

# Owen's Travelmaster

SUMMER 2007

NEWSLETTER

## Cito ESCORT HOLIDAYS WITH A Touch of Class



### Costa Dorada

22 July - 3 August

asking in sunshine and fringed by miles of gently shelving sands and Mediterranean waters, Spain's 'Golden Coast' mixes sleepy little fishing villages, culture and stunning beaches. The lovely resort of La Pineda is an ideal base for a relaxing holiday with its golden beaches, restaurants, bars and cafes, and also close to the vibrancy of Salou.

Included in your tour price are guided trips to Barcelona and Tarragona. And half day visits to Cambrils and Sitges. If you're looking for sun, stunning beaches, relaxation and to generally spoil yourself. then this is the holiday for you.

#### HOTEL PALAS ★★★★★, La Pineda

The Stunning 4 star hotel is situated less than 100m from La Pineda Beach and provides a luxurious setting. Built in 1999 the Hotel Palas with its classically inspired architecture provides a perfect blend of comfort and



£650  
8 days

beauty. Facilities include a hairdresser, fitness centre, 3 swimming pools, 2 saunas, Jacuzzi, tennis, gym, games room, several bars and 3 restaurants. Bedrooms have a balcony, TV, telephone, safe, mini-bar, en-suite and room service.

#### YOUR TOUR COST INCLUDES:

- Transfer to/from Manchester Airport • Return Flights to Barcelona • Coach Transfers between Barcelona Airport & Hotel La Pineda • 7 Nights Dinner Bed & Breakfast • Welcome Drink • Wine/Water with Dinner
- Porterage • Excursions as Detailed • Guided Tours of Barcelona & Tarragona • Cito Escort

£759  
7 days



### Austrian Alps

8-14 September

A spectacular alpine playground filled with craggy peaks, verdant pastures, frothy mountain rivers and onion-domed hilltop chapels, the Tyrol represents picture-postcard Austria. The picturesque village of Kirchberg is definitely one of the most beautiful spots in the Tyrol to spend your holiday.

Add in your inclusive trips to the Krimmel waterfalls which cascades 380m in three stages,

the spectacular city of Salzburg Famous for Mozart and The Sound of Music, Rattenburg one of the oldest and smallest and most beautiful towns in the Tyrol, travel to Achensee the highest lake in Tyrol for a boat ride down the river, you'll also take in the Grossglockner the highest mountain in Austria at 3798m and a visit to the Ferleiten Wildlife Park. And it's easy to see your in for a really spectacular and unforgettable holiday.

#### HOTEL ALEXANDER ★★★★★, Kirchberg

The impressive 4 star Alexander hotel is located in the centre of Kirchberg with easy access to the village amenities. Surrounded by the Kitzbuhel Alps and with views of the Hahnenkamm, this beautiful hotel offers idyllic comfort and warm hospitality. Facilities include a wellness centre with sauna, whirlpool, steam bath and solarium whilst the restaurant is renowned for its cuisine. Bedrooms have a balcony, TV, safe, mini-bar, and en-suite.

#### YOUR TOUR COST INCLUDES:

- Transfer to/from Manchester Airport • Return Flights to Munich • Coach Transfers between Munich Airport & Hotel Alexander • 6 Nights Dinner Bed & Breakfast
- Use of Leisure Facilities at Hotel • Porterage
- Excursions as Detailed • Boat Ride on Lake
- Entrance into Ferleiten Wildlife Park • Cito Escort

## Fleet News...



## New Coach

Owen's Travelmaster Coach Holidays are extremely proud to announce the delivery of their latest addition to their already modern fleet with the arrival of a Brand New Mercedes-Benz Tourismo full executive coach.

The choice of coach was made easy as the new Mercedes-Benz Tourismo just like Mercedes cars, oozes quality. Owens Travelmaster Coaches really wanted to celebrate their 35 year anniversary and really spoil their loyal customers, and were more than happy to make the extra investment required to purchase a vehicle of such high calibre of safety, quality and comfort.

