

# Owen's Travelmaster

Coach Holidays & Short Breaks

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*Something for Everyone!*



# Welcome to Summer 2018!

Welcome to Owen's Travelmaster 2018 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 more than twenty new destinations, including more into Europe with the highlight being a 11 day tour cruising the Danube to Vienna and Budapest, and if you are looking for something further afield or more adventurous make sure to request a copy of our 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 2017 another successful year. We look forward to renewing old acquaintances and welcoming new friends in our 2018 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
Cruise The Danube	£150.00

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 2018 we will give you the following discounts off the balance of your holiday.

Holiday value up to:	Discount
£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 - November 2017 - 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 2018 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 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	£16.00	£21.50	£23.50	£23.50	----
CI/Eire	----	£26.50	£31.50	£33.00	----
Europe	£31.00	£38.50	£40.50	£42.50	£48.00

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](http://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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## New for 2018

Due to the popularity in 2017 of our "Owen's Select Superior Legroom Coaches" on European and selected long haul, UK & Ireland tours, we have decided to use this class of coach for all but a very small selection of tours in this brochure. Look out for our "Owen's Select" logo.

\*Please Note; we reserve the right to use a standard legroom executive higher capacity coach on UK tours if group numbers exceed "Select Coach" capacity or due to unforeseen operational issues with one of our "Select" coaches. We may also use our 32 seater executive Midi-Coach rather than cancel a tour if numbers are low.

# CITO Worldwide Air & Cruise Holidays



As members of the prestigious 'Consortium of Independent Tour Operators' (CITO) we are delighted to be able to offer you a fantastic choice of flight holidays and river & ocean cruises throughout Europe and around the world. On every holiday you will be picked up from your door and transferred to your departure airport or port where you will join a small group of likeminded travellers and our experienced Tour Manager to begin your incredible holiday experience.

*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 the majority of dinners (see individual holidays for details). On all river cruises and Fred Olsen ocean cruises breakfast, lunch and dinner are included. We have also included a drinks package on all cruises (except Springtime in the Heart of Paris).

## 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. Please note that all excursions and holiday itineraries are subject to change due to operational reasons.

## 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 2018

### March

23 Mar	6 Days	Italian Festival of the Camellia
26 Mar	4 Days	Springtime in the Heart of Paris

### April

1 Apr	28 Days	Ultimate Tour of New Zealand
11 Apr	5 Days	Springtime in Holland River Cruise
13 Apr	16 Days	Canaries & Funchal Flower Festival Cruise
18 Apr	9 Days	Cyprus – The Jewel of the Mediterranean
20 Apr	6 Days	Tulips & Chocolates Cruise
23 Apr	8 Days	Andalucian Capitals

### May

1 May	8 Days	Amalfi Coast - Minori
2 May	8 Days	The Greek Island of Corfu
3 May	8 Days	Tasty Tuscany
5 May	8 Days	Little Trains of the Pyrenees
7 May	8 Days	Madeira – The Island of Eternal Spring
14 May	8 Days	Costa Brava Gardens & Girona Flower Festival
16 May	12 Days	USA – Deep South & New Orleans

### June

2 June	8 Days	Puglia – Italy's Hidden Gem
2 June	12 Days	USA – Rocky Mountain Rail Adventure
10 June	10 Days	Switzerland – The Bernese Oberland
10 June	8 Days	Italian & French Riviera's
11 June	8 Days	The Balearic Island of Mallorca
20 June	10 Days	Bordeaux Region River Cruise
24 June	8 Days	Italian Lakes

### July

5 July	8 Days	Mayrhofen & the Austrian Tyrol
13 July	10 Days	Gateway to Provence River Cruise
17 July	8 Days	Norway
19 July	12 Days	Budapest & Frankfurt River Cruise
22 July	14 Days	Iceland & the Faroe Islands Cruise

### August

8 Aug	10 Days	Norwegian Fjords Cruise
26 Aug	10 Days	Delights of Southern Ireland

### September

3 Sept	10 Days	The Baltic States
6 Sept	8 Days	Tasty Tuscany
9 Sept	8 Days	Italian Lakes
14 Sept	10 Days	Lakes & Mountains of Central Switzerland
15 Sept	8 Days	Puglia – Italy's Hidden Gem
18 Sept	8 Days	Croatia & the Dalmation Coast
22 Sept	11 Days	Amsterdam to Avignon River Cruise
22 Sept	8 Days	Little Trains of the Pyrenees
24 Sept	8 Days	Andalucian Capitals
26 Sept	11 Days	USA – New England in the Fall
26 Sept	8 Days	The Greek Island of Corfu

### October

1 Oct	8 Days	Madeira – The Island of Eternal Spring
1 Oct	8 Days	The Balearic Island of Mallorca
2 Oct	24 Days	Mediterranean & Adriatic Medley Cruise
7 Oct	8 Days	Amalfi Coast – Minori
10 Oct	9 Days	Cyprus – The Jewel of the Mediterranean

### November

14 Nov	17 Days	Indian Ocean Seychelles & Mauritius Cruise
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### December

20 Dec	8 Days	Christmas in the Austrian Tyrol
20 Dec	8 Days	Celebrate Christmas Cypriot Style
21 Dec	16 Days	Christmas & New Year Canaries Cruise
22 Dec	6 Days	Christmas Cruise on the River Danube

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

# Jersey by Air



**6 DAYS / 18 - 23 JUNE £635**

**6 DAYS / 24 - 29 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

**Monday:** 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.

**Tuesday:** 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 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

**Wednesday:** 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.

**Thursday:** 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.

**Friday:** This morning is free and this afternoon you will be collected from the hotel and take the western drive through St Aubins Bay and village, into St Brelades Bay before visiting the Lavender Farm for a guided tour of the beds before having a light cream tea in their charming cafe. Returning to your hotel at around 5.00pm.

**Saturday:** 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 ★★★

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 ★★

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



## 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
- Transfer to Lavender Farm 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

**Single room Supplement £12.00 per night.**

**Early booking discount not available on these tours.**

*We purchase flight seats many months before the date of departure, when we have sold our allocation we may be able to purchase additional flight seats but the price may be different from the brochure price, you are therefore advised to book early.*

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



Jersey Tourism/Danny Evans



Jersey Tourism

## Battle of the Flowers

**8 DAYS / 4 - 11 AUGUST £795**

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
- Transfer from hotel for 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

# Cantabria - Green Spain All Inclusive



10 DAYS / 6 - 15 MAY

£745



ADDED VALUE TOUR

Once again we are delighted to offer this very popular tour. 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. Between the Atlantic Ocean and the ridge of the Picos De Europa Mountains the scenery is almost Alpine and the climate soft.



Luis Marina 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 ■ One Nights Accommodation in 2 Berth Inside Cabins (bunks) – Plymouth/Santander Crossing
- One Nights Accommodation in 2 Berth Inside Cabins (bunks) – Santander/Portsmouth Crossing
- Buffet Breakfast - (At Resort) ■ Seven Nights Accommodation, - (At Resort)
- Tapas Lunch Daily or Packed Lunch - (At Resort)
- Tea Time Buffet Daily 16.00 – 18.00 - (At Resort)
- Dinner Buffet Style 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 £195

INSIDE LOWER BERTH CABIN: £44 per person

OUTSIDE LOWER BERTH CABIN: £70 per person

Early booking discount not available on this tour.

## DAY BY DAY

**Sunday 6th:** Morning departure as we travel south to Plymouth or Portsmouth 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 7th:** We arrive in Santander early afternoon ready to make the short drive to the Hotel Juan de la Cosa and the start of our all-inclusive package.

**Tuesday 8th:** Free day at resort to enjoy the beautiful sandy beach and hotel facilities.

**Wednesday 9th:** 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 10th:** 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 11th:** 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 12th:** 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 13th:** Free day at resort.

**Monday 14th:** Morning departure as we head back along the coast to Santander. We board our overnight sailing back to the UK departing Santander at 3.15pm.

**Tuesday 15th:** Arrive back at Portsmouth or Plymouth mid afternoon and travel via the motorways home.

**NB: EU Health Insurance Card recommended**

## 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](http://www.hoteljuandelacosa.com)



# Northern Italy and the Desirable Dolomites



9 DAYS / 16 - 24 SEPTEMBER

£815

ADDED  
VALUE  
TOUR



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.



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## DAY BY DAY

**Sunday 16th:** We leave early morning and travel to Dover for the crossing to Calais from where we continue to our accommodation at the Park Inn Radisson Liege Airport, for dinner bed & hot/cold buffet breakfast.

**Monday 17th:** This morning we continue our journey through Germany to our second overnight stay.

**Tuesday 18th:** 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.

**Wednesday 19th:** Today Fausto will provide us with a guided walk of the Fai della Paganella and a picnic in the stunning countryside!

**Thursday 20th:** 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.

**Friday 21st:** 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.

**Saturday 22nd:** 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.

**Sunday 23rd:** This morning we start to head for home stopping for an overnight at the Novotel Metz Hauconcourt in France.

**Monday 24th:** 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.**

## 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 at Resort
- 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 £120

# Austria Cow's Down Festival & Scenic Trains



8 DAYS / 3 - 10 OCTOBER

£699



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.



## DAY BY DAY

**Wednesday 3rd:** 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.

**Thursday 4th:** 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.

**Friday 5th:** 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.

**Saturday 6th:** We begin our day at Mayrhofen to witness the 'Almbtrieb' festival – a colourful event to celebrate bringing the cows, sheep and goats down from the mountains to shelter from the onset of autumn. We follow this with a steam train ride from Mayhofen to Kaltenbach, you will also be offered a glass of Schnapps during the train ride whilst local musicians play.

**Sunday 7th:** Our full day excursion today begins with a train trip from Jenbach to Seespitz on the mountain railway. We then take 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 133m deep at its deepest point.

**Monday 8th:** Today we enjoy an excursion to the medieval town of Rattenburg then onwards to the famous Tyrolean town of Kitzbuhel, with its vibrantly coloured old buildings, cobbled streets, and medieval walled town, dating back to the 16th century. There will be the chance to take an optional trip on the Hahnenkamm Cable Car.

**Tuesday 9th:** Regrettably it is time to take our leave of the Malerhaus Hotel and the village of Fügen. Our Journey will take us to the Aachen region on the German/Belgium border for overnight accommodation.

**Wednesday 10th:** 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
- Two Overnight Stops with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast.
- Five Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast at the Hotel Malerhaus Fügen
- Excursions as Detailed
- Guided Morning Tour of Innsbruck
- Horse Carriage Ride With Music and Schnaps
- Train Trip from Jenbach to Seespitz
- Boat Ride on the Beautiful Achensee
- Steam Train Ride Mayhofen to Kaltenbach
- Welcome Drink in Austria
- Portage at Resort

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £100

## YOUR HOTEL

### Malerhaus Hotel, Fügen ★★★

Set in the pastoral Zillertal valley, this 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 cafe. Additional amenities include a spa offering massages, beauty treatments, a sauna and a relaxation area including a rooftop terrace.





# Alpine Austria & Stunning Salzburg



8 DAYS / 15 - 22 APRIL

£589

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Think of Austria and it's a tussle for the iconic image that will pop into your head first: Julie Andrews spinning on a mountaintop, Vienna's imperial dazzle, the snowy peaks of the Alps... This former heart of the Austro-Hungarian empire sits at the base of the Alps and the crossroads of central Europe - and if the ambience here is more nostalgia than innovation, and more poise than pizzazz, then it's easy to understand why. European high culture was dominated by Austria for centuries during the reign of the Hapsburg dynasty. This is the land of Mozart and Strauss, Freud and Klimt, of grand palaces, onion-bulb churches and beautiful Baroque and Art Nouveau buildings. These days, old and new combine in a seamless experience for visitors, transport links are superb and tourist infrastructure is frighteningly well organised, ensuring you won't miss any of the experiences Austria has to offer.



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## DAY BY DAY

**Sunday 15th:** 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 and breakfast just over the border into Germany.

**Monday 16th:** We continue today through Germany into Austria and onto our main holiday destination in Aschaber and the Lifthotel.

**Tuesday 17th:** Today travel the short distance to the lovely town of Kitzbühel to enjoy a horse drawn carriage ride and free time before heading on to Zell am See a quintessential Austrian resort, a compact town of picture-postcard perfection, with a lake on one side and an impressive mountain hinterland on the other.

**Wednesday 18th:** Today we head over the beautiful Old Brenner pass over the Italian border to the small town of Vipiteno returning via the New Brenner Pass 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.

**Thursday 19th:** Full day excursion takes us to the magical city of Salzburg. We include a guide to help familiarize you with the home of one of the world's most famous composers – Mozart. With plenty of museums, stunning houses, bustling squares you certainly won't get bored.

**Friday 20th:** We visit Kufstein a scenic town located in northern Tyrol on the river Inn. A stroll through the town is very rewarding with the majestic fortress being centre of many activities; the romantic ancient town centre is very attractive, with galleries, museums, exquisite shops, and traditional stores, offering high fashion trends, hospitality, fun and lots of flair. We then continue on to Rattenberg, on the River Inn, the smallest city in the Tyrol. It is a serious glass-making centre and a walk down the main street, Sudtirolerstraase, brings this to life with shop after shop displaying high quality crystal and glass products and antiques. This afternoon we also enjoy an apple strudel show in the town.

**Saturday 21st:** Sadly it's time to leave Kirchberg and start our journey homeward out of Austria back to the German/Belgium borders for our overnight stay.

**Sunday 22nd:** 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**

## YOUR HOTEL

### Lifthotel, Aschaber nr Kirchberg ★★

At the Lifthotel in Aschaber you can experience Tyrolean hospitality first hand. Immerse yourself in the comfort of a traditional Austrian hotel; you can be pampered by the spa facilities, which include a sauna and a solarium.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Owen's Select Coach
- Excursions as Detailed
- Five Nights Three Course or Buffet Dinners, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Four Packed Lunches at Resort  
(1 Sandwich, 1 Small Drink, 1 Piece of Fruit & 1 Small Chocolate Bar)
- 2 Overnight Stops with Dinner Bed & Breakfast
- Included Drinks from 18:00 - 22:00 (water, beer, table wine, coffee and tea) - main resort only
- Guided Tour of Salzburg
- Kitzbühel Horse Drawn Carriage Ride
- Rattenberg Apple Strudel Show (approx. 40 min)

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £75**

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



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# Cruise the Danube to Vienna & Budapest



11 DAYS / 18 - 28 AUGUST

£1425

**SUPERB CITY TOURS**

**NEW TOUR**



Courtesy of Vienna

Experience a wonderful scenic journey travelling along the Danube and dip in and out of the fascinating history and culture of some of the most beautiful cities in the heart of Europe. From the pretty city of Passau on the Austrian border to the Hungarian capital of Budapest, cruise in comfort and style aboard the MS Serenity. Gaze at the flawless beauty of the Wachau Valley, lose yourself in the waltzes and whirls of Vienna, explore beautiful Budapest the 'Pearl of the Danube'.



Vienna J. Llanos FC

## DAY BY DAY

**Saturday 18th:** We travel to Dover for our short sea crossing to Calais continuing on to our first overnight hotel on the German border.

**Sunday 19th:** We travel to Koblenz following the banks of the Rhine Valley to Rudesheim for a lunch stop before continuing on to our second overnight hotel.

**Monday 20th:** We continue on to Passau known as the "Three Rivers City" due to its unique location where the Danube, Inn and Ilz rivers meet. Once aboard the boat late afternoon, you can relax as we set sail and cruise towards Melk.

**Tuesday 21st:** We arrive in Melk in the beautiful Wachau Valley. Here you can join our optional excursion visiting the Benedictine Abbey. One of the most famous monastic houses in Austria. You can relax onboard for the remainder of the day as we cruise to Vienna for an overnight stop.

**Wednesday 22nd:** We experience the delights of Vienna. Grand palaces, Baroque castles, magnificent squares and striking monuments are just some of the key features of this beautiful city. In the afternoon we visit the magnificent Schonbrunn Palace. In the early evening we cast off and cruise towards Budapest.

**Thursday 23rd:** Budapest one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Here you can explore both sides of Hungary's capital – traditional Buda and the more cosmopolitan Pest. Start the day by joining our city tour. In the evening experience Budapest by night with a traditional folklore show.

**Friday 24th:** Enjoy a morning in Budapest or visit Lajosmizse to see a traditional stud farm and enjoy a tour of the grounds in a horse-drawn carriage, before watching a spectacular live Puszta horse show. We set sail in the afternoon and cruise towards Bratislava.

