miles of dazzling coastline, beautiful countryside and thriving wildlife make the National Park one of the country's top places to visit. Tenby is a harbour town and one of the UK's finest holiday resorts, which has retained its natural charm. It's known for its 13th-century town walls and its stretches of sandy shoreline, including Castle Beach. The ruins of Tenby Castle are on a headland overlooking the harbour. Exhibits at Tenby Museum and Art Gallery include a 16th-century wrought-iron cannon. The Tudor Merchant's House recreates domestic life in 1500, with a merchant's shop and

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- The itinerary could be subject to change

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All coach travel
- ✓ 4 nights half-board
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Entertainment
- ✓ Welcome tea/coffee upon arrival
- ✓ 1hr per day free spa use
- ✓ Services of courier

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **5 Days**

Departure: **Monday**

Dates: **25-29 Oct**

Meals: **Half-board**

Included excursions

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£599.00

Single room supplement

£84.00 (dbl/tw for sole use)



working kitchen. Later we go to Saundersfoot for a short stop before returning to the hotel.

Day 5. Depart for Home

After a hearty breakfast and cases have been loaded onto the coach, it is time to say farewell to your hosts at the Cliff Hotel. Retracing our steps, you will arrive at your boarding point late afternoon - early evening.

Your tour manager and driver will do their utmost to ensure you have an enjoyable and memorable holiday. Should circumstances require it, they may, at their discretion, make minor adjustments to the itinerary in the interests of the group's comfort, safety, or overall enjoyment of the tour.



5 DAYS
£499
1-5 Nov

Holly & Ivy In Bournemouth

YOUR HOTEL - MARSHAM COURT HOTEL BOURNEMOUTH



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

The Marsham Court Hotel is a relaxing full-service 4* hotel, ideally located for your holiday. 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 in every room. 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 centre and shopping streets can be reached in 5 minutes' walk. Bournemouth Pavilion Theatre is a 5-minute walk from the property, while Bournemouth International Centre is a 9-minute walk away.

During 2027 the hotel will be following an improvement project to make future visits even better. The work will be completed in stages in order to minimise disruption, but this may impact upon your stay.

HOLIDAY CENTRE

Bournemouth is among Britain's best-loved seaside towns. Its mild climate makes it a popular resort both in summer and in winter, as is well supplied with good shops, restaurants and sports and entertainment facilities. It is a town of parks and gardens and many trees. The star attraction is unquestionably its stretch of soft sandy beach. The iconic Bournemouth Pier offers all manner of seaside fun, with retro amusement arcades, colourful souvenir shops and tempting ice-cream stalls, plus, Christmas Tree Wonderland. This features an Animated Tunnel: a warm white tunnel leading you through the Lower Gardens, a Festive trail featuring replica Christmas trees from around the world plus a multitude of enchanting illuminations and installations (if open). 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 four nights with dinner bed and breakfast. On arrival there will be tea/coffee. Time to settle in before joining 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 to the hotel. This evening's Boxing Day dinner is followed by bingo entertainment.

Day 4. New Years Eve - ½ Day New Forest

After breakfast there will be a trip to The New Forest and Lyndhurst. 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, olde worlde pubs, cafes and fine restaurants to discover. This evening is New Year's Eve Gala Dinner followed by soloist music and Auld Lang Syne.

SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance
- Please inform us of any special dietary needs e.g: diabetic, gluten free, vegetarian, vegan 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
- ✓ Tea/coffee on arrival
- ✓ Daily afternoon tea & cake with quiz or bingo
- ✓ Visit from Santa
- ✓ Excursion
- ✓ Entertainment
- ✓ Services of courier

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **5 Days**

Departure: **Monday**

Dates: **1-5 Nov**

Meals: **Half-board**

Included excursions

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£499.00

Single room supplement

£40.00 (dbl/tw for sole use)

Your tour manager and driver will do their utmost to ensure you have an enjoyable and memorable holiday. Should circumstances require it, they may, at their discretion, make minor adjustments to the itinerary in the interests of the group's comfort, safety, or overall enjoyment of the tour.

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 on route for lunch. Continuing our journey, we arrive back in our local area late afternoon, early evening.