Standard features for the their loyal customers to look forward to include, reclining seats which have the added benefit of additional width sliding seats, foot & arm rests, double glazed windows, toilet & washroom, DVD player/TV, hot & cold drinks facilities, air conditioning, and air suspension.

On a safety side the coach is fitted with Anti-Lock Brakes (ABS), Acceleration Skid Control (ASR), Electronic Stability Programme (ESP), Electric Brake Retarder, front & rear disc brakes and speed limiter.

Mercedes are also leading the way when it comes to environmental footprint which is a very important issue to the Owen's family business, and thanks to

leading-edge BlueTec® diesel technology based on SCR (Selective Catalytic Reduction), nitrogen oxide emissions have been reduced by up to 30% while particulate emissions have been cut by up to 80%, compared to the current Euro 3 engines on the market today.



# Summer Tours

## JULY

Mon 2	Eastbourne	6 days	£369
Sun 8	Bournemouth	6 days	£325
Thur 12	Romantic Journeys of Yorkshire	5 days	£280
Fri 13	Mystery Tour	3 days	£120
Fri 13	London	3 days	£145
Sat 14	Dordogne & the Vezere	8 days	£589
Thur 19	Dales, Peaks, Wolds & Coasts of England	5 days	£269
Sun 22	Norway Land of the Midnight Sun	13 days	£1,150
Mon 30	Weston Super-Mare	5 days	£275

## AUGUST

Sat 4	Isle of Wight	8 days	£420
Mon 6	Paris	5 days	from £225
Thur 9	Hampshire's Hidden Delights	5 days	£275
Various	Edinburgh Tattoo	3/5 days	from £179
Sat 11	Harz Mountains	9 days	£539
Mon 13	Devonshire Gardens	5 days	£310
Fri 17	London	4 days	£185
Mon 20	Yorkshire Houses & Gardens	5 days	£285
Sun 26	Eastbourne	6 days	£369
Thur 30	Picture Book Yorkshire	4 days	£235

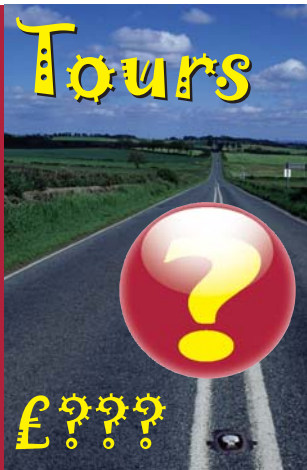
## SEPTEMBER

Sat 1	Monarch of the Glen	6 days	£359
Mon 3	Blackpool Illuminations	5 days	£265
Mon 3	Gardens of England	5 days	£299
Thur 6	East Anglia Experience	5 days	£289
Fri 7	Delights of Cornwall	6 days	£389
Sat 8	Brittany's Stunning Coastline	6 days	£399
Sun 9	Bournemouth	6 days	£310
Sun 9	Donegal & the Causeway Coast	7 days	£469
Tues 11	Stylish St Anton & the Cows Return	8 days	£489
Thur 13	Dales, Peaks, Wolds & Coasts of England	5 days	£269
Fri 14	Mystery	3 days	£120
Fri 14	Krakow, Zakopane & Tatra Mountains	11 days	£749
Mon 17	Weston-Super-Mare	5 days	£265
Fri 21	Southport & the Lakes	4 days	£210
Sat 22	Tenby	5 days	£259
Sat 22	Isle of Wight	7 days	£320
Sat 22	Jersey by Air	8 days	from £420
Sun 23	Scarborough	6 days	£325
Sun 23	Costa Dorada by Air	8 days	£650
Thur 27	Discover Loch Lomond	4 days	£255
Fri 28	Cardiff & the Gardens of Wales	3 days	£155
Fri 28	Llandudno	4 days	£185
Sat 29	Spain – Roses	10 days	£499

# Mystery Tours

Do you love a mystery? Join us on one of our ever-popular Mystery Tours. Great value for money, every tour different and staying at good quality hotels with dinner and full English breakfast included.