**Saturday 25th:** We reach Bratislava in the early morning. This historic city is dominated by its castle and unique suspension bridge.

**Sunday 26th:** The town of Durnstein is crowned by the ruins of the castle that once imprisoned Richard the Lionheart. We set sail for the final time and cruise towards Passau.

**Monday 27th:** We disembark this morning and travel by our coach to our overnight hotel on the German/Belgium border.

**Tuesday 28th:** We depart our overnight hotel after breakfast for the journey to Calais for our ferry crossing as we continue the final leg of our tour.

**NB: EU Health Insurance Card recommended.**

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Owen's Select Coach ■ Return Channel Crossings
- 3 Overnight Dinner, Bed & Breakfasts
- MS Serenity: Full Board Accommodation on Main Deck during the Cruise with Full Hot & Cold Buffet Breakfast, Lunch and 4-Course Evening Meals
- Cruise Amenities, Itinerary & Sightseeing Excursions as Stated
- Transport Provided for Excursions where Necessary
- Musical Entertainment on Every Night of the Cruise ■ Guided Tour of Melk Abbey
- Vienna with Guided City Tour ■ Guided Tour of Schönbrunn Palace
- Budapest with Coach City Tour Accompanied by a Local Guide
- Budapest by Night Including Folklore Show with Music and a Glass of Schnapps
- Puszta Horse Show ■ Guided Tour of Bratislava ■ Free Time in Durnstein

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £375**

**Middle deck cabin £115 per person**

**Panorama deck cabin £230 per person**

## YOUR HOTEL

**MS Serenity, River Cruise Boat ★★★★★**

From her distinct claret and cream colours on the outside, to the polished interiors and exquisite meals – there's an air about this ship that exudes style and yet the atmosphere is warm and friendly. There's also plenty of space to gather with friends and chat over drinks or enjoy some quiet time in your own company. Accommodation is split over three decks, which are all accessible by a lift.



# The Beautiful Black Forest



**8 DAYS / 28 JULY - 4 AUGUST £739**



Rhine Falls Luca Casarelli FC

The Black Forest, or Schwarzwald to give it its German name, is famous the world over. 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. Climatic, hydrotherapy and other health resorts are dotted all over the Black Forest, whose thermal springs have been prized since Roman times. 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.



Schaffhausen sergei.gussew FC

## DAY BY DAY

**Saturday 28th:** 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, for one night 3 course dinner, bed & cold buffet breakfast.

**Sunday 29th:** Today we complete our journey to the Black Forest region and the Hotel Baeren with time to settle into your new surroundings. You are then invited to join the Hotel for a welcome drink before your first night of 3 course buffet dinners.

**Monday 30th:** Today we will board our coach and drive southwards and into the most northerly region of Switzerland to visit the magnificent Rhine Falls, the largest waterfall in Europe. Here we enjoy a half hour boat trip. We then board our coach and travel to the nearby medieval town of Schaffhausen.

**Tuesday 31st:** Today we will take scenic drive through the beautiful Black Forest countryside to Freiburg, a medieval city overlooked by castle ruins and where you will find the famous 'Red Bear', reputedly the oldest pub in Germany!

**Wednesday 1st:** In resort today, free to explore or relax.

**Thursday 2nd:** Today we will visit the spa town of Titisee-Neustadt 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. There will be time to explore the town 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.

**Friday 3rd:** After breakfast this morning, we will bid a fond farewell to the staff at our lovely hotel and begin our journey to Reims in France for one night 3 course dinner, bed & hot/cold buffet breakfast at the Mercure Reims Parc Des Expositions.

**Saturday 4th:** 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**

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Owen's Executive Coach
- Return short short sea crossing
- 5 Nights 3 Course Menu with 2 Choices of Main, Fixed Starter and Dessert – Vegetarian Option on Request
- 5 Nights Bed & Buffet Breakfast (Cold) in Resort
- Welcome Local Schapps Served Before Dinner on Night of Arrival at Resort
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- BBQ (Weather Dependent)
- Excursions as Detailed
- Boat trip at Rhine Falls (30 min) with audio guide
- Cruise on Lake Titisee (25 min)
- Portorage at Resort Hotel

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £140**

## YOUR HOTEL

### Hotel Baeren, Oberharmersbach ★★

Its beautiful setting is enhanced by the fragrant smell of fir-wood and this idyllic location is overlooked by the wonderful panorama of the Black Forest Mountains. The hotel provides every comfort for its guests and the public areas are spacious and welcoming and there is a lift, bar, restaurant and all bedrooms have en-suite bathroom and TV.



5 DAYS / 14 - 18 MAY

£435



Valkenburg mvanwassenhove FC

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.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Hotel Walram, Valkenburg, South Holland ★★

Behind the marl stone facade all 100 comfortably furnished bedrooms are well equipped with every amenity. 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 14th:** 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 15th:** 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 Drielandenpunt (Three Countries Point), the highest point in the Netherlands from which we can see the borders of Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands meet! We will then head back to Valkenburg and enjoy a Three Countries themed dinner at our hotel.

**Wednesday 16th:** 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 to Schin Op Geul. The afternoon is free to explore Valkenburg. The enchanting Dutch town is a fairytale setting with cobbled streets, charming shops, castle ruins and a labyrinth of Roman underground caves that are highly recommended.

**Thursday 17th:** 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 1 hour boat trip before exploring the city at our leisure.

**Friday 18th:** 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
- Three Countries' themed menu on 1 night
- 3 course dinner with set starter & dessert (choice of main) on 3 nights
- 3 Hours Free Bar
- 1 x Music Night
- Full day "Three Countries" guided tour
- Train journey on Milionline
- 1 Hour Boat trip

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £60

# Amsterdam and the Dutch Bulbfields



5 DAYS / 8 - 12 APRIL

£355



Ajthpoison FC

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

### Fletcher 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 a perfect setting for a relaxing evening.



## DAY BY DAY

**Sunday 8th:** Our outward journey takes us via York for time for sightseeing before continuing to Hull for the evening P&O overnight ferry to Rotterdam.

**Monday 9th:** 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, between March and May. Keukenhof spring flowers blend beautifully in a landscape of established trees, flowering shrubs, a huge variety of perennials, water gardens, fountains and a large lake.

**Tuesday 10th:** 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, which is ablaze with colour in every season.

**Wednesday 11th:** 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. In the afternoon we'll return to the port of Rotterdam to embark for your overnight voyage to Hull.

**Thursday 12th:** 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)
- Two Nights Three Course Dinner with 2 Choices + Vegetarian Option
- Tea & Coffee After Dinner at Resort
- Hot/Cold Buffet Breakfast at Resort
- Excursions as Detailed
- Visit to Keukenhof Gardens

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £75

INSIDE LOWER BERTH CABIN: £11 per person

OUTSIDE LOWER BERTH CABIN: £14 per person

Early booking discount not available on this tour.

# Highlights of Normandy



5 DAYS / 27 JUNE - 1 JULY

£529



Honfleur Normandy amocchane FC

Blessed with dramatic coastal landscapes, quaint villages, picturesque ports, classic half-timbered buildings and fabulous food. The legacy of the region's epic history, from the Norman invasion of England in 1066 to the D-Day Landings of 1944, has left its mark. This tour will give you an introduction to the very best of Normandy. Our hotel is in the pretty pilgrimage town of Lisieux.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Mercure Hotel, Lisieux ★★☆☆

Each of the 69 bedrooms are 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

**Wednesday 27th:** Morning departure to Dover for a Channel crossing to Calais. On arrival in France we continue our journey arriving in Lisieux early evening.

**Thursday 28th:** After breakfast today we travel to Rouen, Normandy's culture, historic, gastronomic and vibrant capital. Monet's canvases of the cathedral have made it one of the best-loved buildings in the town, but many other glories stand out, including fine museums and the church dedicated to visitor Joan of Arc.

**Friday 29th:** We visit Bayeux - explore beautifully conserved timber-framed buildings and Bayeux Cathedral, a remarkable example of Norman architecture. We continue 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 to the Atlantic Wall Museum (Le Grande Bunker). We complete the day with a visit to Pegasus Bridge & Museum.

**Saturday 30th:** We visit Honfleur, on the Seine's estuary. Honfleur's beauty has long attracted artists whose works can be seen in the town museums and the modern galleries that abound. The picturesque town is perfect for exploring with many attractions to choose from, starting with the old dock in the heart of the port, surrounded by its distinctive high, narrow, timber-framed and slate-clad houses. We continue to the resort of Deauville, with its grand promenade, glamorous casinos, couture shops. **Sunday 1st:** We return home after breakfast via a Hypermarket in Calais (Time permitting).

**NB: EU Health Insurance Card recommended.**

## 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
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Return Channel Crossings
- Excursions as Detailed
- Entrance to Arromanches Landing Museum
- Entrance to Arromanches 360 Cinema
- Entrance to The Atlantic Wall Museum (Le Grande Bunker)
- Entrance to Pegasus Bridge Museum
- Portering

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £130

# Disneyland® Paris



3/4 DAYS / 10 - 12/13 AUGUST

£389



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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 Marne 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

**Friday 10th:** 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.

**Saturday 11th:** 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.

**Sunday 12th:** 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 Monday 13th with comfort and refreshment stops on route.

*Children 3 – 11 years when sharing with minimum 2 adults £220*

**NB: EU Health Insurance Card recommended.**

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- Return Channel Crossings
- 2 Nights Bed & Hot/Cold Buffet Breakfast
- 2 Day Dated Park Hopper Pass for Disneyland Paris

# Titanic Belfast & the Giants Causeway



5 DAYS / 14 - 18 OCTOBER

£415



Titanic Belfast FC

Enjoy Belfast's thriving, cosmopolitan scene with its many bars and restaurants. We also include a visit to Bushmills Distillery and the Giants Causeway. And of course a visit to Titanic Belfast as it is a 'must see' on any visit to the city. It is located right beside the historic site of this world-famous ship's construction.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Ramada Encore, Belfast City Centre ★★★

The Ramada Encore is a newly built stylish hotel, ideally located in St Anne's Square in the heart of Belfast city centre. The hotel is vibrant, upbeat and features 169 stylish en-suite bedrooms and is the perfect base to explore all that Belfast has to offer.



## DAY BY DAY

**Sunday 14th:** We travel across Anglesey to Holyhead Port for our Irish Sea crossing to Dublin, and then continue north to Belfast and the Ramada Encore Belfast City Centre where we stay for the next four nights.

**Monday 15th:** Today we head into Belfast where we are joined by a guide for a coach tour of the city. This afternoon we visit the Titanic exhibition to discover more about RMS Titanic, uncovering the myths and legends surrounding her story and find out about many other great ships built in the famous Harland and Wolff Shipyard.

**Tuesday 16th:** A wonderful day is ahead today as we journey north along County Antrim's coastal road, taking in the stunning scenery. We visit the Giant's Causeway, one of Ireland's top tourist attractions, a spectacular sight of thousands of symmetrical columns rising dramatically from the sea – certainly a sight to behold! We also visit the village of Bushmills, where we include a tour and tasting at the Old Bushmills Distillery, the oldest whisky producer in Ireland.

**Wednesday 17th:** As our hotel is so centrally located today is free for you to explore the city at your own pace. The hotel's location makes it easy to come and go as you please.

**Thursday 18th:** After breakfast we check out of the hotel and head south to Dublin city centre for free time for lunch before our return sailing to Holyhead and home.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Return Ferry Holyhead to Dublin
- Guided Tour of Belfast
- Titanic Museum with Guided Tour
- Entry to Bushmills Distillery
- Entry to the Giant's Causeway

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £110

# Galway Coast and a Taste of Ireland



5 DAYS / 2 - 6 SEPTEMBER

£485



Connemara Heritage FC

Galway Bay, immortalised in song, has a wealth of unchanging beauty with its mountains, castles and stone walls, banks of turf, long sandy beaches, clear lakes, rippling streams and flowing rivers. Vibrant Galway City has been a popular holiday destination for many years, while County Galway offers the breathtaking scenery of Connemara.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Loughrea Hotel & Spa, Galway ★★★★★

Overlooking the majestic Loughrea Lake, this 4-star hotel offers superb state-of-the-art facilities and stylish, modern accommodation in contemporary surroundings. The hotel's Rooftop Garden boasts panoramic views of Loughrea Lake and the mountains beyond.



## DAY BY DAY

**Sunday 2nd:** Early departure as we make our way to Holyhead for a ferry to Dublin. On arrival in Ireland we travel across Ireland to Galway and our hotel.

**Monday 3rd:** This morning we take the Burren Food Trail making our way to Café Linnalla, situated within the picturesque countryside of the Burren with stunning views of Galway Bay from this remarkable location on the Wild Atlantic Way. Linnalla Irish Ice Cream is a small farmhouse based producer that uses milk from the farm's herd to make delicious gourmet ice creams. Our journey continues on to Ailwee Caves and Birds of Prey Centre. Your tour consists of a 35 minute guided walk through beautiful caverns, over bridged chasms, under weird formations and alongside the thunderous waterfall which sometimes gently sprays the unsuspecting visitor. The Birds of Prey Centre is home to one of the largest and most varied collection of Birds of Prey in the Ireland – Eagles, Falcons, Hawks, Owls, and Vultures. Early afternoon we arrive at the Burren Smokehouse and Visitor Centre where we will enjoy a tasting of the local salmon. We also include a light lunch of soup, sandwiches & tea/coffee.

**Tuesday 4th:** We visit the Connemara Heritage & History Centre which tells the history of Connemara down through the ages. Following our interesting visit, we will take a 90 minute cruise on Killary Ford.

**Wednesday 5th:** This morning we make a short drive to the colourful medieval city of Galway, one of Ireland's largest and most vibrant cities.

**Thursday 6th:** We check out of the hotel and head east to Dublin City centre for free time for lunch before our return sailing to Holyhead and home.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel By Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Return Ferry Holyhead to Dublin
- Connemara Heritage Centre & Tractor ride
- 90 minute cruise on Killary Ford
- Visit to Café Linnalla tour & ice cream tasting
- Visit to Burren Smokehouse Including a Light Lunch of Soup, Sandwiches & Tea/Coffee
- Visit to Ailwee Caves & Birds of Prey Centre

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £100

# 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

**Monday 18th:** Early Departure for Fishguard for the ferry to Ireland and on to Waterford for our overnight stay at Treacy's Hotel, Waterford.

**Tuesday 19th:** We depart this morning heading west along the magnificent Copper Coast to Dungarvan, where we have a stop for lunch. After time to explore we head for Killarney.

**Wednesday 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. 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. The rest of the day will be at leisure in Killarney.

**Thursday 21st:** Full day excursion around the Ring of Kerry. Dominated by MacGillycuddy's Reeks, 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. We continue through the villages of Rossbeigh and Kells, with their beautiful golden beaches, Sneem, a quaint town with its own village green, and Kenmare to Moll's Gap.

**Friday 22nd:** After breakfast we leave Killarney and the Eviston Hotel and cross Ireland to Blarney home of the famous castle and its "Stone of Eloquence". We continue on to Waterford to enjoy free time to explore the city before settling in for our overnight stay at the Treacy's Hotel Waterford.

**Saturday 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 Waterford
- 3 Nights Dinner, Bed & Full Irish Breakfast Eviston Hotel Killarney
- Excursions as Detailed in Itinerary
- Jaunting Car Tour & Lake Cruise

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £120

# St Patrick's Day Celebrations in Waterford



5 DAYS / 15 - 19 MARCH

£335



What better place to be on St Patrick's Day than the City that started the public holiday tradition back in 1903. The county offers a dazzling coastline, beautiful river valleys and two dramatic ranges of very accessible mountains. The city is 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.



## DAY BY DAY

**Thursday 15th:** Early departure for Fishguard for the sailing to Rosslare before continuing on to the Treacys Hotel Waterford.

**Friday 16th:** A full day excursion to Cork and Blarney. We begin with Cork, the largest city in the south of the Republic. Some of the main streets are built over channels where ships nuzzled their anchor-chains a century ago. Along the South Mall, you will see large gateways at street level, under steps leading to a higher main door. These were once boathouses, when merchants arrived at their warehouses by water.

**Saturday 17th:** (St Patricks Day Parade) The Waterford City St Patrick's Day Parade takes place today starting at 1pm.