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5 DAYS
£599
29 Nov-3 Dec

A Taste of Christmas

YOUR HOTEL - CLIFTON PARK HOTEL LYTHAM ST ANNE'S



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

The Clifton Park Hotel, exceeding expectations, is fast becoming a hotel renowned for its superior quality and exemplary service. Located centrally in the traditional seaside town of St. Anne's on Sea, this popular hotel provides comfort and hospitality to every guest. From the moment you enter, their dedicated team of staff will attend to your every need. All rooms are tastefully decorated with en-suite facilities, colour television, direct

dialled telephones, thermostatically controlled heating and your own tea and coffee making facilities. A lift serves all floors. The impressive foyer area has a classical French feel throughout. Relax in the comfortable mezzanine or sun lounge whilst enjoying a drink from the Orchard Bar. The impressive garden restaurant with its comfortable warm atmosphere serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. Further facilities include lounges, a fabulous ballroom, landscaped gardens and a superb leisure centre, at the heart of which is a stunning indoor pool and spa (Jacuzzi).

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 people of all ages.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, eat, drink and be merry!

Day 1. Home to Lytham St Annes: Christmas Eve

After leaving our local area, we travel directly 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 breakfast

Followed by a brisk walk on the promenade if you wish!

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 and 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!!!

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 Year's 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.

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.
- The itinerary could be subject to change

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All coach travel
- ✓ 4 nights half-board
- ✓ Full entertainment program
- ✓ Excursion
- ✓ Swimming pool
- ✓ Jacuzzi

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **5 Days**

Departure: **Monday**

Dates: **29 Nov-3 Dec**

Meals: **Half-board**

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£599.00

Single room supplement

£Nil (First 5 rooms)

Your driver will do their utmost to ensure you have an enjoyable and memorable holiday. Should circumstances require it, they may, at their discretion, make minor adjustments to the itinerary in the interests of the group's comfort, safety, or overall enjoyment of the tour.

8.00pm - The Clifton Parks Piper brings in the New Year followed by live superb finale entertainment.

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.





5 DAYS
£609
5-9 Dec

German Christmas Markets

YOUR HOTEL - BELLEVUE HOTEL BOPPARD



Bellevue Hotel, Rheinallee 41, 56154 Boppard, Germany

Telephone: +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 with en-suite with free toiletries, bath robe & hairdryer. The large bedroom has a flat-screen TV with satellite channels, safe, fan, radio, telephone and alarm clock as well as a mini fridge.

The three restaurants serve gourmet cuisine; Regional specialties 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 appears to us as being 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 thrives 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 and Belgium, with comfort stops en-route, then crossing the border into Germany. Arriving in Boppard early evening, where we will spend the next four nights on half-board. There will be a welcome drink on arrival.

Days 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. To include, Rudesheim, Ahrweiler, Bonn & more.

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 in the Euro
- Full valid passport
- Insurance
- GHIC (Global Health Insurance Card)
- To phone home: +44 then leave the zero off 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 courier

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **5 Days**

Departure: **Sunday**

Dates: **5-9 Dec**

Meals: **Half-board**

Included excursions

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£609.00

Single room supplement

£80.00

Your tour manager and driver will do their utmost to ensure you have an enjoyable and memorable holiday. Should circumstances require it, they may, at their discretion, make minor adjustments to the itinerary in the interests of the group's comfort, safety, or overall enjoyment of the tour.



5 DAYS
£899

23-27 Dec

A Colourful Christmas In Bournemouth

YOUR HOTEL - MARSHAM COURT HOTEL BOURNEMOUTH



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

The Marsham Court Hotel is a relaxing full-service 4* hotel, ideally located for your holiday. 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 in every room. 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 centre and shopping streets can be reached in 5 minutes' walk. Bournemouth Pavilion Theatre is a 5-minute walk from the property, while Bournemouth International Centre is a 9-minute walk away.

During 2027 the hotel will be following an improvement project to make future visits even better. The work will be completed in stages in order to minimise disruption, but this may impact upon your stay.

