

Owen's Travelmaster

SUMMER 2017

Coach Holidays & Short Breaks



Welcome to Summer 2017!

Welcome to Owen's Travelmaster 2017 holiday selection which once again offers a wide choice of holidays and short breaks throughout the British Isles, Ireland and Europe. Inside our brochure you will find many tried and tested favourites plus lots of new destinations, including more into Europe with the highlights being a 10 day tour to the Lake Garda and a 8 day tour to the Black Forest, and itineraries for you to discover, and if you are looking for something further afield or more adventurous make sure to request a copy of our 2017 - 2018 Air & Cruise brochure, a preview of which are on page 4.

We have worked hard with our suppliers to keep prices the same as last year wherever possible but please be assured that we never compromise on quality or value for money. All excursions are included in your tour price as well as entrance charges where stated and, of course, on our CITO branded holidays you will also enjoy the convenience of our door-to-door pick up service.

Finally on behalf of everyone at Owen's Travelmaster may I thank all our clients for their loyal support and helping to make 2016 another successful year. We look forward to renewing old acquaintances and welcoming new friends in our 2017 programme.

Mike Owen

How to Book

It really couldn't be easier! Simply contact any of our own Booking Offices whose name and address appears on the Booking Form, or any of our agents and you will receive instant confirmation as soon as you pay your deposit. Deposits required are as follows:

UK Tours	£50.00
Continental Tours & Ireland	£80.00
Jersey	£100.00

Separate cancellation charges apply to Jersey bookings

All other cruise & flight holidays Please enquire

Separate cancellation charges apply to all cruise and flight holidays

If you require insurance this must be paid at the time of booking.













Early Booking Bonus

If you book and **pay the required deposit** on your holiday by 28th February 2017 we will give you the following discounts off the balance of your holiday.

Holiday value up to:	Discount
£150 per person	£4.00 per person
£250 per person	£6.00 per person
£400 per person	£12.00 per person
Over £400 per person	£20.00 per person

The above discounts are not available on any tour printed in our Autumn/Spring brochure or on holidays to Jersey and any Air/Cruise holidays.

Hotel Symbols

					
Television in Bedroom	Telephone in Bedroom	Tea/Coffee in Bedroom	Hairdryer in Bedroom	Ground Floor Rooms	Spa Sauna or Health Club
					
Hotel Bar	Lift in Hotel	No Lift in Hotel	Hotel Entertainment	Indoor/Outdoor Pool	Internet Access

Hotel Star ratings may not be AA ratings and are correct at the time of going to press and are given to the best of our knowledge.

At the publication of this brochure - December 2016 - Owen's Travelmaster are members of the Bonded Coach Holiday Group of the Confederation of Passenger Transport UK. This is a government approved consumer protection scheme. This ensures that in relation to the coach package holidays described in this brochure, your monies are guaranteed by a Bond in the unlikely event of our insolvency.



CONVENIENT JOINING POINTS & FREE PARKING

Our choice of local pick-up points is second to none and because we only operate in a relatively small area it means that you are 'On your way' sooner. Car parking is available at our coach depot at Foxen Manor Industrial Park, Four Crosses.

Remember if you book one of our CITO tours, and you live within a ten mile radius of the points highlighted on our pick-up list, you will be picked up from home. Again for 2017 it will be possible to join a non CITO holiday from your home on certain tours at an additional supplement to the tour cost.



THE CONSORTIUM OF INDEPENDENT TOUR OPERATORS

A select organisation of proven 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 proportion of the holidays we offer. A holiday must comply with certain 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 is the only company in this area to hold such accreditation.

CITO QUALITY AWARD

On a CITO holiday you can be sure of the following facilities at no extra cost:

TRAVEL

- Door to Door service – within the area specified (see pick-up points)
- No overnight land travel
- All coach travel excursions included
- Entrance fees & fares (as described on the individual tour description)
- 24 hour emergency number
- Seat belts
- Secondary braking and safety systems
- Beverage facilities

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

- Minimum 3 star standard (according to national ratings)
- Luggage handling – one piece per person (stays of over 2 nights)
- Choice of dinner menu (stays of over 2 days) main course only on some continental tours
- Cooked breakfast (UK Tours)
- Buffet breakfast (European Tours)

COACH

- WC and washroom on board
- Full air-conditioning
- Adjustable seat backs



All of our coach holidays use executive class vehicles, but all tours carrying our "Owen's Select" logo will have the additional comfort and relaxation of superior legroom.



All tours carrying the "CITO" logo will include our Door to Door Service* – Within the Area Specified (See Pick-Up Points). Additional benefits to the CITO Logo are listed in the CITO Box above.



All tours carrying our "Door 2 Door" logo will offer the option of our Door 2 Door Service* at an additional charge of £10pp (0-5 Miles) & £15pp (5-10 Miles) - Within the Area Specified (See Pick-Up Points).

* All door to door services are provided by our own cars, mini-coaches or reputable hired-in taxi operators.

* You may be required to share your door to door vehicle with other passengers.

Insurance

PERIOD OF HOLIDAYS UP TO	3 DAYS	5 DAYS	7 DAYS	10 DAYS	14 DAYS
UK	£15.00	£20.00	£22.00	£22.00	----
CI/Eire	----	£25.00	£29.50	£31.00	----
Europe	£29.50	£37.00	£38.50	£40.00	£41.75

All other flight & cruise holidays on request

We recommend that all passengers travelling on our European holidays apply for a EU Health Insurance Card on www.EU-Healthcard.co.uk/fastrack

The above premiums are inclusive of Insurance Premium Tax at the current rate. The cost of insurance was correct at the time of going to press, however, premiums may be increased / decreased without prior notice.

N.B. Full details of the insurance can be found on the insert.

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Gift Vouchers

STUCK FOR A GIFT IDEA?

Why not treat your friends or family to an Owen's Gift Voucher. These come in **£5**, **£20** and **£50** amounts and can be used towards any Owen's coach trip, short break or holiday! Simply give us a call to order!

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CITO Worldwide Air & Cruise Holidays



There are some new and exciting destinations including a tour to the Western USA with visits to Wyoming and Yellowstone National Park, the Island of Corfu, Tasty Tuscany, the Pilgrim Road to Santiago de Compostela, the Austrian Tyrol based in Mayrhofen and an alternative Lakes and Mountains of Switzerland based on Lake Lucerne.

Look what we include in the holiday price:

Door to Door Service

We will collect you from home at the beginning of your holiday and return you to your home after your holiday. Please note some departures may involve early starts from your home.

Flights

On all flights we include the cost of an allocated seat and one item of hold luggage. For the popular destinations in Europe we aim to offer flights from a London airport and also a northern airport, usually Manchester. Flights to long haul destinations usually fly from London. Also some European destinations only have flights from one UK airport and these may also require a London departure.

Due to airline schedules some flights may depart early morning, although this means an early start, it also means you arrive earlier at your destination and can start to enjoy your holiday.

Accommodation

We use hotels that are at least to the UK standard of 3* and are often higher. The hotels are either checked by a member of CITO staff or agents acting on our behalf.

Meals

All holidays include full breakfast every day and most dinners (see individual holidays for details). On all river and ocean cruises breakfast, lunch and dinner are included. Also on all river cruises (except Springtime in the Heart of Paris), there is an inclusive drinks

package covering drinks at the bar and with meals.

Excursions

All excursions detailed on individual itineraries are included together with admissions to attractions, boat trips and rail tickets. Some excursions involve walking and may be unsuitable for those with limited mobility. Please check before booking.

Overnight Stops

On some of the river cruises departing from the UK by coach, CITO are offering an overnight dinner, bed and breakfast package at a hotel in the Kent area at the start of the holiday at a supplementary charge. Please ask if this is available from your local area.

Tour Manager

All of our holidays (except ocean cruises and Springtime in the Heart of Paris) are escorted by an experienced Tour Manager who will be with you throughout your holiday. The Tour Manager will travel with you from the UK or join you at your destination airport. Someone will always be available to greet and assist you at the departure airport.

Deposits

All air tours and river cruises require a minimum deposit of £150 per person or 10% of the holiday whichever is the greatest. A deposit of 20% is required on all ocean cruises.

These holidays must be booked directly with Owen's Travelmaster at any of our offices

Early booking bonus not available on these tours



Holiday Diary 2017

February	5th Feb	28 Days	Ultimate Tour of New Zealand
	March		
	6th Mar	4 Days	Springtime in the Heart of Paris
	13th Mar	4 Days	Springtime in the Heart of Paris
April			
	6th Apr	5 Days	Springtime in Holland
	10th Apr	10 Days	Cyprus – The Jewel of the Mediterranean
	24th Apr	8 Days	Madeira – The Island of Eternal Spring
May	24th Apr	8 Days	Andalucian Capitals
	6th May	10 Days	The Beautiful Islands of Malta & Gozo
	8th May	8 Days	The Greek Island of Corfu
	13th May	8 Days	Little Trains of the Pyrenees
June	17th May	8 Days	Tasty Tuscany
	31st May	9 Days	Venice & Lake Garda
	1st Jun	8 Days	Croatia & Montenegro
July	11th Jun	11 Days	Lochs of Scotland
	16th Jun	10 Days	Bordeaux Region River Cruise
	18th Jun	8 Days	Puglia – Italy's Hidden Gem
	23rd Jun	8 Days	The Italian Lakes
	27th Jun	8 Days	Norway
	27th Jun	10 Days	Switzerland – The Bernese Oberland
10th Jul	8 Days	The Enchanting Douro Valley	
15th Jul	10 Days	The Gateway to Provence	
16th Jul	15 Days	Scandinavian Capitals & St. Petersburg	
17th Jul	9 Days	Beautiful Danube & Carriages & Kings of Vienna	

August			
	20th Aug	15 Days	Greenland, Iceland & Norway Exploration
	23rd Aug	10 Days	Highlights of Southern Ireland
September	26th Aug	7 Days	The Seine Valley & Normandy Beaches
	3rd Sep	13 Days	National Parks of Western USA
	10th Sep	9 Days	The Pilgrim Road to Santiago de Compostela
	11th Sep	8 Days	The Moselle, Rhine & The Black Forest
	17th Sep	8 Days	Tasty Tuscany
	21st Sep	13 Days	New England in the Fall
October	23rd Sep	8 Days	Little Trains of the Pyrenees
	23rd Sep	10 Days	Lakes & Mountains of Central Switzerland
	24th Sep	8 Days	Puglia – Italy's Hidden Gem
	30th Sep	15 Days	Portuguese Adventure Cruise
	30th Sep	10 Days	Beautiful Islands of Malta & Gozo
	2nd Oct	8 Days	Andalucian Capitals
November	2nd Oct	8 Days	Amalfi coast - Minori
	9th Oct	10 Days	Cyprus – The jewel of the Mediterranean
	16th Oct	8 Days	Maderia – The Island of Eternal Spring
	7th Nov	20 Days	Highlights of South Africa
December			
	20th Dec	8 Days	Christmas in the Austrian Tyrol
	22nd Dec	8 Days	Christmas in Bavaria
	22nd Dec	6 Days	Christmas on The Danube

Full details of the itineraries for these holidays can be found in our Air & Cruise 2017 - 2018 brochure available from our office.

Jersey by Air



6 DAYS / 19 - 24 JUNE

£610

6 DAYS / 25 - 30 SEPTEMBER

£599

The largest and most southerly of the Channel Islands, Jersey is just 14 miles from the coast of France, giving the island a continental flair. Golden sands, sparkling seas, rugged cliffs, picturesque harbours and fascinating countryside are just a few of the natural attractions that await the visitor to Jersey. Situated on the edge of the Gulf Stream the island slopes from north to south to face the sun and boasts the best sunshine record in the British Isles and a climate which is generally milder in all seasons than the UK.

DAY BY DAY

Day 1: We transfer you to your Airport for the short flight to Jersey. On arrival in Jersey you will be transferred to your hotel for check-in.

Day 2: After breakfast the morning is free to explore the surrounding area or maybe enjoy the facilities of the hotel. This afternoon you will be collected from the hotel for an interesting 'Intro' afternoon coach excursion of the island, see many of the beautiful bays and the rugged coastline of the north coast which overlooks the other Channel Islands and the French coast, returning to the hotel allowing time to relax before dinner

Day 3: This morning you will be collected from the hotel for the short drive to the fascinating grounds of Samares Manor and gardens. These unique gardens, which have always offered exceptional planting conditions, were created in the nineteen twenties by wealthy shipping line owner, Sir James Knott. In recent years they have undergone further development and diversification. This afternoon is free in St Helier.

Day 4: Free day to perhaps take an optional tour to the Jersey War Tunnels or Durrell Conservation Park. Explore St Helier with its fine museums and parks, restaurants, cafes and shopping. Don't miss a visit to the Victorian market in the town centre, or simply relax around the hotel.

Day 5: This morning is free and this afternoon you will be collected from the hotel and taken to the Orchid Foundation to view one of the finest collections of orchids anywhere in the world. Afterwards we continue on to Ransoms Garden Centre for a light cream tea. Returning to your hotel at around 5.00pm.

Day 6: After breakfast we check out and depart to the airport. Depending on your flight time there may be time for last minute shopping. On arrival back at your airport you will be met and returned to your pick up point.

NB: EU Health Insurance Card recommended

YOUR HOTELS

Fort d'Auvergne Hotel, St. Helier ★★★ (June and August Tours)

Bordered by the sea and sandy beach on two sides. Traditional in style but offers modern amenities including an outstanding luxury indoor pool complex.



The Norfolk Lodge Hotel, St Helier ★★ (June and August Tours)

Superb new indoor swimming pool complex. Lively entertainment programme including cabaret and dancing on certain nights.



Monterey Hotel, St Helier ★★★ (September Tour)

Situated in central St Helier, The Monterey Hotel has two swimming pools, including a luxury indoor pool with a steam room, spa bath, and a mini gym.



INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- Return Transport to your Departure Airport
- Return Air Travel to Jersey inc. Taxes
- 5 Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast Accommodation
- Half Day 'Intro' Tour of Jersey
- Transfers to Samares Manor and gardens and admission
- Transfers to Orchid Foundation, admission included
- Transfer to Ransoms Garden Centre with light cream tea included
- Return Transfers from Airport to your Hotel
- Excursions as Detailed
- Meet & Greet service on arrival
- One Piece hold Baggage per person
- All Current Taxes



Jersey Tourism



Jersey Tourism

Battle of the Flowers

8 DAYS / 5 - 12 AUGUST

£740

One of the largest floral carnivals in Europe. The floats are works of art with designs a closely guarded secret right up to the grand reveal on Battle itself. Islanders of all ages work tirelessly for months getting the floats ready; whether that be cutting fresh flowers (predominantly chrysanthemums, shipped in from the UK and Holland as well as locally grown asters), or preparing dried flowers to make intricate pattern and designs.

INCLUDED IN THE AUGUST TOUR PRICE

- Return Transport to your departure Airport
- Return Air Travel to Jersey inc. Taxes
- Meet and greet service on arrival
- 7 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Return Transfers from Airport to your Hotel
- One piece hold baggage per person
- An Evening 'Behind the Scenes' tour to the official sheds to see the final preparation of the floats
- A seated ticket to the Main Parade
- A seated ticket to the evening Moonlight Parade
- All Current Taxes

SINGLE ROOMS MAY BE AVAILABLE BUT ARE ON REQUEST ONLY AND MAY HAVE A SUPPLEMENT. Early booking discount not available on these tours.

The air content of these holidays is contracted with Channel Island Group Travel (CITG) ATOL 1965, whose registered office is Heron House, Jersey Airport, Jersey, JE1 1BW and whose booking conditions apply to these holidays.

10 DAYS / 14 - 23 MAY

£725



Luís Marín FC

Whether it's the fantastic beaches, the historic towns and villages, rolling hills or lofty mountains of the Picos de Europa you're looking for, Cantabria offers the lot. A gentle, predominantly rural province but with plenty of action if that's what you're looking for, Cantabria offers good, old-fashioned, seaside or mountain holidays with plenty of adventure for all the family. The lush green landscapes of Northern Spain will come as an extremely pleasant surprise as compared to the south. Between the Atlantic Ocean and the ridge of the Picos De Europa Mountains the scenery is almost alpine and the climate soft.



M. Marín Vicente FC

Brittany Ferries

Ferries to Santander take 24 hours to make the crossing so your onboard experience is more important than ever. Your journey will be a mini cruise and a great start and finish to your holiday. Enjoy relaxing in comfortable spacious accommodation with a range of excellent onboard facilities and entertainments, fine dining & restaurant options. The choice of onboard activities is exceptional - there are cinemas showing the latest releases, slot machines and video games, a swimming pool and leisure area, a range of shops and stylish sun decks and lounges to explore.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach ■ 1 Nights Accommodation in 2 Berth Inside Cabins (bunks) – Plymouth/Santander Crossing
- 1 Nights Accommodation in 2 Berth Inside Cabins (bunks) – Santander/Portsmouth Crossing ■ 7 Nights Accommodation - (At Resort)
- Buffet Breakfast - (At Resort)
- Tapas Lunch Daily or Packed Lunch - (At Resort)
- Tea Time Buffet Daily 16.00 – 18.00 - (At Resort)
- Three Course Dinner Inc Wine & Water - (At Resort)
- Free Bar Between 11.00 - 23.00 on Selected Drinks - (At Resort)
- Porterage at Hotel ■ Excursions as Detailed

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £180

INSIDE LOWER BERTH CABIN: £44 per person

OUTSIDE LOWER BERTH CABIN: £70 per person

DAY BY DAY

Sunday 14th May: Morning departure as we travel south to Plymouth to board the Brittany Ferries cruise ferry to Santander. Relax and enjoy a night on board ship. Taking just 24 hours, the route is the fastest direct ferry service to northern Spain. On board you can enjoy award-winning service and top-class facilities, including gourmet restaurants, stylish lounges and comfortable cabins. You'll arrive completely relaxed, and ready to begin your holiday in Spain.

Monday 15th: We arrive in Santander early afternoon ready to make the short drive to the Hotel Juan de la Cosa.

Tuesday 16th: Free day at resort to enjoy the beautiful sandy beach and hotel facilities.

Wednesday 17th: Enjoy a full day excursion taking you through the Hermida Gorge along rushing rivers to reach the town of Potes in the heart of the stunning Picos de Europa Mountain range "Little Switzerland in Spain", stopping at Fuentes De. Here we allow time for a spectacular cable car ride that allows you to experience the magnificent heights of this mountain range. (Cable car not included)

Thursday 18th: This morning we head to Santander with time to explore. Largely rebuilt in 1941 after the great fire it still has all its former charm and is an elegant city with great shops, bars and restaurants.

Friday 19th: Full day travelling along the Cantabrian coastline stopping at the beautiful and enchanting villages of San Vicente de la Barquera, Comillas and the world heritage site of Santillana del Mar with its medieval buildings and cobbled streets.

Saturday 20th: Full day excursion to Castro Urdiales, a small and charming resort, the old town is relatively unspoilt and also the coastal town of Laredo.

Sunday 21st: Free day at resort.

Monday 22nd: Morning departure as we head back along the coast to Santander. We board for our overnight sailing back to the UK departing Santander at 3.15pm.

Tuesday 23rd: Arrive back at Portsmouth mid-afternoon and travel via the motorways home.

NB: EU Health Insurance Card recommended.

Early booking discount not available on this tour.

YOUR HOTEL

Hotel Juan De La Cosa, Cantabria ★★★★★

Close to Berria's beach, offers magnificent views of a natural privileged environment. Comfortable and hospitable rooms with all that you need: bath, hairdryer, TV, strong box, telephone and air conditioning. Additional facilities include air conditioned swimming pool, jacuzzi, sauna, gymnasium. Comfortable lounges are equipped with computers, connection to Internet, magazines, books, etc. There are steps into the hotel.

www.hoteljuandelacosa.com



10 DAYS / 2 - 11 OCTOBER

£775



Courtesy of Albatros

Lake Garda, Italy's largest lake is perhaps the most beautiful lake in all of Europe. Its waters are incredibly transparent and the intense blue of the water and the luxurious vegetation add to its natural beauty. Garda's expansive mirror surface glimmers deep within two rocky coastlines, its deepest point reaching down over 340 metres. Its scenery differs from mountainous and jagged in the north to gently hilly in the south. Throughout the lake region the climate is pleasant and exceptionally mild which favours the growth of a predominately mediterranean vegetation (olives, grapes, figs, oleanders, magnolias, palm trees etc). The panoramic visions of Garda have seduced many poets and artists such as Stendhal, Corot, Byron, Heine, Kafka, Carducci, and Ezra Pound. The picturesque villages and towns spread along the shore offer a unique experience and a variety of natural and historical attractions along with excellent restaurants, outdoor coffee houses and open markets.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 2 Over Nights Dinner Bed & Breakfast in Karlsruhe Germany
- Welcome pre-Dinner Cocktail (At Resort)
- 3 Course Dinner with 2 Choices per Course on Arrival Night (At Resort)
- Choice of Menu on 2 nights (At Resort)
- 3 Course Set Menu Gala Dinner on 1 Night (At Resort)
- Typical Trentino 3 Course Set Menu by Candlelight on 1 Night (At Resort)
- Tea/coffee After Dinner (At Resort)
- Return Ferry Crossings Hull – Zeebrugge (Cabins provided)
- Excursions as Detailed
- Porterage (At Resort)

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £185

LOWER BERTH INSIDE CABIN £7 per person

LOWER BERTH OUTSIDE CABIN £11 per person

YOUR HOTEL

Sole Hotel, Riva del Garda ★★★★★

The 4 star Sole Hotel occupies an enviable position, right on the lake front and located at the side of the main square in the centre of the lovely historic town of Riva del Garda. As you walk out of the hotel you have a wide choice of shops, bars and restaurants and the ferry stop is just a stone's throw away. The hotel is furnished in a very traditional style, with an elegant restaurant overlooking the lake, comfortable public areas and a popular bar/gelateria. All 81 bedrooms are well furnished with air conditioning, TV and minibar. There is a lovely terrace at the front of the hotel where you can sip a nice aperitif, enjoy the lake views and watch the world go by!



Please note: to enjoy the full benefit of this beautiful region some days are best suited to good weather conditions, and as a result excursions may be swapped around to alternative days with better weather prospects, this will be left to the drivers discretion.

NB: EU Health Insurance Card recommended.

The Italian Government may charge tourists a Stay Tax which will be collected on arrival.

DAY BY DAY

Monday 2nd: We leave in the morning and travel to Hull for the overnight crossing to Zeebrugge. Inside cabins are provided but not meals.

Tuesday 3rd: This morning we continue our journey to our second overnight stay at the Leonardo Hotel in Karlsruhe in Germany.

Wednesday 4th: After breakfast we continue through Germany past Munchen and into Austria, we will then bypass Innsbruck, before crossing over the border into Northern Italy, then on to our resort on Lake Garda itself.

Thursday 5th: Today we spend at leisure exploring our resort of Riva del Garda. You can visit Rocca di Riva, its ancient castle which houses the local museum, admire the Torre Apponale, the 13th Century clock tower in the heart of the town and visit the two palaces in Riva del Garda that were inspired by Venetian architecture: the Palazzo Pretorio and the Palazzo Vecchio. You may also decide to take a return boat trip to Limone sul Garda. One of the most distinctive sights approaching Limone from the lake is the view of the remains of the old lemon houses dotted amidst the houses and businesses. These limonaie were structures enabling the inhabitants to shelter the lemon trees from the frosts of winter!

Friday 6th: Full day tour to Verona, the romantic capital of Europe situated on the banks of the River Adige, Verona boasts a rich array of art and architecture, and one of the finest examples of a Roman amphitheatre, and not forgetting Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliette's balcony.

Saturday 7th: Full day tour to the southern part of the Lake and a visit to Sirmione. The historical centre is pedestrianised and is probably the most picturesque town on the lake, full of narrow winding lanes busy with tourists. Orienting yourself can be confusing, but the town is so small that you can't get lost for long. Sirmione is beautiful throughout filled with lakeside restaurants and endearing shops, but its two main tourist attractions are the castle and the Roman ruins. A panoramic walk (signposted) leads out around the promontory, and on a clear day you can enjoy great views over the lake and towards the mountains in the north. We will return via the beautiful town of Peschiera del Garda.

Sunday 8th: This morning we take a half day excursion to the nearby stunning village of Malcesine. The remainder of the day is free to relax at our resort.

Monday 9th: This morning we start to head for home retracing our steps through the beautiful scenery of Austria and into Germany to the Achat Plaza Hotel in Karlsruhe.

Tuesday 10th: After breakfast, we continue our journey as we head to Zeebrugge for our overnight ferry to Hull.

Wednesday 11th: Our ferry arrives in Hull at 9am when we disembark and complete the final leg of our journey.

Northern Italy and the Desirable Dolomites



9 DAYS / 7 - 15 APRIL

£665

ADDED
VALUE
TOUR



PCBarnes Photography

The majestic Dolomites are one of Europe's most spectacular mountain regions with its own unique dramatic scenery, set in a beautiful area of Northern Italy. A blend of towering snow-capped mountains, picturesque lakes and lush fertile valleys with fruit trees and vines dotted with Tyrolean style hamlets. With breathtaking scenery each and every way you turn this region offers a myriad of lovely scenic days out, truly an awe-inspiring area to explore. The Paganella plateau is located in the middle-western area of the Trentino region, between the mountain bearing its name and the spectacular Brenta Dolomites.