**Sunday 18th:** 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.

**Monday 19th:** 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
- Four Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Outward Crossing Fishguard - Rosslare
- Return Crossing Dublin - Holyhead
- Tea / coffee after dinner
- Free use of Leisure Centre & Gym
- Entrances to Kilkenny Castle & Dunbrody Emigrant Ship

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £77

Early booking discount not available on this tour.



5 DAYS / 23 - 27 AUGUST

£420



CRATHES CASTLE

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

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## 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
- Guided Tour of Haddo House
- Pitmedden Garden
- Guided Tour of Drum Castle
- Crathes Castle with Cream Tea
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £99

## YOUR HOTEL

### DoubleTree by 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.



## DAY BY DAY

**Thursday 23rd:** We travel to Aberdeen with time to relax before your evening meal.

**Friday 24th:** 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. The remainder of the day will be at leisure in Aberdeen.

**Saturday 25th:** 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.

**Sunday 26th:** 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.

**Monday 27th:** We say goodbye to Aberdeen after breakfast and begin our journey home.



# Easter in Blairgowrie



5 DAYS / 29 MARCH - 2 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 Ercht.

## 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 29th:** 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 30th:** 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 31st:** 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 1st:** 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 2nd:** 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
- Easter Sunday Lunch
- Excursions as Detailed
- Easter Egg for each Guest
- Live Musical Entertainment on 2 Nights
- Porterage

Early booking discount not available on this tour.

# Jacobite Steam Experience - Fort William



5 DAYS / 24 - 28 SEPTEMBER

£440



Courtesy of Neenus

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

**Monday 24th :** We head north to Fort William, with time to relax before your evening meal.  
**Tuesday 25th:** 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.  
**Wednesday 26th:** 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.  
**Thursday 27th:** A free day in Fort William.  
**Friday 28th:** 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

# Dundee, Angus & Glamis Castle



5 DAYS / 1 - 5 JUNE

£420



NEW TOUR

This compact city claims to be the sunniest in Scotland and the closest city to the spectacular countryside. It is home to many historical buildings, two famous ships as well as boutiques and museums, and its waterfront development is due to be finalised in 2018. Our tour includes a visit to the spectacular Glamis Castle plus excursions throughout Angus and Perthshire.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Best Western Queens Hotel, Dundee ★★★

This traditional Victorian hotel has been well restored and developed in recent years. Enjoying an enviable location in the heart of Dundee's West End culture quarter, bedrooms are well appointed and public areas charming.



## DAY BY DAY

**Friday 1st:** We travel north crossing the border into Scotland and check-in at the Best Western Queens Hotel.

**Saturday 2nd:** A visit to Captain Scott's ship, the RRS Discovery, is included this morning. Explore the ship and relive the hardships and triumphs of the remarkable expedition to the Antarctic. The afternoon is free to explore Dundee city centre. One of Scotland's seven cities, Dundee has acquired a few names over the years - 'one city, many discoveries', 'jute, jam and journalism', and, very recently, a 'UNESCO City of Design'.

**Sunday 3rd:** A morning excursion along the coast to Broughty Ferry, the 'Jewel in Dundee's Crown' home to Lorraine Kelly and once home to the wealthy jute barons living in, what was reputed to be, the 'richest square mile in Europe'. Continue via Carnoustie and Arbroath, famous for Arbroath Smokies (smoked haddock), and on to Montrose. Return to Dundee via Brechin, stopping at Glamis Castle for an included visit and guided tour of the splendid childhood home of Her Majesty the Queen Mother. Once your tour begins every room has its own story and the evolution of the castle and legendary tales are brought to life by our enthusiastic and knowledgeable tour guide.

**Monday 4th:** Today we visit 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.

**Tuesday 5th:** We leave Dundee after breakfast and return home.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- Four Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Admission to RRS Discovery
- Guided Tour of Glamis Castle
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £75

# Scotland's Unique & Unusual



5 DAYS / 26 - 30 APRIL

£395



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 26th:** We leave during the morning and travel north over the border to our hotel.

**Friday 27th:** 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 28th:** Today we visit Edinburgh. The inspiring capital of Scotland where centuries of history meet a vibrant, cosmopolitan city in an unforgettable setting. The city centre offers residents an exciting fusion of shopping, dining and architectural splendour.

**Sunday 29th:** 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 in Scotland.

**Monday 30th:** We enjoy our final Scottish breakfast before we start our journey home.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 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 / 9 - 13 JULY

£435

NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)



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"Big Tree Country" as this area of Perthshire 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 9th:** 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.
- Tuesday 10th:** Our first call this morning is to the Famous Grouse Experience where we visit Scotland's oldest working distillery and discover how the Glenturret Highland single malt is produced still using the traditional methods and equipment. And, as the spiritual home of The Famous Grouse, discover the art of blending Scotland's favourite whisky. A tasting is included. We then 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. We 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 then drive 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 11th:** Today we head into the heart of the Cairngorms National Park. 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. 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 12th:** 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 13th:** 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
- Admission to Battle of Bannockburn Visitor Centre
- Admission to Famous Grouse Experience
- Portage

# Edinburgh Military Tattoo



3 DAYS / 5 - 7 AUGUST 9PM PERF

£249

3 DAYS / 21 - 23 AUGUST 9PM PERF

£249



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In 2018 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. 2018 sees Scotland's colourful military musical spectacular celebrate its 68th 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

- First Day:** We travel north before crossing the border into Scotland. A welcome tea or coffee and scones will be served on arrival.
- Second Day:** We board the coach mid-morning and travel to Leith, giving time to visit the Royal Yacht, and 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.*
- Third Day:** 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 £27

# Llandudno – Jewel of North Wales



4 DAYS / 18 - 21 MAY **£270\***

4 DAYS / 21 - 24 SEPTEMBER **£285**



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

### Winchmore Hotel, Llandudno ★★

The family-run Winchmore Hotel is in the centre of Llandudno Bay, looking out over the headlands of the Great Orme and the Little Orme. The Winchmore Hotel has views across the promenade to the pier and the Great Orme beyond.



## DAY BY DAY

**Friday:** We travel via St Asaph and stop at the Woollen Mill en route to Llandudno, arriving during the afternoon.

**Saturday:** A day at leisure in Llandudno to enjoy the many sights

**Sunday:** 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.

**Monday:** Free morning before we return home after lunch via Betws-y-Coed.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- Three Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Entrance to Bodnant Gardens
- Two Nights Entertainment
- Porterage



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\*Early booking discount not available on this date.

# Peaceful Pembrokeshire



5 DAYS / 26 - 30 MARCH **£295**

ADDED VALUE TOUR

NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)



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Pembrokeshire has it all – stunning scenery, a spectacular coastline, beautiful beaches, amazing wildlife, great attractions and good food! A holiday here will lift the spirits and take you back to a quieter, more relaxed way of life.

## YOUR HOTEL

### The Cliff Hotel & Spa, Gwbert, Cardigan ★★★

The hotel enjoys spectacular views of the sea, river estuary and Cardigan Island. Guests can enjoy a drink in the large bar (which has unbelievable views) before dinner, which is served in the restaurant or ballroom. The hotel has fantastic leisure facilities including a spa with treatment rooms (charges apply) sauna, spa bath and an indoor pool. The hotel also has a 9-hole golf course.



## DAY BY DAY

**Monday 26th:** We depart our local area arriving at our hotel to enjoy a welcome tea or coffee whilst your bags are taken to your rooms.

**Tuesday 27th:** Today, we visit Pembroke Castle, mighty fortress and birthplace of Henry VII, idyllically set on the banks of the river estuary. You can enjoy your packed lunch at leisure at the castle or alternatively enjoy free time in the walled town of Pembroke which surrounds the castle and has many ancient and interesting Norman buildings.

**Wednesday 28th:** This morning we travel to the pretty picture postcard town of Tenby. Here we can spend the day exploring quaint streets and 13th century medieval town walls, strolling around the picturesque harbour, visiting the Tenby museum and art gallery or just relaxing in this beautiful resort. During our day at leisure we can enjoy lunch at one of the many restaurants and tearooms. In the afternoon we could take a short boat trip to Caldey Island with its beautiful monastery.

**Thursday 29th:** After breakfast this morning, we will visit charming 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 town is located in a designated conservation area. We can spend time strolling around the lanes before visiting The Landscape Gallery at Oriol y Parc Gallery & Visitor Centre. Here, we can learn more about St David's by exploring the Discovery Room. After lunch, we can make our way to St David's Cathedral. This beautiful cathedral has much to see and admire and trained volunteers will happily provide us with a guided tour. (if available). There is also a weekly market which is normally held today.

**Friday 30th:** This morning is free in Cardigan before returning home via Aberystwyth.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel By Executive Coach
- Four Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Guided Tour of Pembroke Castle
- Oriol y Parc Gallery
- St. David's Cathedral
- Two Nights Live Entertainment
- Two Nights In-House Activities
- Happy Hour between 18.00 – 21.00hrs – 50% off selected drinks
- Two Packed Lunches
- Porterage

Early booking discount not available on this tour.



**4 DAYS / 29 JULY - 1 AUGUST £319**



**NEW TOUR**

Rhossili Beach South Wales cat\_collector FC

See the best of what South Wales has to offer, explore the rich heritage and culture and come and discover why Dylan Thomas wrote so passionately about the region and his home town of Swansea, Wales' second-largest city, sitting on the five-mile sweep of Swansea Bay.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Best Western Aberavon Beach Hotel ★★★

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 29th:** We travel into South Wales for check-in at the Aberavon Beach Hotel.

**Monday 30th:** We make the short journey to The Gower Heritage Centre, a visitor attraction and rural life museum based around a working 12th century water-mill with craft shops, craft activities and an old fashioned games arcade. On our included 30 to 45 minute guided tour you are greeted by your Guide who will direct you to the Water Wheel. The tour will then take you all round the water-powered corn mill and saw mill, into the Miller's cottage and Blacksmith's shop, and include the history of the Mill and descriptions of milling, wood-turning and blacksmithing. Following the tour, have some time to explore the rest of the site. As well as the traditional crafts and shops, there is a collection of rare breeds of poultry and ducks. At the "eggucation centre", there are often tiny chicks that have just hatched. We then head out on a guided coach tour lasting approximately 2 hours where a fully qualified guide will accompany us to point out the highlights of Gower from the heights of Cefn Bryn and the historic "Arthur's Stone" to the breathtaking beauty of Rhossili beach and the nature reserve of Worm's Head. We then spend free time by the quaint seaside village of Mumbles on the southern tip of Swansea Bay with its array of attractions including a medieval castle and popular pier.

**Tuesday 31st:** This morning we visit The Royal Mint which puts 1,000 years of history into combining the finest craftsmanship with cutting-edge techniques to make coins and medals for over 60 countries. We then continue to Cardiff.

**Wednesday 1st:** We return home during the morning via Carmarthen.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel By Executive Coach
- 3 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Guided Tour of Gower Peninsula
- Guided Tour of the Mill
- Admission into The Royal Mint with Guide
- Porterage

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £50**

# Tenby – A Town for all Seasons



**5 DAYS / 21 - 25 MAY £399**



Pete O'Shea F/C

Tenby is one of the prettiest resorts on Wales, unspoilt by commercialism and retains its natural seaside charm, especially along narrow cobbled streets lined with shops, cafes and restaurants are also reminders of this bygone age.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Park Hotel, Tenby ★★★

This traditional yet elegant, family run hotel is perched on a cliff top with spectacular views overlooking Tenby. The warmly decorated reception area is accessed via 3 steps and it should be noted that there are multiple steps throughout this historic property. There is, however, lift access to all 42 classically furnished bedrooms. The hotel has a 40 foot outdoor swimming pool, landscaped lawns and beautiful cliff top terraces.



## DAY BY DAY

**Monday 21st:** This morning we head south through Wales to our hosts at the Park Hotel in Tenby.

**Tuesday 22nd:** Full day excursion along the coast travelling via Pendine with its 7 miles of golden sands for a short stop at the attractive Laugharne, the home of Dylan Thomas, the poet. We continue our journey to Camarthen, once Wales' largest town before the industrial revolution. Welsh folklore says it was the birthplace of King Arthur's mentor, the magician Merlin, the town's Welsh name – Caerfyrddin – even translates as "Merlin's Fort. Steeped in tradition, Welsh language is still spoken in most of the region. Visitors delight in the ruins of the town's Norman castle, which once dominated the area, other fine examples of architecture from the 18th and 19th centuries lie at the town's centre below the castle, and examples of Georgian architecture can be found in Lamma Street in the form of coach inns and small local shops.

**Wednesday 23rd:** Free day in Tenby to explore the quaint streets and 13th century medieval town walls or stroll around the picturesque harbour or just relax on the golden sands of this beautiful resort.

**Thursday 24th:** Full day excursion travelling along the coast to the ancient town of Pembroke. Dominated by its magnificent castle, Pembroke is both historical and charming with many shops and several fascinating museums. We continue to Haverfordwest, an attractive town with impressive castle ruins, and then on to St. David's, the smallest Cathedral city in Britain and a shrine to Wales' patron saint.

**Friday 25th:** Sadly it's time to leave the resort of Tenby and begin our journey home via Aberystwyth.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- Four Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Live Entertainment on 1 or 2 Nights
- Porterage

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £80**

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

# Cardiff - Pride of Wales



3 DAYS / 6 - 8 OCTOBER

£199



Courtesy of Veneus VisitCardiff/AndrewMcInreux

Within Cardiff, Wales' capital city, you'll find unique attractions, top class entertainment and quality shopping with a difference – all within convenient walking distance of each other. Innovative architecture sits alongside historic buildings and Cardiff Bay offers entertainment for everyone. Cardiff is a city proud of its culture, history and language which has undergone a fascinating journey over the last 2000 years.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Holiday Inn, Cardiff City ★★

Holiday Inn Cardiff City Centre is a luxurious hotel set in a prime location in the centre of Cardiff. Situated ideally in between the Millennium Stadium and Cardiff Castle. 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.



## DAY BY DAY

**Saturday 6th:** We travel directly to Cardiff arriving at our hotel early afternoon. A guided tour of the city will be included on our arrival.

**Sunday 7th:** 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.

**Monday 8th:** The morning is free in Cardiff before we return home after lunch.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

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

## SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £44



CARDIFF CASTLE

Cardiff Castle/KathrynWH FC

# Isle of Man



Door 2 Door  
AVAILABLE ON THIS TOUR

5 DAYS / 19 - 23 JUNE

£445



NH63 FC

## YOUR HOTEL

### Ascot Hotel, Douglas ★★

The Ascot Hotel is a warm, friendly and contemporary Isle of Man hotel which enjoys an elevated 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. Accordingly passengers will need to be dropped off at the Promenade and walk the short distance to the hotel. Please note: From the street, there are 6 steps into the reception area and 6 steps down into the restaurant.



Fabulous scenery, medieval castles, Victorian railways and trams, beautiful parks and gardens, countless sporting activities, fascinating museums and superb Manx dining, 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 19th:** We travel north to Heysham for the early afternoon crossing to Douglas.

**Wednesday 20th:** 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 21st:** 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 22nd:** 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 23rd:** 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 Dinner, Bed & Full Manx Breakfast
- Excursions As Detailed
- Full Use of Local Leisure Facilities

## SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £66

# Mystery Tours

3 DAYS / 16 - 18 FEBRUARY	£159*
5 DAYS / 19 - 23 MARCH	£265*
4 DAYS / 13 - 16 APRIL	£210*
3 DAYS / 11 - 13 MAY	£159*
3 DAYS / 8 - 10 JUNE	£170
3 DAYS / 13 - 15 JULY	£170
3 DAYS / 17 - 19 AUGUST	£170
3 DAYS / 21 - 23 SEPTEMBER	£170
4 DAYS / 12 - 15 OCTOBER	£229

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.



### INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

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

### SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENTS

3 days £20. 4 days £30. 5 days £40.

# Durham Dales



5 DAYS / 2 - 6 APRIL

£415



Explore the unique history and heritage of this beautiful area of the north east of England. With the stunning scenery of the Durham Dales and the exciting attractions of Beamish Living History Museum and the National Railway Museum, this tour is sure to please.

### YOUR HOTEL

#### Beamish Park Hotel, Newcastle upon Tyne ★★

Surrounded by countryside, The Beamish Park Hotel features an award-winning restaurant and luxury bedrooms with flat-screen TVs. The stylish rooms at Beamish Park are decorated with luxury fabrics and designer fittings, and all have en suite bathrooms. Rooms also have tea and coffee facilities, ample work space and free toiletries.