HOLIDAY CENTRE

Bournemouth is among Britain's best-loved seaside towns. Its mild climate makes it a popular resort both in summer and winter, as is well supplied with good shops, restaurants, sports and entertainment facilities. It is a town of parks and gardens and many trees. The star attraction is unquestionably its stretch of soft sandy beach. The iconic Bournemouth Pier offers all manner of seaside fun, with retro amusement arcades, colourful souvenir shops and tempting ice-cream stalls. There is also Christmas Tree Wonderland, including an animated warm-white tunnel leading you through the Lower Gardens. Festive trail featuring replica Christmas trees from around the world along with 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 on route for comfort. We arrive at the Marsham Court Hotel, where you will spend the next four nights 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 carol singing, introductions to the family and management 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 afternoon tea plus charity cinema horseracing, 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 dinner with

entertainment. 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 quay. We return to the hotel for a hot buffet luncheon. This evening the chef and his team will present a gala buffet

SPECIAL NOTES

- Insurance
- Please inform us of any special dietary needs e.g: diabetic, gluten free, vegetarian, vegan 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
- ✓ Portage
- ✓ 4 nights half-board
- ✓ Excursion
- ✓ Entertainment
- ✓ Morning tea/coffee daily
- ✓ Afternoon tea/coffee cake or biscuit daily
- ✓ Services of courier

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: 5 Days

Departure: Thursday

Dates: 23-27 Dec

Meals: Half-board

Included excursions

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£899.00

Single room supplement

£140.00 (dbl/tw for sole use)

Your tour manager and driver will do their utmost to ensure you have an enjoyable and memorable holiday. Should circumstances require it, they may, at their discretion, make minor adjustments to the itinerary in the interests of the group's comfort, safety, or overall enjoyment of the tour.

with themed evening dinner with entertainment. Dress code: dress up if you wish or just accessorise to suit the theme (optional).

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 on route for lunch. Continuing our journey, we arrive back in our local area late afternoon, early evening.


4 DAYS
£599
30 Dec-2 Jan

Best of British – New Year Break 2027/8

YOUR HOTEL - DOUBLETREE BY HILTON SWINDON



DoubleTree by Hilton, Great Western Way, Lydiard Fields, Swindon SN5 8UZ, England
Telephone: 01313 261 262

DoubleTree by Hilton Swindon Hotel is located just off the M4 and 3 miles from Swindon town centre. All rooms have en-suite bathrooms, with a hairdryer and complimentary toiletries, air-con, TV, iron/ironing board, tea/coffee making facilities. Some rooms feature USB charging points. The 14Twelve Brasserie and Bar uses local and seasonal ingredients to create a menu of tasty dishes, including daily specials and old favourites.

Enjoy hot drinks and light snacks at Starbucks in the lobby. Complimentary Wi-Fi is accessible in public areas. The hotel offers continental and cooked options at the breakfast buffet. There is also a 24-hour, well-equipped gym. There is a lift to all floors.

HOLIDAY CENTRE

Swindon is a town in Wiltshire. Swindon lies on the M4 corridor, 84 miles (135 km) west of London and 36 miles (57 km) east of Bristol. The Cotswolds lie just to the town's north and the North Wessex Downs lie just to the town's south. Recorded in the 1086 Domesday Book. The arrival of the Great Western Railway in 1843 transformed it from a small market town into a thriving railway hub that would, at its peak, become one of the largest railway engineering complexes in the world. This brought with it pioneering amenities such as the UK's first lending library and a 'cradle-to-grave' healthcare centre that was later used as a blueprint for the NHS. Swindon's railway heritage can be primarily seen today with the Grade II listed Railway Village and Steam Museum. The Swindon Designer Outlet is housed in the renovated former works, and the Brunel Shopping Centre is one of several places in Swindon that bear the name of the famous engineer generally acknowledged as bringing the railways to the town. Despite the subsequent decline and closure of its railway works, Swindon was one of the fastest-growing towns in Europe post-war as its economy diversified, attracting large international companies, who made use of its burgeoning population and strategic transport links.