RIVA DEL GARDA

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DAY BY DAY

Friday 7th: We leave early morning and travel to Dover for the crossing to Calais from where we continue to our accommodation at the Post Hotel Liege, for dinner bed & breakfast.

Saturday 8th: This morning we continue our journey through Germany to our second overnight stay at the Leonardo Hotel Karlsruhe.

Sunday 9th: This afternoon we will arrive in Fai della Paganella to a warm welcome from Fausto and his family. We can enjoy a glass of Prosecco and admire the stunning mountain views as our bags are taken to our room prior to dinner this evening.

Monday 10th: Today Fausto will provide us with a guided walk of the Fai della Paganella and a picnic in the stunning countryside!

Tuesday 11th: Sit back and enjoy some of Italy's finest panoramas with a day of spectacular scenery as we travel amongst the jagged peaks of the Dolomites. We travel to the Gardena valley and the village of Ortisei, then climb over the Sella Pass with magnificent views of the Gardena mountain range. We continue via the Pordoi Pass and Costalunga Pass to Lake Carezza, then down through the Ega valley.

Wednesday 12th: Today we take a scenic drive to Merano, one of the most beautiful spa towns in the South Tyrol, surrounded by a stunning backdrop of mountains and meadows. Explore the vibrant centre, stroll along the flower lined promenade and perhaps take the chair lift for some fine views. We return via the Adige valley wine route and Lake Caldaro.

Thursday 13th: Today we travel south to the tip of Lake Garda for a visit to the very popular resort of Riva Del Garda, set on the northern point of this stunningly beautiful lake.

Friday 14th: This morning we start to head for home stopping for an overnight at the Novotel Metz Hauconcourt in France.

Saturday 15th: After breakfast we will now complete the final leg of our journey as we head north to the port of Calais for our short sailing to Dover.

Please note: to enjoy the full benefit of this beautiful region some days are best suited to good weather conditions, and as a result these excursions may be swapped around to alternative days with better weather prospects, this will be left to the drivers discretion. The Italian Government may charge tourists a Stay Tax which will be collected on arrival.

NB: EU Health Insurance Card recommended.

Early booking discount not available on this tour.

YOUR HOTEL

Hotel Paganella, Fai della Paganella, Dolomites ★★

Fausto and his family ensure a warm welcome in this typically Austrian chalet style dwelling. There is a cosy bar, traditional restaurant serving excellent homemade fayre and a comfortable lounge. Bedrooms are well appointed and have hairdryer and TV.



INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 5 Nights Dinner Bed & Breakfast in Resort
- Welcome Glass of Prosecco or Non-Alcoholic Drink on Arrival at Resort
- 4 course Farewell Candlelit Trentino Dinner with Music, Set Menu
- Wine & Water with Dinner at Resort
- Tea & Coffee After Dinner
- Free Bar Between 18.00 – 22.30hrs Each Night, on Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks & National Spirits
- Guided Walk of Fai with Pizza & Wine Picnic
- Quiz/Games on 1 night
- Grolla Evening in the Bar on 1 Night
- Three overnight Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Return Channel Crossings ■ Excursions as Detailed ■ Portage at Resort

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £105

Austria Cow's Down Festival



8 DAYS / 14 - 21 SEPTEMBER £685



LAKE ACHENSEE

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The winter ski resort of Fügen becomes our summer touring centre for this beautiful Austrian alpine region. Nestling in the Zillertal valley beneath towering mountain peaks this elegant town is an ideal base to explore some of the many attractions in the area. The itinerary features a guided tour of Innsbruck, a train ride a boat ride, and of course, the 'Cow's Return', a simple but colourful village festival that celebrates the return of the animals to the village after spending the summer on the mountain pastures.



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DAY BY DAY

Thursday 14th: We set off on our journey for the short sea crossing to Calais and our overnight in the Aachen region on the German/Belgium border.

Friday 15th: Our journey continues as we follow the River Rhine south towards Austria and on to Fügen at the start of the Zillertal Valley where we arrive at the Hotel Malerhaus late afternoon for the next five nights.

Saturday 16th: We begin our day at our base of Fügen so witness the 'Almabtrieb' festival – a colourful event to celebrate bringing the cows, sheep and goats down from the mountains to shelter from the onset of autumn. In the afternoon we take the short journey to Rattenberg where we visit the museum of arts and crafts. Installed in some former blacksmiths houses – the "Nagelschmiedhäuser" dates from the 12th century and carved into the rock. We also visit the spice shop which covers more than 120 m².

Sunday 17th: Today we head to Innsbruck, the capital of the Austrian Tyrol, which has many attractions including the old quarter with its cobbled streets where you can stroll round the charming shops and cafes. We begin with a guided morning tour of Innsbruck including views like the Wilten, Basilica, Golden Roof and the Hofburg Palace. After time for lunch we head for Götzens and Brigitz for a horse carriage ride in the great Olympic region of Axams, with music and Schnaps.

Monday 18th: Our full day excursion today begins with a Train trip from Jenbach to Seespitz followed by a boat ride on the beautiful Achensee from Pertisau to Achenkirch. At an altitude of 930 metres is Achensee Tyrol's biggest natural lake, nestled in a valley separating the superb Karwendel massif and the Rofan. Created by glaciers, it is 133 m deep at its deepest point.

Tuesday 19th: On our final half day excursion along the Zillertal Valley to Mayrhofen where there are plenty of things to do in this beautiful and lively resort including shops and cable cars. We return to Fügen for free time.

Wednesday 20th: Regrettably it is time to take our leave of the Malerhaus Hotel and the village of Fügen. Our journey will take us to our overnight in the Aachen region on the German/Belgium border.

Thursday 21st: The final part of the homeward journey will take us into France for the short Channel crossing back to Dover from where we head for home.

Please note: to enjoy the full benefit of this beautiful region some days are best suited to good weather conditions, and as a result these excursions may be swapped around to alternative days with better weather prospects, this will be left to the drivers discretion.

NB: EU Health Insurance Card recommended.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- Return Channel Crossings
- 2 Overnight Stops with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast.
- 5 Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast at the Hotel Malerhaus Fügen
- Excursions as Detailed
- Visit to the Museum of Arts and Crafts in Rattenberg
- Visit the spice shop in Rattenberg
- Guided Morning Tour of Innsbruck
- Horse Carriage Ride With Music and Schnaps
- Train Trip from Jenbach to Seespitz
- Boat Ride on the Beautiful Achensee
- Welcome Drink in Austria
- Portage at Resort

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £100

YOUR HOTEL

Malerhaus Hotel, Fügen ★★★

Set in the pastoral Zillertal valley, this casual hotel is a 5-minute walk from downtown Fügen. The hotel has bright rooms with free Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs, sitting areas and balconies. Breakfast and dinner is served in a refined restaurant, there's also a low-key bar and a casual cafe. Additional amenities include a spa offering massages, beauty treatments, a sauna and a relaxation area including a rooftop terrace.



Austria - Alpine Meadows & Peaks



8 DAYS / 23 - 30 APRIL

£579

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TOUR



Enjoy a superb eight day holiday in spectacular alpine scenery combined with a fabulous package. Travelling into the very heart of Europe, this trip takes in scenic Austria and Switzerland, but also sneaks you into miniature Liechtenstein. We include guided tours of Oberammergau Passion Play Theatre and Innsbruck. Along with a fantastic five nights free bar at our welcoming hotel in Austria.



ST. GALLEN

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DAY BY DAY

Sunday 23rd: We leave this morning heading south to Dover where we take our short sea crossing to Calais. We then travel through Belgium to the German border for our overnight dinner bed & breakfast in the area of Liege/Koln.

Monday 24th: Our journey continues as we follow the river Rhine south towards the Arlberg region of Austria where we arrive at our main holiday destination in Wald am Arlberg where you will be welcomed into your new surroundings.

Tuesday 25th: Today we visit the tiny principality of Liechtenstein set high in the hills with a total area of only sixty-two square miles. The capital is Vaduz, where you will have time for a stroll and take refreshment. We continue on to the wonderful town of St. Gallen, where you can enjoy a walk around the old town with its colourful houses from the 16th and 18th centuries, as well as the baroque Cathedral.

Wednesday 26th: Today we travel over the Fern Pass to Oberammergau home of the famous Passion Play. This small Bavarian community, with 5,100 inhabitants located within the Ammergau Alps, owes its world-famous reputation to the impressive Passion Plays that have been performed every 10 years in the town since 1634 - the next will take place in 2020. Over the last few years the imposing 4,800 capacity Passion Play Theatre has opened its doors for other famous cultural performances. We have arranged in addition a backstage tour of the Passion Play Theatre to find out more about the fantastic history of the Play and stand on the stage on which innumerable generations have portrayed the life of Christ.

Thursday 27th: Today we enjoy an excursion to nearby Landeck. Surrounded by magnificent mountains and bordered by fast-flowing rivers. We have included entrance to the famous castle which gave Landeck its name, and towers above the city. We have also included a trip up the mountain on one cable car at nearby Ischgl.

Friday 28th: We travel to Innsbruck to meet a local guide for a tour of the capital of the Tyrol. Innsbruck is a charming city surrounded by the tall, dramatic mountain peaks of the Nordkette Mountains.

Saturday 29th: Sadly its time to leave Wald am Arlberg and start our journey homeward out of Austria through Germany and finally onto the German/Belgium border for our overnight stay in the Koln/Liege region.

Sunday 30th: We continue our journey home taking the short Calais to Dover sea crossing for our final leg of the journey home.

NB: EU Health Insurance Card recommended.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Owen's Select Coach
- Return Ferry Crossing
- Excursions as Detailed
- 2 overnight Dinner Bed & Breakfast Liege/Koln region
- 5 Nights Bed & Buffet Breakfast at Resort
- 5 Nights 3-Course evening meal (with choice of main course from the 2nd night onwards) at Resort
- Daily packed lunch: 1 sandwich, 1 small drink, 1 piece of fruit and 1 small chocolate bar (Excluding Arrival & Departure Day) at Resort
- Included drinks from 18:00 hrs to 22:00 hrs (water, beer, table wine, coffee and tea) at Resort
- Guided tour of Oberammergau Passion play theatre
- Guided tour of Innsbruck
- Entrance to Landeck Castle
- Journey on a Ischgl cable car

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £80

Early booking discount not available on this tour.

YOUR HOTEL

Gasthof Spüllersee, Wald am Arlberg ★★★

Centrally located, yet in a quiet position, the Gasthof Spullersee provides an ideal base from which to explore the surrounding area and offers a warm and friendly welcome and excellent cuisine. All bedrooms with en-suite facilities, television and telephone.



"The Hills Are Alive" – Austria's Salzburgerland



9 DAYS / 24 JUNE - 2 JULY

£749



Our base for this delightful alpine tour, Saalbach, is one of Austria's top winter ski regions but once the snows have melted it transforms into a scenic summer resort surrounded by mountains and lush green meadows. One of the highlights of our tour is a day in the beautiful city of Salzburg: the storybook Old Town burrowed below steep hills looks much as it did when Mozart lived here 250 years ago. Standing beside the fast-flowing Salzach River, your gaze is raised inch by inch to graceful domes and spires, the formidable cliff-top fortress and the mountains beyond.



SALZBURG

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DAY BY DAY

Saturday 24th: An early morning start as we head south for our short crossing to France. We continue our journey through northern France to our overnight hotel.

Sunday 25th: We continue into Germany and head towards Munich and then cross the border to Austria to our resort of Saalbach and the Berger's Sporthotel.

Monday 26th: A full day at leisure to explore the town and perhaps enjoy a leisurely stroll on one of over 400 marked walking trails in the area. In the afternoon why not relax with a swim in the hotel's spa or pamper yourself with a treatment in the Wellness Centre.

Tuesday 27th: We take a breathtaking coach journey up the Bavarian Alps followed by a brass elevator trip through the mountain and into Hitler's imposing Eagle's Nest. Take in the panoramic views and explore the historic dwelling that was built for Hitler's fiftieth birthday. Here you will find a visitors' centre, eerie tunnels and war murals in the main square. Afterwards, we enjoy some free time in the picturesque town of Berchtsgaden.

Wednesday 28th: An excursion to the lakeside town of Zell am See regarded as one of Austria's most beautiful locations. There will be plenty of time to stroll along the lakeside promenade or enjoy coffee and strudel in a local cafe but to enjoy this lovely location to the full we have also included a lake cruise and a cable car ride to the top of the Schmitzenhohe Mountain to marvel at the breathtaking views.

Thursday 29th: A full day excursion to Salzburg, city of music, birthplace of Mozart and home to the Sound of Music. But beyond Salzburg's two biggest money-spinners hides a city with a burgeoning arts scene, wonderful food, manicured parks and concert halls that uphold musical tradition 365 days a year.

Friday 30th: We take a circular day tour following the Salzach River to Mittersill and then head north to Kitzbühel which lies in a lovely valley at the foot of the Kitzbüheler Horn. After rising to prosperity in the 16th century thanks to its copper and silver mines, Kitzbühel has since become a fashionable year-round resort. We return to Saalbach via Sankt Johann and Fieberbrunn.

Saturday 1st: We say farewell to our host and retrace our journey through Germany and to our overnight stop in northern France or Belgium.

Sunday 2nd: We continue our homeward journey as we head to Calais for our early afternoon crossing to Kent from where we head home arriving mid-evening.

NB: EU Health Insurance Card recommended.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- Return Channel Crossings
- 2 Overnight Stops With Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- 6 Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast in Saalbach
- Welcome Drink On Arrival
- Free Use Of Spa Area
- Live Entertainment
- Coffee & Cake On One Afternoon
- Excursions as Detailed
- Lake Cruise & Cable Car Ride in Zell am See
- Entrance To 'Eagles Nest'
- Guided Tour of Salzburg
- Porterage (at main resort)

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £140

YOUR HOTEL

Berger's Sporthotel, Saalbach ★★★★★

This traditional family-run hotel is located in the very centre of Saalbach. The hotel offers a newly designed wellness area, comfortable and spacious rooms, a large restaurant with panoramic gallery, and cosy lounges. *Please Note: Some rooms may be located in the hotel annexe which is located just 20 metres from the main hotel.*



Poland's Beauty & Brilliance Krakow & Zakopane



11 DAYS / 5 - 15 AUGUST

£1065



The ancient royal capital of Krakow has become an increasingly popular attraction with its beautiful medieval square, hourly 'golden trumpet' tributes, stunning renaissance castle and proximity to the subterranean salt mines. It is also an ideal base for a pilgrimage to the memorial site of Auschwitz. The second half of our trip to southern Poland focuses on the folklore town of Zakopane, with its dramatic mountain backdrop, unique 'Zakopane Style' architecture and funicular railway.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Owen's Select Executive Coach
- 2 Overnights Dinner Bed & Breakfast at the Penta Hotel, Chemnitz
- Excursions as Detailed ■ Guided Visit to Auschwitz
- Entry to Wawel Cathedral, Castle and State Rooms in Krakow
- Zakopane Horse Drawn Carriage Ride ■ Dunajec River Gorge Raft Trip

3 Nights Half Board at Wyspianski Hotel, Krakow

- Porterage ■ Welcome glass of sparkling wine on arrival
- 3 course set menu on arrival night ■ Choice of menu on 2 nights
- Tea/coffee after dinner

3 Nights Half Board at Grand Nosalowy Dwor Resort & Spa, Zakopane

- Porterage ■ Welcome soft drink on arrival
- 3 course set menu on arrival night
- 3 course menu with choice of main on 2 nights ■ Tea/coffee after dinner
- Free use of leisure facilities

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £290

LOWER BERTH INSIDE £16 per person

LOWER BERTH OUTSIDE £18 per person

YOUR HOTELS

Wyspianski Hotel, Krakow ★★★

This 3 star hotel is spacious, well-appointed and is only situated 10 minutes' walk from the market square in the centre of Krakow. The public areas are well decorated with a pleasantly restaurant decorated in light contemporary colours. The hotel also has a modern lightly decorated bar in which to relax. The 231 bedrooms are classic in design, spacious and all have TV and hairdryer.



Hotel Grand Nosalowy Dwor, Zakopane ★★★★★

This modern, stylish 4 star hotel is located at the very foot of the Nosal Mountain in a picturesque location on the edge of the pretty town of Zakopane. Its 119 traditional rooms are bright and warmly furnished. The Mare Monti restaurant serves mediterranean inspired cuisine and there is a sports bar and panoramic café from which beautiful views can be enjoyed whilst relaxing with new-found friends. The hotel also provides a chic leisure centre that features a large indoor swimming pool, sauna and steam bath.



DAY BY DAY

Saturday 5th: We leave early morning and travel to Hull for our over night crossing to Rotterdam.

Sunday 6th: This morning we continue our journey through Germany to the Penta Hotel Chemnitz for our second overnight stay with dinner bed & breakfast.

Monday 7th: We continue into Southern Poland. We will receive a warm welcome from the staff at our hotel in Krakow and will have time to settle in prior to dinner.

Tuesday 8th: Today we will explore Poland's former capital, considered by many to be the most beautiful city in the country. We then make our way to Wawel Royal Castle via the immense gothic church of the Basilica of the Virgin Mary, built in the 13th century. People have been living on Wawel Hill for 50,000 years and, over the past 1,000 years, Polish Kings decided to take up residence here.

Wednesday 9th: Today you have the option of a free day in Krakow or joining the coach as we pay a visit to one of the most moving and poignant sites in the whole of Europe. The concentration camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau is listed by UNESCO World Heritage as a site of great historical importance given that it was here that 1.5 million people were murdered by the Nazis between 1942 and 1945.

Thursday 10th: We travel to Wieliczka Salt Mine, a mysterious underground city located on 9 levels with 2,400 chambers connected by corridors, saline lakes and remarkable salt sculptures! There is a shortened tour available by lift for groups who are not able to manage the stairs (there are 800 of them!). Warm clothing is also advisable, regardless of the time of year since the caves tend to be chilly. After perhaps enjoying lunch in the underground 'Miner's Tavern', we will re-board our coach and make our way southwards to the Polish resort of Zakopane and check into our new hotel Grand Nosalowy Dwor.

Friday 11th: Today, we will make a full day trip to the Pieniny Mountains, visiting some of the most popular attractions of the local area, with a relaxing 2.5 hour rafting trip on traditional, wooden rafts down the Dunajec River taking us through one of the most beautiful gorges in Europe.

Saturday 12th: This morning, we will explore the lovely 'folklore' town of Zakopane, a popular winter skiing resort but equally pretty in the summer months too! We enjoy a jaunty horse and carriage ride from the hotel to Zakopane, where we can continue our ride around the city before being dropped off near to Krupowki Street, the main pedestrian zone. If we are feeling even more intrepid, you can then take a cable car to Mount Kasprowy Wierch and appreciate a view of Zakopane's beautiful landscape from an even higher altitude!

Sunday 13th: We start to retrace our steps travelling through Poland and on into Germany to our overnight accommodation in Chemnitz for one night dinner bed & breakfast.

Monday 14th: We continue on through Germany into Holland and Rotterdam for our over night ferry crossing to Hull.

Tuesday 15th: Morning disembarkation from the ferry as we leave Hull for our final leg of our journey home.

NB: EU Health Insurance Card recommended.

The Beautiful Black Forest



8 DAYS / 29 JULY - 5 AUGUST £670



Courtesy of Albatross © Mainau GmbH

The Black Forest, or Schwarzwald to give it its German name, is famous the world over. Deeply rooted in its traditional culture and possibly best known as the home of the cuckoo clock, the Black Forest is an area of mountains and forest 200 kilometres long and up to 60 kilometres wide, which borders France in the west and Switzerland in the south. The Enz, Nagold and Alb rivers and their tributaries have carved deep valleys into the densely wooded sandstone massif of the northern Black Forest region.



Courtesy of Albatross Lake Titisee-Neustadt © HTG

DAY BY DAY

Saturday 29th: We leave early morning and travel to Dover for the crossing to Calais from where we continue to our accommodation at the Mercure Hotel in Arras France.

Sunday 30th: We complete our journey to the Black Forest region and the Waldeck Spa Resort.

Monday 31st: Today we drive south into the most northerly region of Switzerland. Here we will experience the drama and beauty of the magnificent Rhine Falls, the largest waterfall in Europe. Here we enjoy a half hour boat trip with an audio guide. We then board our coach and travel to the nearby medieval town of Schaffhausen. The houses of the pedestrianised old town are richly decorated with oriel windows and lavishly painted facades and it is these that have contributed to Schaffhausen's reputation as the prettiest in Switzerland.

Tuesday 1st: Today we will drive towards Lake Constance and visit Mainau Island, known for its botanical gardens, the Castle of the Teutonic Order, its butterfly house and palm house. On arrival we enjoy a 90 minute guided tour of Mainau's botanical treasures. In the afternoon, we board our coach and travel the short distance to Constance.

Wednesday 2nd: In resort today - we will relax in our fabulous spa resort.

Thursday 3rd: Today we will visit the spa town on the north shore of Lake Titisee, one of Germany's prettiest lakes, and join 'The Titus' (built as a replica of a Roman galley) for an enjoyable 25 minute cruise. We then explore the town of Titisee-Neustadt before boarding our coach and continuing our circular drive to Triberg, known for its many traditional wood carving shops, cuckoo clocks and the highest waterfalls in Germany. This vibrant town also boasts an informative Black Forest museum and a picturesque 17th century church, both of which are worth visiting before we make our way to our hotel in time for dinner.

Friday 4th: After breakfast this morning, we will bid a fond farewell to the staff at our lovely hotel and begin our journey to Arras in France.

Saturday 5th: After breakfast we will head north to the port of Calais for our short sailing to Dover, before continuing our final leg of our journey home.

Please note: to enjoy the full benefit of this beautiful region some days are best suited to good weather conditions, and as a result these excursions may be swapped around to alternative days with better weather prospects, this will be left to the drivers discretion.

NB: EU Health Insurance Card recommended

YOUR HOTEL

Waldeck Spa Hotel, Bad Dür rheim, Black Forest ★★★★★

This modern, family-run 4 star hotel is traditional in style and located within a 10 minute stroll from the town centre. The public areas are bright and spacious and include a reception, bar, restaurant, roof terrace and garden. The 139 rooms are light and spacious, each with its own balcony, hairdryer and TV.



INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- Excursions as Detailed
- 2 Overnights with Hot/Cold Buffet Dinner, & Hot/Cold Buffet Breakfast at the Mercure Hotel Arras
- 5 Nights 3 Course Buffet Dinner Menu with 3 Choices of Starter & Main, Fixed Dessert & Salad Buffet in Resort
- 5 Nights Bed & Buffet Breakfast (Cold) in Resort
- Porterage at Resort Hotel
- Welcome glass of Sekt with short film about the history of the hotel on first night
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Free use of leisure facilities (excluding treatments)
- Boat trip at Rhine Falls (30 min) with audio guide
- Botanical guided tour of Mainau Island (90 min)
- Cruise on Lake Titisee (25 min)
- Return short short sea crossing

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £100

6 DAYS / 9 - 14 AUGUST

£625



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Due to its stunning beauty, the Rhine is an immensely popular holiday destination. Castles, cathedrals, woods and vineyards, hiking trails and a romantic river all contribute to the scenery, which inspired numerous poets and painters. The Rhine River begins near Bingen and runs through the valleys through the Taunus and Hunsrück mountains. On the middle Rhine river valleys there are numerous castles (Rheinstein, Reichenstein, Stahleck, Rheinfels, Marksburg and others) and many steep vineyards. Rhine in Flames is an annual celebration and the best way to enjoy the event is on board a boat where you will be amazed by the creative fireworks display. With between 30 and 60 boats neatly lined up, you will definitely be caught up in all the excitement of the evening. Vineyards, castles and riverbanks are awash with light during the finale and an enjoyable evening will be had by all.



INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Owen's Select Coach
- 1 Night Inc Cabin on the Hull-Rotterdam ferry Crossing
- Return Short Sea Crossing ■ All Rooms with Private Facilities
- Excursions as Detailed ■ 4 Nights Half Board
- Porterage at Resort ■ Welcome Glass of Wine Served Before Dinner
- Tea/Coffee after Dinner ■ Rhine in Flames River Cruise – 2 Course Meal
- Film Showing the Rhine Valley ■ Regional Dinner, Set Menu on 1 night
- Discounted Boat Trip Tickets available at Reception

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £82 LOWER BERTH INSIDE £8 per person
LOWER BERTH OUTSIDE £9 per person

YOUR HOTEL

Best Western Bellevue Rheinhofel, Boppard ★★★★★

This stylish 4 star hotel is situated on the main riverside promenade and is only a stone's throw from the centre of the town. Guests can either indulge with an aperitif in the cosy bar or relax in the hotel's leisure centre with sauna, steam bath and indoor swimming pool. Enjoy local specialities in the stylish restaurant with great views over the river. Decorated in a Belle Époque style with gilded mirrors and artwork on the walls. The 93 bedrooms are bright and elegant in style.