Friday 16-18 November	3 days
Friday 15-17 February '08	3 days
Monday 10-14 March	5 days
Friday 11-14 April	4 days



## Autumn/Winter 07 to Spring 08 Brochure Highlights

OUR NEW BROCHURE IS OUT IN JULY!

A summary below of some of the holidays we have in store for you in our forthcoming new brochure.

### OCTOBER

Mon 1-5	Celtic Centre of Ireland	5 days
Fri 5-13	Beauty of Lake Garda	9 days
Sun 7-12	Torquay	6 days
Fri 12-14	Blackpool Illuminations	3 days
Fri 12-14	Mystery	3 days
Mon 15-19	Norfolk Tints	5 days
Fri 19-22	Irish Jig	4 days
Mon 22-26	Jersey	5 days
Thur 25-26	Sound of Music	2 days
Fri 26-28	London	3 days
Mon 29-2 Nov	Rhine Valley	5 days

### NOVEMBER

Mon 5-9	Highland Turkey & Tinsel (Fort William)	5 days
Mon 12-16	Bournemouth Turkey & Tinsel	5 days
Fri 16-18	Mystery	3 days
Mon 19-23	Alnwick Turkey & Tinsel	5 days
Fri 23-25	London	3 days
Fri 23-25	France Shopper	3 days
Sat 24-1 Dec	Austria Christmas Markets	8 days
Thur 29-3	Winlock Turkey & Tinsel	5 days
Thur 29-4	Moselle Christmas Markets	6 days
Fri 30-3 Dec	Yorkshire Christmas Markets	4 days
Fri 30-3 Dec	Kortrijk	4 days

### DECEMBER

Sat 1-2	Good Food Show & Birmingham Shopper	2 days
Mon 3-7	Donegal "Shopaholics"	5 days
Fri 7-10	Rudesheim Christmas Market	4 days
Fri 7-9	Lincoln Christmas Market	3 days
Sat 8-9	Sound of Music	2 days
Fri 14-16	London	3 days
Sat 15-16	Joseph	2 days
Mon 17-21	Ilfracombe Turkey & Tinsel	5 days
Fri 21-28	Austria Christmas	8 days
Sun 23-27	Bridlington Christmas	5 days
Sun 23-27	Cambridge Christmas	5 days
Sun 23-27	Dumfries Christmas	5 days
Thur 27-30	Betwixmas Tankersley Manor	3 days
Sun 30-2 Jan	Perth Hogmanay	4 days
Sun 30-2 Jan	Belgium New Year	4 days

### JANUARY 2008

Mon 14-18	Scarborough Winter Warmer	5 days
Fri 25-27	Queens Hotel, York	3 days
Fri 25-28	Owen's Reunion in Torquay	4 days
Mon 28-1 Feb	Dunkeld Bargain Break	5 days

### FEBRUARY

Fri 8-11	Paris & Disney	4 days
Mon 11-15	Llandudno	5 days
Sun 16-17	Grease	2 days
Fri 29-3 Mar	Delights of Cornwall	4 days

### MARCH

Fri 1-3	Luxury Peak District	3 days
Sun 2-3	Luxury London	2 days
Fri 7-10	Joe Loss – Sheffield	4 days
Mon 10-14	Torquay Spring Break	5 days
Sun 16-18	Tankersley Manor	3 days
Mon 17-21	Highland House Party (Fort William)	5 days
Fri 21-25	Bo'ness Easter	5 days
Fri 21-25	Eastbourne Easter	5 days
Mon 24-28	Sandown – Isle of Wight	5 days

### APRIL

Mon 21-25	Valkenburg House Party	5 days
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# Familiarity Trips



Over the course of the year we try to take the opportunity to get out and explore the various locations that are incorporated within the holiday brochure some at our own expense and some via invitations for the relevant tourist boards.