### DAY BY DAY

- Monday 2nd:** We travel north via the motorways to our hotel for check-in.
- Tuesday 3rd:** Time at leisure in Durham this morning. See the spectacular Cathedral and the beautifully restored Victorian indoor market. We also recommend an optional cruise on the River Wear taking in sights such as Durham Castle and the historic university buildings. Continue to Shildon this afternoon and visit the National Railway Museum. The museum exhibits the history of rail travel from the 19th century to the present day.
- Wednesday 4th:** A full day excursion around the Durham Dales. Travel via Weardale to Stanhope for a visit to the Durham Dales Centre built within the walled gardens of Stanhope Castle. Proceed via Middleton-in-Teeside and Eggleston village to Barnard Castle. Admire the Victorian and Georgian architecture in the delightful town centre and browse the shops in the specialist antique quarter. Continue via Staindrop to Bishop Auckland returning to the hotel in time for dinner.
- Thursday 5th:** A full day visit to Beamish: the Living Museum of the North. The world famous open air museum tells the story of the north east of England in the Georgian, Victorian and Edwardian periods. Enjoy unlimited rides on the restored trams and replica buses and see attractions including a working farm, an authentic town street, the colliery village and, newly opened in 2011, a traditional coal fired fish & chip shop!
- Friday 6th:** We leave after breakfast and return home via York.

### INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- Four Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Entry into The National Railway Museum
- Entry in Beamish
- Porterage

### SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £125

Early booking discount not available on this tour.

# County Durham & Alnwick Castle



5 DAYS / 25 - 29 JUNE

£395



Alnwick Castle Smudge 5000 FC

ALNWK CASTLE

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 The 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 25th:** 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 tea or coffee.

**Tuesday 26th:** 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 Confectionary, 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 27th:** 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 28th:** 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 29th:** 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
- Entry to Alnwick Castle & Gardens
- Entry to Beamish
- Entry to Locomotion (Free)
- Excursions as Detailed
- Use of the Leisure Club
- Portage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £110

# Scarborough & North Yorkshire Moors



5 DAYS / 21 - 25 MAY

£340\*

5 DAYS / 23 - 27 SEPTEMBER

£375



Derren Finders FC

NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

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 picturesque South Cliff, which offers striking views over South Bay. Guests can enjoy the indoor heated swimming pool and free Wi-Fi is available. There are seven steps to enter the hotel.



## DAY BY DAY

**Day 1:** Morning departure for our journey to travel to Scarborough, arriving late afternoon at your hotel for four nights dinner, bed and breakfast.

**Day 2:** 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.

**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:** Delight in the beauty of the East Yorkshire Coast as we journey to the charming towns of Bridlington and Beverley. We'll wind our way along the coast to Bridlington, a lovely old town with a wide flat promenade and a busy little harbour to admire. Afterwards, we'll visit the medieval market town of Beverley with its narrow streets and interesting history, perhaps stopping to take in the 13th Century Minster.

**Day 5:** We leave after breakfast and travel to York with ample time to enjoy its many attractions before leaving after lunch to continue our homeward journey.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- Four Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- North York Moors Railway
- Tea/Coffee following Dinner
- 3 Nights Entertainment
- Portage

\*Early booking discount not available on this date.



# Windermere – Rails, Sails & Trails!



5 DAYS / 14 - 18 MAY

£370



Lake Windermere Jorge Franganillo FC

The sheer beauty of the Lake District has inspired poets and artists for centuries, and the area needs little introduction. We feature a variety of interesting excursions, in particular Windermere Lake Cruise, World of Beatrix Potter and Holker Hall and Gardens.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Cumbria Grand Hotel, Grange-Over-Sands ★★★

Set in 20 acres of private gardens and woodlands overlooking Morecambe Bay, this charming Victorian hotel is only six miles from Lake Windermere. There is an outdoor tennis court and putting green and woodland walk as well as indoor games room with a full sized snooker table, table tennis and darts.



## DAY BY DAY

**Monday 14th:** We travel north via Southport leaving after time for lunch to the Lake District with time to enjoy the hotel facilities before dinner this evening.

**Tuesday 15th:** Rails, Sails & Trails! - After a leisurely full English breakfast, we travel to Haverthwaite for our journey on the Lakeside & Haverthwaite Railway to Bowness-on-Windermere. Here we join Lakeside Cruises for our journey from Lakeside Pier to Bowness, where the rest of the day is at leisure to explore this bustling lakeside town. Also included is a visit to World of Beatrix Potter! We return to the hotel for dinner.

**Wednesday 16th:** Holker Hall - After a full English breakfast, we head south for our visit to Holker Hall and Gardens, home of the Cavendish family. Holker Hall is set in exceptionally beautiful countryside with gardens that merge into parkland framed by the Lakeland hills. Highlights of the house include The Gallery, The Library, The Drawing Room and Queen Mary's Bedroom. The immaculately kept gardens, 25 acres in all, are part woodland and part formal garden and highlights include The Great Holker Lune, an awe-inspiring tree measuring 7.9m in girth! We enjoy free time in Ulverston before returning to the hotel.

**Thursday 17th:** Keswick & Ullswater - After breakfast today, we travel to Keswick. For a small town, Keswick has a range of shops and services far larger than might be expected! We return via beautiful Ullswater, for free time in Windermere before dinner.

**Friday 18th:** A morning visit to Kendal with its castle ruins, quaint cobbled streets, antique shops, the K Village shopping outlet and the chance to purchase the famous 'Kendal Mintcake'. We leave Kendal after lunch for our journey home.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- Full English Breakfast
- Lakeside Haverthwaite Steam Railway
- Entrance to World of Beatrix Potter
- Porterage
- Four Nights' Accommodation
- Three Course, Choice menu Dinner with Tea/Coffee
- Windermere Lake Cruise
- Entrance to Holker Hall & Gardens

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £70**

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

# Breathtaking Lake District



5 DAYS / 13 - 17 AUGUST

£405



Grasmere john.purvis FC

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.

## YOUR HOTEL

### The Cumbria Grand Hotel ★★★

The Cumbria Grand Hotel, built in 1880, is located only a short drive from the majestic Lake Windermere. Set in 20 acres of private gardens and woodlands and overlooking Morecambe Bay, you will receive a warm and friendly welcome at this charming Victorian Hotel. The Garden area contains a tennis court, putting green, children's play area and woodland/fitness walk. The hotel also has a Indoor full sized snooker table, pool table, table tennis table and dart-board.



## DAY BY DAY

**Monday 13th:** We travel north to Grange-over-Sands and check-in at the Cumbria Grande Hotel in plenty of time to relax before dinner.

**Tuesday 14th:** 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 15th:** 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 16th:** 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 17th:** A morning visit to Kendal with its castle ruins, quaint cobbled streets, antique shops, the K Village shopping outlet and the chance to purchase the famous 'Kendal Mintcake'. We leave Kendal after lunch for our journey home.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- Full English breakfast
- 3 Course, Choice Menu Dinner with tea/coffee
- Entrance to Holker Hall & Gardens
- 2 Nights Entertainment (1 Live, 1 In-house)
- Porterage

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £77**



5 DAYS / 6 - 10 AUGUST

£399



NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

Courtesy of Venusus

Just six miles from the bright lights of Blackpool, Lytham and St Annes are worlds apart in both character and atmosphere. The dual seaside towns are nestled along a picturesque stretch of coastline lined with well tended lawns, a boating lake and pretty parks. Set back from the coast, in the shadow of Pendle Hill, lie pretty villages which tell a story of intrigue and witchcraft. Over 400 years later, you have the chance to follow the journey taken by the accused witches, to learn about their lives and the trial that made British history.

## 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

**Monday 6th:** 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.

**Tuesday 7th:** 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'.

**Wednesday 8th:** 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 Stoneyhurst 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 before returning back to Clitheroe and St. Anne's on Sea.

**Thursday 9th:** We spend the day at leisure in St Anne's on Sea whose town centre has been completely regenerated over recent years to offer a charming experience, blending heritage with 21st Century living. Take a stroll along the promenade in St Annes, past the bandstand and Promenade Gardens and you'll find the beautifully preserved Victorian Pier. This evening there will be a sparkling wine reception.

**Friday 10th:** We leave after breakfast and call at Oswaldtwistle Mills before continuing to Bury, famous for its market. Leaving Bury during the afternoon for our journey home.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 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
- Porterage

# Lytham, Blackpool & Pendle Witches



5 DAYS / 15 - 19 OCTOBER

£370



NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

Windermere maunf 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 15th:** 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 16th:** 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 enjoy a delicious cream tea in Owd Nell's Tavern before returning to the hotel for dinner.

**Wednesday 17th:** 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 18th:** 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. After dinner we take a tour of the famous illuminations in Blackpool.

**Friday 19th:** 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 Entertainment
- Porterage

# Romantic Journeys & Landscapes of Lancashire



5 DAYS / 7 - 11 JUNE

£395



RIVER LUNE

Discover a diverse county with vast areas of outstanding natural beauty, unspoilt moors, dazzling coastline, industrial heritage and traditional towns and villages. Steeped in history, legend and stunning scenery, savour the splendour of Lancashire whilst experiencing memorable journeys including a spectacular canal cruise and a tranquil train ride.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Best Western Premier Leyland Hotel ★★★★★

Offering well-appointed bedrooms and excellent facilities, it is regarded as one of the finest hotels in the region. All bedrooms benefit from digital safes, mini hi fi systems, well stocked hospitality trays, flat screen TV and Wifi. The hotel does not have a lift, but there are a number of ground floor rooms available.



## DAY BY DAY

**Thursday 7th:** We travel to Southport which has beautiful beaches, stunning architecture, one of the oldest piers in the UK along with a superb choice of shops.

**Friday 8th:** We visit Browsholme Hall, the oldest surviving family home in Lancashire and ancestral home of the Parker Family. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits on arrival followed by an introductory talk and approx. 60 minute guided tour of the house with an experienced guide and free time to explore the rest of the property. We then travel to Rawtenstall for a 45 minute rail journey to Bury enjoying a voyage through rich landscapes on one of the UK's best kept heritage railways. On arrival in Bury we visit the Bury Transport Museum, once a former goods warehouse it provides a fascinating glimpse into the world of transport from the age of steam to the present day.

**Saturday 9th:** Our tour of the Ribble Valley starts at Clitheroe and our first stop is the village of Downham (famous for the film Whistle Down the Wind and the BBC series Born and Bred). We continue to Stoneyhurst College, Jeffrey Hill and then to the award winning village of Chipping where lunch can be taken. We then visit the villages of Dunsop Bridge, home of the Eagle Owls. Finally we head to the village of Newton followed by a stopover at Slaiburn before returning to our hotel.

**Sunday 10th:** We visit Lancaster, one of England's heritage cities. Dominated by its medieval castle and the River Lune that runs through the city, discover narrow Georgian streets and stunning architecture, before experiencing a delightful canal cruise. We then travel to Morecambe, stroll along the award winning promenade, take in the sea air and admire the coastal view towards the Lakeland Fells.

**Monday 11th:** We leave our hotel after breakfast for a morning visit to Blackpool where time will be given for lunch before we return home.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Guided Tour of Browsholme Hall
- East Lancashire Railway
- Bury Transport Museum
- Ribble Valley Guided Coach Tour
- Lancaster Canal Cruise
- Portage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £82

# Bygone Times in South Yorkshire



5 DAYS / 5 - 9 MARCH

£335



BOLSOVER CASTLE

On this new tour for springtime we feature an interesting and attractive selection of attractions. The thriving historic market town of Newark-on-Trent contrasts nicely with Gainsborough's Old Hall, and Sheffield offers the visitor much to see. Combined with a stay in a four star hotel this will be an excellent spring break. Hotel in-house entertainment is provided on two evenings.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Hellaby Hall Hotel, Nr. Rotherham ★★★★★

A commanding 17th century building steeped in history and proudly combines period charm with every modern convenience. Facilities include Bodyscene leisure, with heated swimming pool, spa, sauna and fitness centre.



## DAY BY DAY

**Monday 5th:** Depart from your home area travelling to South Yorkshire and arriving late afternoon at Hellaby Hall Hotel. Tea/coffee and biscuits served on arrival.

**Tuesday 6th:** This morning we head south into Nottinghamshire and the historic market town of Newark-on-Trent. The ruins of the 12th century castle are a landmark, and the market place is surrounded by historic buildings including the Georgian town hall built in 1776, now housing the town museum. Explore the town and enjoy lunch before our afternoon visit to Gainsborough Old Hall, a large, late medieval manor house built around 1460. See the imposing Great Hall, the original kitchen and much more. Famous visitors to the hall have included Richard III and Henry VIII.

**Wednesday 7th:** Our first visit today is to Sheffield Botanic Gardens and Glass Pavilions a stunning oasis of colour in a peaceful setting. This afternoon we visit unique 18th century Abbeydale Hamlet to hear all about the city's distant past, with workers houses, waterwheels, workshops and much more. Later we return past Manor Park and the ruins of the castle where Mary Queen of Scots was held.

**Thursday 8th:** We begin today with a visit to Chesterfield with its busy flea market, with over 100 stalls to wander around. Don't miss the town's famous landmark – the crooked spire – how did it happen? This afternoon we enjoy a visit to the stunning and unique Bolsover Castle. Set on a hilltop overlooking the Vale of Scarsdale, the 17th century fantasy castle offers panoramic views over the surrounding countryside. Marvel at the little castle with its brilliantly restored interiors, and afterwards enjoy refreshments in the café before we make our way back to the hotel.

**Friday 9th:** After breakfast we leave and begin our journey home.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- Four Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Entry into Bolsover Castle
- Entry into Gainsborough Old Hall
- Entry into Sheffield Botanic Gardens
- Entry into Abbeydale Hamlet
- 2 Evenings Entertainment
- Portage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £66

Early booking discount not available on this tour.

# Harrogate Flower Show and Yorkshire Gems



5 DAYS / 13 - 17 SEPTEMBER £329



Tim Green aka altouch FC

Yorkshire is a frequent visitor to our homes through the many popular TV programmes that are filmed on location here. On this tour we visit the Flower Show in Harrogate considered to be the premier horticultural show in Yorkshire, promising the perfect day out for all garden lovers.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Cedar Court, Leeds Bradford ★★★★★

Ideally situated between Leeds & Bradford, this aptly named hotel is a convenient gem of Yorkshire. The Best Western Plus Cedar Court Hotel guests can easily enjoy twin or double-sized rooms, complete with coffee/tea-making facilities, free Wi-Fi and cosy beds. Don't miss the fully-equipped gym with pool & solarium.



## DAY BY DAY

**Thursday 13th:** We head through the beautiful Peak District with suitable stop en-route as we head to our hotel the Cedar Court for the next 4 nights dinner bed & breakfast.

**Friday 14th:** Our scenic tour of the Dales begins at Ripon, dominated by its cathedral, before continuing to Pateley Bridge, on the banks of the River Nidd. We continue through the landscapes more familiar as 'Emmerdale Country' to the sleepy little village of Esholt, home of 'The Woolpack', the pub used for exterior scenes for many years.

**Saturday 15th:** The ancient city of York is our destination today. The day is free to wander the old streets of 'The Shambles', travel back to Viking times at the Jorvik Centre, visit the National Railway Museum, enjoy lunch in an old world pub, stroll the city walls, and of course pay a visit to the magnificent York Minster – and no visit to York is complete without a treat at Betty's famous tearooms.

**Sunday 16th:** We journey to the attractive Spa town of Harrogate. Great gardens always begin in the autumn and there is no better place to get started than the Harrogate Autumn Flower Show. Featuring beautiful show gardens, stunning plant nursery displays, live expert demonstrations and great garden shopping, it offers everything you need to plan and perfect your outdoor space. The famous giant vegetable competition is set to wow visitors as colossal carrots, monster marrows and podgy parsnips weigh in for the battle of the bulge. The Harrogate Flower Show is a perfect visit for both garden lovers and anyone looking for an experience with a difference.

**Monday 17th:** Following a leisurely breakfast we leave for Skipton (market day). After time for Lunch we begin our journey home.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner Bed & Breakfast
- Entry to Harrogate Autumn Flower Show
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £88

# Yorkshire Boats, Vines & Railway Lines



5 DAYS / 10 - 14 JUNE £345



ahisgreat FC

There can be few sights to compare than the beauty of the Yorkshire countryside in the summertime. This delightful tour takes us back to a bygone era of steam trains, as we ride on the Worth Valley Railway, and canal boats that were the backbone of Britains industrial revolution..