DAY BY DAY

Wednesday 9th: We leave this morning for heading Hull for our overnight ferry to Rotterdam. You can enjoy great onboard entertainment and delicious food choices on board your Hull ferry to Holland. You'll be assured of a good night's sleep too, thanks to the comfortable ensuite cabins. Taking the ferry to Rotterdam will cut miles of driving from our journey, and as it's all at night, those miles will disappear while you are asleep. When you wake up the next morning, you'll arrive at Rotterdam refreshed and ready to go.

Thursday 10th: We continue today into Germany and onto the banks of the Rhine to our resort of Boppard and the Rheinhofel.

Friday 11th: After a leisurely breakfast we head for the historic town of Bingen am Rhein. Down the ages Bingen am Rhein has always been a centre of the wine trade and an attractive destination for travellers. Here is where Germany's wine-growing areas of Rheinhessen, Nahe, Rheingau and Middle Rhine Valley meet. Bingen am Rhein is also known as the gateway to the Romantic Rhine and the UNESCO World Heritage of the 'Upper Middle-Rhine Valley'. It is a lovely place to explore. We then make our way across the river Rhine via ferry to the town of Rüdesheim. Here you may wish to trip on the cable car, use the Rüdesheim tourist train or visit the Niederwalddenkmal Memorial. There are numerous cafés and restaurants on the famous Drosselgasse, several with beautiful facades, and the moving clock for us to admire.

Saturday 12th: Enjoy a day at leisure in Boppard with its excellent promenade and panoramic views of the river. Why not take a cruise on the Rhine (Discounted boat tickets available at the hotel reception) or relax in Boppard as there are many shops to browse and a wide selection of cafés. We board the coach early evening and head to Koblenz to enjoy the highlight of the trip, the Rhine in Flames boat trip. Tonight is complete with an evening meal, music and dancing onboard. There is no better way to experience this spectacular event than on the River Rhine itself. Fire, water and light are the ingredients of this wonderful river cruise with a difference. Experience the awe-inspiring 'Rhine in Flames' event, a dazzling display of fireworks that illuminates the night sky above the beautiful Rhine - a pyrotechnical wonder that must be seen to be believed. The boat departs at approximately 19.15 and arrives back 00.30. The coach will arrive back at the hotel at approximately 1am.

Sunday 13th: We begin late morning with a scenic drive along the Moselle one of Germany's most beautiful river valleys. Like a blue ribbon, the Moselle twists and turns its way towards Trier and its source in the mountains of France. We will follow it as far as the charming town of Cochem on the shores of the River Moselle. The beautiful medieval centre is full of lovely shops and cafés with several cellars that are perfect for a short tasting session of the local wine, for which the area is world famous.

Monday 14th: Sadly its time to leave the beautiful Rhine Valley and head to Calais for our short sea crossing to Dover. After we disembark from our ferry we travel homeward.

NB: EU Health Insurance Card recommended.

Romantic Rhine Valley



6 DAYS / 11 - 16 MARCH

£375



Rüdesheim Deutsche Zentrale für Tourismus

Rüdesheim can lay claim to over 1,000 years of wine-growing history. Original, unique and exceedingly beautiful, the cobbled streets and quaint shops of this atmospheric town will charm your customers with its hospitable warmth, good food, wine, music and fairy-tale splendour.

YOUR HOTEL

Hotel Lindewirt, Rüdesheim ★★

This charming and traditionally decorated 3 star superior hotel has an abundance of character and is situated just a few steps from the Rhine and the famous Drosselgasse. The hotel is built around a courtyard featuring huge original wine casks and has a warm and welcoming atmosphere.



DAY BY DAY

- Saturday 11th:** We leave this morning heading to Hull for our overnight Ferry.
Sunday 12th: We travel through Holland into Germany and on to the Hotel Lindewirt.
Monday 13th: We make the short journey to the ancient city of Mainz. The centre of this city is a perfect place in which to spend a day, so we enjoy free time here at our leisure. Don't miss not only the large Cathedral, but also the famous Gutenberg Museum and the Kupferberg Wine Cellars. In the late afternoon we return to our hotel in Rüdesheim.
Tuesday 14th: Today we spend at leisure in the unique and beautiful town of Rüdesheim. Perhaps take a trip on the cable car or use the Rüdesheim tourist train but, whatever you do, don't miss a journey up to the Niederwald Memorial. With 350 self-playing instruments restored and housed at Siegfried's Music Museum, a visit here will literally be music to your ears. To top it all, we have arranged a 1 hour return scenic train journey on the Winzer Express from Drosselgasser to Rudshiem through the Vineyards.
Wednesday 15th: We visit the beautiful town of Wiesbaden. We spend time here enjoying the views before continuing onwards to the famous medieval city of Heidelberg. This outstanding city boasts the oldest (and one of the finest) universities in Germany. The castle itself remains the most iconic attraction, but there are also so many other fascinating places to visit including the Heidelberg Museum and the Holy Ghost Church.
Thursday 16th: Sadly it's time to leave the beautiful Rhine valley and head to Calais for our ferry crossing to Dover from where we continue homeward.
Early booking discount not available on this tour.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- Hull to Rotterdam Overnight Ferry on Outward Journey (Meals Not included)
- Calais – Dover on Return Journey
- Dinner & cold Buffet Breakfast at Resort
- A Rhineland Themed 3 Course Dinner
- Wine growers 3 Course 'themed' dinner
- Slide Show Followed by 45min Guided Walk of the Area
- Wine Tasting (3 Wines) with Cheese & Tour of the Wine Cellar
- 1hr Return Scenic Train Journey (Winzer Express)
- Porterage at Hotel

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £13. Cabin Supplements on request.

Hidden Gems of Holland & The Crossroads Of Europe



5 DAYS / 29 MAY - 2 JUNE

£379



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Located in the South Limburg part of Holland, Valkenburg is famous for its beautiful undulating scenery and pretty villages. This tour includes the wonderful cities of Aachen and Maastricht and the picturesque town of Monschau.

YOUR HOTEL

Hotel Walram, Valkenburg, South Holland ★★

Behind the marl stone facade all 100 comfortably furnished bedrooms are equipped with hairdryer and TV. The bar area and lounge are chic and modern and the traditional restaurant serves international cuisine. The hotel also offers a garden and outdoor terrace as well as an indoor swimming pool.



DAY BY DAY

- Monday 29th:** We leave in the morning and travel south to Dover for our short sea crossing to France. We continue through France and Belgium to Valkenburg.
Tuesday 30th: We leave after breakfast for the short journey to board the Zuid Limburgse Steam train on the Milionline, a railway which crosses the beautiful hilly site of Limburg. Our nostalgic train journey will take us on a beautiful sightseeing trip from Simpelveld and back to Valkenburg. The afternoon is free to explore Valkenburg's many attractions and in particular the town's underground caves are highly recommended.
Wednesday 31st: Today we will board our coach in the company of a local guide for our 'Three Countries Tour'. We drive through the pretty South Limburg countryside to Aachen, where we will be given a panoramic tour of this historic spa and border town in North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany. We will then visit Vaals, South Eastern Holland, and visit the Drielandpunt (Three Countries Point), the highest point in the Netherlands from which we can see the borders of Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands meet! After free time here for lunch, we will drive through Belgium and visit the American Cemetery at Margraten and enjoy a 1 hour walking tour. We will then head back to Valkenburg and enjoy a Three Countries themed dinner at our hotel.
Thursday 1st: We travel the short distance to Maastricht, one of the oldest cities in Holland and also known as the 'Paris of Benelux'. We enjoy a 2 hour boat trip through the historical harbour of Maastricht before exploring the city at our leisure.
Friday 2nd: We say goodbye to Valkenburg as we begin our journey home via Calais for our channel crossing and then onwards from Dover arriving home early evening.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel By Executive Coach
- Return Short Seat Ferry Crossings
- Porterage
- Welcome Drink
- 'Three Countries' themed menu on 1 night
- 3 course dinner with set starter & dessert (choice of main) on 3 nights
- Full day "Three Countries" guided tour
- Train journey on Milionline
- Boat trip around Maastricht harbour (2 hours)

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £45



3/4 DAYS / 14 - 16/17 AUGUST £375



Children 3 – 11 years when sharing with minimum 2 adults £210

When sharing with 1 adult £365

Experience Disneyland® Paris on our coach holiday to France. Join us as we whisk you away to the dreamlike Magical Kingdom where all your favourite Disney characters come to life in front of your eyes. Explore the five magical lands of Disneyland® Park and be enchanted with the enduring stories and fairytales we all know and love. Then head to Walt Disney Studios® Park to meet all your favourite Disney heroes and heroines, try your hand at movie making or simply enjoy the spectacular shows.

YOUR HOTEL

Novotel Hotel, Paris Marne-la-Vallée ★★★★★

The Novotel Mame La Vallée Noisy le Grand hotel is ideally located for a family visit to Disneyland® Paris. All 144 bedrooms are spacious, contemporary in design and equipped with hairdryer, TV and tea/coffee making facilities. The hotel offers a modern restaurant and bar area as well as a terrace and outdoor heated swimming pool.



DAY BY DAY

Monday 14th: Depart in the morning travelling to Dover for the early afternoon ferry crossing to Calais. You can take advantage of the ship's facilities including the restaurants and shopping areas before re boarding the coach for the remaining journey to our hotel. A comfort and refreshment stop will be taken during the journey.

Tuesday 15th: We depart the hotel this morning for a full day inside the Disney® Parks with Hopper ticket included. Your 2 Day Hopper Ticket allows you to enter and leave the Disneyland® Park and/or Walt Disney Studios Park as often as you like during the days valid on your ticket and also give you unlimited access to attractions and shows (except Shooting Gallery and the Video Games Arcade in Disneyland® Park)

Disneyland® Park Through its five magical Lands with shows and attractions for all ages, you will experience the thrill of adventure, the spirit of fantasy and the wonder of discovery.
Walt Disney Studios Park Magic! Behind the scenes immerse yourself in the never-ending, always fascinating worlds of Cinema, Animation and Television in a journey through four Zones.

Wednesday 16th: We leave after a leisurely breakfast at 10am. The coach will depart Disney after the fireworks (Fireworks 11-11.20pm) as we begin our journey homeward to Calais for the return sea crossing to Dover. We arrive home late morning on Thursday 17th with comfort and refreshment stops on route. *(Please note the driver will return to the hotel after dropping off in the morning for a day sleep before returning to Disney for the departure homeward)*

NB: EU Health Insurance Card recommended.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach ■ Return Channel Crossings
- 2 Nights Bed & Continental Breakfast
- 2 Day Dated Park Hopper Pass for Disneyland Paris

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £85

Ostend



5 DAYS / 9 - 13 OCTOBER £399



Aria Paula Hirama FC

Ostend has a very individual charm, characteristic sea front, mariners, parks, bustling markets and shops, lively nightlife and its centre piece casino. There are also fish and sea food stalls along the pier, a miniature railway, horse drawn carriage rides through the city and many parades, Festivals, markets and fairs to enjoy.

YOUR HOTEL

Ostend Hotel, Ostend ★★★

Located in the heart of the town within a short walk of the beach and shopping areas, this 3 star hotel offers 110 comfortable bedrooms, all of which are equipped with hairdryer and TV. The hotel also boasts a refurbished restaurant and, for the more active, there are limited fitness facilities.



DAY BY DAY

Monday 9th: We leave this morning heading south to Dover where we take our short sea crossing to Calais, before making the short journey to Ostend.

Tuesday 10th: Full Day tour to Brugge with its network of cobbled streets, gabled houses and tree lined canals; together the friendliness of the Flanders people, Brugge is one of the most beautiful towns in Europe.

(Please note the coach cannot drop off in the centre of Brugge, but there are convenient shuttle buses from the coach park. Small charge applies)

Wednesday 11th: Today we start mid morning and begin our excursion in Kortrijk where you will have time for lunch. Kortrijk is a city with a mix of modern and medieval buildings with plenty of cafes and shops to visit to choose from. After lunch we continue in to Passchendaele. Time will be given to visit the Tyne Cot Cemetery the resting place of nearly 12,000 soldiers of the Commonwealth forces, the largest number of burials of any Commonwealth cemetery of either world war. We will then travel on to Ypres where you will have free time to visit this lovely town. We highly recommend you spend time visiting the 'In Flanders Fields Museum' which is located in the famous Cloth Hall in the centre of Ypres. Time is also given for dinner before we visit the Menin Gate to witness the moving Last Post ceremony at 8pm. (No dinner is provided today)

Thursday 12th: A day to relax in our seaside resort on market day. Whether you wish to relax on the beach, take in the market day atmosphere and browse the market stalls or visit one of the seafront cafés for a traditional Belgian delight, such as a waffle. You can do as little or as much as you please.

Friday 13th: Sadly our holiday is drawing to a close and it's time to return to France for our short sea crossing to Dover and our journey north.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel By Executive Coach ■ Excursions as Detailed
- 4 Nights Bed & Buffet Breakfast ■ 3 Nights 3 Course Dinner with Tea/Coffee
- Unlimited Drinks 18.30 - 20.30 Wine, Lager, Beer ■ Return Ferry Crossing

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £64

Highlights of Normandy



5 DAYS / 31 AUG - 4 SEPT

£445



HONFLEUR

This tour will give you an introduction to the very best of Normandy. You can expect dramatic coastal landscapes, quaint pastoral villages, picturesque ports, classic half-timbered buildings and fabulous food, from Camembert to Calvados, from cider to seafood. Our hotel is in the pretty town of Lisieux.

YOUR HOTEL

Mercure Hotel, Lisieux ★★★

Each of the 69 bedrooms is decorated in a cosy style with facilities including TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors with many rooms on the ground floor. The bar and restaurant are located together on the ground floor with a pleasant ambience and enjoy views onto the outdoor swimming pool.



DAY BY DAY

Thursday 31st: Morning departure to Dover for a Channel crossing to Calais and on into Normandy and the first of our three nights stay in Lisieux.
Friday 1st: We take the short drive to the fashionable resort of Deauville before continuing on to the charming port of Honfleur. The picturesque town is perfect for exploring with its distinctive high, narrow, timber-framed and slate-clad houses.
Saturday 2nd: We begin our day at Bayeux to visit the stunning historic centre. There is the opportunity to visit the world-famous Bayeux Tapestry, which tells the story of the 1066 Norman conquest of England, before then exploring Bayeux, full of beautifully conserved timber-framed buildings and Bayeux Cathedral, a remarkable example of Norman architecture. We continue our day to Arromanches a lovely seaside town, time will be given to visit the D-day Museum and the Arromanches 360 Theatre. We follow the coast of the famous Gold, Juno and Sword Beaches arriving at Pegasus to visit the Pegasus Bridge & Museum, which retells the story behind the famous slider landing. We complete the day with a visit to the Atlantic Wall Museum (Le Grande Bunker).
Sunday 3rd: Today we visit the Chateau De Vendevre. This listed chateau still owned by the Vendevre family has kept most of its original furniture, maintaining its 18th century feel. You may also visit the chateau's kitchens in the basement, the gardens and the Orangery housing the Museum of Miniature Furniture.
Monday 4th: We return home after breakfast via a Hypermarket in Calais (Time Permitting) before catching our ferry to Dover.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Owen's Select Coach
- Four Nights Dinner, Bed & Hot/Cold Buffet Breakfast
- Welcome glass of cider/soft drink
- 3 Course Buffet Menu Dinners
- Return Channel Crossings
- Entrance to Tapestry with Audio Guide, Arromanches Landing Museum, Arromanches 360 Cinema, The Atlantic Wall Museum (Le Grande Bunker) Pegasus Bridge Museum and Chateau de Vendevre
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £105

Amsterdam and the Dutch Bulbfields



5 DAYS / 17 - 21 APRIL

£320



Tulips Bui Thuy Dao Nguyen Wikimedia

Europe's largest and most beautiful gardens 'KEUKENHOF' opens its doors every spring to visitors. See the dazzling displays of tulips, narcissi, hyacinths and other bulb flowers in all their glory covering over 32 hectares. It is a magnificent park with ongoing indoor and outdoor exhibitions which are quite unique. Take home lots of ideas for your own garden.

YOUR HOTEL

Princess Hotel, Loosdrecht ★★★★★

Located on the Loosdrecht Lakes the pleasant hotel is in a fantastic setting. Situated in the town centre the location is perfect for a stroll into town. The charming terrace at the back of the hotel overlooks the lake and is perfect for an evening drink.



DAY BY DAY

Monday 17th: We travel via York before continuing to Hull for the evening P&O overnight ferry to Rotterdam.
Tuesday 18th: We head to Keukenhof Gardens. Famed for its breathtaking displays of bulbs, Keukenhof has a whopping six million bulbs bloom every year to form a sea of flowers.
Wednesday 19th: Full day to Amsterdam. Holland's most vibrant city boasts 165 canals, 1281 bridges, 42 museums and many great sights. Admire the 17th century merchant houses or the floating flower market.
Thursday 20th: After breakfast we travel north to De Simonehoeve a local cheese farm and wooden shoe factory, for demonstrations of how these traditional Dutch products are made. We will then continue on to the nearby old fishing village of Volendam, well-known for its old fishing boats and the traditional clothing still worn by some residents. The women's costume of Volendam, with its high, pointed bonnet, is one of the most recognizable of the Dutch traditional costumes, and is often featured on tourist postcards and posters. In the afternoon we'll return to the port of Rotterdam to embark for your overnight voyage to Hull.
Friday 21st: Arrive in Hull. Disembark after breakfast and return home via Liverpool for free time before arriving in Oswestry late afternoon.
NB: EU Health Insurance Card recommended.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- Return overnight Ferry Crossings including cabins, (Dinner & Breakfast not included)
- 2 Nights 3 Course Buffet Dinner
- Excursions as Detailed
- Visit to Keukenhof Gardens

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £75

INSIDE LOWER BERTH CABIN: £21 PP

OUTSIDE LOWER BERTH CABIN: £26 PP

Early booking discount not available on this tour.

Wild Atlantic Way - Ireland



5 DAYS / 17 - 21 APRIL

£395



Sean MacEoinne FC

Ireland's beautiful southwest corner, the western-most part of County Cork, is an area of craggy coastlines, mighty mountains, remote little islands and crystal clear lakes. This is Ireland's most underrated corner - an area where visitors are always appreciated and rarely disappointed.

YOUR HOTEL

Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarberry ★★★

A family owned superior 3* hotel in the scenic surroundings of West Cork, in the south west corner of Ireland. Explore the local village with its colourful square which is as picturesque and traditional as you could wish for. Rooms feature hairdryer, TV and tea/coffee making facilities.



DAY BY DAY

Monday 17th: After local pickups we make our way to Holyhead for the crossing to Dublin. We then continue to Rosscarberry and our hotel.

Tuesday 18th: After a full Irish breakfast, we travel to Cork for free time. As Ireland's third city, it is busy and friendly with plenty to do. Visit St. Finbarr's Cathedral, Cork City Goal or wander the stalls in the English market. From here we continue to Cobh for an included visit to the Titanic Experience before travelling to Middleton for a tour and tasting at Jameson Distillery. We return to our hotel for dinner.

Wednesday 19th: After a full Irish breakfast we travel to Kinsale where we meet our guide for a tour of this medieval fishing port. Historic Kinsale is one of the most picturesque popular and historic towns on the south west coast of Ireland. Kinsale is the starting point of the Wild Atlantic Way. We return to the hotel in the early afternoon.

Thursday 20th: After breakfast this morning we travel to Glengarriff and take the ferry across to the island of Garinish to see the lovely Italian gardens. We then explore the beautiful Beara Peninsula, driving along the coast passing unspoilt fishing villages. There is time for a stop at Castletown Bearhaven overlooking Bear Island before we continue back to our hotel.

Friday 21st: We depart after breakfast to begin our journey across Ireland to Dublin for our ferry to Holyhead.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 nights' accommodation
- Return ferry from Holyhead to Dublin
- Full Irish breakfast
- 3 course, choice menu dinner with tea/coffee
- Entrance to Titanic Experience Cobh
- Entrance & Tasting at Jameson's
- Guided tour of Kinsale
- Entrance & Ferry to Garinish
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £66

Early booking discount not available on this tour.

Bray, Dublin & Wicklow Mountains



5 DAYS / 22 - 26 MAY

£335



POWERSCOURT

Amarda Susan Muirroe Wikimedia

The picturesque Wicklow Mountains National Park boasts a landscape of chocolate box vistas showcasing untamed forests, twisting mountain roads, fast flowing streams and lush valleys. Out and about we visit cosmopolitan Dublin and also enjoy a nostalgic trip back in time to awe-inspiring Avoca, the glorious location of the nineties TV hit Ballykissangel.

YOUR HOTEL

Royal Hotel, Bray ★★★

Located in the heart of Bray, only a five minute walk from the seafront and the perfect base from which to explore Dublin and surrounding areas. All bedrooms with en-suite facilities, television, telephone & tea/coffee making facilities.



DAY BY DAY

Monday 22nd: Morning departure as we head to Holyhead for the crossing to Dublin, continuing on to Bray for 4 nights dinner bed and breakfast.

Tuesday 23rd: Half day to nearby Enniskerry for a visit to the Powerscourt Estate, a beautiful 18th Century mansion set beneath the backdrop of Great Sugarloaf Mountain. The magnificent formal gardens incorporate sweeping terraces, ornamental lakes and an exquisite Japanese-style hideaway, one of Ireland's most popular attractions. The remainder of the day is free to enjoy the seaside town of Bray.

Wednesday 24th: Today we head to the 'Fair City of Dublin', the Grand Irish Capital. Here we meet our guide who will accompany us on a tour to discover the delights of this cultural city with its fascinating architecture and numerous attractions such as the Guinness Exhibition, Bewley's Coffee House, Trinity College, Phoenix Park and Dublin Castle.

Thursday 25th: This morning we drive into the scenic Wicklow Mountains. Visiting Avoca (the setting for the popular BBC TV series "Ballykissangel") and Glendalough, one of Ireland's most beautiful and historic centres; ancient churches and monuments set in the green valleys of County Wicklow.

Friday 26th: We return to the port at Dublin for an afternoon sailing back to Holyhead and home.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 nights accommodation with dinner and breakfast.
- Entrance to Powerscourt House and Gardens.
- Guided tour of Dublin.
- Return Irish Sea crossings.
- Excursions as Detailed
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £80

Early booking discount not available on this tour.

The Ring of Kerry



6 DAYS / 18 - 23 JUNE

£495



Touring Kerry is a constant delight and the coastal peninsular of Dingle and the Ring of Kerry offer some of the most spectacular scenery in the world which, together with the genuine hospitality of the Irish people, will make an unforgettable holiday. Our base is Killarney, in the heart of Ireland's scenic south-west peninsular.

YOUR HOTEL

Eviston House Hotel, Killarney ★★

The Eviston House offers a real slice of Irish hospitality, including a cosy lobby, traditional-style restaurant and the award-winning Danny Mann's Pub. Danny Mann's is famous across Ireland for its live music and entertainment, with singers and folk bands taking to the stage most evenings.



DAY BY DAY

- Sunday 18th:** Early departure for Fishguard for the ferry to Ireland and on to Enniscorthy for our overnight stay.
- Monday 19th:** We travel to Blarney Castle home of the famous "Stone of Eloquence". We continue on to the centre of nearby Cork, the largest city in the south of the republic. Cork City is southern Ireland's second city and has always been an important seaport. After time to explore and find lunch we head for Killarney and our hotel.
- Tuesday 20th:** This morning we swap our coach for a traditional mode of Irish transport on board a jaunting car (a horse drawn carriage). Our ride takes us through the spectacular Killarney National Park on a unique tour where no motor traffic is permitted. Making a short stop at the 15th century Ross Castle before joining the M.V Pride of the Lakes for a cruise on Lake Leane where the skipper will give you a commentary on the flora, fauna and historical heritage of the area. The rest of the day will be at leisure.
- Wednesday 21st:** Full day excursion around the Ring of Kerry. Savour 100 miles of spectacular scenery as you travel along the narrow coastal road of the Iveragh Peninsular. The journey begins at Killorglin, home of the world's oldest market, the famous Puck Fair, through Glenbeigh, calling at Kerry Bog Village.
- Thursday 22nd:** After breakfast we leave Killarney and the Eviston Hotel and cross Ireland to Enniscorthy with a stop at Waterford en-route. Our overnight stay is at the Treacy's Hotel Enniscorthy.
- Friday 23rd:** After breakfast we head through the Wicklow Mountains to Dublin City. We board the ferry in the afternoon for Holyhead.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- Outward Ferry, Fishguard to Rosslare
- Return Ferry, Dublin to Holyhead
- 2 Nights Dinner, Bed & Full Irish Breakfast, Treacys Hotel Enniscorthy
- 3 Nights Dinner, Bed & Full Irish Breakfast Eviston Hotel Killarney
- Excursions as Detailed in Itinerary
- Jaunting Car Tour & Lake Cruise

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £110

Ireland's South Coast



5 DAYS / 14 - 18 AUGUST

£375



Waterford is the capital of the sunny south east of Ireland. The county offers a dazzling coastline, beautiful river valleys and two dramatic ranges of very accessible mountains. Waterford was established in Viking times and it has an exciting medieval flavour and riverside bustle. The city's also the home of Waterford Crystal, a lifestyle product of exquisite craftsmanship.