This year between Mike Owen, John Petherbridge (Sales Manager) and Martyn Hall (Marketing Manager) we have already visited Southern Ireland, Harrogate, Cheshire, and



Cantabria in northern Spain.



In Ireland we took the time to visit and inspect no less than eleven Hotels from Dublin, Wexford, Waterford, Dungarvan, Cork, Bantry, Killarney, and Limerick as well as check out various Tourist Attractions.



The Cheshire trip was due an invitation from De Vere Hotels to look at what they had to offer our customers in the various hotels located across the country.

Harrogate once again was to check out new Hotels, Tourist attractions and the

whole region it's a beautiful area which has many opportunities for future coach tours.

In Cantabria we were based in Santander again checking out current and new hotels in the region, and to take the opportunity to look at what the region had to offer and we have to say we were not left disappointed.

Santander is a very beautiful, welcoming, clean and vibrant city with plenty of shops pedestrian areas and squares to enjoy, set on the northern coast its very much a Spanish peoples' holiday resort so if its unspoilt Spain you are looking for this is the place to be.

We also took a trip just inland to the Picos de Europa National Park in the Liebana Valley following the Rio Deva river through the valley to peaks of Picos mountains (2614m) which has been described as Austria within Spain, and they are not kidding, from the minute you join the valley you enter a whole new world which is an incredibly beautiful area of mountains, Austrian style houses and cable cars. This is an amazing untouched region with plenty of variety and things to do and well worth a future visit.

Owen's Travelmaster Coach Holidays are a member of CITO, the Consortium of Independent Tour Operators.



So what is CITO?

Cito is a select organisation of proven quality operators throughout the country which have satisfied strict membership criteria.

The most significant of these is the CITO Quality Award which must be applied to a minimum proportion of holidays we offer.

A holiday must comply with several quality standards before the CITO Quality Award can be attained and all such tours in this brochure are indicated by the CITO Logo.

CITO is a nationwide organisation committed to the continual improvement of quality coach holidays and Owen's Travelmaster Coach Holidays are the only company in the Shropshire & Mid Wales area to hold such accreditation.

All holidays in their brochure featuring the CITO logo will include the following at no extra cost:-

## Travel

- Door to Door Service on logo holidays
- No overnight land travel
- All coach travel and excursions included
- Entrances and Admissions included as per 'Price Includes' panel
- Travel pack with full itinerary
- 24 hour emergency contacts

## Coach (UK & European)

- All non-smoking
- WC/Washroom on board
- Full air-conditioning
- Adjustable seat backs
- Fitted seat belts
- Secondary braking and safety systems

## Accommodation

- Minimum 3 star hotels (according to national country ratings and excluding 'Themed' hotels)
- Luggage handling (one piece per person at main hotel)
- Choice menu dinners (min 3 choice/ 3 course on UK holidays and choice of main course on European holidays – first night may be set menu)
- Themed meals as described in itinerary are exempt
- Full cooked breakfast (UK)
- Full hot or cold buffet breakfast (European)

## Staff Info

There have been two retirements over the winter period. Full time driver Gwynn Matthews has now decided to take life a little bit easier and has gone part time, and Frieda Jones from our Newtown Travel Agents has called time on her long and loyal career firstly with Stratos Coaches and then Owen's Travelmaster – we wish them both well in their retirement.

There have also been some changes at our Oswestry office with Clair moving to Cyprus, and Vicky has moved back to her hometown of Northwich. We wish them both the very best of luck they will be sadly missed.

As a result Hannah Wright (pictured) has moved from our Welshpool Travel Agents to Oswestry, and we also have a new member of staff, Zoe Penrose



Hannah Wright

who is new to the industry but has been studying hard at college to learn the travel industry and will continue to have on site training as Zoe's role develops.