## YOUR HOTEL

### Cedar Court Hotel, Huddersfield ★★★★★

The Best Western PLUS Cedar Court Bradford is located just 10 minutes' drive from Bradford city centre and 20 minutes from Leeds. The hotel offers an in-door heated pool, a sauna and a gym. All the modern rooms feature an en suite bathroom, TV and tea/coffee making facilities and free wifi. Guests can enjoy drinks in the comfortable Lounge Bar before dinner in The Brasserie with menus that feature locally sourced Yorkshire produce.



## DAY BY DAY

**Sunday 10th:** We leave during the morning and travel via Buxton and the Peak District. Continuing to the Cedar Court Hotel for check-in

**Monday 11th:** 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 and 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 12th:** 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 13th:** 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 14th:** 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



5 DAYS / 27 - 31 AUGUST

£389



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

**Monday 27th:** We make our way to the hotel in Lincolnshire arriving in time to settle in before dinner.

**Tuesday 28th:** 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.

**Wednesday 29th:** Set in a beautiful village with glorious borders, shrubs, walks and ponds, Aubourn 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 30th:** 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.

**Friday 31st:** 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 Aubourn Hall Gardens
- Burghley House with a 90-minute guided tour
- 45-minute Rutland Water cruise
- Guided tour at Lincoln Cathedral
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £78

# Norfolk Broads & Sandringham



5 DAYS / 28 MAY - 1 JUNE

£415



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A new tour including Sandringham, a steam train ride and boat cruise. You will find plenty to do and see on this interesting holiday to the lovely county of Norfolk.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Dunston Hall, Norwich ★★★★★

This 4 star Elizabethan mansion, built in 1859, has been lovingly restored to its former glory and is set in 150 acres of stunning wooded Norfolk parkland. All en-suite rooms have TV, telephone, hairdryer, tea/coffee tray, iron/board and free WiFi. There's an indoor pool, steam room and sauna. A lift serves all floors.



## DAY BY DAY

**Monday 28th:** Depart from your home area travelling to Norfolk and arriving late afternoon.

**Tuesday 29th:** Today we combine a nostalgic steam train ride with a cruise on the Norfolk Broads. We begin at Aylsham where we join the Bure Valley Railway for the 9 miles ride to Wroxham. At Wroxham we join the boat for a cruise around the Broads, and we then travel through some of the delightful Broads villages, such as Woodbastwick, with its diminutive green and thatched cottages.

**Wednesday 30th:** Today we visit Sandringham, much loved country retreat of Her Majesty The Queen. The house, set in 24 hectares of stunning gardens has been the private home of four generations of British monarchy and is a friendly and informal place to visit, with knowledgeable guides in every room of the house and acres of beautiful gardens to explore.

**Thursday 31st:** Full day to Norwich one of England's best-preserved historic centres. Within the remains of the old city wall, one can find the Norman cathedral and castle, the famous mustard shop, mediaeval buildings, cobbled streets, a colourful market and East Anglia's premier shopping centre.

**Friday 1st:** Following breakfast we return home with a morning stop in the university city of Cambridge.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Admission into Sandringham House
- Journey on Bure Valley Railway
- Cruise on the Broads
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £110

# Discover Rutland & Royal Sandringham



5 DAYS / 7 - 11 SEPTEMBER £420

## DAY BY DAY



andreaebertini FC

NEW TOUR

Rutland is England's smallest and arguably prettiest county, which certainly lives up to its motto, *Multum in Parvo* (much in little); This rural escape is the perfect place to spend time enjoying the great outdoors. Rutland Water offers a multitude of leisure pursuits while Rutland's many attractive villages are home to picture postcard cottages and traditional country pubs.

**Friday 7th:** 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 arriving late afternoon.

**Saturday 8th:** We head west towards Uppingham and the county town of Rutland, Oakham. The town is a delight with unique independent shops, cafes and tearooms. We take a break here before continuing along Rutland Water to Stamford. Here we have our lunch break and the afternoon is free for you to explore. Take a walk around the historic town – there is much to admire, from the beautiful architecture to the delightful shops, with an abundance of cafes and restaurants. Later we return to the hotel.

**Sunday 9th:** 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 canalside pub where refreshments are available. We have a treat in store this afternoon as we visit Boughton House, one of the great treasure houses of Europe. The house has been the home of the Montagus and their descendants since 1528. The collection here is staggering – arts, rare furniture, porcelain, weaponry and textiles.

**Monday 10th:** Norfolk is our destination today as we head east to Kings Lynn, a historic medieval port situated on the River Great Ouse, near the Wash. This afternoon we visit Sandringham House and Grounds, the favourite Norfolk retreat of Her Majesty the Queen, returning later to the hotel.

**Tuesday 11th:** We begin our journey home via the National Memorial Arboretum.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Holiday Inn, Peterborough ★★★★★

The 4 star rated Holiday Inn Peterborough West stands on the outskirts of the city centre close to the River Nene. Hotel facilities include indoor swimming pool, gym, sauna and steam room. All bedrooms are en suite and have television, telephone and tea & coffee facilities. The hotel has a lift.



## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Admission to Sandringham House and Grounds
- Free use of the Hotel Leisure Facilities

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £78

# Great Yarmouth & Norfolk Broads



5 DAYS / 5 - 9 JUNE £370



michaelphillips FC

NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

Having been a flourishing coastal resort since 1760, the once major fishing port of Great Yarmouth has perfected the seaside experience down to a tee. Greater Yarmouth is full of holiday surprises and contrasts; as the area takes in twenty one villages set in beautiful coastal and rural surroundings, alongside the tranquillity of the famous national park of The Norfolk Broads.

## DAY BY DAY

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

**Wednesday 6th:** Free day in Great Yarmouth.

**Thursday 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. We complete our day when we return via Wroxham.

**Friday 8th:** Full day to Norwich. Within the remains of the old City Wall, one can find the Norman Cathedral and Castle, the famous mustard shop, mediaeval buildings, cobbled streets, a colourful market and East Anglia's premier shopping centre.

**Saturday 9th:** Sadly after breakfast we bid farewell to Great Yarmouth and begin our journey homeward.

## YOUR HOTEL

### The Burlington Palm Hotel ★★★

As one of the largest hotels in Great Yarmouth, overlooking the stunning beach, The Burlington Palm has long been a popular choice for both holidaymakers and locals alike. Beautifully-maintained rooms, a stunning outside lounge area and a fully-stocked bar and restaurant are just a few reasons why people return to The Burlington Palm time after time. (Please note this hotel does have a lift, however there are some rooms accessible via 5-14 steps.)



## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast Accommodation
- Excursions as Detailed ■ Portorage
- 2 Nights Entertainment (1 Live & 1 In-house)
- Free use of the Hotel Leisure

# Constable Country & East Anglia



5 DAYS / 22 - 26 APRIL

£330



FLATFORD MILL

Courtesy of Ashley & Newey

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. As a nice contrast we visit the 'Essex Sunshine Coast'.

## YOUR HOTEL

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

Hotel facilities include Lifestyle Health and Leisure Club with heated indoor swimming pool, sauna, steam room and gym. All bedrooms are en-suite and have television, telephone, radio, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities.



## DAY BY DAY

**Sunday 22nd:** Morning departure from your home area travelling to East Anglia and arriving late afternoon at Marks Tey Hotel. Enjoy a glass of wine with dinner tonight.

**Monday 23rd:** 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 24th:** 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 25th:** 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 returning from here to the hotel.

**Thursday 26th:** After breakfast we leave and begin our homeward journey.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel By Executive Coach
- Four Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Guide Services of Constable Country
- Porterage

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £80**

Early booking discount not available on this tour.

# Cambridgeshire English Heritage



5 DAYS / 7 - 11 MAY

£359



NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

Courtesy of Ashley & Newey

Cambridge is a city for all seasons. 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.

## YOUR HOTEL

**Holiday Inn, Cambridge ★★**

The 3 star rated Holiday Inn is just a short drive from the Cambridge city centre and is an ideal base for this tour. Hotel facilities include indoor swimming pool and gym, bar and open plan lounge. All bedrooms are en suite and have television, telephone, and tea & coffee making facilities.



## DAY BY DAY

**Monday 7th:** Morning travelling to Cambridge and arriving late afternoon

**Tuesday 8th:** This morning we journey to Cambridge. Here we board our chauffeured punt through the back waters of the city. Our guide will not only guide the punt along the River Cam, but will also ensure we see the highlights of Cambridge's College buildings. Strawberries and cream will be served as you glide by the many college buildings. There is then time for you to explore the wonderful city of Cambridge and chance to visit the Old Cambridge Courtroom.

**Wednesday 9th:** After a leisurely breakfast today we travel south to visit the Roman City of St Albans. At the city's historic core you will find the magnificent Cathedral – dating back to 1077, well worth a visit, and the award winning Verulamium Museum will give you an eye opening insight into Roman life. Today is market day in St Albans. The market is steeped in history and dates back to the 9th century. Then we have an afternoon visit to RAF Hendon before returning to our hotel.

**Thursday 10th:** Today after a leisurely breakfast we drive to the historic city of Ely where we have time to explore and visit the market, check out the quirky shops, we have time to enjoy lunch before Ely's main attraction the magnificent Cathedral, known as 'The Ship of the Fens'. Marvel at this amazing 12th century building as we enjoy a guided tour. This is followed by a visit to Oliver Cromwell's House. Cromwell lived in this house with his family for 10 years and this was his only remaining home apart from Hampton Court Palace. Here we have a guided tour by Mrs Cromwell creating an atmospheric experience. The city takes its name from the abundance of eels in the surrounding marshlands. Eels were historically part of the local source of income.

**Friday 11th:** We depart Cambridge after breakfast and start our journey home.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- Four Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Chauffeured punt on the River Cam, Strawberries and cream served on the punt
- Guided tour of Ely's Cathedral
- Tour of Cromwell's house
- Entry to RAF Hendon

Early booking discount not available on this tour.

# Three Counties Taster



5 DAYS / 3 - 7 SEPTEMBER

£420

## DAY BY DAY

**Monday 3rd:** We make our way to the beautifully converted Mill Hotel, dually taking advantage of the breathtaking Suffolk countryside and its town-centre location.

**Tuesday 4th:** Our first stop is Norfolk where we make our way to St George's Distillery, home of The English Whisky Co., the first distillery in England in over 100 years and part of Norfolk's heritage. Officially opened by Prince Charles in 2017, the beautifully designed distillery was built by the Nelstrop family. Tea and coffee will be served on arrival followed by a tour and a 2 course lunch. On our return journey we will make a stop at Bury St Edmunds.

**Wednesday 5th:** Smell the delightful aroma of freshly made strawberry jam at the Tiptree Visitor Centre and Museum. Start by enjoying tea/coffee and a scone with Tiptree jam and clotted cream, served in the Tiptree Tea rooms. We return to our hotel via Colchester, Britain's oldest recorded town with a rich history.

**Thursday 6th:** Today we explore Lavenham, one of the UK's finest medieval villages located in the heart of Suffolk. Built by the wealthy wool merchants of Tudor times, the town has been seemingly locked in a time capsule, keeping its delicate history intact in the form of exquisite buildings and streets lined with charming timber-framed houses as well as the famous Guildhall of Corpus Christi. On our return to Sudbury make sure to take time to explore the thriving historic market town, home to England's most famous portrait artist, Thomas Gainsborough. Within a few minutes' walk of the hotel you will find yourself immersed in the landscapes that shaped some of the painters most valuable and precious works. This evening there will be a pre-dinner drinks reception.

**Friday 7th:** We return home via Cambridge, explore quaint passages around the historic market place where a unique and shopping experience can be found.



Lavenham Martin Pettitt FC

NEW TOUR

LAVENHAM

A true taste of East Anglia spanning across the three counties beginning with the royally acquainted St George's Distillery in Norfolk, ever-popular strawberry jam flavour at Tiptree Visitor Centre in Essex and the old-fashioned charm of Lavenham in Suffolk.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Mill Hotel, Sudbury ★★★

Nestled in breathtaking Suffolk countryside, the Mill Hotel is a beautifully converted water mill situated on the banks of the picturesque River Stour. The AA Rosette awarded Mill Restaurant offers a relaxing dining experience, overlooking the tranquil mill pond, with the working mill wheel located behind a glass screen for all to see. The hotel has undergone a multi-million pound refurbishment programme.



## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Tour of St. George's Distillery with 2 course lunch
- Tea/coffee and scone at Tiptree Tea rooms
- Free Flow visit of Tiptree Jam Shop
- One Night Live Entertainment
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £88

# Secrets & Treasures of Hertfordshire



4 DAYS / 13 - 16 JULY

£295

## DAY BY DAY

**Friday 13th:** We travel to our hotel via the National Memorial Arboretum, home to over 200 significant memorials, representing military, civil services, local and overseas organisations and charities.

**Saturday 14th:** After a full English breakfast we depart for our visit to Bletchley Park, once Britain's Best-Kept Secret now a unique heritage site and vibrant tourist attraction. Discover a secret world, now revealed! Bletchley Park was home to the famous codebreakers of WWII and the birthplace of modern computing. Various scenes in The Imitation Game were filmed at Bletchley Park, with Keira Knightley and Benedict Cumberbatch who starred as Alan Turing, the genius who cracked the Enigma code. We return via St Albans which stands out as a unique English cathedral city. The city's colourful history can be seen in the Roman remains and the beautiful medieval architecture.

**Sunday 15th:** Today we visit Audley End House and Gardens. Admire the interiors of what was once one of the largest and most opulent houses in Jacobean England. One of England's finest country houses, discover the history of Audley End, wander the impressive great hall, magnificent state apartments, intimate dressing rooms, libraries and 18th century gothic-style chapel. Immerse yourself in the sights, sounds and smells of life in the service wing of this bustling country estate. *N.B. There are approx 100 steps in the whole property.*

**Monday 16th:** We return home after breakfast stopping at Stratford upon Avon.



Karen Roe FC

NEW TOUR

AUDLEY HOUSE

Enjoy the delights of Hertfordshire and the Home Counties, with visits to Audley House and Gardens, one of The Treasure Houses of England and Bletchley Park, the site of the British code-breaking activities of WWII which featured in the recent blockbuster film 'The Imitation Game'.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Novotel, Stevenage ★★★

This is a modern style hotel, surrounded by landscaped garden situated at the entrance of Knebworth Park. The hotel offers a wide variety of cuisine in a relaxed setting and was completely refurbished in 2016.



## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 3 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Admission to Bletchley Park
- Admission to Audley End House & Gardens
- National Memorial Arboretum
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £60



# Picture Perfect Cotswolds



4 DAYS / 20 - 23 JULY

£325



Chevanage Peter Turvey FC

Discover the country's largest designated 'Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty' with honey coloured limestone, sleepy ancient villages and rolling hills. Explore some of England's most treasured landscapes and gain a different perspective on the included highlights of a cruise on the River Thames from Oxford and visits to Chevanage House, Cirencester and Cotswolds Farm Park.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Swindon Marriott Hotel ★★★★★

Surrounded by lush woodlands on the edge of Swindon's Old Town this 4 Star hotel is the perfect choice for a relaxing break in Wiltshire. All bedrooms feature TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities



## DAY BY DAY

**Friday 20th:** We depart travelling south via the Cotswolds with various village stops en-route to Swindon and our hosts the Marriott Hotel in time to relax before dinner.

**Saturday 21st:** Travel to Oxfordshire and find ever-popular 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 relax on a 40 minute Salter's Steamers return river cruise on the Thames from Oxford to Iffley Lock.

**Sunday 22nd:** Today we take a VIP visit to Chavenage, a wonderful Elizabethan house of mellow grey Cotswold stone and tiles which contains much of interest for the discerning visitor including stunning rooms and the wonderful Great Hall. We are to be met by a member of the family for a 2 hour guided tour.