YOUR HOTEL

Treacy's Hotel, Waterford ★★

Located opposite the Quayside in the centre of Waterford, this hotel is a few minutes stroll from the shops and bars and within easy reach to the Waterford Treasures. All en-suite bedrooms are equipped with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea / coffee making facilities. The hotel also offers Timbertoes Bar which has a real Irish feel, restaurant, swimming pool and beauty spa.



DAY BY DAY

- Monday 14th:** Early departure for Fishguard for the sailing to Rosslare before continuing on to the Treacys Hotel Waterford.
- Tuesday 15th:** Today you are free to explore Waterford, Ireland's oldest city. Located on Merchants Quay is the high-tech and interactive museum, Waterford Treasures, alternatively you may like to visit the House of Waterford Crystal where you can watch raw ingredients turned into beautiful one off commissions and browse the gift shop for a memento or two! Alternatively, you may wish to join our morning excursion to nearby Tramore before returning to Waterford for an afternoon at leisure.
- Wednesday 16th:** Today we take a full day excursion to Cork and Blarney. We begin with Cork, the largest city in the south of the Republic. Cork City is Ireland's third city. Just outside the city is Blarney Castle home of the famous "Stone of Eloquence".
- Thursday 17th:** This morning we head to New Ross where we visit the Dunbrody Emigrant Ship, a full size replica of a typical famine ship originally built in 1845 which took many thousands of Irish emigrants to a new life in America. We continue on to the city of Kilkenny where we visit Kilkenny Castle, after which you will have free time to discover the narrow medieval alleyways packed with interesting shops and traditional pubs.
- Friday 18th:** We say farewell to our host as we travel via Enniscorthy and Arklow, Continuing along the coastal road at the foot of the Wicklow Mountains via Newcastle, Greystones and Bray, completing the journey to Dublin for a mid afternoon sailing to Holyhead.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel By Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Outward Crossing Fishguard - Rosslare
- Return Crossing Dublin - Holyhead
- Choice menu at dinner
- Welcome drink
- Tea / coffee after dinner
- Free use of Leisure Centre & Gym
- Entrances to Kilkenny Castle & Dunbrody Emigrant Ship

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £80

Enchanting Ennis



6 DAYS / 17 - 22 SEPTEMBER

£495



Kyle Taylor, Dream It. Do It. FC

"Ireland's Friendliest Town", Ennis, is known for its sense of fun, relaxation, good humour and, of course, friendliness and our great value Inclusive package at Treacy's West County Hotel further enhances this with its excellent facilities and charming atmosphere. Add to this, our itinerary which showcases the best the area has to offer, and you won't fail to be attracted to this beautiful area – to be sure!

YOUR HOTEL

Treacy's West County Hotel, Ennis ★★

One of the best hotels Ennis has to offer, making it an ideal base to explore all the gems of County Clare. The hotel offers 152 recently refurbished rooms, each elegantly appointed with hairdryer, TV and tea/ coffee making facilities. sauna, steam room and gym.



DAY BY DAY

Sunday 17th: Early Departure for Fishguard for the ferry to Ireland and on to Waterford for our overnight stay at Treacy's Hotel, Central Waterford.

Monday 18th: Today we head for the west coast stopping off at Limerick before going on to visit Ireland's picture postcard village of Adare. We continue on to our hotel.

Tuesday 19th: Today we will take time to discover Ennis, not only the friendliest town in Ireland but also the capital of County Clare. We will have time to explore the atmospheric, winding medieval streets of a town that dates back to the 11th century. A short stop at the Clare Museum, will help us understand 6,000 years of County Clare's history. This afternoon we continue to Bunratty Castle and Folk Park.

Wednesday 20th: Today we explore County Clare's dramatic coast and country, taking in some of the region's natural beauty, as we enjoy a circular tour travelling via O'Brien's Tower, Ballyvaghan over looking Galway Bay, Kinvarra, and then south through Gort, and Ennis on the river Shannon, Kilrush, Kilkee at Mal Bay, and finally back to the hotel in time to prepare for your evening meal.

Thursday 21st: Today we head off for a full day visit to Galway City. There is certain chemistry and vibrancy to this friendly city, music, festivals, horse racing, pubs, restaurants, shops, theatres and most of all Galway people, combine to create this atmospheric medieval city.

Friday 22nd: Depart the hotel after Breakfast and to Dublin for our sailing to Holyhead, where we continue our journey home.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 5 Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Ferry Crossings
- Porterage (Both Hotels)
- Welcome Tea/Coffee on Arrival
- Enryt to Bunratty Castle
- Free bar between 18.30 – 21.00 hrs each night, selected drinks (Treacy's West County Hotel, Ennis)
- 4 Nights Live musical entertainment (Treacy's West County Hotel, Ennis)
- Packed lunch on 2 Days (Treacy's West County Hotel, Ennis)
- 1 Soup and Sandwiches at Ennis Hotel

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £100

Dunoon & Argyll's Castles & Gardens



5 DAYS / 2 - 6 JULY

£385



DES Shaw FC

We take the ferry across to Dunoon and Cowal in Argyll and experience the unparalleled scenery, the historic locations and the friendly people. The unspoiled Cowal Peninsular retains a unique Scottish identity that is reflected in its towns and villages. Dunoon boasts two lovely bays, a ruined castle and was former home of Mary Campbell, sweetheart of Robert Burns.

YOUR HOTEL

Argyll Hotel, Dunoon ★★

The recently refurbished Argyll Hotel is one of the local landmarks, with an impressive shorefront location and has excellent views of the River Clyde. The hotel is renowned for its stylish accommodation and typical Scottish charm.



DAY BY DAY

Sunday 2nd: We depart for the Scottish Riviera travelling north and over the border to Gourock where we board the ferry to Dunoon.

Monday 3rd: A spectacular day awaits, travelling over the Kyles of Bute, stopping for some photos, before catching the short sea crossing over to the Isles of Bute. We spend time in the Victorian seaside resort of Rothesay. The highlight of the day is the impressive gothic mansion of Mount Stuart, a testament to the Stuart's passion and flamboyance. A lavish Palace, arguably one of the best in the UK, with sumptuous rich rooms and a 300 acre labyrinth of impressive gardens.

Tuesday 4th: After breakfast we leave Dunoon, hugging the shoreline of Loch Fyne to the Georgian town of Inverary. We spend time in this historic market town with its many shops and attractions such as the 19th century Inverary Jail. Nearby is Inverary Castle, the ancestral home of the Duke of Argyll where you can stroll around the beautiful castle grounds leading down to the loch.

Wednesday 5th: Morning free, then a short drive into magnificent mountainous countryside within Loch Lomond National Park to discover the hidden Benmore Botanical Gardens. These enchanting gardens date back to the mid 1800's. There's a formal garden leading through the Redwood Tree Avenue, The Bhutenese Glade, Tasmanian Ridge and The Chilean Rainforest Glade. 120 acres, boasting a world famous collection of rare plants from the Orient, Himalayas and North and South America.

Thursday 6th: After a cooked hearty Scottish breakfast we depart for home.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Return Gourock to Dunoon Ferry
- Rothesay Ferry Crossing
- Entry to Mount Stuart Palace & Gardens
- Entry into Benmore Botanical Gardens
- Entry into Inverary Castle
- Entertainment at Hotel
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £44

Oban the Gateway to the Islands



5 DAYS / 21 - 25 APRIL

£295



NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

Lambarno UK CF

Your first view of the bustling town of Oban is one you are unlikely to forget. As you sweep down the hill towards the expanse of the bay, the view opens up before you and one begins to appreciate why Oban has developed into Scotland's most popular west-coast holiday town. Oban is the unofficial capital of the West Highlands - the "Gateway to the Isles".

YOUR HOTEL

The Columba Hotel, Oban ★★★

On the seafront in the middle of the town commanding wonderful views across the bay, town and hills. The hotel has recently been refurbished to its original Victorian glory and a warm welcome is accompanied by good food and service. There is a lift to all floors.



DAY BY DAY

Friday 21st: We travel northwards via the motorway and over the border into Scotland, travelling alongside the shores of Loch Lomond to Oban. A welcome drink will be provided on arrival.

Saturday 22nd: Free day to relax and enjoy Oban.

Sunday 23rd: Full Day tour of the lochs where we travel south along Firth of Lorne passing Loch Feochan, Loch Melfort, Loch Craignish and Loch Glip to the village of Lochgilphead, we then head north along Loch Fyne to Inveraray with its famous jailhouse. We then drive over Glen Aray to Loch Awe completing the round trip back to Oban.

Monday 24th: Excursion along the scenic banks of Lynn of Lorne, Loch Creran, and Loch Linnhe to Fort William a holiday destination for decades and offers a number of excellent attractions including the West Highland Museum, Treasures of the Earth, and the Ben Nevis Distillery as well as wonderful views of the bay where Loch Eil meets Loch Linnhe.

Tuesday 25th: We say goodbye to Oban after breakfast and begin our journey home.

Early booking discount not available on this tour.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel By Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Welcome Drink on Arrival
- Entertainment (Number dependent)
- Dinner Followed by Tea/Coffee
- Entry into Ben Nevis Distillery
- Portage
- Excursions as Detailed



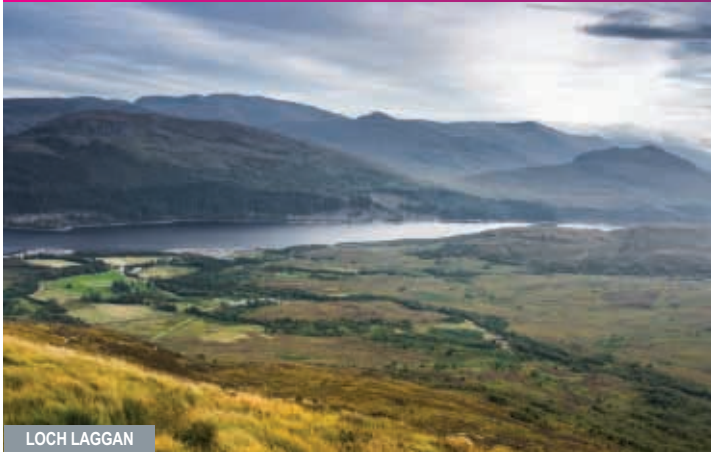
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Highland Scenes and Traditions



5 DAYS / 23 - 27 OCTOBER

£355



LOCH LAGGAN

Neilphoto FC

The Highlands, set in the heart of Scotland, offer some of its finest scenery. Steeped in tradition, the area is sparsely populated with many mountain ranges dominating the region.

YOUR HOTEL

The Highlander Hotel, Newtonmore ★★★

All 85 bedrooms are located opposite (externally) to the public areas and have good amenities including hairdryer, TV and tea/coffee making facilities. Although the hotel does not have a lift, all of the public areas and many of the bedrooms are on the ground floor with the remaining bedrooms on the 1st floor. It offers everything you would expect from a good hotel – friendly service, good food and first class entertainment.



DAY BY DAY

Monday 23rd: We travel to Newtonmore. This evening enjoy a welcome glass of wine with dinner as you settle into your Highland home.

Tuesday 24th: We travel to the holiday town of Fort William, set at the head of Loch Linnhe. We begin our experience with a journey on the Nevis Range Mountain Gondola. We then travel into Fort William itself, where there is time for lunch and to explore the town.

Wednesday 25th: This morning we start close to home with a visit to the Highland Folk Museum. After our visit we take a scenic drive through some of the locations used for the Monarch of the Glen television series. We take in Loch Laggan, with views of Ardverkie (Glenbogle) House from the series.

Thursday 26th: Today we enjoy a drive through the Cairngorms National Park, Britain's highest mountain range and home to spectacular scenery. We visit the holiday resort of Aviemore, set at the foot of Cairn Gorm itself, with free time to explore the shops and cafes on offer. This afternoon we drive back through the beautiful park scenery to Dalwhinnie Distillery, offering a combination of whisky and handmade chocolate. Enjoy a distillery tour* to see how the single malt whisky is made, followed by a tasting paired with their specially selected luxury chocolate! We then make our way back to our hotel for dinner.

*NB: the maximum number per guide is 16 people, so groups may be staggered.

Friday 27th: After our Scottish breakfast we begin our journey home.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Small Glass of Wine with dinner on First Night
- Live Entertainment on minimum of 1 night
- Dalwhinnie Distillery Tour & Tasting
- Trip on the Nevis Grange Gondola
- Entrance to Highland Folk Museum
- Portage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £75

Jacobite Steam Experience - Fort William



5 DAYS / 27 SEPT - 1 OCT £430



Courtesy of Veneus

This is a journey packed with many of Scotland's most iconic sights and scenery, as well as one of the great train journeys of the world on the Jacobite Steam Train. Fort William's setting is dramatic, on the shore of Loch Linnhe, and under the mighty hulk of Britain's highest mountain, Ben Nevis.

YOUR HOTEL

West End Hotel, Fort William ★★★

A well appointed family run hotel with a tastefully furnished restaurant, lounge bar and delightful patio. Unwind at Fort William's West End Hotel, with the breathtaking scenery of the Highlands at your doorstep. Please note: Single and some other rooms in our allocation are not accessible via the lift.



DAY BY DAY

Wednesday 27th: We head north to Fort William, with time to relax before your evening meal.

Thursday 28th: Full day on the Jacobite Steam Train described as one of the great railway journeys of the world, this 84 mile round trip takes you past a list of impressive extremes. It starts near the highest mountain in Britain (Ben Nevis), visits Britain's most westerly mainland railway station (Arisaig), we then pass close by the deepest freshwater loch in Britain (Loch Morar), and the shortest river in Britain (River Morar) and finally arrive next to the deepest seawater loch in Europe – Loch Nevis. You will pass many viaducts, villages and untouched countryside to reach your final destination, Mallaig, a small quaint Scottish town complete with small shops and cafes.

Friday 29th: Full day tour travelling along the lochs of Lochy and Oich towards Fort Augustus where we join the southern tip of Loch Ness. We will then travel the entire length on a 'Nessie Hunt' finally reaching Inverness. Our return journey will take us along the edge of the Cairngorm Mountains via Aviemore and Newtonmore.

Saturday 30th: A free day in Fort William.

Sunday 1st: Sadly after breakfast it's time to head south via Gretna Green over the border and home.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel By Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Return Journey on the Fort William to Mallaig Jacobite Express
- Excursions as Detailed
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £55

Easter in Blairgowrie



5 DAYS / 13 - 17 APRIL £305



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NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

Perthshire is our base for this scenic holiday; an area which has become synonymous for its majestic highland glen, picturesque lochs, ancient forests and characteristic towns and villages. Blairgowrie is one of the largest towns in Perthshire to the north of the city of Perth on the banks of the River Erich.

YOUR HOTEL

Angus Hotel, Blairgowrie ★★★

Situated in the centre of Blairgowrie where country shops, tea rooms and boutiques are in abundance. The Angus has an indoor swimming pool, sauna and spa bath. Each of the 81 bedrooms are all tastefully decorated and come equipped with hairdryer, TV and tea/coffee making facilities.



DAY BY DAY

Thursday 13th: We leave during the morning and travel to Blairgowrie for check-in at the Angus Hotel. On arrival enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with homemade shortbread.

Friday 14th: Today we visit one of the most iconic cities in the world, Edinburgh. The inspiring capital of Scotland where centuries of history meet a vibrant, cosmopolitan setting. Experience wonderful architecture, scenery, shopping and attractions in the Royal city. When we return to our hotel hot cross buns will be served.

Saturday 15th: After a leisurely breakfast we do the 'Royal Route'. We leave Blairgowrie and make our way through magnificent scenery to Bridge of Cally, Spittal of Glenshee to Braemar. We stop at the entrance to Balmoral Castle and also at Crathie Church which the Royals attend when at Balmoral. We then have a short stay at Ballater before returning to the Angus in time for dinner.

Sunday 16th: This morning we travel the short distance to Perth located on the banks of the River Tay, offering lovely riverside walks. You will find that Perth enjoys an air of elegant prosperity and regains the genuine atmosphere of a true country town with a rich city and tradition. Returning to our hotel for Easter Sunday lunch, followed by tea or coffee. This evening there will be a light buffet dinner.

Monday 17th: We leave Blairgowrie after breakfast and make our way home.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- One Lunch
- Excursions as Detailed
- Easter Egg for each Guest
- Live Musical Entertainment on 2 Nights
- Porterage

Early booking discount not available on this tour.

Scotland's Unique & Unusual



5 DAYS / 4 - 8 MAY

£389



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Our tour will include two unique and world class attractions around the city of Falkirk. Enjoy a boat trip on the world's only rotating boat lift, the Falkirk Wheel, followed by a visit to The Kelpies, a colossal monument to the horse-powered heritage of the region.

YOUR HOTEL

Westerwood Hotel & Golf Resort, Cumbernauld ★★★★★

Situated in acres of spectacular grounds with stunning views towards the magnificent Campsie Hills. With 148 spacious bedrooms, a large leisure club with a magnificent swimming pool and gym, a relaxing spa and fantastic bars and restaurant.



DAY BY DAY

- Thursday 4th:** We leave during the morning and travel north over the border to our hotel.
- Friday 5th:** Departing our hotel after breakfast to Falkirk where we board the Falkirk Wheel which was opened by the Queen in May 2002. Nothing like it has ever been built before anywhere in the world. You will take a boat from the basin and sail into the bottom gondola of the wheel, which makes a gentle sweep lifting the boat up to join the Union Canal 35m above. We then visit the Kelpies Experience. The Kelpies tower a colossal 30 metres above Scotland's Forth of Clyde canal and form a dramatic gateway to the canal entrance on the east coast of Scotland. Visitors can now experience a tour inside The Kelpies and hear all about their origin, inspiration and the engineering work involved in their creation.
- Saturday 6th:** Today we visit one of the most iconic cities in the world, Edinburgh. The inspiring capital of Scotland where centuries of history meet a vibrant, cosmopolitan city in an unforgettable setting. shopping and attractions in the Royal city.
- Sunday 7th:** Stirling is our destination today. Scotland's heritage capital, with a setting of mountains, rock crags and the winding river Forth, Stirling is 'the brooch which clasps together the Highlands and the Lowlands'. Included today is a free flow visit to Stirling Castle, one of the largest and most important castles, both historically and architecturally in Scotland.
- Monday 8th:** We enjoy our final Scottish breakfast before we start our journey home.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Falkirk Wheel
- Kelpies Experience
- Admission to Stirling Castle
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £88

Early booking discount not available on this tour.

Scottish Scenic Explorer



5 DAYS / 10 - 14 JULY

£399



NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

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"Big Tree Country" as this area is known, is full of superlatives – home to the world's highest hedge and Europe's oldest tree, tumbling streams and waterfalls, lochs and rivers, all amongst Scotland's best scenery. It is this, along with the unbeatable range of things to see and do that makes the region a magnet for visitors.

YOUR HOTEL

Crieff Hydro Hotel, Crieff ★★★★★

The luxurious 4 star Crieff Hydro is located in the heart of Perthshire, amongst 900 acres of Scottish countryside. All bedrooms are furnished to a high standard. Feeling like a resort in itself, the hotel offers a host of activities including a cinema, 18 hole golf course and extensive leisure facilities.



DAY BY DAY

- Monday 10th:** We travel north and over the border into Scotland and check-in at the Crieff Hydro Hotel where there will be a welcome drink of tea or coffee waiting for you while your bags are taken to your room.
- Tuesday 11th:** Today we visit Stirling, the ancient capital of Scotland, which is at the heart of the nation's history. We first take the opportunity to visit the Battle of Bannockburn Visitor Centre, where 2014 marked the 700th anniversary of this dramatic part of Scottish history. Continue into the city itself, where the streets of the old town wind upwards towards the Castle, 250 feet up on its craggy rock, dominating the surrounding landscape. Don't miss the impressive Wallace Monument. We continue into the splendour of the Trossachs National Park, along the shores of Loch Earn and the picture postcard town of Callander. There will be time to wander around this lively Highland holiday town with its many shops before we return to our hotel.
- Wednesday 12th:** Today we head into the heart of the Cairngorms National Park, home to Britain's highest mountains and breathtaking scenery. We visit the village of Braemar, famous for the Braemar Gathering, which attracts thousands of people and has the patronage of Her Majesty the Queen. The village retains a unique charm and is also the BBC's Winterwatch village, due to the abundance of wildlife. We continue through the dramatic Highland scenery to the resort town of Pitlochry. Popular for over 150 years as a holiday destination, this town boasts Queen Victoria as one of its original visitors.
- Thursday 13th:** Following breakfast we visit Perth, once Scotland's capital city. You will find that Perth enjoys an air of elegant prosperity and retains the genuine atmosphere of a true country town with a rich history and tradition.
- Friday 14th:** Sadly after breakfast we must leave Crieff and make our way home.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Welcome Drink on Arrival
- Scottish Themed Dinner on One Night
- Free Use of Leisure Facilities
- Free Use of 38 Seater Cinema
- Excursions as Detailed
- Porterage
- Admission to Battle of Bannockburn Visitor Centre



5 DAYS / 18 - 22 AUGUST

£399



CRATHES CASTLE

Nick Bramhall FC

A journey of discovery around some of Scotland's most magnificent castles, stately homes and gardens - many of which feature as must-see visits on Scotland's famous Castle Trail. Aberdeenshire is known as 'Scotland's Castle Country' boasting some of the finest castles in the country with more per acre here than anywhere else in the UK. Experience a wonderful cross section of the most famous and dramatic venues.



HADDO HOUSE

Iain Cameron FC

DAY BY DAY

Friday 18th: We travel to Aberdeen with time to relax before your evening meal.

Saturday 19th: Our first visit of the day is Aberdeen Maritime Museum which tells the story of the city's long relationship with the sea. This award-winning museum is located on the historic Shiprow and incorporates Provost Ross's House, which was built in 1593. The Maritime Museum houses a unique collection covering shipbuilding, fast sailing ships, fishing and port history. It is also the only place in the UK where you can see displays on the North Sea oil and gas industry. Aberdeen Maritime Museum offers visitors a spectacular viewpoint over the busy harbour. Free time will be given in Aberdeen before we board the Royal Deeside Railway, a standard gauge steam and diesel hauled heritage railway, in a beautiful setting running alongside the River Dee. The line is currently about one mile long and the return journey lasts about 15 to 20 minutes.

Sunday 20th: Walk in the footsteps of Queen Victoria at Haddo House. A 75-minute guided tour of the house is followed by time to explore the grounds. These include the formal terrace garden and Haddo Country Park, with its lakes, monuments, woodland walks and deer park. In the afternoon, discover Pitmedden Garden, one of Britain's top historic gardens dating from 1675. In the stunning Great Garden, thousands of colourful annual bedding plants make up an elaborate summer spectacle. Visitors can also enjoy woodland walks and a fascinating herb garden. In the 1950s, the Trust set about re-creating the gardens following designs dating from the 17th century. The adjacent Museum of Farming Life boasts an extensive collection of domestic and agricultural artefacts of a bygone era.

Monday 21st: Today, we include a visit to two stunning castles with connections to King Robert the Bruce. Our first visit is to Drum Castle, gifted by King Robert the Bruce and home of the Irvine family for over 650 years dating back to the 13th century. It is one of Scotland's oldest tower houses and is set beside an ancient oak woodland and a walled garden that contains a fine collection of historic roses which perfume the air. Drum has it all, from its medieval tower through to the Jacobean mansion and the more recent Victorian additions such as the impressive library converted from the lower hall. The real joy of a visit to Drum Castle is discovering how the work of these three very different eras interact to produce a truly fascinating building. We include a 60-minute out-of-hours guided tour before it is open to the general public to discover this unique castle. After the visit, make the short journey for a lunchtime visit to the fine Scottish town of Banchory, adjacent to the magnificent River Dee surrounded by lovely rural countryside and attractive hills. Then in the afternoon, explore Crathes Castle, an enchanting and remarkably well-preserved 16th-century tower house surrounded by 240 hectares of formal gardens, woodland walks and rolling Scottish countryside. The famous gardens feature ancient sculpted yew hedges and colourful double herbaceous borders. During the visit enjoy a Cream Tea consisting of a homemade fruit scone with clotted cream, jam and a sweet treat of the day plus a pot of loose leaf tea or Fairtrade coffee served to your table in a private dining area.

Tuesday 22nd: We say goodbye to Aberdeen after breakfast and begin our journey home.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Glass of house wine, beer or soft drink with each evening meal
- Aberdeen Maritime Museum
- Royal Deeside Railway
- Guided Tour of Haddo House
- Pitmedden Garden
- Guided Tour of Drum Castle
- Crathes Castle with Cream Tea
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £99

YOUR HOTEL

Hilton Aberdeen Treetops Hotel ★★★★★

Set in Aberdeen's quiet, leafy West End, located on the outskirts of the city, the 4-star Hilton Aberdeen Treetops has excellent facilities including a leisure suite with swimming pool, sauna, steam room and fitness centre, plus a lounge area, restaurant, café bar and coffee shop. All bedrooms feature flat screen satellite TV, complimentary Wi-Fi, telephone, iron & board, hairdryer and tea/coffee facilities.