Day 1. Depart Local Area

After boarding your luxury coach, your holiday has now begun. You start your journey by travelling westward with stops en-route for lunch. Continuing your journey through beautiful countryside to the town of Swindon and the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, where you shall spend the next three nights festivities with dinner, bed and breakfast. On arrival, there will be a welcome drink with cake or mince pie whilst your cases are taken to your rooms. Time to freshen up before dinner.

Day 2. New Year's Eve

This morning we will visit the Railway Museum in Swindon, where you can wander at your own pace to see the old steam engines and carriages. Explore the rich history of the Great Western Railway and hear about the extraordinary things achieved by ordinary men and women. There will be competitions, bingo, and quizzes every afternoon. This evening there will be the Gala Dinner, then classic British music and dancing till late. A glass of fizz at midnight.

Day 3. New Year's Day

After a later breakfast, we take a short journey to the Designer Outlet Swindon, time for a bit of retail therapy. The New Year sales should be starting. There's something for everyone with a wide range of stores: from iconic brands such as Polo Ralph Lauren and Tommy Hilfiger to high-street stores such as Guess and Joules. There are also cafés and restaurants for lunch. Returning to the hotel to join in with the afternoon competitions etc.



Day 4. Depart for Home

After a hearty breakfast and cases have been loaded onto the coach, it is time to say farewell to your hosts at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel. Retracing your steps, with comfort stops en-route. You will arrive in your 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
- The itinerary could be subject to change

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All coach travel
- ✓ Portage
- ✓ 3 nights half-board
- ✓ Railway Museum
- ✓ Entertainment each evening
- ✓ Quizzes/bingo in afternoons
- ✓ Services of courier

TOUR INFORMATION

Duration: **4 Days**

Departure: **Thursday**

Dates: **30 Dec-2 Jan**

Meals: **Half-board**

Included excursions

TOUR PRICE

Price per person

£599.00

Single room supplement

£98.00

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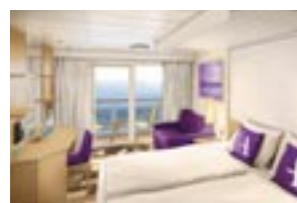
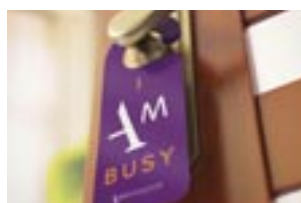


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AMBITION

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 bistro-style café. Sit back, relax and enjoy a drink in one of her four bars, lounges and pubs.

Or 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.



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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 plentiful 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 special 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.





Your contract is with RB Coach Travel Ltd, Pytchley, Kettering, NN14 1EW. When you book a holiday with us, which does not include a flight, the money you pay for the booking will be protected by Bonded Coach Holidays (BCH) and the Association of Bonded Travel Organisers Trust Limited (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.co.uk/>. 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. RB 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 and Payment

When a booking is made, the 'lead name' on the booking guarantees that he or she is 18 or over and has the authority and accepts on behalf of the party the terms of these booking conditions and pays the deposit indicated in the brochure and as confirmed in the pre-contract information. After we receive your booking and all appropriate payments, if the arrangements you wish to book are available, we will send you or your booking agent 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 have received the deposit and dispatched this invoice to the 'lead name' or your booking agent. 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 upon the balance being paid as below.

Deposit varies depending on holiday booked.

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.

Whilst these terms are applicable to all bookings of any number of customers, for some group bookings there may be additional terms or information - we will provide those to you at the relevant time.

3. Brochure Accuracy

Although RB Coach Travel Ltd make every effort to ensure the accuracy of the brochure information and pricing, regrettably errors do sometimes occur, and where they do we reserve the right to correct prices and other details. 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

RB Coach Travel Ltd will endeavour to ensure that the most up to date and correct headline prices are shown in our brochure. The prices shown are those current at the time of printing this brochure. They are in line with the requirements of The Competition and Markets Authority (CMA). The CMA legally requires our headline prices and advertising to UK consumers to include all local tourist taxes, resort fees and destination charges, where known. In certain instances where we have not been notified, these may have to be paid by the consumer at the destination, we will notify customers when applicable. Occasionally due to an error an incorrect price may be shown. When we become aware of any such error we will endeavour to notify you at the time of booking 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. Holiday prices include all travel, hotel accommodation and meals as specified in the holiday description and VAT payable in the UK where applicable. The price of the holiday will not be subjected to any surcharges except those arising from exchange rate changes, transportation including the price of fuel, air & ferry operator fares and tolls, embarkation or disembarkation fees at terminals, duties and taxes (including the rate of VAT). If this means the total cost of the holiday increases by more than 8% then you are entitled to cancel your holiday and receive a full refund of all monies paid except any insurance premium and amendment charges. We will communicate the options with you either through email or letter, with a reminder if necessary.