**Monday 23rd:** This morning we head for Cotswold Farm Park, the home of rare breed conservation run by farmer and TV presenter Adam Henson. With a long-standing reputation for a fun-filled discovery, you can interact closely with the animals and learn about farming, past and present. Adam and his team also work with Natural England on projects that benefit wildlife such as increasingly rare birds like the skylark, turtle dove and corn bunting. We leave after lunch to head homeward.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 3 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Salter's Steamers River Trip
- VIP Entrance to Chevanage House Including 2hr Guided Tour by a Family Member
- Tea/Coffee and a Slice of Cake at Chevanage Manor
- Entrance to Adam Henderson's Cotswolds Farm
- 20% Off Selected Drinks at the Hotel
- A Small Glass of Wine with Dinner on the First Night
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £66

# Oxford, Morse & Midsomer Murders



5 DAYS / 17 - 21 MAY

£355



Courtesy of Ashley & Newey

The Thames Valley is home to many magnificent landscapes and is a great destination to visit at any time of year. We feature Oxford, Henley-on-Thames and 'Midsomer Murders' Country. A visit to Hughenden Manor completes the tour.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Best Western Moat House Hotel, Reading ★★★★★

The Best Western Reading Moat House Hotel is set in peaceful landscaped gardens on the banks of the River Loddon. After your day out enjoy a drink in the hotel's own pub, the Poacher. All bedrooms are en suite and have television, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities.



## DAY BY DAY

**Thursday 17th:** Our outward journey takes us via Cheltenham and Cirencester to our hosts at the Moat House Hotel, Reading.

**Friday 18th:** This morning we have a short drive taking us to the beautiful city of Oxford where we meet our guide who will take us on a gentle guided walking tour pointing out the familiar scenes well known to followers of Inspector Morse and Lewis, his successor. After the tour we have free time in the city before returning to the hotel.

**Saturday 19th:** Today we are joined by a guide on the coach who will escort us on an excursion through the beautiful little towns, villages and rolling hills of Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire as featured in 'Midsomer Murders'. Our lunch stop today is in picturesque Henley-on-Thames, home of the famous regatta.

**Sunday 20th:** Our first visit is to the market town of Old Amersham. The broad high street is lined with half-timbered period cottages including Amersham Museum. Elegant shops and boutiques mingle with pubs and restaurants and the Crown Hotel, opposite the Old Market Hall featured in the film Four Weddings and a Funeral. We have chance to obtain lunch and this afternoon we visit Hughenden Manor, a country home of the Victorian statesman Benjamin Disraeli with enchanting gardens.

**Monday 21st:** After breakfast we begin our journey home, with a drive through the Cotswold's with stops en-route.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- Four Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Oxford guided walking tour (approx. 1.5 hours)
- Midsomer Murders' Country guided tour on coach (full day)
- Entry to Hughenden Manor

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £66

Early booking discount not available on this tour.

# The Beauty of the Cotswolds



4 DAYS / 20 - 23 APRIL '18

£285



Elegantly rolling across six counties, the glorious, golden Cotswolds are full of picturesque villages, chocolate box cottages, beautiful honey-coloured buildings and tearooms aplenty. Our new packaged itinerary takes in some of the most beautiful villages and includes a journey on a steam train.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Swindon Marriott Hotel ★★★★★

Each of the 156 bedrooms are modern and well decorated and all are equipped with TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. The bright, spacious restaurant overlooks the garden (which offers plenty of seating for groups) whilst the bar offers comfortable seating areas where guests can enjoy a drink.



## DAY BY DAY

**Friday 20th:** We depart travelling south to Swindon.

**Saturday 21st:** This morning, we will visit the historic Lacock Abbey and village famous for its picturesque streets, historic buildings and more recently as a TV and film location including Downton Abbey, the BBC's Pride and Prejudice, and Cranford. In the afternoon, we will visit the "Prettiest village in England", Castle Combe - a picture-postcard Cotswold village has also been the location for many films and TV productions, including the original Dr Doolittle film and more recently, Stephen Spielberg's War Horse.

**Sunday 22nd:** We will enjoy a trip on the Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway. Embarking at Cheltenham Race Course station we will enjoy a gentle 35 minute journey through the glorious Cotswold countryside to Toddington, where there is a shop, museum and large tea room. The line commands wonderful views of the hamlets and villages, with outstanding outlooks across to the Malvern Hills and beyond. After our rail trip, we will make our way to the historic Cotswold village of Broadway and the elegant English town of Stow-on-the-Wold. Stow-on-the-Wold offers a fine selection of shops, gift and craft shops, restaurants and tearooms. We can enjoy lunch and time to look around before making our way back to our hotel via the beautiful Cotswold village of Bourton-on-the-Water and the town of Burford.

**Monday 23rd:** This morning we will visit the steam museum of the Great Western Railway, which is opposite the Designer Outlet. After lunch we make our way homeward.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- Three Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Welcome tea/coffee on arrival
- Choice of menu, carvery style
- 1 glass of wine with dinner on 1st night
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Excursions as Detailed
- Entrance to Lacock Abbey & Village
- Journey on GWSR: Cheltenham Racecourse - Toddington
- Entrance to the Steam Museum
- Portorage

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £68**

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

# Middle England Castles, Gardens & Manors



5 DAYS / 9 - 13 AUGUST

£389



Rockingham Castle Dave Hamster FC

A new tour which includes entrance to the fascinating Lamport Hall & Gardens, Boughton House, Rockingham Castle and to Leicester Botanical Garden. Combined with Cambridge, Warwick and Stratford-upon-Avon this will be a memorable few days.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Kettering Park Hotel & Spa ★★★★★

The hotel boasts fabulous gardens, one rosette restaurant, bar and fully equipped spa. The thoughtfully furnished rooms feature air-conditioning, complimentary mineral water, iron & ironing board, en-suite bathroom and capsule coffee maker.



## DAY BY DAY

**Thursday 9th:** 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 the Kettering Park Hotel for check-in.

**Friday 10th:** We first visit Lamport Hall & Gardens. After a tour visitors are then free to discover the gardens and the 'Through the Ages' exhibition, the Museum of Rural Life and whenever possible, the beautiful parish church opposite the hall. From here we travel to Boughton House, one of Britain's grandest and best-preserved stately homes. As well as the splendour of the house, you can also enjoy the 18th century landscaped gardens. We return to the hotel for dinner.

**Saturday 11th:** We depart for Rockingham Castle - home of the Watson family for 450 years. Highlights include the Old Kitchen, the Panel Room, the Long Gallery and the Great Hall. Following our visit, we continue to Leicester and visit the botanical gardens. The 16 acres of lovingly cultivated grounds and greenhouses display a wide variety of features and environments and the formal planting centres around a restored Edwardian Garden. We return to the hotel for dinner.

**Sunday 12th:** This morning we journey to Cambridge. Cambridge is a compact cosmopolitan city with outstanding architecture old and new.

**Monday 13th:** We head to Warwick the capital town of the English county of Warwickshire. After time here we make the short journey to Stratford-upon-Avon, famously known as the birthplace of William Shakespeare. After our visit we make our way homeward.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel By Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Accommodation
- 4 Nights Dinner Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Lamport Hall & Gardens
- Entrance to Boughton House
- Entrance to Rockingham Castle
- Visit to Leicester Botanical Garden
- Portorage

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £77**

# Churchill's Blenheim & Heroes of Bletchley



4 DAYS / 5 - 8 OCTOBER

£320



Pleatway

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 5th:** 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 6th:** 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 7th:** 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 Spires' for free time.

**Monday 8th:** 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
- Portage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £48

# The Heart of The South



4 DAYS / 26 - 29 OCTOBER

£325



Rubber Dragon FC

NEW TOUR

BOWOOD HOUSE

Combining the old and the new; the exotic and the home-grown, begin with an introductory stop at the contemporary Bombay Sapphire gin distillery and end with a hoppy journey through the truly unique Hop Kettle Brewery, where bespoke blending takes on a whole new meaning, all from the comfort of our 4-star hotel set in the timeless Berkshire countryside.

## YOUR HOTEL

**Doubletree by Hilton Newbury North ★★★★★**

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

**Friday 26th:** Our outward journey takes us to Oxford, the "City of Dreaming Spires" boasting 1,500 listed buildings from the 11th century onwards. In the afternoon we continue on to Newbury and our hosts at the Double Tree by Hilton.

**Saturday 27th:** Today, lose yourself in an innovative brewing experience of sight, touch, taste, scent. Heralded as one of Europe's rare bespoke brewer all from a finely preserved old Saxon town, the Hop Kettle Brewery is perfectly ensconced in an award winning quaint, cream-painted, pub with a 17th-century façade. Beyond the welcoming Wiltshire pub, a one hour guided tour leads you on to the Tap Room where a complimentary tasting tray of beers awaits. Sit back afterward with a well-earned ale and authentically home-smoked pulled pork rolls beside a crackling log fire. We return to our hotel via Marlborough.

**Sunday 28th:** We travel to Bowood House and Gardens, home of the Marquis and Marchioness of Lansdowne and enjoy the 100 acres of beautiful parkland, offering a lake, arboretum, pinetum and cascade. During the afternoon we discover what makes Bombay Sapphire the world's number one premium gin on your own terms and in your own time.

Uncover the unique distillation process as you are hosted through the Dakin still house. All great discoveries should end with a reward. Your experience culminates in the Mill Bar with a complimentary drink "on the house" alongside the beautiful River Test. **Guests wearing open toed shoes and high heels will not be able to enter the still house.**

**Monday 29th:** Our return journey takes us via the beautiful towns and villages of the Cotswold's with a suitable lunch stop en-route.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel By Executive Coach
- 3 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Admission to Hop Kettle Brewery
- Light Lunch at Hop Kettle Brewery
- Admission to Bowood House & Gardens
- Admission to Bombay Sapphire Distillery
- Portage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £66

# Highclere Castle – Downtown Abbey Experience



5 DAYS / 23 - 27 JULY

£399



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, and the current castle stands on the site of an earlier house, which in turn was built on the foundations of the medieval palace owned by the Bishops of Winchester for some 800 years.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Coppid Beech Hotel, Bracknell ★★★★★

Located in Royal Berkshire, the Coppid Beech Hotel offers Alpine style accommodation with easy access to our visits. As well as the hotel restaurant and bar, there is also the Bier Kellar, offering more informal dining. The spacious en-suite bedrooms offer air-conditioning, tea/coffee making facilities and TV with digital channels



## DAY BY DAY

- Monday 23rd:** Today we travel south and spend time in Oxford, the 'City of Dreaming Spires', before arriving at our hotel and time to settle in before dinner.
- Tuesday 24th:** This morning after breakfast we visit Salisbury where there will be free time to have lunch and perhaps visit the cathedral with Britain's tallest spire.
- Wednesday 25th:** This morning we stop in Winchester where there will be free time to explore the cathedral and shops. This afternoon we discover the beautiful and inspirational gardens, woodlands and walks of the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens. Established in 1953 by the distinguished horticulturalist Sir Harold Hillier, it houses the magnificent collection of plants from temperate regions around the world.
- Thursday 26th:** Today we visit Highclere Castle. Home of the TV series Downton Abbey, follow in the footsteps of the Crawley family and discover the history of the Carnarvon family who have lived at Highclere since 1679. The 5th Earl of Carnarvon, famously discovered the Tomb of the Egyptian boy pharaoh Tutankhamun in 1922 with his archaeological colleague, Howard Carter. 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.
- Friday 27th:** We return home after breakfast via Windsor where free time will be given before we leave for home early afternoon.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Admission into Sir Harold Hillier Gardens
- Admission into Highclere Castle
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £66

# Between The Downs & South-East Corner of England



5 DAYS / 20 - 24 AUGUST

£430



BLUEBELL RAILWAY

Bluebell Railway Technoandrew FC

A welcome respite from fast-paced adventures, follow the serene hills and valleys between the downs of the south as they ripple between the winding nostalgia of the Bluebell Railway, the tranquil idle of Sheffield Park and the royal mystique of Anne Boleyn's home, Hever Castle and Gardens, all topped off with the remarkable Roman influences in Royal Tunbridge Wells.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Crowne Plaza, Felbridge ★★★★★

A stylish and contemporary hotel, with an excellent range of facilities, including the Chakra Spa and Health Club which includes 5 treatment rooms, gym and leisure facilities. The hotel offers fine food and drink for all guests in the sophisticated surroundings of the newly refurbished Bay Tree Restaurant and newly refurbished stylish QUBE bar.



## DAY BY DAY

- Monday 20th:** We travel south and arrive at the Crowne Plaza Hotel for check-in.
- Tuesday 21st:** Steal away to Hever Castle and Gardens and retrace the steps of Anne Boleyn and Henry VIII in the place where their hot-blooded romance began. Experience 700 years of history at the romantic double-moat and romantic lake and award-winning gardens set in 125 acres of glorious grounds.
- Wednesday 22nd:** Recreate the golden age of steam on the Bluebell Railway, the first preserved standard gauge passenger line in the UK. With no less than 30 engines running on 11 miles of beautifully restored track beginning at Sheffield Park Station running through the heart of the beautiful Sussex Weald countryside to East Grinstead and back. Take time to visit the small exhibits museum and model railway. Thereafter pop over to the National Trust owned Sheffield Park Gardens to explore over 250 acres of landscaped gardens bordered by historic parkland and woodland. Dating back several centuries, the garden has received a Grade I listing and holds the national collection of Ghent azaleas.
- Thursday 23rd:** Today we visit the 400 year old historic spa town of Royal Tunbridge Wells, lying in the heart of the beautiful High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Browse among the chic independent shops. Don't miss the romantic myriad of footpaths and parks in quintessential English countryside dotted with ancient churches and houses, an inspiration to gardeners worldwide.
- Friday 24th:** After breakfast we head for home calling at Stratford Upon Avon for a lunch break.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Welcome Tea/Coffee & Cake on Arrival
- Excursions as Detailed
- Return Journey on the Blue Bell Railway
- Free Flow Entry to Sheffield Park Gardens
- Free Flow Entry to Hever Castle & Gardens
- 15% Off Bar Promotion (Between 6pm-7pm) at the Hotel
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £96

# Winchester, Watercress Line & Wonderful Waterfronts



4 DAYS / 25 - 28 MARCH

£299



Winchester Cathedral Courtesy of Abbotross Spinnaker-JackPeasePhotography

Our tour is based at the Norton Park Hotel which offers a peaceful retreat, perfect for relaxing after exploring the local areas. With magnificent cathedrals, a steam train journey, a fascinating house museum and a visit to Portsmouth and the Spinnaker Tower there is something to suit every taste.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Norton Park Hotel, Nr Winchester ★★★★★

One of the finest hotels in Hampshire, set within its own 54 acres of parkland. All 166 bedrooms are elegant and contemporary in style and all include TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. Some bedrooms are accessed by a covered walkway whilst all other bedrooms are accessible by lift.



## DAY BY DAY

**Sunday 25th:** We depart travelling south to the outstanding cathedral city of Oxford, famous for its ancient university. Perhaps enjoy a boat trip along the River Thames or shop at the Covered Market with its varied collection of small shops.

**Monday 26th:** Today we will visit the Georgian market town of Alresford, the home of Hampshire's historical watercress industry. We will board a Mid Hants Railway vintage train for a 1.5 hour round trip through the beautiful Hampshire countryside, on the Watercress Line. After our nostalgic journey, we will board our coach and head towards the Gilbert White House & The Oates Collections. Set in the picturesque village of Selborne, this little Victorian House is a fascinating museum and gallery with fantastic scenery.

**Tuesday 27th:** This morning we make our way to Portsmouth and begin the day with the Emirates Spinnaker Tower Experience. This iconic structure soars 170 metres above Gunwharf Quays - making it taller than Big Ben, the London Eye and Blackpool Tower! From the viewing deck, visitors can see breathtakingly beautiful 350 degree views stretching up to 23 miles. Venture across the amazing glass Sky Walk and watch the boats bobbing about in the waves below your feet and then head up to the Sky Deck - with its open roof - to feel the bracing sea breeze. After our visit we head for Winchester.

Winchester is a historic cathedral city and the ancient capital of Wessex and the Kingdom of England. It developed from a Roman town. Winchester's major landmark is Winchester Cathedral, one of the largest cathedrals in England, with the distinction of having the longest nave and overall length of all Gothic cathedrals in Europe.

**Wednesday 28th:** We make our journey home via the Cotswolds.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- Excursions as Detailed
- Three Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Journey on the Watercress Lline
- Entry to Gilbert White House
- Entry to the Spinnaker Tower

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £60**

Early booking discount not available on this tour.

# Winchester Wonders



4 DAYS / 15 - 18 JUNE

£280



STONOR HOUSE



PaulShird FC

Combine glamorous Oxfordshire heritage at Stonor Park, one of the nation's best kept 850 year old secrets together with a guided tour of Winchester Cathedral. The cathedral is home to over 50 different military memorials.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Doubletree by Hilton Newbury North ★★★★★

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

**Friday 15th:** We leave during the morning visiting Stratford upon Avon. On arrival at our hotel tea, coffee and cake will be served.