Edinburgh Military Tattoo

Door 2 Door
AVAILABLE ON THIS TOUR



3 DAYS / 7 - 9 AUGUST 9PM PERF £235

3 DAYS / 21 - 23 AUGUST 9PM PERF £235



Courtesy of Albatross / The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

In 2017 Edinburgh once again hosts one of the world's most spectacular entertainment events as The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo draws together a host of creative talent from four continents. 2017 sees Scotland's colourful military musical spectacular celebrate its 67th season. Every year the programme includes music of the massed pipes and drums of the Scottish regiments together with the music of the massed bands from around the world. Add to this the setting of the castle, the delicate play of light, together with the excited murmur and applause of 9,000 spectators at each performance and you have the recipe for an evening once seen never forgotten.

YOUR HOTEL

King Robert Hotel, Bannockburn, Stirling ★★★

The King Robert Hotel is situated on the site of the Battle of Bannockburn on the outskirts of historic Stirling. The King Robert is a family run hotel where you will always find a friendly welcome and excellent value for money. All of our 52 en-suite bedrooms are non-smoking and equipped with all the necessary modern amenities from flat-screen TVs to free Wi-Fi, which is available throughout the hotel.



DAY BY DAY

Monday: We travel north before crossing the border into Scotland. A welcome tea or coffee will be served on arrival.

Tuesday: We board the coach and travel to Edinburgh where free time will be given to explore this exciting city. As you move around the city, you will find yourself drawn to a wealth of fascinating streets. With its stunning Georgian and Victorian architecture, and winding medieval streets, it's easy to see why Edinburgh has been listed a World Heritage Site. And the setting is captivating, Edinburgh Castle dominates the urban skyline, perched atop the crags of an ancient volcano right in the centre of the city. We then make our way to the Tattoo Stadium for a spectacular evening's entertainment and we return to the hotel after the performance. Dinner is not included today.

N.B. Tour dates may change depending on the day we are able to purchase Tattoo tickets.

Wednesday: We leave our hotel during the morning and return home.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 1 Night Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- 1 Night Bed and Breakfast
- Entrance to Edinburgh Tattoo

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £26

Llandudno - Jewel of North Wales

Door 2 Door
AVAILABLE ON THIS TOUR



5 DAYS / 13 - 17 MAY £340*

4 DAYS / 29 JULY - 1 AUGUST £340

NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)



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Llandudno is Wales' largest resort, uniquely situated between the Great and Little Ormes with two wonderful beaches. Llandudno has kept its Victorian and Edwardian elegance and splendour, despite its modern attractions. The Great Orme has an 112-year old tramway or you can soar to the summit on Britain's longest cable car and enjoy stunning views all the way to the Lake District.

YOUR HOTEL

Tynedale Hotel, Llandudno ★★★

The Tynedale Hotel is centrally located on Llandudno's iconic Victorian promenade and is a Visit Wales approved provider of holiday accommodation. This modern, bright and welcoming seafront hotel is just 20 metres from the beach and a short walk from the high street and the town's well preserved pier.



DAY BY DAY

Day 1: We travel via St Asaph and stop at the Woollen Mill en route to Llandudno, arriving during the afternoon. Afternoon tea will be provided whilst your cases are taken to your rooms.

Day 2: A day at leisure in Llandudno to enjoy the many sights.

Day 3: We leave after breakfast to nearby Conway. Its circuit of walls, over three quarters of a mile long are guarded by no less than 22 towers is one of the finest in the world. You may wish to visit the smallest house in Britain. This afternoon we visit Bodnant Gardens. Sitting above the River Conwy it has stunning views across Snowdonia and whilst very little of the garden is flat there is an information leaflet for visitors who cannot walk far enabling them to get the most from their visit.

Day 4: This morning we cross the Menai Straits to the Isle of Anglesey making a stop at Llanfair PG, shortened from the 58 letter longest named village in Britain. Continuing to the historic town of Beaumaris with its medieval castle dating back to the reign of Edward 1 and its Victorian Pier. We will make a short stop here before we return to Llandudno.

Day 4 (4 day tour): This morning is free in Llandudno before we return home after lunch via Betws-y-Coed

Day 5 (5 day tour): This morning is free in Llandudno before we return home after lunch via Betws-y-Coed.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel By Executive Coach
- 3 or 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast – Dine at Leisure
- Excursions as Detailed
- Entrance to Bodnant Gardens
- Entertainment during your Stay

* Early booking discount not available on this date.

4 DAYS / 24 - 27 SEPTEMBER £320



NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

Courtesy of Veneus

GWILI STEAM RAILWAY

Savour the best of what South Wales has to offer and discover unique attractions and treasures, along with stunning landscapes and the rich heritage and culture of the region. Our tour includes a variety of stunning attractions and experiences which also provide the opportunity to sample some of the regions culinary delights.

YOUR HOTEL

Best Western Aberavon Beach Hotel ★★

The 3* Aberavon Beach Hotel is ideally situated just a stone's throw from the sea on Aberavon seafront with two miles of flat promenade, a wide sandy beach and views across Swansea Bay to the Gower Peninsula. Relax in the all weather leisure centre, complete with heated pool, sauna and spa or sit on the sun patio and look out to sea and watch the world go by.



DAY BY DAY

Sunday 24th: We travel into South Wales for check-in at the Aberavon Beach Hotel.
Monday 25th: We head to the World Heritage site of Blaenavon, to arrive at Rhymney Brewery, where we will first learn about the art of making cheese and taste handmade specialist cheeses before we discover the secrets to crafting real ale. We then transfer into Blaenavon town centre to enjoy a 2-course lunch at a local restaurant. The Blaenavon Cheddar Company is a quintessential cheddar company producing fifteen distinctive cheddars and four varieties of goat's cheese. Their unique handmade cheeses are flavoured with local ingredients. The present family run company has brought back the old traditional flavours to produce unique beers with distinctive styles and flavours. In the afternoon we visit the Welsh Whisky Company. Visitors can experience the distilling, bottling process and the history of whisky making in Wales on our included guided tour, and of course you'll get to sample the spirits with a tasting session.
Tuesday 26th: Absorb the nostalgia of bygone days on Gwili Steam Railway. The railway is a living reminder of a Great Western Railway branch line set in the breathtaking Carmarthenshire hills. Enjoy tea, coffee and a slice of the Welsh delicacy "Bara Brith" on arrival before boarding our train for a 90 minute return journey. In the afternoon we visit Aberglasney House and Gardens. Recently restored to their former glory visitors can view the Cloister Garden, Pool Garden, Stream Garden, Pigeon House Wood, an 18th century Yew Tunnel, Lower and Upper Gardens, Church View and Bishop Rudd's Walk. We include a 45-minute history tour of Aberglasney to uncover some of the secrets of this historic venue plus a 60-minute guided tour of the amazing gardens led by the Head Gardener.
Wednesday 27th: We return home during the morning via Carmarthen.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel By Executive Coach
- 3 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Rhymney Brewery
- Blaenafon Cheddar Company
- Two Course Lunch
- Return Journey on Gwili Steam Railway
- Penderyn Distillery
- Portage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £66

Patron Saints & Pembrokeshire Gardens



5 DAYS / 29 MAY - 2 JUNE £365



NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

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ST DAVID'S CATHEDRAL

Based on the North Pembrokeshire coast which is ideal for discovering the natural beauty and heritage of the dramatic coastline and Welsh countryside. Including visits to Colby Woodlands Gardens, St. David's Cathedral and Cardigan Castle.

YOUR HOTEL

Fishguard Bay Hotel, Nr. Fishguard ★★

This traditional Victorian hotel provides stunning sea and mountain views and is located a 10 minute walk away from Goodwick Town. The building itself is visually striking, with its original high ceilings, architraves, oak panelling and stained glass windows



DAY BY DAY

Monday 29th: We arrive at our coastal hotel this afternoon with time to settle in prior to dinner this evening which will be a set menu or buffet style menu.
Tuesday 30th: After breakfast this morning, we will drive to the National Trust's Colby Woodland Garden in the heart of the Pembrokeshire countryside. Set within a tranquil valley, we are free to explore eight acres of beautiful woodland gardens. We will then drive to Narberth, a gorgeous little market town with multi-coloured Edwardian and Georgian buildings and considered by many to be a 'shopper's heaven!' Evening meal will be a 3 choice menu.
Wednesday 31st: After breakfast this morning, we will visit St David's, the smallest city in Britain with a population of little more than 1,600. St David, the patron saint of Wales, lived here in the 4th century and the area is a designated conservation area. A guided visit will be included today. Evening meal will be 3 choice menu.
Thursday 1st: Today, we will visit the ancient market town of Cardigan on the River Teifi estuary. Our first port of call is Cardigan Castle, which has been the subject of considerable renovation and opened its doors to the public early in 2015. We will then be free to explore the traditional town centre. Evening meal will be a 3 choice menu.
Friday 2nd: After breakfast, we begin our journey home returning via Cardigan and Aberystwyth.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Entrance to Colby Woodlands Gardens
- Guided Visit to St. David's Cathedral
- Entrance to Cardigan Castle
- 2 Nights Live Entertainment
- Portage



5 DAYS / 20 - 24 JUNE

£429



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YOUR HOTEL

Ascot Hotel, Douglas ★★

The Ascot Hotel is a warm, friendly and contemporary Isle of Man hotel which enjoys a fantastic location just 100 yards off Douglas sea front and promenade. Free use of swimming pool, spa and gym facilities for all guests including children at a local gym situated a two minute walk away from the hotel. The hotel is set back from the Seafront and due to the layout of the one-way system in Douglas coaches are unable to drop-off/pick-up directly outside the hotel. Please note: From the street, there are 6 steps into the reception area and 6 steps down into the restaurant. The hotel is set back from the seafront and due to the layout of the one-way system passengers will need to be dropped off at the Promenade and walk the short distance to the hotel.



Fabulous scenery, medieval castles, Victorian railways and trams, beautiful parks and gardens, countless sporting activities, fascinating museums and superb Manx wine, dining and entertainment, the Isle of Man has it all! This charming and friendly island has over 200 square miles of beautiful unspoilt countryside and a coastline with little coves and superb beaches. Our base is the island capital, Douglas, with its horse drawn trams, Victorian pier and little specialist shops.

DAY BY DAY

- Tuesday 20th:** We travel north to Heysham for the early afternoon crossing to Douglas.
- Wednesday 21st:** Free time in Douglas before we travel to the sleepy town of Peel, said to be the best example of a typical Manx town, with its dramatic castle.
- Thursday 22nd:** This morning we make our way through the lovely countryside of the south of the island to Port Erin, with its beautiful bay, overlooked by majestic Bradda Head. After a break we continue to Port St Mary and Castletown, the island's former capital. Return past Tynwald, home of the Manx Parliament, and across the island via Union Mills, another famous TT landmark, to Douglas.
- Friday 23rd:** Our excursion today takes us north to Laxey, home of the famous 'Lady Isabella' water wheel, and the Laxey Woollen Mill. Later we continue to the north of the island to Ramsey and return to Douglas following part of the TT races course through Sulby and Kirk Michael.
- Saturday 24th:** An early breakfast before we check out of our hotel and then take the crossing from Douglas to Heysham and home.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel By Executive Coach
- Return ferry crossing Heysham to Isle of Man
- 4 Nights 3 Choice 3 Course Dinner
- Tea/Coffee After Dinner
- 4 Nights Bed & Full Manx Breakfast
- Excursions As Detailed

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £66

Mystery

3 DAYS / 17 - 19 FEBRUARY	£155*
5 DAYS / 20 - 24 MARCH	£259*
4 DAYS / 21 - 24 APRIL	£200*
3 DAYS / 19 - 21 MAY	£155*
3 DAYS / 16 - 18 JUNE	£159
3 DAYS / 21 - 23 JULY	£159
3 DAYS / 18 - 20 AUGUST	£159
4 DAYS / 22 - 25 SEPTEMBER	£210
3 DAYS / 20 - 22 OCTOBER	£159

Love a mystery with a little intrigue to boot? Then join us on one of our Mystery Tours!

Once again we are pleased to include in our programme the ever-popular mystery tours. They will again be great value for money and every tour is guaranteed to be different from the previous month, and on each tour you will receive scenic tours to local places of interest and ample stops will be made. We guarantee only good quality hotels will be used, some having extensive leisure facilities, and all offering a very high degree of comfort. All rooms will have private facilities and you will enjoy dinner and full English breakfast each day.

* Early booking discount not available on these dates.



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TOUR INCLUDES

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 2, 3 or 4 Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast Accommodation
- Excursions to Local Places of Interest

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENTS

- 3 days £20
- 4 days £30
- 5 days £40

North East Treasures



5 DAYS / 24 - 28 AUGUST

£375



Courtesy of Veenus

Explore the unique home of the world-famous vet and author of *All Creatures Great & Small*, relax on a scenic river cruise, enjoy a memorable ride on the most popular heritage railway in the country and witness spectacular landscapes in the Yorkshire Moors.

YOUR HOTEL

Jurys Inn Middlesbrough Hotel ★★★★★

The Jurys Inn Middlesbrough (formerly Thistle Middlesbrough) is a contemporary 4 star hotel with 132 bedrooms located close to the centre of Middlesbrough in the heart of Tees Valley. Facilities include a health and leisure club with swimming pool, sauna, steam room, spa pool and fully equipped gym.



DAY BY DAY

- Thursday 24th:** We travel north via the motorways to Middlesbrough and check-in at the Jurys Inn.
- Friday 25th:** In the morning we make the short journey to Stockton-on-Tees for a relaxing river cruise. Take in the scenic views as the two-tiered Teesside Princess meanders downriver riding the ebb and flow of the River Tees. After the cruise, we head to the traditional North Yorkshire market town of Thirsk with an included visit to The World of James Herriot. Take a fabulous step back in time with a nostalgic journey through the former home and veterinary surgery where the world's most famous vet lived, practised and wrote his best-selling books which sold in their millions throughout the world. Their great success spawned two feature films followed by the television series *All Creatures Great and Small*.
- Saturday 26th:** A visit to the North Yorkshire Moors Railway is like taking a step back in time with its magnificent steam engines or heritage diesel trains, beautiful rural stations and smartly uniformed staff. It is an unforgettable journey through spectacular Yorkshire countryside on Britain's most popular heritage steam railway. Tea/coffee and biscuits are served on board on the single journey between Grosmont and Pickering. We will spend time after the train journey in the market town of Pickering, and return to our hotel via the charming village of zHelmsley.
- Sunday 27th:** Today we visit the historic city of Durham, acclaimed as a World Heritage Site and dominated by the magnificent Norman Cathedral and castle.
- Monday 28th:** We leave after breakfast and return home via York.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- River Tees Cruise
- World of James Herriot
- North Yorkshire Moors Railway
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £77

County Durham the Land of the Prince Bishops



5 DAYS / 26 - 30 JUNE

£385



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County Durham is unique, as for many centuries it was a virtually independent state ruled not by the king, but by powerful 'Prince Bishops', who were more or less the 'Kings of County Durham'. Northumberland boasts an infinite variety of landscape from desolate moors to rugged hills as well as eighty miles of coastline.

YOUR HOTEL

Redworth Hall Hotel, County Durham ★★★★★

A Jacobean Manor House which dates back to 1693. Sitting in 150 acres of stunning woodland Barceló Redworth Hall Hotel is ideal for a relaxing country break. The hall retains many of its original features, namely the Baronial Great Hall and spiral stone staircase.



DAY BY DAY

- Monday 26th:** Morning departure as we head via Harrogate for lunch before continuing north for check-in at the Redworth Hall and will be greeted on arrival with coffee, tea, scones, preserves and cream.
- Tuesday 27th:** Full day excursion to Beamish, a superb living museum. It's no ordinary museum, but a living, working recreation of life in the Great North in the early nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Meet people from the past, travel on the trams and vintage bus, venture underground at the Drift Mine. Sample the treats at the Jubilee Confectionery, talk to the animals at the farms, have a drink in the Sun Inn or catch a lesson in the village school. Visit The Colliery Village, The Town and Pockerley Old Hall.
- Wednesday 28th:** Today we depart for Northumberland to see Alnwick Castle and Gardens, one of the largest inhabited castles in Europe. Take time to explore this beautiful garden with its Grand Cascade, Rose Garden, Cherry Orchard, Ornamental Garden and Tree House. This magnificent medieval castle with its lavish staterooms is now home to the 12th Duke of Northumberland and his family. It's more recently known as Hogwarts in the first two Harry Potter films.
- Thursday 29th:** This morning we travel to the ancient and historic city of Durham, acclaimed as a World Heritage Site and dominated by the magnificent Norman Cathedral and castle, high above the River Wear. We have time to explore and obtain lunch before our afternoon visit to Locomotion at Shildon an outpost to the National Railway Museum at York. Here you can see trains from the early 1800's to 1970's.
- Friday 30th:** Depart after breakfast to explore York with top attractions such as; The York Dungeons, the Jorvik Viking Centre and York Minster, departing York mid afternoon.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast Accommodation
- Cream Tea on Arrival
- Entry to Alnwick Castle & Gardens
- Entry to Beamish
- Entry to Locomotion (Free)
- Excursions as Detailed
- Use of the Leisure Club
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £110

Scarborough & North Yorkshire Moors



5 DAYS / 15 - 19 MAY

£345

5 DAYS / 10 - 14 SEPTEMBER

£365



Courtesy of Veenus

Scarborough fully justifies its claim as one of Britain's major resorts, being ideally set between two bays and overlooked by the ruins of Scarborough Castle. The rugged North Yorkshire Moors National Park is within easy distance, as is historic Whitby. We also enjoy a full day to the historic City of York, with its many attractions.

YOUR HOTEL

Red Lea Hotel, Scarborough ★★

Situated on Scarborough's favoured South Cliff, close to the Scarborough Cliff Lift. The attractions of Scarborough town centre, Scarborough Castle and bustling harbour are only a short stroll away. With beautiful sea views, indoor swimming pool, comfortable bedrooms, great restaurant and friendly service the Red Lea has got everything you need. Please note there are 7 steps to the entrance of the hotel.



DAY BY DAY

- Day 1:** Morning departure for our journey to travel to Scarborough, arriving late afternoon at your hotel for 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast.
- Day 2:** After breakfast the day is free for you to discover the varied attractions of Scarborough. Enjoy the delightful promenade in the attractive Belvedere Gardens, take a short walk across the Spa Footbridge to the centre of town or venture down to the golden beaches of South Bay, or the busy little harbour. Beneath Scarborough's indoor markets is a warren of antique shops or for the historically minded Scarborough's fortress castle gives splendid views across two sweeping bays.
- Day 3:** Today we take a ride on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway from Pickering to Goathland. This celebrity station has been seen most recently as Hogsmeade Station on the Harry Potter films and is the home of Aidsensfield in the popular TV series 'Heartbeat'. Enjoy a meander into the local shops or maybe have a swift drink in the 'Aidsensfield Arms' before continuing our journey across the moors to Whitby. Standing on the River Esk, Whitby is a quaint old fishing town where local fishermen can still be seen mending their nets outside of their cottages in the narrow streets and alleys. Famous as the home of Captain Cook and where the graveyard at the parish church of St Mary, inspired Bram Stoker to include it in his novel 'Dracula'.
- Day 4:** Enjoy a day excursion to the historic city of York. The whole city has a wonderful atmosphere, and there is so much to see - the intriguing shops in the Shambles, the Jorvik Museum, the Castle Museum with its quaint Victorian streets, the National Railway Museum, and, most stunning of all, York Minster, Europe's largest gothic church.
- Day 5:** We leave after breakfast and begin our journey home.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- Excursions as Detailed
- North York Moors Railway
- 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- Tea/Coffee following Dinner
- Porterage
- 3 Nights Entertainment

Yorkshire Boats, Vines & Railway Lines



5 DAYS / 11 - 15 JUNE

£325



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A new tour which includes a wine tasting at Holmfirth Vineyard, a Steam Train journey through the Worth Valley to Haworth and a boat trip through Britain's longest canal tunnel. We also take a drive over the bleak but beautiful Saddleworth Moor.

YOUR HOTEL

Cedar Court Hotel, Huddersfield ★★★★★

This recently refurbished hotel offers brand new Grill 54 restaurant and a fully equipped health club with swimming pool, sauna, steam room & gym. The en-suite bedrooms feature free WiFi, TV, hairdryer & tea/coffee making facilities.



DAY BY DAY

- Sunday 11th:** We leave during the morning and travel via the Victorian spa town of Harrogate. Continuing to the Cedar Court Hotel for check-in
- Monday 12th:** After a full English breakfast we travel south from our hotel towards Holmfirth. Our day begins with a visit to Holmfirth Vineyard where we walk around the vineyard (weather permitting) learning about the grapes before we enjoy a tasting of 3 English wines – a red, rose & white. We continue into the village of Holmfirth, home of Last of the Summer Wine, to enjoy some free time before we return to the hotel for dinner.
- Tuesday 13th:** This morning we travel to Keighley where we join the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway for our steam train journey through the Worth Valley to Haworth. We have free time in Haworth to explore the cobbled main street with its art galleries, an array of places to eat & drink and shops. We return to the hotel for dinner.
- Wednesday 14th:** Today we depart for Marsden to visit Britain's longest canal tunnel - Standedge Tunnel. At 3.25 miles long, and over 200 years old, typical cargoes included wool, coal and horse manure! Included is a 30 minute boat trip into the tunnel, one of the entertaining guides will thrill you with tales of folk who designed, built and worked in the tunnel. There is also an exhibition centre and café. After time for lunch here we take a scenic drive back to the hotel over the bleak but beautiful Saddleworth Moor.
- Thursday 15th:** We leave after breakfast and return home via Oswaldtwistle Mills the former weaving mill with over 100 retailers all under one roof.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Tour and Tasting at Holmfirth Vineyard
- Train Journey from Keighley to Haworth
- Boat Trip into Standedge Tunnel
- Oswaldtwistle Mills
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £66

Secrets of South Yorkshire



4 DAYS / 26 - 29 MAY

£215



VisitEngland/Brodsworth Hall/English Heritage / English Heritage

South Yorkshire is full of pleasant surprises. Alongside some of the UK's best shopping, family attractions and nightlife, you'll find some of UK's finest Gothic architecture, museums and Victorian monuments. This engaging mix of old and new makes South Yorkshire a must for every generation.

YOUR HOTEL

Mezure Sheffield Parkway, Nr Rotherham ★★★★★

This modern 4 star hotel offers 78 spacious, well-equipped rooms. The Foundry Restaurant & Bar provides a choice of modern cuisines and a range of beers, wines and spirits. All air-conditioned rooms feature safe, iron and ironing board, telephone, tv and tea/coffee making facilities.



DAY BY DAY

Friday 26th: We travel via Buxton and Baslow to Chesterfield where time will be given for lunch before continuing to our hotel for check-in.

Saturday 27th: Today we visit one of Yorkshire's best kept secrets, Brodsworth Hall & Gardens, a magnificent stately home where time stands still. This once opulent Victorian hall offers a fascinating insight into the changing fortunes of a previously wealthy Victorian family. Following our visit we travel to the Lakeside Village Shopping Centre, near Doncaster where time will be given for lunch before we visit the Victoria Cross Trust at Ashworth Barracks, a charitable organisation that works tirelessly to ensure the memory and graves of every Victoria Cross recipient are remembered and maintained for generations to come. Fund raising activities, aim to generate income to subsidise the upkeep and preservation of Victoria Cross graves; many of which had been forgotten, were unmarked, without headstones or had fallen into disrepair, without any living family members to maintain or look after them.

Sunday 28th: We drive to the historic city of Lincoln with its magnificent Cathedral, and next to it the Norman castle. The old town is a labyrinth of little alleyways and interesting shops to explore.

Monday 29th: We leave after breakfast and travel the short distance to Renishaw Hall & Gardens. Nearly 400 years and generations of the Sitwell family have made their mark on the architecture, gardens and wider estate which comprise Renishaw and so much of what you see on your visit. Following our visit we return home.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 3 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Entry into Brodsworth Hall
- Entry into the Victoria Cross Trust
- Entry into Renishaw Hall
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £49

Early booking discount not available on this tour.

Breathtaking Lake District



5 DAYS / 7 - 11 AUGUST

£410



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The Lake District, Cumbria, is a region of incredible beauty famous for its stunning scenery, abundant wildlife and cultural heritage. The area is made up of ancient woodlands and forest, river valleys, lakes, mountains and simply stunning coastlines. Newby Bridge is a small village adjoining the River Leven at the southern end of Lake Windermere. It got its name from the five-arched stone bridge built across the river in 1651.

YOUR HOTEL

Newby Bridge Hotel, Ulverston ★★★★★

A charming Georgian mansion hotel located on the southern shore of Lake Windermere. Situated within its own grounds, this hotel is traditionally decorated with several rooms having original features including wood panelling and log fires. There is no lift, however ground floor rooms are available.



DAY BY DAY

Monday 7th: We travel north along the motorways to Newby Bridge and check-in at the Newby Bridge Hotel. Welcome drink of tea or coffee will be served on arrival.

Tuesday 8th: Today we travel to Coniston Water to Hawkeshead with its delightful cottages and cobbles, then to Ambleside with its much photographed Bridge House. Finally we visit Bowness on Windermere for an opportunity to take a lake cruise and enjoy the magnificent views of mountain scenery, secluded bays and wooded islands.