Two drivers have joined the ranks, firstly Bob Martin who lives in Oswestry has returned to us from Lakeside Coaches after twelve months away, and Kenneth Harrison-Dodd from Shrewsbury has joined us from Coach Holiday Warehouse (Minsterley Motors).

## TOUR NEWS

### Customer Reunion (Loyalty Break)

New for January 2008 will be a **Reunion Weekend**. We have totally booked up the popular Grosvenor Hotel for 3 nights in Torquay for our old and new customers, this will give a opportunity for you to meet many of the wonderful people that have travelled with us over the years and also give new customers an opportunity to meet our regulars.

This will also give you all the chance to meet the people within the company that work tirelessly behind the scenes. Including both the Sales and Marketing Managers and our Hotel Suppliers. There will be Executive

coach travel, 3 nights Bed, Breakfast and Evening Meal, Day Excursions and Nightly Local Entertainment all included and priced at a incredibly low **£140** which we believe is priced to encourage as many people to come along and enjoy the whole experience. It will also give you the opportunity to discuss with the right people exactly what you are looking for when take a tour with us, and allow our experts to explain in greater detail what you should expect to get from the tours in our summer brochure.

In addition there will be special deals to be had on coach holidays booked and many prizes to be won.

# DAY EXCURSIONS

## July

Sun 1	Abergavenny & The Brecon Beacons
Thur 5	Thames Lunch Cruise & BA London Eye
Sat 7	Cardiff Festival
Wed 18	Rhyl, Colwyn Bay or Llandudno
Sat 21	Tatton Park Flower Show
Sat 21	York
Sun 22	Rhyl, Colwyn Bay or Llandudno
Sun 22	Manchester Ship Canal Cruise
Tues 24	Telford Shopper or Cosford Air Museum
Wed 25	Evening Mystery Tour with Pub Meal
Thur 26	Rhyl, Colwyn Bay or Llandudno
Sun 29	Alton Towers

## August

Wed 1	Gullivers, Warrington
Thur 2	Rhyl, Colwyn Bay or Llandudno
Fri 3	Chester Zoo
Fri 3	Chester
Fri 3	Newark Antique & Collectors Fair
Wed 8	Drayton Manor Park & Zoo
Thur 9	Rhyl, Colwyn Bay or Llandudno
Tue 14	Royal Windsor
Tues 14	Legoland, Windsor
Wed 15	Birkenhead Market
Thur 16	Rhyl, Colwyn Bay or Llandudno
Thur 16	Southport (flower show)
Sat 18	Southport (flower show)
Sat 18	London
Sun 19	Severn Valley Railway & Worcester
Tues 21	Telford Shopper or Cosford Air Museum
Wed 22	Manchester or The Trafford Centre
Thur 23	Rhyl, Colwyn Bay or Llandudno
Sun 26	Harrogate & the Yorkshire Dales
Sun 26	North Wales Summer Garden & Countryside Festival
Mon 27	Rhyl, Colwyn Bay or Llandudno
Mon 27	Windermere & The Lake District
Tues 28	Chester
Tues 28	Chester Zoo
Wed 29	Evening Mystery Tour with Pub Meal
Thur 31	Rhyl, Colwyn Bay or Llandudno

**NOW PICKING UP IN WELSHPOOL**  
Pickup Feeders  
in operation to greatly  
reduce pickup times

## September

Sun 2	Ludlow Marches Food & Drink Festival
Wed 5	Leek Market & Dales Tour
Tues 6	Salford Quays
Thur 6	Bath
Sun 9	Lleyn Peninsular
Wed 12	Weston-Super-Mare or Cheddar Gorge
Sat 15	York
Sun 16	Sunday Mystery Tour with Lunch
Wed 19	Bury Market & Oswaldtwistle Mills
Thur 20	Thames River Cruise & BA London Eye
Sat 22	Blackpool Illuminations
Sun 23	Southport
Sun 23	Southport Air Show
Sun 30	Abergavenny & The Brecon Beacons