**Saturday 16th:** We leave after breakfast and travel to Winchester. Explore the medieval streets of Winchester and admire the history of Winchester City Mill before strolling along the River Itchen to The Hospital of St Cross. We have arranged a guided tour of the cathedral, see the cathedral come to life with this tour. Experienced guides will point out some of the most treasured artefacts, tell some of their favourite stories and give a general overview of the cathedral history. This is a most popular tour and offers a comprehensive introduction for first-time visitors.

**Sunday 17th:** Today we visit Stonor House, Park and Gardens, home to the powerful Stonor family for over 850 years – still one of the oldest family homes lived in today. Discover art and treasures collected from across the globe and view historic maps and documents that reveal generations of service to the country. A stroll through this house is a vivid walk through history. Stonor Park was also used for a major sequence in the James Bond film 'The Living Daylights', starring Timothy Dalton, and was used as Robbie Coltrane's stately mansion in the film adaptation of Roald Dahl's children's classic 'Danny The Champion of the World', which starred Jeremy Irons.

**Monday 18th:** We return home after breakfast via Windsor with time to perhaps visit the Castle or take a boat cruise on the River Thames.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 3 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Admission to Stonor House
- Guided Tour of Winchester Cathedral
- Porterage

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £66**

# Bygone Hampshire, Garden & Wine



4 DAYS / 27 - 30 APRIL

£295



Wisley Gardens (Birmingham FC)

Turn back the clock on a journey of discovery through the hidden gems of Hampshire's past. Step back into the 1940's at the Milestones Museum, revel in the magic of the rejuvenated Mid-Hants Railway. This also includes the wonderful Wisley Garden and a tippie at Denbies wine estate.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Holiday Inn, Farnborough ★★★

The hotel offers comfortable bedrooms with hairdryer, satellite TV, and tea/coffee making facilities. The hotel does not have a lift but there are ground floor rooms available, which are accessible by 12 steps.



Early booking discount not available on this tour.

## DAY BY DAY

**Friday 27th:** We depart travelling south to Oxford for free time for lunch and to explore before continuing on to Farnborough to our hotel in time to relax before dinner.

**Saturday 28th:** Our day begins with a ride to the pleasant town of Alton. Here we join the Mid Hants Railway – 'The Watercress Line' for a 10 miles journey over the 'Hampshire Alps' to Alresford. Alresford is the home of the Hampshire watercress industry, from which the line takes its name. After the train ride we head off into Basingstoke and to Milestones. This is a living history museum where you wander down cobbled streets, chat with staff in period costume and explore the shops and factories to experience everyday life from 1810 to 1950.

**Sunday 29th:** 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. Finally, the journey ends in the atmospheric wine cellars where you will be guided through a tasting of Denbies classic wine.

**Monday 30th:** We depart Farnborough and head homeward through the Cotswold's with stops en-route for lunch and sightseeing.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- Three Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Tea, coffee and cake on arrival
- Journey on the Mid Hants Railway - Watercress Line
- Free flow entry to Milestones Museum
- Entry to Wisley Gardens
- Vineyard Tour of Denbies Wine Estate

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £66

# Arundel Castle, Chichester & Maritime Portsmouth



5 DAYS / 28 MAY - 1 JUNE

£430



Glenlake FC

With over 3 miles of beaches as well as the harbours of Langstone and Chichester, Hayling Island has much to offer. Join us on this tour to Chichester, Arundel Castle, Brighton and Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. We also take in Salisbury, Brighton and Stratford-upon-Avon.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Langstone Hotel, Hayling Island ★★★★★

A stunningly individualistic hotel situated on the south coast between Portsmouth and Chichester on the northern shore of Hayling Island overlooking Langstone Water. Hotel facilities include Lifestyle Health and Leisure Club with swimming pool, sauna, Jacuzzi and gym.



## DAY BY DAY

**Monday 28th:** Morning departure for our journey to Salisbury. There are historic streets, charming half timbered buildings and the cathedral is one of the finest in Britain.

**Tuesday 29th:** We visit Chichester with its magnificent cathedral, Roman walls and a medieval heart. We have time to explore and obtain lunch before we are on our way this afternoon to mighty Arundel Castle - an ancient castle, stately home and delightful gardens.

**Wednesday 30th:** 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. 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 (runs once every hour weather permitting) and HMS Warrior 1860, 'Action Stations' Exhibition.

**Thursday 31st:** We travel to Worthing, Hove and the famous resort of Brighton. Here we spend the day and you can enjoy a seafront stroll, explore the unique Lanes, a trendy area with cafes, bars and shops – an ideal spot for lunch. You may fancy a visit to the famous Royal Pavilion with its onion domes, or just relax and watch the world go by. Late afternoon we head back to the hotel.

**Friday 1st:** We depart after breakfast and return home via the Cotswolds and Stratford upon Avon.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Tea/Coffee & biscuits served on arrival
- Excursions as Detailed
- Admission to Arundel Castle
- Pass for the Portsmouth Historic Dockyard inc HMS Victory, National Museum of the Royal Navy and a 45 Minute Harbour Cruise

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £110



5 DAYS / 18 - 22 JUNE

£459



NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

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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:** We head south for our Solent crossing, by ferry, to the Isle of Wight and on to the Channel View Hotel, our home for the duration of your holiday.

**Tuesday 19th:** 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, a extremely pretty village famed the area for the pretty thatched cottages, quaint shops and old fashioned tea rooms. 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.

**Wednesday 20th:** Full day excursion exploring the Isle of Wight's charming maritime and steam heritage. This morning we travel to Cowes, best known as the world's premier yachting centre and the island's main port with a natural harbour. 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.

**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
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Entry to Osborne House
- 1hr Steam Train Ride
- Return Ferry Southampton/East Cowes

# Elegant Eastbourne

6 DAYS / 16 - 21 APRIL

£380\*

6 DAYS / 1 - 6 JULY

£450

6 DAYS / 30 SEPT - 5 OCT

£409



NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

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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 ★★★

The Palm Court Hotel is 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 and there is also a traditional restaurant



## 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:** 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 Foyles War, the television series was filmed.

**Day 6:** Sadly after breakfast we bid farewell to Eastbourne and begin our journey home.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 5 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Entertainment during your stay
- Porterage

\*Early booking discount not available on this date.

# Sussex Gardens & Promenades



5 DAYS / 30 APRIL - 4 MAY

£425



Laimonde FC

Our tour is based in Worthing, the largest all year round resort in West Sussex with a stunning setting between five miles of coastline and the beautiful South Down National Park. Included are visits to Borde Hill Garden and Nymans Estate.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Chatsworth Hotel, Worthing ★★★

The Chatsworth Hotel is Worthing's most prestigious hotel. Set on the promenade within the town centre. The Chatsworth is a distinctive family run hotel overlooking beautiful gardens, the sea and promenade. A Grade 11 Listed building with a gorgeous Georgian frontage, it is steeped in history and retains its 19th century charm.



## DAY BY DAY

**Monday 30th:** We arrive at the hotel with plenty of time to settle in and perhaps take a stroll along the promenade before dinner this evening.

**Tuesday 1st:** We enjoy a leisurely tour along the Sussex coast to the bustling resort of Brighton. Take time to stroll through the Lanes full of antiques or visit the Royal Pavilion with its exotic oriental appearance. This afternoon we visit Borde Hill Garden. Set within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty with spectacular views over the Sussex Weald and the Ouse Valley, Borde Hill's grounds extend to over 200 acres across the garden, woodland and parkland. The garden is constantly evolving with new plantings and designs to add to variety, colour and interest throughout the year.

**Wednesday 2nd:** Today we visit the popular resort of Eastbourne calling at Beachy Head en-route. Eastbourne has long been a popular seaside resort with its colourful gardens and elegant seafront. Leaving Eastbourne we visit Lewes with its medieval streets and alleyways before returning to the hotel for dinner.

**Thursday 3rd:** After breakfast this morning we travel to Nymans Estate. This is a garden lover's home for all seasons, with an extensive yet intimate garden set around a romantic house and ruins. In the late 1800s Ludwig Messel bought the Nymans Estate to make a dream family house. Inspired by wooded surroundings he created a garden with plants collected from around the world. The house was partially destroyed by fire in 1947 and the romantic ruins of a fairy-tale Gothic mansion remain. From here we head to Chichester for free time. Blending old and new, Chichester offers an enticing mix of designer label boutiques, high street shopping, renowned art galleries and contemporary cafes.

**Friday 4th:** This morning we enjoy our last breakfast before we return home.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- Four Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Entrance to Borde Hill Garden
- Entrance to Nymans Estate
- Portage

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £44**

Early booking discount not available on this tour.

# Weymouth & Beautiful Dorset



5 DAYS / 30 JULY - 3 AUG

£395



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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, approximately 10-minutes walk away.



## DAY BY DAY

**Monday 30th:** We depart during the morning and travel south arriving at our hotel for check-in.

**Tuesday 31st:** 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 1st:** 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 2nd:** 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 3rd:** 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
- Portage



# Bournemouth



6 DAYS / 8 - 13 APRIL £350\*

6 DAYS / 15 - 20 JULY £389

6 DAYS / 16 - 21 SEPTEMBER £395



NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

Chris Parker 2012 FIC

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.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Trouville Hotel, Bournemouth ★★★

Boasting an indoor swimming pool, sauna and fitness centre the Trouville Hotel offers high quality accommodation close to Bournemouth's seafront attractions. Located within an art deco building all guest rooms are en suite and all have a flat-screen TV and tea/coffee making facilities.



## DAY BY DAY

**Day 1:** We depart during the morning and travel south via the motorways arriving at our hotel for five nights dinner bed and breakfast.

**Day 2:** 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.

**Day 3:** Free day in Bournemouth.

**Day 4 (April):** 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.

**Day 4 (July & Sept):** This morning we spend in Salisbury and return after lunch via Beaulieu, Lyndhurst and the New Forest, it covers an area of 566 square kilometres and is made up of vast tracts of unspoilt woodland, heathland and river valleys. Today deer, ponies and cattle continue to roam free in its ancient heaths and woodland.

**Day 5:** Free day in Bournemouth.

**Day 6:** Sadly after breakfast we bid farewell to Bournemouth and begin our journey homeward.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 5 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- 3 Nights Entertainment
- Porterage

\*Early booking discount not available on this date.

# Exmouth, Dart Valley & East Devon



5 DAYS / 23 - 27 JULY £415



NEW TOUR

NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

Buckfast Abbey nick amoscato FIC

Exmouth was once considered to be the most select seaside resort in Britain. It now offers a rich mixture of immaculate sands, lovely gardens and a busy marina. Exmouth boasts an excellent 2 mile long seafront so you can relax on the beach or enjoy its many activities and plenty of sea front attractions. There are also lovely cliff walks with stunning views of the bay.

## YOUR HOTEL

### The Manor Hotel, Exmouth ★★

The 40-room, family-run, Manor Hotel has sat in its enviable location on Exmouth's historic Regency Beacon since 1790. Located 300 yards from the seafront overlooking Manor Gardens with easy access to the town centre.



## DAY BY DAY

**Monday 23rd:** We depart in the morning travelling to Exmouth and arriving late afternoon at Manor Hotel. Tea/coffee and biscuits served on arrival. 4 nights stay - dinner, bed & breakfast. During your stay entertainment is provided on a minimum of 1 night.

**Tuesday 24th:** Our excursion today takes us to elegant and charming Sidmouth, with its long flat promenade overlooked by Regency buildings, along with colourful floral delights. This afternoon we include a visit to Bicton Park Botanical Gardens, featuring classical Italian gardens and a beautiful 19th century palm house.

**Wednesday 25th:** 'Devon Boat Train'. We start the day with an enjoyable cruise around the River Exe. On this 6 miles circular tour you can discover the history, beauty and wildlife of the river. On return to Exmouth we join the coach for the ride to Buckfast Abbey, a haven of peace, where we have time for lunch and a look around the gardens and the shop. From here we make the short journey to Buckfastleigh where we join the South Devon Railway, following the beautiful Dart Valley, for a return trip to Totnes. On return the coach returns us to Exmouth.

**Thursday 26th:** We head along the coast this morning to the small resort of Seaton, at the mouth of the river Axe. Here we join the unique Seaton Tramway for a return trip along the narrow gauge line to Colyton, where we find the Tramstop Café and souvenir shop. The trams are unique and are all miniature versions of designs once seen in our towns and cities. After time in Seaton we make our way back to the hotel.

**Friday 27th:** After a relaxing breakfast we will sadly bid farewell to Exmouth and the Manor Hotel and begin our journey homeward.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Tea/coffee and biscuits on arrival
- Hotel entertainment on at least one evening
- River Exe Cruise
- South Devon Railway
- Bicton Park Botanical Gardens
- Seaton Tramway



6 DAYS / 9 - 14 SEPTEMBER

£475



NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

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Set between two rugged headlands with miles of golden beach, Paignton nestles snugly between its two neighbours - Torquay and Brixham. Its colourful image is enhanced by a marine gardens promenade, pier and harbour which are brought to life at nightfall by seafront illuminations. Paignton boasts good shopping facilities, a theatre, together with a host of seaside attractions. Its beaches are without doubt the best in the bay.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Redcliffe Hotel, Paignton ★★★

There can be very few hotels in England to match the location of the Redcliffe Hotel. This property is 2 minutes walk from the beach. Overlooking Torbay's sandy beach, the 19th-century Redcliffe Hotel has an indoor swimming pool and each room is spacious and some have coastal views.



## DAY BY DAY

- Sunday 9th:** We leave during the morning travelling to Paignton arriving late afternoon in time to settle in before dinner.
- Monday 10th:** A day at leisure in Paignton for you to discover the town
- Tuesday 11th:** Today's excursion takes us to the historic maritime city of Plymouth. The city has a great naval history, stretching back to the time of Sir Francis Drake and the Spanish Armada to today's ultra modern navy dockyards. Explore the Hoe, see the famous Mayflower Steps, visit the town centre and obtain lunch and this afternoon we head back to Paignton.
- Wednesday 12th:** Our day begins with a Devon coastal tour. Following the shore road we pass through Teignmouth and Dawlish and continue north to the cathedral city of Exeter. We take a break here and have time to visit the many attractions this beautiful city has to offer before we continue along the Exe estuary to the popular resort of Exmouth.
- Thursday 13th:** This morning we have a short drive to nearby Torquay where we have time to look around. Here you can enjoy a wonderful stroll along the palm-lined promenade, the Princess Pier, the Marina and Princess Gardens with its well manicured flower beds and ornate water fountain or explore the shops in the town centre before we return to Paignton where the afternoon is free for you to perhaps enjoy a stroll along the seafront.
- Friday 14th:** After a relaxing breakfast we will sadly bid farewell to Paignton and begin our journey home.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- Five Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Two Nights Entertainment
- Porterage

# Weston-Super-Mare

5 DAYS / 16 - 20 JULY

£370



NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

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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

- Monday 16th:** 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 surrounding before evening meal is served.
- Tuesday 17th** 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.
- Wednesday 18th:** 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' Sealife 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.
- Thursday 19th:** 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. Spend an enjoyable few hours exploring before returning to the hotel for the evening meal and entertainment.
- Friday 20th:** 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
- 4 Nights Dinner Bed & Breakfast
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- 2 Nights Live Entertainment

# Cream of Cornish Gardens



5 DAYS / 2 - 6 SEPTEMBER

£495

NEW TOUR



Lanhydrock Hall Cornwall penjelly FC

The rural heart of Cornwall is blessed with beautiful gardens containing exotic flowers and plants, offering spectacular views over scenic Cornish landscapes. With the climate to sustain a jungle garden, our new packaged itinerary includes visits to some of the most alluring gardens in the area, as well as a journey on the Bodmin Railway and a brewery visit.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Lanhydrock Hotel & Golf Club, Bodmin ★★★

A family-owned luxury hotel that offers a warm welcome on the outskirts of the old county town of Bodmin in the rural heart of Cornwall. The restaurant provides beautiful views of the countryside, overlooking the golf course. There is a bar and outside terrace adjacent to the restaurant.



## DAY BY DAY

**Sunday 2nd:** We travel south via the motorways to our hotel for check-in.

**Monday 3rd:** Today we will visit Lanhydrock House, an impressive late-Victorian home and gardens. After a fire in 1881, the owner Thomas Charles, filled Lanhydrock with the latest technology, including state-of-the-art ovens and warming cupboards in the kitchen and dining areas, central heating systems and fire hydrants. After spending a relaxing time here, we will join our coach for the short drive to Bodmin & Wenford Railway at Bodmin General Station for a return journey to Boscombe Junction.