Wednesday 9th: Our excursion today takes us the short distance to Holker Hall and Gardens. Holker Hall is the home of Lord and Lady Cavendish who welcome visitors of all ages to one of the best-loved stately homes in Britain. Holker Hall is set in exceptionally beautiful countryside with gardens that merge into parkland framed by Lakeland hills. The immaculately kept gardens (25 acres in all) are part woodland and part formal garden.

Thursday 10th: A full day travelling via Wordsworth's Grasmere and Thirlmere Lake to the lovely Victorian town of Keswick, the North Lakes most popular destination set in an idyllic location nestling between the Skiddaw Mountains and Derwent Water. We continue via the shores of delightful Ullswater then climb the spectacular Kirkstone Pass to an altitude of 1489 feet, the Lake District's highest pass.

Friday 11th: A morning visit to Kendal with its castle ruins, quaint cobbled streets, antique shops, the K Village shopping outlet and the famous 'Kendal Mintcake'. We leave Kendal after lunch for our journey home.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Entrance to Holker Hall & Gardens
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £80

Lytham, Blackpool & Pendle Witches



5 DAYS / 12 - 16 JUNE

£360



NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

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Lynn Rainard FC

The trials of the Pendle witches in 1612 are among the most famous witch trials in English history, and some of the best recorded of the 17th century. The twelve accused lived in the area around Pendle Hill in Lancashire, and were charged with the murders of ten people by the use of witchcraft. Of the twelve who went to trial nine women and two men were found guilty and executed by hanging; one was found not guilty.

YOUR HOTEL

The Inn on the Prom, St. Anne's on Sea ★★★

Ideally situated overlooking the Irish sea. This elegant hotel is one of Lancashire's premier venues. The hotel has undergone a £2m refurbishment and offers different styles of accommodation. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, Jacuzzi and gym.



DAY BY DAY

Monday 12th: We head north to St. Anne's via Southport, noted for its sandy beaches and many golf courses. Its elegant town centre provides an array of shops to browse.

Tuesday 13th: We travel across country to one of Lancashire's famous mills. Here we meet our local guide who will take us on a scenic drive around the Pendle country whilst telling us the dark tale of the Pendle Witches. We return to Oswaldtwistle Mill for a little shopping time or to visit one of the cafes for a spot of lunch. We continue into the Forest of Bowland, an area of outstanding natural beauty, and the Trough, a dramatic, narrow valley which winds through the lovely countryside villages high into the Bowland Fells with panoramic views and breathtaking scenery. We stop at Guy's Thatched Hamlet on the Lancaster Canal where we enjoy a delicious cream tea on Owd Nell's Tavern before returning to the hotel for dinner.

Wednesday 14th: We travel to Blackpool for free time in this fabulous seaside resort. We have included an early Afternoon Tea at the Tower Ballroom with the remainder of the day at leisure to explore. We return to Lytham in the late afternoon.

Thursday 15th: Our tour of the Lake District begins as we travel firstly to the pretty village of Grasmere with time if you wish to visit Wordsworth's museum and also Dove Cottage, his home from 1799 to 1808, the years of his supreme work as a poet. We continue to Bowness, the 'heart' of the Lake District with every sort of shop you can imagine as well as many cafes and restaurants. Whilst here you may like to take a cruise on Lake Windermere.

Friday 16th: This morning is at leisure in Lytham and St. Annes-on-Sea. These dual seaside towns are nestled along a picturesque stretch of coastline lined with well-tended lawns, a boating lake and pretty parks. Enjoy expansive sandy beach, Victorian pier, historic windmill and stylish independent shops. We leave St. Anne's early afternoon

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Guide for Pendle Witch Tour
- Entrance to Blackpool Tower with Afternoon Tea
- Cream Tea at Owd Nell's Tavern
- 2 Nights Live Entertainment
- Porterage

Blackpool Entertains



5 DAYS / 20 - 24 MARCH

£255



NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

ADDED VALUE TOUR

VisitEngland/Visit Blackpool

There's so much to do in Blackpool that you'll be spoilt for choice. Theatres have shows on every night, the Blackpool Pleasure Beach theme park is right by the sea front, or how about a visit to Blackpool Zoo, the Sea Life Centre or Madame Tussaud's? Blackpool is a year-round tourist hotspot. If you don't fancy walking far, traditional trams can take you along the seafront.

YOUR HOTEL

Carousel Hotel, Blackpool ★★★

Graded by the AA as Blackpool's highest-rated 3-star hotel, the beautifully refurbished Carousel on Blackpool's seafront is approximately 10 minutes' walk from the Pleasure Beach. Many bedrooms enjoy views across Blackpool's seafront and out to sea.



DAY BY DAY

Monday 20th: We travel north and visit Southport. After lunch we continue to our hotel.

Tuesday 21st: A free day at leisure in Blackpool. This afternoon there will be a afternoon tea dance in the hotel.

Wednesday 22nd: Full day Southern Lakeland tour calling at Grasmere, home of Wordsworth's Dove Cottage and Nelson's Gingerbread Shop. In the afternoon we visit Bowness on Windermere with the opportunity to take a cruise on England's largest lake.

Thursday 23rd: To Morecambe where you may wish to visit the promenade to view the Eric Morecambe Statue and visit the indoor Festival Market, a traditional covered market with 108 stalls and shops including 2 cafes. There is a wide choice of goods available. To conclude our day we call into Fleetwood Freeport Outlet Village overlooking the marina and River Wyre. This evening enjoy a Gala dinner and Ballroom Dancing.

Friday 24th: The morning is at leisure in Blackpool before we return home early afternoon.

Early booking discount not available on this tour.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Afternoon Tea Dance
- Entertainment Each Evening
- One Complimentary Drinks Voucher pppn
- Fully Inclusive local tram & bus pass
- Porterage



Grasmere Lynn Rainard FC

Ribble Valley



4 DAYS / 9 - 12 MAY

£285



NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

Courtesy of Veneus

Ribble Valley is the largest district in Lancashire in terms of area, the majority of which is designated as an Area of Outstanding Beauty. Here you will find velvet green valleys, commanding fells and heather strewn moorland among the breathtaking scenery of picturesque countryside. Positioned in the ageless landscape of rural Lancashire, this area remains relatively unexplored. At 300 square miles, time appears to have bypassed this historic area immersed in rich heritage.

YOUR HOTEL

Inn on the Prom, St Anne's on Sea ★★ ★

Situated opposite the South Promenade this family owned hotel is perfectly placed for your comfort and convenience. The hotel has a restaurant, ballroom, comfortable lounges and bar.



DAY BY DAY

Tuesday 9th: We leave during the morning and travel to Southport which has beautiful beaches, unspoilt coastline, unbelievable natural beauty, stunning architecture, one of the oldest piers in the UK along with a superb choice of shops. We continue to St. Anne's-on-Sea for check-in at the Inn on the Prom. Tea/coffee and cake will be served on arrival.

Wednesday 10th: Today we visit Bowness-on-Windermere for an opportunity to take a lake cruise and enjoy magnificent scenery, secluded bays and wooded islands. We return via Kendal with its castle ruins, quaint cobbled streets, antique shops, the K Village shopping outlet and the opportunity to purchase the famous 'Kendal Mintcake'.

Thursday 11th: After breakfast we travel to Clitheroe and start our guided tour of the Ribble Valley. Our first stop is the village of Downham (famous for the film 'Whistle down the Wind' and the BBC series 'Born and Bred'). We then make our way through the Ribble Valley to Stonehurst College, a building dating from 1595 and now a private school. This is followed by a visit to Jeffrey Hill and then to the award winning village of Chipping where time will be given for lunch. Continuing to the villages of Dunsop Bridge, home to the eagle owls and also the centre of the United Kingdom. Finally we head to the village of Newton followed by a stopover at Slaidburn where time will be given for perhaps afternoon tea and ice cream before returning back to Clitheroe and St. Anne's-on-Sea. This evening there will be a sparkling wine reception.

Friday 12th: We leave after breakfast and call at Oswaldtwistle Mills before continuing to Bury, famous for its market. Leaving Bury during the afternoon.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 3 Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Guided Tour of Ribble Valley
- Tea/coffee and cake on Arrival
- Two Nights Entertainment
- Sparkling Wine Reception on Last Night
- Portage

Chatsworth, Buxton & Last of the Summer Wine



5 DAYS / 11 - 15 SEPTEMBER

£395



NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

Amandahsaler FC

The Peak District is a natural playground of different sights and places to visit from historic houses and old churches to the stunning natural wonder of the peaks, caverns and rocky gorges, taking you to one of the most beautiful and inspiring parts of the UK. Step inside the home of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, an enchanting estate steeped in history, where every object tells a story. Wander the immaculately manicured gardens and imagine days gone by.

YOUR HOTEL

Kenwood Hall Hotel, Nr. Sheffield ★★ ★★

The 4 star Kenwood Hall Hotel is located in an idyllic country setting with 12 acres of beautiful parkland, complete with lake! The hotel provides spacious rooms, all with classical décor and many with views of the lake and gardens.



DAY BY DAY

Monday 11th: We head east stopping at Melton Mowbray home of the famous pork pie and one of the homes of Stilton cheese. We have time for lunch before continuing to our hotel.

Tuesday 12th: After a leisurely breakfast we take a scenic drive through the Peak District National Park to the spa town of Buxton. Highlights include the Pavillion Gardens and Opera House and the Devonshire Dome, and there are plenty of coffee shops and restaurants in which to enjoy a drink and something to eat. We return to our hotel via the old market town of Bakewell set in an enviable location on the banks of the Wye.

Wednesday 13th: After breakfast today we travel to Chatsworth House, home to the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, the house is renowned for the quality of its art and landscapes. There are over 30 rooms to explore, from the magnificent Painted Hall, regal State Rooms, restored Sketch Galleries and beautiful Sculpture Gallery. The 105 acre garden features historic and modern waterworks and sculptures, Victorian Rock Garden and Maze. Time here for lunch before we continue to Renishaw Hall's Vineyard for a tour and tasting before we return to our hotel.

Thursday 14th: Today we travel to Holmfirth – known locally as 'Little Hollywood' – location of the TV classic Last of the Summer Wine. Sitting in the heart of the breathtaking Holme Valley, this picture postcard town offers heritage and culture, shopping and quaint cafes.

Friday 15th: We return home via Chesterfield, today is market day one of the biggest open-air markets in the country, selling everything from cutlery to carpets, from shirts to shoes, from pans to potatoes. Whatever you want to buy, there's a stall selling it somewhere.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Entry into Chatsworth House
- Tour & Tasting at Renishaw Hall's Vineyard
- Portage



5 DAYS / 30 APRIL - 4 MAY

£360



BURGHLEY HOUSE

VisitEngland/Burghley House, Burghley

England's second largest county is an outstanding area of ever-changing landscapes, picturesque countryside plus exciting and scenic destinations. Experience lazy waterways, one of Europe's most iconic and magnificent Cathedrals, a beautiful 17th century Manor House garden and England's grandest Elizabethan House.

YOUR HOTEL

Ramada Resort Grantham Hotel, Marston, Nr Grantham ★★★

Enjoy the tranquility of this charming rustic hotel set in the beautiful countryside of Grantham, Lincolnshire in the heart of England. Formerly known as The Olde Barn Hotel, this hotel has an atmospheric restaurant maintaining the charm of the original building.



DAY BY DAY

Sunday 30th: We make our way to the hotel in Lincolnshire arriving in time to settle in before dinner.

Monday 1st: This morning head to magnificent Burghley House, one of the largest and grandest Elizabethan houses, built in 1555 by the Lord High Treasurer to Queen Elizabeth I. One of the Treasure Houses of England, it offers a fascinating insight into life in England over the centuries. 2016 marked the 300th anniversary of the birth of Lancelot 'Capability' Brown and Burghley is surrounded by 1000's of acres of 'Capability' Brown parkland. From Burghley we continue on to pretty Rutland, England's smallest county, where you embark on a 45-minute cruise on Rutland Water, one of the largest man-made lakes in Europe. This informative and relaxing cruise benefits from audio commentary from the captain.

Tuesday 2nd: We travel to Lincoln with its world famous Cathedral and castle. Take a trip back through time as you stroll along the many cobbled streets which lead to the impressive castle and Cathedral. Enjoy a wander around the Cathedral quarter and visit the beautifully imposing Lincoln Cathedral, one of the finest medieval buildings in Europe. You are treated to a guided tour of this exceptional building.

Wednesday 3rd: Set in a beautiful village with glorious borders, shrubs, walks and ponds, Auburn Hall Garden is a lovely 17th century manor house which only opens its doors on a few occasions each year. Your visit here today includes a private tour with the Head Gardener. From here, we continue on to Newark on Trent where we spend the remainder of the day at leisure.

Thursday 4th: After enjoying breakfast, leave the hotel and make the homeward journey with suitable stops on the way.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Private guided tour with the Head Gardener at Auburn Hall Gardens
- Burghley with a 90-minute guided tour
- 45-minute Rutland Water cruise
- Guided tour at Lincoln Cathedral
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £66

Early booking discount not available on this tour.

Royal Sandringham & English Shires



5 DAYS / 15 - 19 MAY

£340



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NEW TOUR

This new tour is simply packed with wonderful attractions from start to finish. The highlight is a visit to Sandringham House, the much-loved country retreat of Her Majesty The Queen and the private home of four generations of British monarchs since 1862. We also include a trip on the Grand Union Canal and a visit to Barnsdale Gardens and Boughton House.

YOUR HOTEL

Rockingham Forest Hotel, Nr. Rockingham ★★★

The Rockingham Forest Hotel is pleasantly situated just outside the pretty Northamptonshire village of Rockingham, just a short distance from ancient Rockingham Castle. The hotel does not have a lift as all bedrooms are ground and first floor only.



DAY BY DAY

Monday 15th: Depart in the morning travelling to Rockingham and arriving late afternoon at Rockingham Forest Hotel. Tea and biscuits served on arrival.

Tuesday 16th: We begin today with a ride around Rutland Water as we head for historic Stamford. Take a walk around the historic town – there is much to admire, from the beautiful architecture to the delightful shops, with an abundance of coffee shops and pubs to keep you going. There is time for lunch here before we drive to visit the famous Barnsdale Gardens, familiar to many TV viewers as home of the late Geoff Hamilton, and Gardeners World. The gardens comprise 37 individual gardens and features all blended together by the borders into one eight acres garden.

Wednesday 17th: We make for the little village of Foxton. Here we board 'Vagabond', an elegant vintage motor launch, for a trip on the Grand Union Canal, seeing the Foxton flight of 10 locks, and gently passing through peaceful countryside. At Foxton there is a canal pub where refreshments are available. This afternoon we visit Boughton House, home of the 10th Duke of Buccleuch and his family with a staggering collection of arts, rare furniture, porcelain, weaponry and textiles. In 2012 the house hosted the cast and crew of Oscar winning film 'Les Miserables' and was featured in several scenes.

Thursday 18th: Norfolk is our destination today as we head east to Kings Lynn, a historic medieval port situated on the River Great Ouse for a coffee stop before continuing to visit Sandringham House and Grounds, the Norfolk retreat of Her Majesty the Queen, here we have free time to explore and obtain lunch, late afternoon returning to the hotel.

Friday 19th: After breakfast we leave and begin our journey home.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel By Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- One Night Entertainment
- Excursions as Detailed
- Barnsdale Gardens
- Foxton Locks boat trip
- Admission to Boughton House
- Admission to Sandringham House & Gardens
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £26

Early booking discount not available on this tour.

Great Yarmouth & Norfolk Broads



5 DAYS / 5 - 9 JUNE

£325

NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)



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YOUR HOTEL

The Comfort Hotel, Great Yarmouth ★★ ★

Just two minutes' walk from the town's glorious golden beaches. When you walk through the doors, you'll find a warm and friendly reception, and every member of staff are dedicated to making your stay as relaxing and enjoyable as possible. All 50 bedrooms are en-suite with modern comforts and each is tastefully decorated. In room facilities include bath/shower combined, satellite TV, tea and coffee facilities, hairdryer, internet access, telephone and radio alarm. *Please note this hotel does not have a lift, however there are 3 rooms on the ground floor and 10 rooms accessible via 5 steps. There is a stair lift from the ground floor to the Below Decks Restaurant.*



DAY BY DAY

Monday 5th: We depart during the morning and travel east across the country to Great Yarmouth arriving at our hotel for 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast.

Tuesday 6th: Free day in Great Yarmouth.

Wednesday 7th: Full day tour heading for the north Norfolk coast to reach Sheringham, a busy little resort with a fine sandy beach, a myriad of small seaside shops and the preserved sail powered lifeboat is worth visiting. Our second coastal visit takes us to nearby Cromer, a small Victorian holiday resort set on a bluff above the sea. The prominent church tower, which dominates the town, is the highest in Norfolk, there are lovely cliff-top gardens, and fishing boats on the beach catch succulent crabs which are found just off the coast.

Thursday 8th: We begin the day with a visit to Wroxham and the charming Norfolk Broads where we enjoy a cruise around the picturesque Broads. This afternoon we head west into Norwich. A visit to the Cathedral is a must, also cobbled Elm Hill and the Castle Mall shopping complex.

Friday 9th: Sadly after breakfast we bid farewell to Great Yarmouth and begin our journey home.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights 3 Course 3 Choice Dinner, Bed and Breakfast Accommodation
- Tea or coffee on arrival ■ Excursions as Detailed
- Broads Cruise ■ 2 Nights Evening Entertainment
- Porterage

Enticing East of England & Cambridgeshire Charm



4 DAYS / 16 - 19 JUNE

£310



NENE VALLEY RAILWAY

Step back in time and discover the heart of rural East England, and experience two of the East's finest gems - the wonderful Barnsdale Gardens and the historic Nene Valley Railway.

YOUR HOTEL

Marriott Peterborough ★★ ★ ★

The 4 star Peterborough Marriott Hotel is set within 11 acres of landscaped grounds, located just three miles from Peterborough city centre. Enjoy a drink in the bar or lounge areas or relax at the hotel's Leisure Club with its indoor swimming pool, gym, sauna and whirlpool. The hotel does not have a lift but a number of ground floor rooms are available.



DAY BY DAY

Friday 16th: We depart during the morning and visit Boughton House. This remarkable house is a blend of the intimate and the grand, drawing its inspiration from the Palace of Versailles. The French architectural design also inspired filmmakers at Universal to use Boughton in the latest film adaptation of Les Miserables. On arrival you will receive Soup and Sandwiches followed by tea/coffee, a Guided tour of the house and a Guided tour of the garden.

Saturday 17th: Full day to Cambridge. Be inspired by the many beautiful museums and art galleries. Admire the beautiful architecture and majestic college buildings. Explore quaint passages set around the historic market place and colleges, where a unique and relaxing shopping experience can be found.

Sunday 18th: In the morning, head to Barnsdale Gardens, originally created by the late Geoff Hamilton for BBC Gardeners' World. It showcases 38 inspirational individual gardens within an 8 acre site, full of colour, flora and fauna. Our afternoon journey takes us to Wansford Station to join the historic Nene Valley Railway. Step back in time as you climb aboard a heritage train, relax in restored wooden panelled coaches or compartments and be taken back to the heyday of the golden age of the railway. Enjoy a return trip taking in the whole length of the line. The train departs to the west taking in the 617yds long Wansford tunnel built in 1845, before arriving at the country station at Yarwell, south of the River Nene on the Northamptonshire border. From this point after the run round of the engine, the train makes its way back past Wansford to Peterborough Nene Valley Station. After a brief stop here, when you could inspect various items of goods rolling stock, the train heads back to Wansford.

Monday 19th: We leave after breakfast and return home via the historic city Ely.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel By Executive Coach ■ 3 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Entrance into Barnsdale Gardens ■ Return Trip on Nene Valley Railway
- Porterage ■ Entrance to Boughton House

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £66

Constable Country & East Anglia



5 DAYS / 19 - 23 MARCH

£320



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Little villages, lush green meadows, rich farmlands and sandy heathlands depicted by the famous painters Constable and Gainsborough. We visit historic Bury St Edmunds, with its Dickens connections, and the delightful East Anglian countryside and peaceful coastline. All this combines to give a holiday of particular charm and nostalgia.

YOUR HOTEL

Best Western Marks Tey Hotel, Nr. Colchester ★★★★★

4 miles from Colchester. Offers an excellent standard of accommodation. Hotel facilities include The Lifestyle Health and Leisure Club with heated indoor swimming pool, sauna, steam room and gym.



DAY BY DAY

Sunday 19th: Morning departure from your home area travelling to East Anglia and arriving late afternoon at Marks Tey Hotel. 4 nights stay - dinner, bed and breakfast. Enjoy a glass of wine with dinner tonight.

Monday 20th: This morning we discover the idyllic villages on our tour of Constable Country, including the birthplace of the famous painter at East Bergholt, an unspoilt village with many fine old houses and cottages. The church at Dedham, with its 131ft tower, and the little hamlet of Flatford Mill, were favourite landscape subjects and you can soak up these scenes of England at first hand. In the afternoon we visit the 'Essex Sunshine Coast' with bustling Clacton-on-Sea and more relaxed Walton-on-the-Naze, returning later to the hotel.

Tuesday 21st: This morning we have a ride to historic Bury St. Edmunds, famous for its Abbey Gardens and the Angel Hotel, where Dickens had Mrs Pickwick stay. We have time to explore the town and obtain lunch. From here we head for the pretty villages of Cavendish and Clare, with their pastel coloured cottages, to take a break in Lavenham, one of our best preserved medieval villages with its many colourful and half timbered houses.

Wednesday 22nd: Today's jaunt takes us into the rural north and the coastal village of Thorpeness. Here we pass The House in the Clouds, one of the country's most famous follies, originally built as a water tower, now a family holiday base. We come to the time warp seaside town of Aldeburgh, little changed for many years. From here we continue to historic Southwold and in the afternoon we have a short break in Woodbridge before returning to our hotel.

Thursday 23rd: After breakfast we leave and begin our homeward journey.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Guide Services of Constable Country
- Portage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £66

Early booking discount not available on this tour.

Cash on your Mantelpiece



4 DAYS / 6 - 9 OCTOBER

£285



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These long weekends are fun for everybody – whether or not they have a specific interest in antiques. They are based on the TV show concept where people are encouraged to hunt for bargains – and there's a prize for the winner. Everyone is also encouraged to bring along a small trinket which will be discussed at the hotel by a knowledgeable antiques host. Then it's out to a local collectors fair with cash in hand to have fun seeing who bags the best bargain or the most interesting item.

YOUR HOTEL

Fownes Hotel, Worcester ★★

Formerly a Victorian glove factory, situated by the Worcester to Birmingham canal, the hotel offers outstanding service and comfort. The Fownes' canopied entrance gives it the air of an elegant town house and a warm welcome awaits visitors on arrival. The hotel has 61 elegant and stylish en suite bedrooms.



DAY BY DAY

Friday 6th: We travel via Stratford upon Avon and Evesham before continuing on to the Fownes Hotel Worcester to check in at the Hotel. Meet your Antiques Host after dinner when during a fun session the small items the group members have brought from home can be discussed.

Saturday 7th: Today we take a leisurely excursion exploring the Vale of Evesham and the Cotswolds, we will also have free time at the docks in Gloucester where there is an excellent antiques centre.

Sunday 8th: Today we head straight to Malvern Flea & Collectors Fair, in a beautiful setting overlooked by the Malvern Hills, where our intrepid bargain hunters will browse to search for the best bargain, or the most interesting item they can find! Back at the hotel after dinner these items will be presented to the group and the antiques host will declare whether it's treasure or trash! A prize will be given for the day's most interesting purchase.

Monday 9th: After a final leisurely breakfast, free time will be given in Worcester, a beautiful Cathedral and university city with a fascinating history of industry, a wealth of interesting architecture, an unrivalled selection of high street names and independent boutiques. You may wish to visit the Museum of Royal Worcester which has collections dating back to 1751.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel By Executive Coach
- 3 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Antiques Host on 2 Evenings
- Entrance to a Flea & Collectors Fair

Cotswolds, Castles & Cruises



5 DAYS / 29 MAY - 2 JUNE

£380



WARWICK CASTLE

NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

The Cotswolds is richly rural. There are more than 3,000 miles of public rights of way over rolling hills, ancient woodlands and wildflower meadows. There is also a great tapestry of farmland with 4,000 miles of historic Cotswold stone walls dividing up the landscape. Included are a visit to Warwick Castle and a cruise in Stratford-Upon-Avon.

YOUR HOTEL

Ettington Chase Hotel, Nr. Stratford Upon Avon ★★

Set in 11 acres of beautifully landscaped grounds, just 7 miles from Stratford Upon Avon, Ettington Chase elegantly combines a beautiful historic building with modern facilities. All bedrooms feature TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities.



DAY BY DAY

Monday 29th: We leave during the morning and travel directly to Stratford where free time is given before we check-in at the Ettington Chase Hotel.

Tuesday 30th: After a leisurely full English breakfast, we travel to nearby Warwick. Entrance is included to the castle – with 1,100 years of draw-dropping history, magic, myth and legend. Attractions include the Castle Dungeon, the Mighty Trebuchet, Princess Tower, awesome interiors and rolling landscaped gardens. Free time in Warwick before we return to our hotel.

Wednesday 31st: After a full English breakfast we leave on a tour of the Cotswolds. Famous for hundreds of honey-coloured limestone villages and chocolate box scenes. We travel via Stow-on-the-Wold and Bourton-on-the-Water and return via the Cathedral city of Worcester, on the banks of the River Severn.