If you exercise the right to cancel, we must receive written notice within 20 days of the date of the surcharge invoice. The currency exchange rate used in the holiday costings are based on rates as at the time of printing of this charter.

5. If you change your booking

If, after our confirmation has been issued, you wish to change to another of our holidays or change departure date, we will do our utmost to make the changes, but we cannot guarantee to do so. However, notification must be received in writing at our offices or via email to taurus@rbtravel.co.uk directly from the person who made the original booking, at least 8 weeks before departure. This will incur a cost of £20 to cover our administrative costs, plus costs we incur in making the amendment. Alterations cannot be made within 8 weeks of departure and any such request for an alteration will be treated as a cancellation of the original booking and will be subject to the cancellation charges set out in paragraph below. Some arrangements cannot be changed without paying a cancellation charge of up to 100% of the ticket cost.

6. Transferring your booking

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

7. If you need to cancel your holiday

You, or any member of your party, may cancel your holiday at any time providing the cancellation is made by the person who made the initial booking and is communicated to us in writing via the office or emailed to taurus@rbtravel.co.uk. All deposits are non-refundable upon cancellation. Deposits are kept at a modest level and are intended to cover our administration costs and initial commitments made on your behalf. Once the final balance due date has passed, cancellation charges may be up to 100% of the holiday price because we will normally have become liable to pay our accommodation providers and other suppliers. However, we will take account of any costs we are able to save or recover, including any supplier refund or income received if we are able to resell your place. Upon request, we will provide written confirmation of cancellation to support any claim you may make under your travel insurance policy. Your cancellation will take effect from the date on which we or our agent receives 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.

Period before departure	Amount of cancellation
Before the final balance due date shown on your invoice	Loss of deposit
From the final balance due date until departure	Up to 100% of the holiday price, reflecting our actual losses and subject to any costs saved, supplier refunds or income received through resale.

You may cancel your holiday without paying a termination fee before the start of the holiday where unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances occur at the destination or its immediate vicinity and significantly affect the performance of the holiday or the transport arrangements to the destination. In those circumstances, you will be entitled to a full refund of payments made for the holiday, but no additional compensation.

8. Alterations to your holiday by us

We hope that we will not have to make any changes to your holiday but, because our holidays are planned many months in advance, we may occasionally need to make minor changes. We reserve the right to make insignificant changes at any time and will inform you or your booking agent as soon as reasonably possible. If, before departure, we are required to make a significant change to any of the main characteristics of your holiday, or we cannot fulfil any special requirement that we have previously accepted, we will notify you without undue delay. We will provide you with a reasonable period in which to choose one of the following options:

- accept the proposed changes;
- accept an alternative holiday offered by us, subject to availability and any appropriate adjustment in price; or
- cancel the holiday without paying a cancellation charge and receive a full refund of all payments made.

If the alternative holiday is of a lower quality or cost, you will be entitled to an appropriate price reduction. If you do not respond within the period stated in our notification, we will send you a further notice. If you still do not respond within the period stated in that notice, your booking will be cancelled and all payments made will be refunded.

Any refund due under this section will be paid without undue delay and no later than 14 days after the booking is cancelled. We reserve the right to cancel your holiday before departure if the minimum number of passengers required for the holiday has

not been reached. Where this applies, we will notify you no later than:

- 20 days before departure for holidays lasting more than six days;
- 7 days before departure for holidays lasting between two and six days; or
- 48 hours before departure for holidays lasting less than two days.

If we cancel your holiday, you may either accept an alternative holiday offered by us, subject to availability and any adjustment in price, or receive a full refund of all payments made within 14 days.