## October

Sat 6	Blackpool Illuminations
Sun 7	Cotswolds Spring Blossom & Autumn Tints
Sat 13	Walsall Illuminations
Sun 21	Blackpool Illuminations
Tues 23	Blackpool Illuminations
Thur 25	Chester
Thur 25	Chester Zoo
Sat 27	Blackpool Illuminations

## November

Sat 3	London
Sun 4	Blackpool Illuminations
Sat 10	3 Fabulous Creative Art Shows for the price of 1! – NEC Birmingham • Art materials Live • Crafts for Christmas • Hobbycrafts Show
Sat 10	Sugarcraft & Cake Decoration Show – NEC Birmingham
Sun 18	Manchester or the Trafford Centre
Wed 21	Birkenhead Market
Sat 24	Birmingham Bull Ring
Sun 25	Ludlow Medieval Christmas Fayre

## December

Sat 1	Chester
Sat 1	Cheshire Oaks
Sat 1	York St. Nicholas Fayre
Sun 2	Worcester Christmas Fayre
Sun 2	York St. Nicholas Fayre
Sun 2	BBC Good Food Show – NEC Birmingham
Tues 4	Manchester or the Trafford Centre
Sat 8	Christmas Mystery Tour with Yuletide Lunch
Sun 9	Clothes Show Live – NEC Birmingham
Sat 15	Christmas Mystery Tour with Yuletide Lunch

# Theatre

## Breaks



### The Sound of Music

Thur 25 Oct – 2 days – £149  
Sat 8 Dec – 2 days – £155

The tale of singing nun Maria and the adorable Von Trapp family is a faultless feel good musical, with an easygoing plot perfectly matched to a string of Rodgers and Hammerstein's greatest hit songs. 'My Favourite Things', 'Do-Re-Mi', 'Climb Ev'ry Mountain', 'and Sixteen Going on Seventeen' – this show could never be anything less than a pleasure, and this production has done an excellent job of translating the familiar movie to the stage.

### Grease

Thur 23 August – 2 days – £135  
Sat 16 Feb '08 – 2 days – £165

It needs no introduction – Grease is the word! The smash-hit musical returns to the West End opening at The Piccadilly Theatre. Since breaking out on Broadway in 1972, Grease's place has been firmly established in the cultural Hall of Fame, having seduced the hearts of millions with its back-to-back sizzling tunes. The show will feature all the unforgettable songs from the hit film including 'You're The One That I Want', 'Sandy', 'Grease Is The Word', 'Hopelessly Devoted', 'Summer Nights' and many more. With two brand new stars discovered in the ITV series, Grease is as exciting as it gets.



### Joseph

Sat 15th Aug – 2 days – £112  
Sat 15th Dec – 2 days – £155

With a crash of drums and a flash of light Joseph has returned to the West End in his dazzling coat of many colours. In a new staging of the record breaking 1990s London Palladium production Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's family classic is ready to please a whole new generation. This colourful retelling of the biblical story about dreamboat Joseph, his uncanny abilities and his designer coat sings out to young and old alike with a score which is wall to wall hits – including 'Close Every Door' and 'Any Dream Will Do'. For a limited season only, and with a young company led by a new star, Joseph & the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat is sure to be the hot ticket this winter.



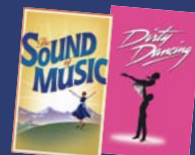
### Tutankhamun Exhibition & Terracotta Army

Wed 14th Nov – 2 days – £139



### Dirty Dancing & Sound of Music

Tues 29th January '08  
– 2 days – £175



### Grease & Joseph

Tues 26th February '08  
– 2 days – £189



For further details call 01691 652126 or pickup a brochure at any of our Travel Agents

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