Thursday 1st: After our breakfast this morning we depart for the market town of Stratford-Upon-Avon, birthplace of William Shakespeare. We have included a cruise aboard a traditional Edwardian passenger launch which cruises downstream past the Royal Shakespeare Theatre and Holy Trinity Church, before turning around and passing under the 15th century Clopton Bridge. Once through the bridge, the scenery changes as we carry on upstream and discover quiet river banks and meadows with glimpses of large secluded houses and beautiful river-side gardens.

Friday 2nd: Our final full English breakfast this morning before we travel to Leamington Spa for free time. Wide boulevards and Georgian & Edwardian architecture provide a sophisticated backdrop to this regency shopping paradise. We return home after time for lunch.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Entry into Warwick Castle
- 40 minute Cruise in Stratford Upon Avon
- Porterage

Churchill's Blenheim & Heroes of Bletchley



4 DAYS / 15 - 18 SEPTEMBER

£310



BLETCHLEY PARK

NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

Enjoy a superb weekend away as you visit the secret intelligence headquarters at Bletchley Park, home to the intriguing Enigma Machine, and the magnificent Palace at Blenheim. Learn about clandestine operations and tales of deception as they are brought to life and spend time exploring Churchill's birthplace and strolling around the 'Capability' Brown landscape gardens which, in 2016 celebrated its 300th anniversary year.

YOUR HOTEL

Mecure Abbey Hill Hotel, Nr Milton Keynes ★★

This stunning hotel provides a tranquil setting and newly refurbished bedrooms with a modern and contemporary design. All bedrooms come with air-conditioning and satellite TV.



DAY BY DAY

Friday 15th: Travel to Milton Keynes via the National Memorial Arboretum, home to over 200 significant memorials, representing military, civil services, local and overseas organisations and charities.

Saturday 16th: After a full English breakfast we depart for our included visit to Bletchley Park. Once Britain's best kept secret, today Bletchley Park is a unique heritage site and vibrant tourist attraction. Explore, experience and enjoy the top-secret world of iconic WW2 codebreaking huts and blocks set within its atmospheric Victorian estate. We continue to the market town of Aylesbury – offering both the history and heritage of its old quarter as well as the modern shopping centres of a contemporary town.

Sunday 17th: We continue our WW2 theme today with an included visit to the birthplace of Winston Churchill – Blenheim Palace. Explore the Palace, a masterpiece of baroque architecture with a permanent Churchill exhibition, before strolling through the intricate formal gardens with water terraces and a secret garden. We continue to Oxford, the 'City of Dreaming Dpires' for free time.

Monday 18th: We return home after breakfast stopping at Stratford upon Avon.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 3 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Entrance to Bletchley Park
- Entrance to Blenheim Palace
- National Memorial Arboretum
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £33

Counties Explorer in the Beautiful South



5 DAYS / 28 SEPT - 2 OCTOBER £345



Courtesy of Veenus

Discover four picturesque counties in Southern England and take in some of the UK's most famous and delightful towns and cities. Experience Oxford - the City of Dreaming Spires, England's ancient capital Winchester, the medieval cathedral city of Salisbury, and the Royal town of Windsor.

YOUR HOTEL

Hilton Hotel, Newbury ★★★★★

The hotel offers a spacious lounge, comfortable bar and restaurant. All bedrooms feature rich, warm tones and include private facilities, TV, telephone and tea and coffee making facilities. There are full leisure facilities including a 15-metre heated indoor swimming pool, whirlpool, sauna, steam room and fully equipped gym. There is no lift at the hotel but a number of ground floor bedrooms are available on request.



DAY BY DAY

Thursday 28th: Our outward journey takes us to Oxford, the "City of Dreaming Spires" boasting 1,500 listed buildings from every major period of British architectural history from the 11th century onwards. No wonder Oxford is a firm favourite of film makers from all over the world, and is also regularly used as the backdrop to many major TV dramas. In the afternoon we continue on to Newbury and our hosts at the Hilton Hotel.

Friday 29th: This morning we take a journey into the past with The Kennet Horse Boat Company and enjoy a leisurely 2 hour boat trip with cream tea on one of England's finest canals. A nostalgic horse-drawn barge journey offers a great way to escape from the madness of modern life and experience the slower pace of yesteryear. We continue on to Winchester, recently named best place to live in the UK by The Times. It is most well known for its eleventh century Cathedral, Europe's longest medieval Cathedral and for the Great Hall which for over 600 years has housed the mysterious Round Table.

Saturday 30th: Full day tour takes us into Wiltshire, arriving at the stunning medieval city of Salisbury. Known as 'The City in the Countryside', it is surrounded by a landscape so quintessentially English it's almost too good to be true.

Sunday 1st: We head into Berkshire to the famous and popular Royal town of Windsor. You can't say the word Windsor without conjuring up images of the world's oldest and largest inhabited castle, royalty, the changing of the guard, the River Thames and Eton College.

Monday 2nd: Our return journey takes us via the beautiful towns & villages of the Cotswold's with a suitable lunch stop en-route.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Free Flow Visit of Salisbury Cathedral
- 2hr Horse Drawn Canal Boat trip with Cream Tea
- Tea, coffee & cake on arrival at the hotel
- Glass of wine, ½ pint of beer or soft drink with dinner on the last night
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £88

Down on the Docks



4 DAYS / 6 - 9 AUGUST £260



Courtesy of Veenus

Being one of England's only island city's and a fascinating centre for maritime history. Portsmouth Harbour Tours are the best way to explore the Dockyard as you come up close to Lord Nelson's famous warship HMS Victory. Visit the new HMS - Hear My Story Exhibition at the National Museum of the Royal Navy which tells the undiscovered stories from the men and women who have made the Royal Navy's history over the last century.

YOUR HOTEL

Chichester Park Hotel, Nr. Chichester ★★★

On the outskirts of historic Chichester, Chichester Park Hotel features a modern health club and stylish bistro. The traditional bedrooms have Wi-Fi access and tea/coffee facilities. All rooms feature a work desk, a private modern bathroom with a hairdryer, and a TV with satellite channels. The leisure club features a sauna, spa pool and steam room. Fitness facilities include a gym and an indoor swimming pool.



DAY BY DAY

Sunday 6th: We leave during the morning and travel south to our hotel for check-in.

Monday 7th: After breakfast we travel the short distance to Portsmouth Dockyard, a great place to experience 800 years of Royal Naval history, where you may use your all-day ticket to visit the following attractions:-

HMS Victory – the Royal Navy's most famous warship. Explore the world's oldest commissioned ship, a proud memorial to Vice Admiral Lord Horatio Nelson, Britain's greatest naval hero.

The National Museum of the Royal Navy – one of the country's leading maritime museums.

A 45 minute Harbour Cruise. You may enter inside the dockyard where a member of staff will guide you to the cruise. Times of the cruise are between 11.00 – 16.00 (run once every hour).

HMS Warrior 1860, 'Action Stations' Exhibition and Mary Rose Museum

Tuesday 8th: This morning we visit Worthing, the largest all year round seaside resort in West Sussex and is a delightful destination with a stunning setting between five miles of coastline and the beautiful South Downs National Park. This afternoon free time will be given exploring the charming south coast city of Chichester. There's history on every corner, from the Tudor Market Cross to the dominant Norman Cathedral which dates back to 1080.

Wednesday 9th: We return home after breakfast via Winchester, boasting one of the most impressive cathedrals in England, along with other historic attractions.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 3 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Portsmouth Historic Dockyard

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £50

Garden of England & Leeds Castle



4 DAYS / 27 - 30 MARCH

£270



LEEDS CASTLE

VisitEngland/VisitKent

NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

The heart of Kent is English countryside at its best, a landscape of rolling hills and wooded valleys, orchards and vineyards, splendid castles and many historic houses. Our tour includes a visit to Leeds Castle and historic Canterbury.

YOUR HOTEL

Hythe Imperial, Hythe ★★★★★

Situated on the seafront at Hythe with stunning views across the English Channel, the elegant and sophisticated 4 star Hythe Imperial is a stunning Victorian Hotel with large public areas. Leisure and spa facilities at the Hythe Imperial Hotel include an indoor swimming pool, sauna, steam room, and a tennis court.



DAY BY DAY

Monday 27th: We travel south with suitable stops en-route arriving at the Hythe Imperial in plenty of time to relax before dinner.

Tuesday 28th: The stunning Leeds Castle is our destination today. It is set in 500 acres of beautiful parkland and has been home to six medieval queens of England and was a favourite royal palace of Henry VIII. We can enjoy lunch (not included) in the lakeside restaurant before continuing to explore this remarkably picturesque property.

Wednesday 29th: This morning we begin by exploring some of the pretty Kentish village's including Pluckley, where filming of the TV series 'Darling Buds of May' took place. We continue to historic Canterbury and you can enjoy free time to explore. There's plenty to do, with its Cathedral, St. Augustine's Abbey and St. Martin's Church forming a world heritage site. There are also river tours available (will incur an extra charge). Also famous for Geoffrey Chaucer's Canterbury Tales, written towards the end of the 14th century.

Thursday 30th: After a leisurely breakfast we begin our journey homeward.

Early booking discount not available on this tour.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 3 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Entry into Leeds Castle
- Portage



VisitEngland/VisitKent

Historic Royal Palaces and Museums



4 DAYS / 10 - 13 AUGUST

£300



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NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

Join us on our short break to Hampton Court Palace and Greenwich to visit the UK's most impressive royal palace, the palace of King Henry V111, and London's most historic suburb with its association with Time.

YOUR HOTEL

Selsdon Park Hotel ★★★★★

Set in 200 acres of beautiful Surrey countryside, the Selsdon Park Hotel is an historic country mansion with an 18-hole golf course and well appointed leisure club. The property offers a range of relaxing beauty treatments and you can enjoy a swim in the indoor swimming pool or an energetic work out in the gym.



DAY BY DAY

Thursday 10th: We travel to Croydon with time to settle in before dinner.

Friday 11th: After a full English breakfast we depart for Greenwich. Our first stop is the Cutty Sark for our included visit. Experience what life was like on board a true survivor of the seas and the fastest ship in the world in the late 19th century. There will be free time afterwards in Greenwich before we return to our hotel.

Saturday 12th: After breakfast today we depart for Hampton Court Palace. There's lots to see and do at this historic Royal Palace. Highlights include Great Hall, England's last and greatest medieval hall, the Royal Chapel – a beautiful chapel in continuous use for over 450 years, chocolate Kitchens – a royal chocolate-making kitchen which once catered for William 111, George 1 and George 11, and Hampton Court Gardens – internationally renowned for being amongst the most beautiful gardens in the world. Following our visit, we continue to Richmond-Upon-Thames for a little free time before we return to our hotel.

Sunday 13th: Our final breakfast before we return home via Windsor.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 3 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Entrance to Cutty Sark
- Entrance to Hampton Court Palace
- Portage

Lazy Days and Summer Gardens

Door 2 Door
AVAILABLE ON THIS TOUR



4 DAYS / 1 - 4 SEPTEMBER

£285



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Enjoy a stunning riverside town and a relaxing boat trip on the Thames taking in fantastic views. Discover the wonders of Wisley with a tour of the flagship garden of the Royal Horticultural Society. Then experience England's largest vineyard and one of the major producers of award-winning still and sparkling wines in the UK with an included tasting or two.

YOUR HOTEL

Holiday Inn, Maidenhead ★★★★★

Air-conditioned bedrooms feature en suite bathrooms with bath and shower. Amenities also include HD flat-screen TV, fridge, hairdryer, iron and ironing board, safe and complimentary Tea and Coffee making facilities.



DAY BY DAY

Friday 1st: We leave in the morning for Oxford where we enjoy an extended lunch break before continuing to our hotel.

Saturday 2nd: We visit Windsor - you can't say the word Windsor without conjuring up images of the world's oldest and largest inhabited castle, royalty, the changing of the guard, the River Thames and Eton College. We include a relaxing 40 minute return cruise on the Thames which goes upstream to Boveney Lock and returns with fantastic views including Windsor Castle, Eton College and Windsor Racecourse. We then head into Buckinghamshire to the vibrant Georgian market town of Marlow, one of the loveliest locations on the River Thames, or head into Oxfordshire to see Henley-on-Thames, one of the most beautiful towns in England.

Sunday 3rd: This morning travel to RHS Wisley Gardens. One of the great gardens of the world, it is home to some of the largest plant collections anywhere in the globe. We include a 90-minute guided tour of the garden led by one of Wisley's knowledgeable team. In the afternoon we head to Denbies Wine Estate, England's largest vineyard and one of the major producers of award-winning still and sparkling wines in the UK. We start with the 'Indoor Cinema Vineyard Tour' where you will learn about the geology and history of the estate, experience the changes in the vineyard through the seasons and appreciate the wine making process from vine to bottle. Then a Winery Walking tour passes through the working winery with a full commentary from a Denbies Wine Tour Guide seeing the equipment used in today's wine production. Finally, the journey ends in the atmospheric wine cellars where you will be guided through a tasting of Denbies classic wine.

Monday 4th: Our return journey home takes us via the beautiful Cotswolds and the delightful villages of Bourton-on-the-Water, Broadway and Stow-on-the-Wold.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 3 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- RHS Wisley Gardens with 90-minute guided tour
- Denbies Wine Estate with Classic Wine Tasting Experience including winery walking tour and tastings
- 40-minute River Thames cruise from Windsor

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £66

Isle of Wight



5 DAYS / 18 - 22 SEPTEMBER

£430



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Situated just four miles from the mainland across the Solent, the Isle of Wight is often described as 'The Garden Isle', the wonderful scenery and attractive resorts make it the perfect place for a relaxing holiday. Enjoying an unseasonable amount of warmth and sunshine, more than half the Isle of Wight has been designated an Area of Outstanding Beauty, with fifty per cent of its coastline honoured by the title 'Heritage Coast', an award only given to the finest beaches in the country.

YOUR HOTEL

Channel View, Shanklin ★★★

Occupying an elevated cliff-top position overlooking Shanklin bay with its sandy beaches and safe bathing that the island is renowned for. The hotel is owned by The Gino Family who personally oversee all aspects of this popular hotel. They are justly proud of their reputation for quality with a warm welcome, efficient service and excellent food.



DAY BY DAY

Monday 18th: Morning start heading south via the motorways for our Solent crossing, by ferry, to the Isle of Wight and on to the Channel View Hotel.

Tuesday 19th: Full day excursion to Newport the capital and county town of the island. Newport is an ideal shopping venue. We continue on to Havenstreet to board the Isle of Wight Steam Heritage train. We take a 1hr round trip before returning to the hotel.

Wednesday 20th: This morning we head for nearby Godshill, a picturesque village renowned for its pretty thatched cottages and famous for its model village set in the gardens of the old vicarage. The remainder of the day is free in the village of Shanklin, an extremely pretty village famed for the pretty thatched cottages, quaint shops and old fashioned tea rooms, which not only offer cream teas, but sea food specialities and attractive surroundings. You can also use the cliff top lift, take the small train or take a stroll down to the safe sandy beach where the bay is sheltered from the prevailing wind by Dunnose Point, which is a stunning backdrop, with the tall cliffs of Luccombe and St. Boniface Downs beyond.

Thursday 21st: Full day visit to Osborne House, Queen Victoria's palace by the sea. Look out for Victorian opulence, extravagant interiors and jaw-dropping Indian decor in the Durbar Room. Osborne was built as a family home and as you walk through the Queen's bedroom, the nursery rooms and even royal bathrooms, you get an intimate glimpse into royal family life. There are acres of grounds and gardens to relax in, horse and carriage rides to take and a delightful restaurant and cafe.

Friday 22nd: Morning Ferry across the Solent and homeward bound for Shropshire and surrounding area.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- Dinner, Bed & Breakfast Accommodation
- All Rooms with Private Facilities
- Excursions as Detailed
- Entry to Osborne House
- 1hr Steam Train Ride
- Return Ferry Southampton/East Cowes

Elegant Eastbourne



5 DAYS / 23 - 27 APRIL £310

8 DAYS / 30 JULY - 6 AUGUST £590

5 DAYS / 2 - 6 OCTOBER £325

NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)



Courtesy of Venusus

Eastbourne is one of Britain's more elegant resorts with its wide spacious promenade, many gardens and squares and the rolling grasslands ascending to the high perpendicular cliffs of Beachy Head. A Pier and a fine shopping centre are other features of the resort.

YOUR HOTEL

Palm Court Hotel, Eastbourne ★★★

A short walk from the beach and just 50 yards from Eastbourne Seafront and The Grand Parade, The Palm Court Hotel offers spacious rooms with en suite facilities.



DAY BY DAY

Day 1: We travel south via the motorways arriving at our hotel.

Day 2: Free day in Eastbourne.

Day 3: We depart our hotel during the morning for a visit to Worthing which is the largest all year round seaside resort in West Sussex. The focal point of the five mile flat promenade, is the famous pier.

Day 4: Today we take a half day excursion into the Cuckmere Valley to visit the charming market town of Alfriston, a timeless place with its many half-timbered buildings, we finish the half day with a visit to Beachy Head the UK's highest chalk cliff, a great place to take in the views over Eastbourne. The remainder of the day is free in Eastbourne

Day 5 (April and October): Sadly after breakfast we bid farewell to Eastbourne and begin our journey home.

Day 5 (July): Our excursion today takes us to picturesque Battle, an historic town built on the site of the famous battle before continuing on to the resort of Hastings which has retained much of its character as a fishing port. The Old Town was where Foyle's War, the television series was filmed.

Day 6 (July): Excursion to the 17th century spa town of Royal Tunbridge Wells which is renowned for its pretty gardens. From here, we visit Penshurst Palace, for a free-flow visit to the house & gardens. Built in 1341 and described as "the grandest and most perfectly preserved example of a fortified manor house in all England", take a tour of the 10 rooms open to groups including the impressive medieval Baron's Hall.

Day 7 (July): Free day in Eastbourne.

Day 8 (July): Sadly after breakfast we bid farewell to Eastbourne and begin our journey home.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 or 7 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed ■ Entertainment during your stay
- Entry to Penshurst Palace House and Gardens (July)

Wonderful Worthing



5 DAYS / 19 - 23 JUNE £360

NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)



Courtesy of Venusus

Worthing is the largest all year round seaside resort in West Sussex and is a delightful destination with a stunning setting between five miles of coastline and the beautiful South Downs National Park. Boasting one of the sunniest climates in the United Kingdom, it is great for exploring at any time of the year.

YOUR HOTEL

Chatsworth Hotel, Worthing ★★★

The 3* Chatsworth Hotel is Worthing's most prestigious hotel. Set on the promenade within the town centre, The Chatsworth is a distinctive family run 3 star hotel overlooking beautiful gardens, the sea and promenade. A Grade II Listed building with a gorgeous Georgian frontage, it is steeped in history and retains its 19th century charm.



DAY BY DAY

Monday 19th: We depart during the morning and travel south via the motorways arriving at our hotel late afternoon. Tea and biscuits will be served on arrival. Make use of the special 99p Happy Hour at the bar each evening between 6pm and 7pm.

Tuesday 20th: This morning we visit Brighton with a treasure trove of things to do and places to see! Regarded as England's premier 'City by the Sea' with its lively seafront attractions, cafes and superb local shops, you may wish to enjoy some shopping and explore the quaint shops of The Lanes district or visit the famous Royal Pavilion with its opulent golden décor. We continue to Eastbourne, one of Britain's more elegant resorts with its wide spacious promenade, many gardens and squares. A pier and a fine shopping centre are other features of the resort.

Wednesday 21st: We travel to the Georgian city of Chichester, one of the most charming and stylish cities on the south coast. Here you can explore the magnificent Cathedral or simply meander the many shops. From here we continue on to historic Arundel. This picturesque town is famous for its imposing castle gothic-style Cathedral and its narrow streets full of intriguing antique shops and tearooms.

Thursday 22nd: Free day to explore Worthing. A glass of wine will be served with your dinner this evening.

Friday 23rd: After a leisurely breakfast, depart for home with suitable comfort stops during the journey.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach ■ 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Tea and Biscuits on Arrival ■ Happy Hour drinks promotion each evening
- 99p for small red or white wine, house spirit with house mixer or half pint of lager between 6pm and 7pm
- Excursions as Detailed
- Porterage

Weymouth & Beautiful Dorset



5 DAYS / 1 - 5 MAY

£335



NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

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Weymouth's fine Georgian seafront is an impressive backdrop to the long arc of fine, golden sand. The views from the bay are spectacular, stretching across the horizon taking in the World Heritage Jurassic Coastline. Weymouth's beautiful safe, sandy beaches, rich heritage and spectacular coastline make it a firm favourite holiday destination.

YOUR HOTEL

Crown Hotel, Weymouth ★★

Situated 1 minute's walk from the town bridge over the historic Weymouth Harbour, this traditional hotel offers comfortable accommodation, a restaurant and bar, and easy access to the beach, approx. 10-minutes' walk away.



DAY BY DAY

Monday 1st: We depart during the morning and travel south arriving at our hotel for check-in.

Tuesday 2nd: A day at leisure in Weymouth. Weymouth's streets have lots of character, with many Georgian buildings interspersed with more modern structures. One of the town's few remaining Tudor houses has been well-preserved and offers guided tours in the summer months. New Bond Street, St Thomas Street and St Mary Street form a large pedestrian area bursting with spacious modern shops and occasional street performances.

Wednesday 3rd: We leave after breakfast visiting Lyme Regis and West Bay. Our return journey takes us along the Jurassic Coast, across the Chesil Causeway to the Isle of Portland with breathtaking views.

Thursday 4th: Today we travel the short distance to Dorchester. A delightful market town filled with some of the strangest and most interesting museums in England: the award winning Dinosaur Museum, the Tutankhamun Exhibition (a spectacular re creation of Tutankhamun's tomb and treasures), the Terracotta Warriors Museum, the Dorset County Museum boasting the largest Thomas Hardy collection in the world, the Dorset Teddy Bear Museum. An ideal place for a cream tea.

Friday 5th: After breakfast we leave Weymouth and begin our journey home.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Bingo Each Evening
- Musical Entertainment Each Evening
- Excursions as Detailed
- Portorage

Early booking discount not available on this tour.

Bournemouth



6 DAYS / 26 - 31 MARCH

£285*

6 DAYS / 16 - 21 JULY

£375

6 DAYS / 8 - 13 OCTOBER

£350



NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

Courtesy of Venus

Renowned for its seven miles of family-friendly golden beaches, beautiful parks and gardens and cosmopolitan ambience, Bournemouth blends the contemporary with the traditional like nowhere else to ensure that you are truly spoilt for choice, whatever your holiday preferences. Everyone loves the shimmering sands and sheltered waters and with the beaches having won more awards for their safety than any other UK seaside destination, Bournemouth is a must for seaside holiday enthusiasts of all ages. With over 2,000 acres of award-winning parks and gardens, cultural treasures and a rich and varied entertainment programme to enjoy, Bournemouth is also the perfect venue for rest and relaxation, whatever the season.

YOUR HOTEL

Trouville Hotel, Bournemouth ★★★

A well established hotel just a few minutes stroll from the town centre, gardens, award winning beaches and the Bournemouth International Centre (BIC). Renowned for its high level of customer service and superb cuisine, along with its art deco surroundings.



DAY BY DAY

Sunday: We depart during the morning and travel south via the motorways arriving at our hotel for 5 nights dinner bed and breakfast

Monday: We take the short journey to Poole, famed for its large natural harbour, claimed to be the second largest in the world. During the Second World War the town was one of the central departing points for the D-Day landings. We continue on to the small seaside town of Swanage. Swanage is also the first town at the eastern end of the Jurassic Coast, England's first world heritage site. The town has a wide range of tourist attractions, The Steam Railway, Durlston Country Park and Victorian Pier, built in 1896.

Tuesday: Free day in Bournemouth.

Wednesday: Full day tour to Salisbury and Shaftesbury. Salisbury's history dates back to the Iron Age, but it is best known for having the tallest cathedral spire in England along with a well preserved medieval town with many wooden buildings. We continue past the ancient and mystical Stonehenge on our way to Shaftesbury, a picturesque village.

Thursday: Free day in Bournemouth.

Friday: Sadly after breakfast we bid farewell to Bournemouth and begin our journey homeward.

*Early booking discount not available on this tour date.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 5 Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast Accommodation
- Excursions as Detailed
- 3 Nights Entertainment
- Portorage



5 DAYS / 3 - 7 SEPTEMBER

£365



On the edge of the Mendip Hills and close to lovely cities such as Bath and Wells, Weston Super Mare is the perfect base from which to explore this glorious part of the South West. This Bristol Channel resort has always been a firm favourite with our clients, many of whom enjoy the level promenade and the easy access to the town's amenities.

YOUR HOTEL

Smiths Hotel, Weston-Super-Mare ★★

Situated in a prime sea-front location with magnificent views across Weston Bay and beyond, Smiths Hotel offers a warm welcome, friendly service and comfortable accommodation. There is a residents' lounge, restaurant, bar and outdoor terrace.



DAY BY DAY

Sunday 3rd: Sit back and relax as we travel via the motorways to Gloucester for free time and lunch before continuing on to Weston-super-Mare for four nights at the Smiths Hotel. Whilst porters take care of your luggage you will have the opportunity to settle into your new surroundings before evening meal is served.