Compensation will not be payable where the holiday is cancelled because the minimum number of passengers has not been reached and we have informed you within the timescales above, or where cancellation or alteration is caused by unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances beyond our control.

9. Our responsibility to you

We accept responsibility for ensuring the holiday which you book with us is supplied as described in our publicity material and the services offered reach a reasonable standard and if you are in difficulty, we will assist you. If any part of our holiday contract is not provided as promised, you may terminate the contract without paying a termination fee and we will pay you appropriate compensation if this has affected your enjoyment of your holiday. We will, however, not be liable if there are any unforeseeable or unavoidable actions of a third party not connected with our travel services (as confirmed in the confirmation invoice and any other information we provided to you regarding the 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 three times 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 endeavour 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 driver or local representative, which you should keep. Our contact number, for unresolved complaints will be our office number on 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 69 Leadenhall Street London EC3A 2BG.

11. Our Coaches

We will always use our reasonable endeavours to provide a coach to the specification in our brochure or advert but reserve the right to substitute an alternative vehicle should there be unforeseen circumstances. There is a seating plan but, in some cases, operational reasons may require a coach with a different configuration. We reserve the right to alter a coach seating plan and allocate seats other than those booked. Single passengers may be required to share a double seat with other single passengers. When your booking is confirmed, you will be offered the best seats that are available at that time. If you feel that you require two seats, then these must be booked and paid for in advance, at the time of booking. If you fail to do this and it transpires that the seat allocated to you is insufficient for your needs and there is no alternative seating available, then you will be refused access to the coach and any payments made will be liable to forfeiture.

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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.
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.

12. Hotel Facilities

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

13. Health and Safety

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

Some people may be at risk from discomfort or deep vein thrombosis (DVT) if they remain immobile on a journey for a long period. If you are planning to undertake a journey of more than three hours, you should consult your doctor, if you have ever had DVT, pulmonary embolism, a family history of clotting conditions, cancer or treatment for cancer, stroke, and heart or lung disease or if you have had major surgery in the past three months.

We reserve the right to refuse any booking in the absence of a doctor's certificate confirming that you are fit to travel. Where we provide comfort stops you are encouraged to walk around. Exercise reduces any discomfort, which may be caused by periods of immobility.

14. Travel documents, itineraries, pick-up points and passports

We can only provide general information regarding entry, passport, visa, immigration requirements and safety and health formalities applicable to your package itinerary. It is your responsibility to check such requirements (in good time before departure), in order to make your decisions to fulfil such requirements regarding your destination and/or the country(ies) through which you may be transiting through. Such information which you may need to check includes (but is not limited to) passport requirements including (but not limited to) how valid your passport must be after return date, whether your passport must be machine readable, or which visas may be required for entry such as ETA for UK travel and/or ETIAS for EU travel.

You must check requirements for your own specific circumstances with the relevant bodies as applicable. We have provided a few useful resources below, though **it is your responsibility to check and see if such body would be relevant to yourself.**

- the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office ("FCDO", <https://www.gov.uk/travelaware>) (applicable to UK residents);
- UK Passport Office (0870 5210410 or <https://www.gov.uk/browse/citizenship>).
- Embassies, High Commission and/or Consulates;
- own doctor.

For UK residents booking European travel, you should obtain a UK Global Health Insurance Card (UK GHIC) prior to departure unless you are able to rely upon an existing European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). For travel to Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Switzerland, UK GHIC and EHIC cannot be used for medical treatment. Passengers to these destinations should obtain comprehensive medical insurance prior to departure, including cover for emergency medical treatment and associated costs.

We do not accept any responsibility if you cannot travel or incur any other loss because you have not complied with any entry, passport, visa, immigration requirements or health formalities. You agree to reimburse us in relation to any fines or other losses which we incur as a result of your failure to comply with any entry passport, visa, immigration requirements or health formalities.

You are responsible for ensuring you are at the correct departure point, at the correct time and with the correct documents. RB Coach Travel Ltd reserve the right to modify itineraries to conform with requests from competent authorities both within the UK and abroad.