Monday 4th: Today we enjoy a full day exploring Wells and Glastonbury. Wells, England's smallest city has a very impressive gothic Cathedral and many fine medieval buildings. Glastonbury is a town steeped in history and holds the accolade of being one of the most mystical places in the UK.

Tuesday 5th: After breakfast this morning, we will be free to explore our seaside town at our leisure. You may walk along its famous Grand Pier and visit the 'SeaQuarium' sea life centre on the seafront. The Helicopter Museum has the largest collection of historical helicopters in the world while the Weston-super-Mare Museum in Burlington Street will provide us with a fascinating insight into the area's colourful past!

Wednesday 6th: This morning we visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site that is the city of Bath. Here you can discover some famous sights such as the Roman baths and pump room as well as enjoying some of its colourful history. Here you can spend an enjoyable few hours exploring before returning to the hotel for the evening meal and entertainment.

Thursday 7th: We depart after breakfast for Europe's youngest capital city. Since 1955, Cardiff has fully embraced the role as Wales' capital and has emerged as a thriving urban centre, full of history, charm and 21st century attitude. The city is extremely compact and visitors can expect ancient history, quality shopping and a great ambience. We depart for home early afternoon.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- Excursions as Detailed
- Porterage
- Welcome tea/coffee on arrival
- Choice of menu
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Live musical entertainment

Steam into Somerset

4 DAYS / 4 - 7 AUGUST

£320



Journey back in time on board a steam train at the UK's largest heritage railway, visit England's smallest city with a special guided tour of Somerset's only medieval palace, travel through Britain's largest gorge and enjoy time in an iconic seaside resort. The beautiful countryside offers rolling hills as far as the eye can see and is awash with quaint market towns and beautiful villages full of history and heritage.

YOUR HOTEL

Best Western Tiverton ★★

The hotel lies on the edge of the market town of Tiverton in the heart of the beautiful Mid Devon region and sits within two and a half acres of mature gardens. The hotel does not have a lift but there are a number of ground floor rooms.



DAY BY DAY

Friday 4th: We make our way to Somerset with suitable stops en-route, arriving late afternoon.

Saturday 5th: Enjoy a relaxed journey back in time through lovely countryside on board an authentic heritage steam train. The West Somerset Railway is a true, country branch line of the old Great Western Railway. The glorious surrounding countryside is as varied as it is beautiful. The gently rolling Quantock Hills and distant Exmoor, unspoilt villages, church towers, the cliffs and coast of the Bristol Channel with views across the sea to South Wales, Dunster's imposing castle and Minehead's seaside charm are all seen throughout the 20 mile journey. Tea or coffee with biscuits is included during the nostalgic ride which lasts around 75 minutes. Afterwards, have some time in popular, traditional seaside resort of Minehead before taking the coast road along the top of Exmoor. A different perspective with every turn, with beautiful villages and sea views, Exmoor National Park has some of England's finest landscapes.

Sunday 6th: Today we take a leisurely drive and visit delightful Wells, England's smallest city yet one of the most beautiful with its outstanding medieval Cathedral. Whilst there, experience a special guided tour of Bishop's Palace & Gardens. This splendid medieval building is set in 14 acres of picturesque grounds and offers visitors a stunning 14th century banqueting hall as well as a formal garden and arboretum. On our exclusive tour you'll even discover the well pools from which the city takes its name. Each member of the group will receive a complimentary pen and guide book to remember their day and a voucher for tea or coffee and cake to use in The Bishop's Table café restaurant at their leisure during the visit. After the visit, finish the day travelling through Cheddar Gorge, Britain's largest gorge.

Monday 7th: After breakfast we leave Tiverton and begin our journey home.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 3 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- West Somerset Railway
- VIP Bishop's Palace & Gardens Visit
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £66



5 DAYS / 3 - 7 APRIL

£295*

5 DAYS / 28 AUG - 1 SEPT

£365



NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

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Torquay is often called 'The Queen of the English Riviera' with a style of its own. Torquay is full of surprises with its magnificent horseshoe-shaped bay, swaying palm trees, elegant Victorian villas, pretty marina, sweeping sandy beach and its fascinating Agatha Christie connections.

YOUR HOTEL

Headland Hotel ★★★

Majestically overlooking Meadfoot Beach and the sea, set on the headland, the 3 star rated Headland Hotel was originally built for the Romanoff's, the Russian Royal Family. Hotel facilities include indoor whirlpool, sauna, 2 lounge bars and offers entertainment nightly. The hotel has a lift on one side of the hotel only.



DAY BY DAY

Monday: We depart during the morning and travel south via the motorways arriving at our hotel for four nights dinner, bed and breakfast

Tuesday: Free day in Torquay

Wednesday: Full day drive takes us to Plymouth, a naval city from which the 17th century Pilgrim Fathers sailed to America. With a busy harbour, excellent shops as well as attractions such as Plymouth Gin Distillery, Elizabethan Gardens and the National Marine Aquarium there is plenty to enjoy.

Thursday: Half day to Totnes. The ancient borough of Totnes enjoys a prominent position above the River Dart. The town is one of Devon's gems; full of both colour and character that stems from a rich cultural, historically and archaeological heritage. The town is an architectural feast to those interested in historic buildings – with fine examples of properties dating back to Norman, Medieval and Tudor times. Browse amongst the delightful shops for arts, crafts and unusual gifts.

Friday: After breakfast we bid farewell to Torquay and begin our journey homeward.

***Early booking discount not available on this tour date.**

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 5 Course Dinner, Bed & Breakfast Accommodation
- Four Nights Live Entertainment
- Excursions as Detailed
- Porterage



A Taste of Cornwall



5 DAYS / 13 - 17 MARCH

£325



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Newquay lies on its north west coast and is the Cornish Riviera's premier resort. Newquay is surrounded by eleven magnificent beaches, the Fistral Beach being the most famous due to its association with surfing. Stroll along the many coastal paths affording stunning views, browse the souvenir shops or take a stroll down to the picturesque harbour.

YOUR HOTEL

Fistral Beach Hotel & Spa, Newquay ★★★★★

Situated overlooking Fistral Beach, the Fistral Beach Hotel and Spa boasts panoramic views of Fistral Bay, an indoor swimming pool and a fitness centre. Beautifully designed rooms with a flat-screen TV and tea and coffee making facilities.



DAY BY DAY

Monday 13th: We depart during the morning and travel south arriving at our hotel for a Cornish cream tea. Enjoy a glass of Cornish cider before dinner

Tuesday 14th: This morning is free in Newquay. This afternoon we travel to St. Austell and visit St Austell Brewery for a tour and tasting. Founded in 1851 by Cornishman Walter Hicks, today St Austell Brewery remains 100% independent and family owned. The Visitor Centre reveals the secrets behind the award-winning brewing process. Submerge yourself in more than 160 years of brewing excellence and discover the heritage of this proudly independent family brewery. Your dinner this evening will be with a Cornish twist.

Wednesday 15th: A full day at the Eden Project, an exciting attraction where you can explore your relationship with nature, learn new things and get inspiration about the world around you. Dinner this evening will be a traditional fish and chip supper.

Thursday 16th: Morning visit to Truro, the retail centre of Cornwall and boasts an enviable range of independent shops and multiples. In a compact city centre, this strong and diverse mix is unique. Its intriguing and eclectic offer of art galleries, bars, restaurants, the Hall for Cornwall, Truro Cathedral and the Royal Cornwall Museum make it a year round destination. This afternoon we visit the Cornish Cyder Farm for a tour and tasting. Whether its picturing yourself pulping apples with the collection of historic cyder presses, riding through our orchards to see the fruit that is used weaving across the barrel-lined cellars, you'll be amazed at what goes into everything that is made. This evening enjoy a 5 course taster menu sampling some of the best seafood Cornwall has to offer with a glass of Camel Valley's sparkling wine.

Friday 17th: After breakfast we bid farewell to Newquay and begin our journey home.

Early booking discount not available on this tour.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Entry into St Austell Brewery
- Entry into Cornish Cyder Farm
- Entry into Eden Project
- Cream Tea on Arrival
- Porterage



5 DAYS / 7 - 11 APRIL

£305*

5 DAYS / 10 - 14 JULY

£415



NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

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Cornwall has so much to offer. It is famous for its seafaring history, spectacular sandy beaches, gorgeous gardens, dramatic coastline and captivating fishing harbours. The popular seaside town of Looe can keep visitors entertained all year round and retains its character as a bustling working fishing port.

YOUR HOTEL

Portbyhan Hotel, Looe ★★★

The Portbyhan Hotel is situated on the quayside overlooking the picturesque Cornish fishing port of Looe. The hotel is in an unrivalled position in the heart of West Looe. All of the bright and airy rooms at The Portbyhan Hotel feature a TV and tea/coffee-making facilities, hairdryers and ironing facilities and some rooms also feature balconies with river views. The bar at The Portbyhan features live music, as well as a games room with a pool table.



DAY BY DAY

Day 1: We travel via the motorways and into Devon and Cornwall arriving in Looe for check-in at the Portbyhan Hotel.

Day 2: Today we visit Fowey and Polperro. Designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Fowey has much to offer with something for everyone. A natural harbour, it is a haven for yachtsmen and exporting port for china clay. The town also boasts an excellent selection of quality shops and art galleries. We continue to Polperro a quintessential Cornish fishing village enjoying traffic free narrow winding streets and lanes, tiny fisherman's cottages, a picturesque inner and outer harbour.

Day 3: A full day to the Eden Project, an exciting attraction where you can explore your relationship with nature, learn new things and get inspiration about the world around you. As soon as you enter the Med Biome you'll be greeted by those wonderful holiday scents of the Med. Trek through the steamy rainforest in the world's largest conservatory.

Day 4: A morning tour to the market town of Tavistock on the edge of Dartmoor. The old streets contain shops for every taste and need and venture behind the town hall to discover the award winning and historic Pannier Market which bustles with activity on most days of the week. This afternoon is free to explore Looe.

Day 5: We depart our hotel after breakfast and return home.

* Early booking discount not available on this tour date.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Entry in Eden Project
- Porterage
- Entertainment

SUPPLEMENTS

Classic River Facing Room £22pp

Superior Balcony Room £44pp

Cornish Landscapes



5 DAYS / 27 - 31 JULY

£445



NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

Courtesy of Albatross © Paul Watts Visit Cornwall

Defined by magnificent coastlines and medieval harbours, Cornwall has long been one of Britain's most popular destinations. This tour is intended to be relaxed and yet still visiting varied places of interest close by.

YOUR HOTEL

Queens Hotel, Penzance ★★★

The Queens is a 3 star family run hotel which has been welcoming visitors to the far west of Cornwall since 1862. The hotel offers a high level of comfort and style but also reflects its heritage with ease, with impressive paintings and architecture. Situated on the promenade in Penzance, it is perfect for customers to enjoy a stroll with striking views across the sea to St Michael's Mount and the Lizard Peninsular. The hotel also has a traditional pub styled bar and 2 lounges, important for customers to be able to relax and chat in the evening.



DAY BY DAY

Thursday 27th: Enjoy the first day of your holiday as we make our way to the far south west corner of England to the delightful town of Penzance. Arriving at The Queens Hotel you can enjoy a nice cup of tea/coffee whilst your luggage is taken to your room.

Friday 28th: After breakfast our destination today is the attractive resort and fishing town of Falmouth. We begin with an included visit to the National Maritime Museum, which gives a fascinating insight into the maritime traditions of Falmouth and beyond. We now have time to explore Falmouth at leisure, with its enchanting combination of picturesque, narrow streets and a fascinating, bustling harbour as well as many attractions such as the Falmouth Duck Tour, Falmouth Aquarium and Falmouth Lifeboat Station to name but a few.

Saturday 29th: Today we head for the far western shores of the mainland to Lands' End. One of Britain's favourite destinations and one where everyone must have their photo taken at the famous Land's End signpost! Admire the spectacular scenery and awe inspiring cliff views to Longships and Wolf Rock lighthouses and the Isles of Scilly, 28 miles to the west. We have time to enjoy the attractions which have been included before returning to Penzance for the remainder of the day.

Sunday 30th: After breakfast we make our way to Trengwainton Garden. With 25 acres bursting with exotic trees and shrubs there is plenty to see, from the lovingly restored organic walled kitchen garden to the wide open views across Mount's Bay, be sure to take your camera! This afternoon we take a scenic drive across to the north Cornish coast and the pretty resort of St Ives. Here you have time to explore, why not visit the famous Tate Gallery and the Barbara Hepworth Sculpture Museum or find a comfortable spot to watch the world go by in the picturesque harbour.

Monday 31st: Sadly, after a hearty Cornish breakfast we must say farewell to Penzance and make our way home.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Admission to Trengwainton Gardens
- Admission to Land's End
- Admission to National Maritime Museum
- Porterage

The Royal Mint & Treasures of Wales

3 DAYS / 1 - 3 MAY

£225

A new short break based in Cardiff, the capital of Wales and including visits to Caerphilly Castle, Castle Coch and the Royal Mint.

DAY BY DAY

Monday 1st: We travel directly to Cardiff arriving at our hotel early afternoon. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Tuesday 2nd: We visit Caerphilly Castle, the biggest castle in Wales. The iconic fortress is mighty impressive, surrounded by a series of moats and watery islands. The castle is a favourite backdrop for TV and films and secured a starring role in the BBC TV series of Merlin and Doctor Who. This afternoon we continue to Castle Coch. On the side of Caerphilly mountain, hidden in the trees, discover Castell Coch, the beautiful fabled home of a very wealthy man.

Wednesday 3rd: Today we visit the Royal Mint Visitor Centre. See the heads, hear the tales! The Royal Mint puts 1,000 years of history into combining the finest craftsmanship with cutting-edge techniques to make coins and medals for over 60 countries. Meet the experts who share a passion for making money, and have the option to strike your very own coin as a memento of your visit. Following our visit we return home.



CASTELL COCH



Images courtesy of Venus

YOUR HOTEL

Holiday Inn Cardiff City ★★

Set in the centre of Cardiff. Relax in your modern guest room and keep in touch with high-speed internet and the TV. Tea and coffee making facilities are available for your convenience.



TOUR INCLUDES

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 2 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Entry into Caerphilly Castle
- Entry into Castle Coch
- Entry into The Royal Mint
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £44

Cardiff - The Pride of Wales

3 DAYS / 15 - 17 OCTOBER

£199

Within Cardiff, Wales' capital city you'll find unique attractions, top class entertainment and quality shopping with a difference – all within walking distance. Innovative architecture sits alongside historic buildings and Cardiff Bay offers entertainment for everyone.

DAY BY DAY

Sunday 15th: We travel directly to Cardiff arriving at our hotel early afternoon. A guided tour of the city will be included on our arrival.

Monday 16th: A day at leisure in Cardiff. Cardiff offers immense variety with a personal touch. The capital has a diversity of places and interests just waiting for you to enjoy. Nearby attractions include Cardiff Castle, the Millennium Stadium and the National Museum Cardiff. You will also find the new St. David's Shopping Centre plus the Victorian arcades and covered market. In addition to this you can explore the stunning waterfront development in Cardiff Bay with the Wales Millennium Centre and the Doctor Who Experience. You could even take a boat trip around the Bay.

Tuesday 17th: The morning is free in Cardiff before we return home after lunch.



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YOUR HOTEL

Holiday Inn Cardiff City ★★

Set in a prime location in the centre of Cardiff. Relax in your modern guest room and keep in touch with high-speed internet and the TV. Tea and coffee making facilities are available for your convenience.



TOUR INCLUDES

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 2 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast Accommodation
- Guided City Tour
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £40

Blackpool Illuminated Tram

2 DAYS / 8 - 9 OCTOBER

£145

Blackpool must surely fare as one of the most famous seaside resorts in Europe. Whether it rains or shines, there is always something to suit your needs. The culmination of Blackpool's long season is the fantastic illuminations, with over a million pounds being spent to light up the town.

DAY BY DAY

Sunday 8th: We travel north to Blackpool for free time, before checking in to the hotel early afternoon for overnight dinner, bed and breakfast. Everyone has either seen or knows about the famous illuminated trams that run up and down Blackpool's promenade – the Rocket, the Train, the Ship – well now is your chance to actually ride in one of these and enjoy the amazing spectacle of Blackpool's Golden Mile from our exclusive illuminated tramcar. After enjoying your dinner in your hotel, you then board the tram directly outside the hotel for the magical journey along Blackpool's famous promenade to South Pier and back. See the illuminations, lasers, neon floodlights and searchlights from the comfort of our private themed tram, finishing off a fantastic 'once-in-a-lifetime experience'.

Monday 9th: Free time at leisure in Blackpool before we return home from the resort at 3pm.



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YOUR HOTEL

Hilton Hotel, Blackpool ★★

Close to the Promenade. Delightful sea views. Easy access to many of the popular attractions. Heated swimming pool.



TOUR INCLUDES

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Illuminated Tram Ride of the Illuminations

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £22

York City Break

3 DAYS / 18 - 20 AUGUST £199

Think York and many think of York Minster, Viking York at JORVIK, and York Castle Museum and York Dungeon. Revel in York's Roman heritage at the Yorkshire Museum, Walk the city walls and discover York's royal history of kings, princes and England's Christian history. Visit the fascinating National Railway Museum and you will soon realise the list is never ending.

DAY BY DAY

Friday 18th: We leave this morning for York travelling via Harrogate a popular tourist destination; its spa waters, RHS Harlow Carr gardens and Betty's tearooms are world famous visitor attractions. After lunch we continue on to the Queens Hotel in York with plenty of time to settle in before dinner.

Saturday 19th: Today is at leisure in York. There's so much to see and do in York, visit the cobbled streets of the 'Shambles' with its quaint little shops, the York Minster, Jorvik Viking centre or the Railway museum. Take afternoon tea at Bettys and lunch in one of the many traditional pubs. There are many Museums and castles to visit including the new Chocolate Story.

Sunday 20th: We depart after breakfast and head for home via the Peak District including Bakewell and Buxton.



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YOUR HOTEL

Queens Hotel, York ★★

The Queens Hotel is situated in the heart of the vibrant city of York, on the banks of the River Ouse. The Hotel has 78 bedrooms over four which is serviced by a lift.



TOUR INCLUDES

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- All Rooms with Private Facilities
- 2 Nights Dinner Bed & Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £44

Buxton Tattoo

3 DAYS / 30 JUNE - 2 JULY £230

Heralding its 7th year the fabulous Buxton Military Tattoo is performed in the magnificent Devonshire Dome, the Tattoo features a selection of the UK's finest military bands from the sounds of the bagpipes, the beat of the drums and the exciting Drill Display the Tattoo is a spectacular you won't want to miss.

DAY BY DAY

Friday 30th: We head east stopping at Melton Mowbray home of the eponymous pork pie and one of the homes of Stilton cheese. We have time for lunch before continuing to Derby and check-in at the Hallmark Hotel. A welcome drink of tea/coffee will be served on arrival.

Saturday 1st: We leave after breakfast to Buxton, famous for its spa and mineral water surrounded by beautiful Peak District. This afternoon is the highlight of our weekend – The Military Tattoo.

Sunday 2nd: Today we visit Chatsworth House, known as the 'Palace of the Peaks'. The interior rooms are an Aladdins cave of priceless furniture and wonderful paintings. In the afternoon we continue our journey homeward.



Buxton Military Tattoo

YOUR HOTEL

Hallmark Hotel, Derby ★★★★★

All 102 bedrooms are a good size with high ceilings and offer hairdryer, TV and tea/coffee making facilities. The restaurant offers an intimate style dining experience.



TOUR INCLUDES

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 2 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Admission to Buxton Military Tattoo (2pm Performance)
- Admission to Chatsworth House

NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

Highclere Castle

3 DAYS / 19 - 21 AUGUST £199

Highclere Castle is one of England's most beautiful Victorian Castles set amidst 1,000 acres of spectacular parkland. The Carnarvon family has lived at Highclere since 1679.

DAY BY DAY

Saturday 19th: We leave during the morning visiting Stratford upon Avon.

Sunday 20th: Today we visit Highclere Castle, the setting used for "Downton Abbey". See where 'Downton Abbey's star-studded cast acted out the fortunes of the fictional aristocratic Crawley family and their servants. Wander the rooms as the knowledgeable guides reveal the house's many treasures - from the gothic entrance hall and stunning vaulted saloon ceiling to the library's two-century old book collection where many of the dramatic scenes involving the Crawley family were filmed.

After uncovering the history of the house, it is time to explore the vast grounds including the herbaceous borders and serpentine paths of the Secret Garden designed by one of the most famous of English architects Capability Brown. Finally, don't miss the rare antiquities from the 5th Earl's earlier Egyptian excavations in the Egyptian Exhibition, commemorating the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb by the 5th Earl of Carnarvon.

Monday 21st: We leave after breakfast and return home via Oxford.



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YOUR HOTEL

Hilton Newbury North, Newbury ★★★★★

The Livingwell Health Centre features a heated swimming pool, spa bath, sauna and steam room. There is also an air-conditioned, modern fitness suite.



TOUR INCLUDES

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 2 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Entry into Highclere Castle
- Portage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £44

Heritage & Highlights of Warwickshire

3 DAYS / 21 - 23 AUGUST £219

Enjoy the delights of Warwick and Stratford-upon-Avon with an included river cruise plus a visit to one of England's finest historic houses - Althorp House.

DAY BY DAY

Monday 21st: Depart in the morning stopping off at Warwick for lunch and sightseeing before continuing onto the Walton Hall Hotel and evening dinner.

Tuesday 22nd: We visit Althorp House. Built in 1508 and set within 550 acres of walled parkland, Althorp has been the home of the Spencer family for 500 years and 20 generations. Since Diana's tragic death in 1997 Althorp has become known across the world. We return in plenty of time to relax before your evening meal.

Wednesday 23rd: After a filling breakfast, experience the charming beauty of historic Shakespeare country with the town's only guided sightseeing river cruise. We take a languorous 45 minute cruise along the Avon, gently whirring past stunning riverside gardens as well as Shakespeare's burial place. From the boat, guests will be afforded original & unspoilt views of Stratford as the cordial skipper provides you with an entertaining commentary on your surroundings. Coffee & tea with biscuits will be served on board. Free time for lunch will be given in Stratford-upon-Avon, departing for home mid afternoon.



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Courtesy of Venues

YOUR HOTEL

Walton Hall Hotel & Spa, Wellesbourne ★★★★★

Sitting in 65 acres of beautiful countryside, Walton Hall dates back to the 16th Century. It retains many of its original features.



TOUR INCLUDES

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- Excursions as Detailed
- 2 Nights Dinner Bed & Breakfast
- 45 Minute Boat Cruise
- Entry to Althorp House

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £44

London City Break

3 DAYS / 28 - 30 JULY £219

3 DAYS / 17 - 19 NOVEMBER £215

Enjoy a short break in our very own capital city. Whether it's shopping, sightseeing, a visit to the theatre or your favourite museum or a ride on the London Eye, you'll find all this and much, much more in London. Why not take an open-top bus tour which showcases the best of London's tourist attractions including Buckingham Palace, Big Ben and Westminster Abbey. Whatever time of year, London is one of the World's most exciting cities.

DAY BY DAY

Friday: We travel directly to London arriving at our hotel early afternoon. The remainder of the day is free.

Saturday: At leisure in London. At its centre stand the imposing Houses of Parliament, the iconic 'Big Ben' clock tower and Westminster Abbey, site of British monarch coronations. Across the Thames, the London Eye observation wheel provides panoramic views of the South Bank cultural complex, and the entire city.

Sunday: This morning is at leisure before we leave London at approximately 3.00pm.



Courtesy of Venues

YOUR HOTEL

Radisson Blu Edwardian Vanderbilt, London ★★★★★

An elegant hotel located within the Royal Borough and within a 20 minute stroll of many shops and attractions including Harrods and The Royal Albert Hall.



TOUR INCLUDES

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- Bed and English Breakfast Accommodation
- Theatre Booking Service

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £110

The Tall Ships

3 DAYS / 15 - 17 APRIL £225

In 2017, the tall ships will be anchored at two Tall Ships Festival villages – the Maritime Greenwich UNESCO World Heritage Site in Greenwich town centre, and the Royal Arsenal Riverside in Woolwich. Royal Greenwich has the longest riverfront setting of all the London boroughs and the port festivities will take place along the riverfront, with an exciting programme of entertainment, music and fireworks.

DAY BY DAY

Saturday 15th: We travel directly to London arriving at our hotel early afternoon. The remainder of the day is free.

Sunday 16th: We leave our hotel late morning to Greenwich and at around 5.00pm the Parade of Sail will see around 40 huge Tall Ships and a number of smaller Class C and D ships sail down the Thames in convoy. The Tall Ships will leave Greenwich after the Parade of Sail on 16 April 2017, crossing the Atlantic en-route to Quebec.

Monday 17th: This morning is at leisure before we leave London at approx. 3.00pm



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YOUR HOTEL

Copthorne Tara Hotel, Kensington ★★★★★

Located in the heart of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, the hotel offers an extremely convenient location, with easy access to shops and restaurants.



TOUR INCLUDES

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 2 Nights Bed and Full Breakfast

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £123

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