15. Special Requests & Excursions

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 maximise your enjoyment of the holiday. We will need to know if you will need special facilities in the hotel, taking part in the excursions or have difficulty boarding and travelling on the coach or other means of transport. Before booking your holiday, you should be sure that you and your party are both physically and mentally capable of completing the itinerary. If you need advice or further information either you or your booking agent should contact 01536 791066. If you will 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.

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.

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. It is important that, when booking, you advise us of any disability, specific need or complex need you may have and any special requirements that will make sure the holiday is suitable. If a passenger requires personal assistance (for example, assistance with feeding, dressing, toileting, mobilising) then this passenger must travel with an able-bodied companion or carer and written confirmation that such assistance will be provided for the entirety of the holiday is required at the time of booking. Coach drivers/Tour Managers are unable to provide such assistance.

Important

You must tell us if you have an existing medical condition, disability or complex need that may affect your holiday or other group members' enjoyment of it before you book your holiday. We reserve the right to request a doctor's certificate confirming

the passenger is fit to travel. If, in our reasonable opinion, your chosen holiday is not suitable for your medical condition or disability, we reserve the right to refuse your booking. You are responsible for bringing with you the proper clothing and equipment, which we advise you about in our printed trip information. We want you to enjoy your holiday and will help you select an appropriate trip.

17. Passenger Behaviour

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

18. Travel Insurance

We strongly advise that you take out personal travel insurance for the trip at the time of booking. We have partnered with a travel insurance provider, P J Hayman - 02392 419 855. Please quote RBTA2022 if you take out a policy with P J Hayman. Please call Taurus Holidays on 01536 791066 with the policy number. You may also use any alternative insurer. The insurance should cover medical and repatriation costs, personal injury, loss of baggage and cancellation charges. If you do not have adequate insurance and require our assistance during your holiday, we reserve the right to reclaim from you any medical repatriation or other expenses which we may incur on your behalf which would otherwise have been met by insurers. You must advise us if you use an alternative insurer, the policy number and 24-hour contact number.

19. Luggage

Please restrict your luggage to a suitcase weighing no more than 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. Conditions of Suppliers

Many of the services which make up your holiday are provided by independent suppliers. Those suppliers provide these services in accordance with their own terms and conditions which will form part of your contract with us. Some of these terms and conditions may limit or exclude the supplier's liability to you, usually in accordance with applicable International Conventions. Copies of the relevant parts of these terms and conditions are available on request from us or the supplier concerned.

21. Advanced Passenger Information

A number of Governments are introducing new requirements for our suppliers to provide personal information about all travellers to the Authorities prior to travellers arriving at the destination. The data will be collected either at the time of or after a booking is made. Where we collect this data, we will treat it in accordance with our Privacy Policy.

22. Emergency Contact

Our emergency contact details are:
Telephone: 01536 791066
Email: enquiries@rbtravel.co.uk

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SUMMARY OF COVER		
Selection & Cover	Benefit (up to)	Excess
1. Cancellation Loss of Deposit	£1,500	£60
2. Travel Delay-Delayed Dept Abandonment	£60 (£20 first full 12hrs/£10 each Extra 12hrs £1,500 (after 12hrs)	Nil £60
3. Missed Departures	£100 England Scotland Wales £300 N. Ireland Isles of Scilly Channel Isles I.O.M. & Europe	Nil
4. Personal Accident	£10,000 (Subject to age limits)	Nil
5. Medical & Other Expenses (including Curtailment & Repatriation)	£1,000,000 - outside the UK medical (emergency dental treatment limited to £350), additional travel, accommodation & repatriation expenses if you are hospitalised Or have to stay beyond your return date (Trips solely within the UK are limited to £1,500 And to £300 for additional travel expenses)	£60
Funeral Expenses Abroad Taxi Fares & Telephone calls	£1,000 £100	
6. Hospital Benefit - Trips solely within UK	£15 each 24hr period, max £450 £10 each 24hr period, max £100	Nil Nil
7. 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
8. Loss of Passport Expenses	£200, including loss or theft of visa	Nil
9. Personal Liability	£1,000,000	Nil
10. Legal Costs & Expenses	£25,000	Nil

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