**Tuesday 4th:** We travel to the quaint old town and fishing harbour of Mevagissey. In typical picture postcard style, pubs, cafes, galleries and shops cluster around the harbour walls and line the pretty streets. In the afternoon we depart for a visit to the St Austell Brewery Visitor Centre & Hicks Bar. Stroll down Walters Walk which will show you how things used to be done at the brewery, a reconstructed Cooper's Yard and a visit to the Small Batch Brewery with tutored beer sampling and a pint of St Austell beer to enjoy at the Hicks Bar or a bottle to take home.

**Wednesday 5th:** Today, we will visit the only city in Cornwall, Truro. We will spend the morning at leisure exploring this vibrant centre of shopping, culture and architecture in the heart of Cornwall. After lunch, we will make our way to Trelissick, fabulously positioned on its own peninsula, with panoramic views over the Fal estuary. The house has one of the best views in the country and contains the china collection of Copeland-Spode along with a solarium and Florentine inspired drawing room. The woodland garden and formal lawns contain plant collections including magnolias, camellias, rhododendrons and hydrangeas.

**Thursday 6th:** We leave after breakfast for our journey home.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Admission to Lanhydrock House
- Bodmin & Wenford Railway
- Admission to St. Austell Brewery
- Admission to Trelissick Gardens
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £156

# Cornish Riviera



5 DAYS / 12 - 16 APRIL

£325



ReflectedSerenity FC

NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

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 ★★★

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



## DAY BY DAY

**Thursday 12th:** We travel via the motorways and into Devon and Cornwall arriving in Looe for check-in at the Portbyhan Hotel.

**Friday 13th:** A full day firstly to the lovely town of Fowey with its narrow streets and gorgeous harbour views. A natural harbour, it is a haven for yachtsmen and exporting port for china clay. Continue to St Austell for sightseeing before ending our day with a visit to beautiful Mevagissey with its fishing harbour, highly popular with artists. (please note that a minibus runs from the top coach park to town due to steep hills in Fowey).

**Saturday 14th:** A free day at leisure in Looe.

**Sunday 15th:** 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.

**Monday 16th:** We depart our hotel after breakfast and return home.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

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

## SUPPLEMENT

Classic River Facing Room £22 per person

Superior Balcony Room £44 per person

Early booking discount not available on this tour.

# Cornish Coast & Gardens



5 DAYS / 28 JUNE - 2 JULY

£470



NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

Meganissey Robert Pittman FC

The charming fishing villages, pretty harbours and rolling countryside have attracted visitors to Cornwall for years. Our itinerary includes the iconic Eden Project, Lost Gardens of Heligan and a boat trip across Falmouth harbour.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Esplanade Hotel, Newquay ★★☆☆

Situated on the headland with fabulous views across the world famous Fistral Beach, the Esplanade Hotel is ideally located away from the busy town centre. It offers an excellent standard of accommodation and great food in the Ocean View Restaurant. Guests may also use the Fistral Spa at the nearby Fistral Beach Hotel.



## DAY BY DAY

**Thursday 28th:** We depart during the morning and travel south arriving at our hotel in time for tea/coffee.

**Friday 29th:** Excursion to the world famous Eden Project. This unique regeneration project has transformed a scar on the landscape into a global garden featuring two enormous glass biomes. The Eden Project is always changing so, even if you've been before, you'll see something different next time.

**Saturday 30th:** Today we travel south to Falmouth for some free time to explore before taking a boat journey to Truro across Falmouth's magnificent harbour and along the waters of the River Fal. Enjoy a sailor's view of St Just, Trellissick and Tolverne. (Note that at low tide, the ferry moors at Malpas village rather than Truro.) Free time is spent exploring the cobbled streets of Truro before returning to the hotel.

**Sunday 1st:** Full day excursion starting with the Lost Gardens of Heligan, amazingly discovered in 1991 under a blanket of brambles after 70 years of neglect. Many of the original plants have been rescued. Afternoon visit to the delightful village of Mevagissey, one of Cornwall's most picturesque fishing villages and Fowey, an area of outstanding natural beauty.

**Monday 2nd:** Sadly after breakfast we bid farewell to Newquay and begin our journey homeward.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Tea/coffee on arrival
- Excursions as Detailed
- Admission to the Eden Project
- Boat trip from Falmouth to Truro
- Admission to Lost Gardens of Heligan
- Porterage

# Counties Explorer in the Beautiful South



5 DAYS / 2 - 6 AUGUST

£369



JANE AUSTEN'S MUSEUM

Jane Austen Museum Charles D P Miller FC

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 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 2nd:** Our journey takes us to Oxford, the "City of Dreaming Spires" boasting 1,500 listed buildings. The centre looks like an enchanted fairy-tale city with its honey-gold buildings and riverside setting.

**Friday 3rd:** We visit Jane Austen's House Museum. From 1809 until 1817 Jane Austen lived in Chawton village near Alton with her mother, her sister Cassandra and their friend Martha Lloyd. Restored to the rural Hampshire she loved, Jane turned again to writing and it was in this house that she produced all her novels, revising all previous drafts, including Pride and Prejudice. We then continue on to Winchester well known for its eleventh century cathedral and for the Great Hall which for over 600 years has housed the mysterious Round Table. Spend the afternoon exploring this vibrant city.

**Saturday 4th:** Full day 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. With the Cathedral, home to the famous Magna Carta, timbered buildings and bustling market atmosphere, there is much to explore here.

**Sunday 5th:** 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. After our relaxing trip we head to Marlborough. The town boasts one of the widest high streets in the country. The town has an excellent selection of shops, pubs and cafes in the high street and the various fascinating back alleys and small courtyards.

**Monday 6th:** 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
- Entry to Jane Austen's House Museum
- 2hr Horse Drawn Canal Boat trip with Afternoon Tea
- Tea, coffee & cake on arrival at the hotel
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £88

# Vineyards, Dickens & Canterbury Tales



5 DAYS / 29 MARCH - 2 APRIL £365



Canterbury Cathedral cat\_collector FC

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 Biddenden Vineyard, Royal Tunbridge Wells, and Chatham Dockyards. We also experience Canterbury's history and heritage, with stunning architecture and world famous buildings.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Tudor Park Marriott Hotel & Country Club, Maidstone ★★★★★

Set within hundreds of acres of lush parkland, the hotel boasts a tranquil spa, indoor pool and fully equipped gym, as well as Conical Grill restaurant and a relaxed bar. Rooms feature safe, iron & ironing board, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities.



## DAY BY DAY

**Thursday 29th:** We travel south via the motorways and arrive at the Tudor Park Hotel for check-in for the next four nights dinner bed & breakfast.

**Friday 30th:** Royal Tunbridge Wells and Biddenden - After a leisurely full English breakfast, we travel to nearby Royal Tunbridge Wells, a charming historic town away from the hustle and bustle. Here you have free time to walk through the famous pretty colonnaded walkway known as the Pantiles, and the Chalybeate Spring – first discovered over 400 years ago and it still forms a central part of the town today. After time for lunch, we continue to Biddenden Vineyards where we will enjoy a vineyard walk, winery talk and a complimentary glass of wine. Return to the hotel for dinner.

**Saturday 31st:** Chatham Historic Dockyards - Enjoy breakfast this morning before we travel to Chatham for our included visit of the historic dockyards. Step aboard a Victorian sloop, discover what life was like aboard a second world war destroyer, swing through the hatches of the last Royal Navy warship to be built at Chatham, all with a guide. Return to the hotel for dinner.

**Sunday 1st:** Canterbury - This morning we travel to Canterbury where we meet our guide for an entertaining tour of the city of Canterbury, including entry to the cathedral precincts (around the outside). After our tour there will be a little free time for lunch before we head to the coast, including Herne Bay & Whitstable with their beautiful beach fronts. Return to the hotel for dinner.

**Monday 2nd:** After a relaxing breakfast we head for home.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach ■ Welcome Tea/Coffee on Arrival
- Four Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Tour & Tasting at Biddenden Vineyards
- Entrance to Chatham Historic Dockyard
- Guide for tour of Canterbury ■ Portage ■ Excursions as Detailed

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £100

Early booking discount not available on this tour.

# Kent - White Cliffs Country



5 DAYS / 4 - 8 JUNE £450



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NEW TOUR

Kent has played a significant role in Britain's maritime history and the shore has been on England's frontline for centuries. Our new tour is based at our hotel in Folkestone and includes a visit to the iconic Dover Castle and its evocative Wartime Tunnels, the Battle of Britain Memorial atop the famous white cliffs, a steam train ride, brewery tour and one of the oldest and most famous cathedrals in England, Canterbury Cathedral.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Burlington Hotel, Folkestone ★★★

The stylish, Victorian Burlington Hotel has a superb location in a pleasant area close to the seafront. The 60 well decorated bedrooms are bright and airy and each includes TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. The restaurant is traditional in style and serves dishes sourced from local fresh produce and there are two bars.



## DAY BY DAY

**Monday 4th:** We make our way south to Folkestone for check-in at the Burlington Hotel.

**Tuesday 5th:** After breakfast, we travel to Dover Castle, which has stood guard over the shortest sea crossing between England and the continent for nearly a thousand years. We can then take a fascinating guided tour of the authentic Underground Hospital and re-live the tension as a surgeon battles to save an injured pilot. Please note: The upper floor of the Great Tower has steep flights of narrow steps and there are some very steep slopes and cobbled walkways within the grounds, however a land train is available for guests with limited ability. After our time at the castle we will return to our hotel, making a stop en route to the Battle of Britain Memorial in Capel-le-Ferne.

**Wednesday 6th:** This morning, we travel to the picturesque market town of Tenterden. Its fine high street must rank amongst the most attractive in the country with historic houses, shops, restaurants and pubs. We will enjoy a guided tour and tasting at the award winning Old Dairy Brewery housed in two old world war II nissan buildings just moments from the high street. We have time to browse the brewery shop before we stroll a few yards for a return steam train journey to Bodiam with the Kent & East Sussex Railway whilst enjoying a delicious ploughman's lunch. After our rail journey, we will have time to explore Tenterden before heading back to our hotel.

**Thursday 7th:** We will visit the historic city of Canterbury. We will visit the cathedral and discover its fascinating history whilst admiring its magnificent architectural splendour. We will then spend the afternoon at leisure, exploring the city centre with its quaint medieval and Tudor buildings, interesting shops and wonderful selection of tea rooms and restaurants before returning to our hotel.

**Friday 8th:** After breakfast we will depart our hotel and make our way home.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach ■ 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed ■ Entrance to Dover Castle
- Old Dairy Brewery Tour with Tasting ■ Return rail journey Tenterden – Bodiam & Ploughman's Lunch ■ Entrance to Canterbury Cathedral ■ Portage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £75



5 DAYS / 30 SEPT - 4 OCT

£405

## DAY BY DAY



Leeds Castle Henry Lawford FC

LEEDS CASTLE

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 visits to Leeds Castle, Quex Park Museum and a guided tour of Canterbury.

**Sunday 30th:** We travel south with suitable stops en-route arriving at the Bridgewood Manor in plenty of time to relax before dinner  
**Monday 1st:** This morning, after breakfast, we travel to Canterbury where we meet our guide for an hour and a half tour of this beautiful city. After our tour we have 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 before we travel back to the hotel for dinner.  
**Tuesday 2nd:** We travel to Broadstairs this morning, where we have free time to explore this lovely seaside town. After lunch we travel to Quex Park where we have included entrance to the museum, house and gardens. Today, after two hundred years of adaptation and change, Quex House remains a family home. Several rooms in Quex House are open to the public during the summer season and provide a special addition to a visit to the museum. Its relaxed atmosphere and character are immediately appreciated when visitors step from the museum galleries into the late-Victorian oriental drawing room. House stewards are on hand to welcome visitors and provide further information about the house, the family, paintings, furnishings and varied collectables.  
**Wednesday 3rd:** Today we spend the day at Leeds Castle, set in 500 acres of beautiful parkland and has been home to six medieval queens of England and was once a favourite royal palace of Henry VIII. Explore the grounds and castle at your leisure. After visiting the magnificent state rooms, take time to explore everything else the estate has to offer, including the stunning gardens and the beautiful yew maze.  
**Thursday 4th:** After a leisurely breakfast we begin our journey homeward.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Bridgewood Manor Hotel ★★★★★

The Bridgewood Manor is situated near to Rochester, a great location to explore Kent. The hotel is designed around a beautiful inner courtyard. The 100 exquisite bedrooms are beautifully styled and luxuriously fitted. The health club and spa facilities provide you with an area to relax and unwind.



## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- Excursions as Detailed
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Guide for Tour of Canterbury
- Entrance to Quex Park, Museum, House & Gardens
- Entrance into Leeds Castle
- Portage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £110

# Chelsea Flower Show



3 DAYS / 25 - 27 MAY

£289

## DAY BY DAY



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The Royal Horticultural Society's Chelsea Flower Show is well known as the world's most famous floral spectacle. For more than 80 years this celebrated show has blossomed in the centre of London. A floral feast for the senses, this show brings you innovation and creativity from leading garden designers and nurseries. We also feature historic Windsor and a visit to Oxford.

**Friday 25th:** Depart in the morning travelling to Windsor for time at leisure. This afternoon we make our way to the Hilton Hotel, Cobham.  
**Saturday 26th:** We leave our hotel after breakfast and head for London and the Chelsea Flower Show. See the grounds at the Royal Hospital Chelsea transformed with stunning horticultural displays for the prestigious RHS Chelsea Flower Show. Stroll through show-stopping and award-winning gardens, discover rare flowers and plants and creative floral artworks. Spot emerging gardening trends and browse the horticultural products on sale, from gardening gadgets to sculptures and plants. As always, there will be plenty of opportunities to catch the latest trends and designs in flora and fauna. If you have a gardening problem, don't fret, as there will be plenty of experts on hand providing helpful tips and advice to inspire your gardens back home. We leave Chelsea late afternoon and return to our hotel for dinner.  
**Sunday 27th:** After breakfast we leave for the Thames Valley, calling in at Henley-on-Thames before continuing through Wallingford to Oxford, City of Dreaming Spires. We have time to obtain lunch and explore the city with its many magnificent university buildings before leaving during the afternoon for home.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- Two Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Entry into Chelsea Flower Show

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £55

Early booking discount not available on this tour.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Hilton Hotel, Cobham ★★★★★

The 4 star Hilton Hotel is set in 27 acres of peaceful grounds and woodland in the heart of the Surrey countryside. The hotel also offers leisure facilities including indoor swimming pool with a sauna and steam room, and an outdoor tennis court.



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# East Riding of Yorkshire & The Orchid Festival



**SHORT BREAKS**

**3 DAYS / 2 - 4 MARCH**

**£185**

Each year the festival takes its inspiration from a different culture to highlight the beautiful orchid species from around the world, showcased in this annual event which is sure to brighten any winter's day.

## DAY BY DAY

**Friday 2nd:** We travel via York where we make a short stop before continuing to our hotel.

**Saturday 3rd:** We depart for the medieval market town of Beverley famous for its 13th century minster, market and music. Tucked away down narrow streets are antique shops and craft arcades, and on every other corner is a pub full of history and atmosphere. This afternoon we continue to the Burton Agnes Orchid Festival which is a celebration of the beauty and diversity of orchids. The Elizabethan Great Hall will be filled with some of nature's most intriguing flowers. Visitors can also buy plants from the widest selection in the area, and other orchid related goods, from stalls around the hall's ground floor. After marvelling at the displays of orchids, visitors can wander in the woodland walk to catch the final days of the snowdrop opening.

**Sunday 4th:** We travel south to Hardwick Hall, an Elizabethan masterpiece. We have included entrance to the house and gardens. After a leisurely visit we continue home.

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



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## YOUR HOTEL

**Mercure Hull Grange Park Hotel, Willerby, Nr Hull ★★★★★**

Set in 12 acres of landscaped gardens the hotel offers a heated indoor pool, stylish restaurant and spacious rooms.



## TOUR INCLUDES

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 2 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Entrance to Orchid Festival at Burton Agnes
- Entrance to Hardwick Hall & Gardens
- Porterage

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £44**

# Blackpool Illuminated Tram

**2 DAYS / 7 - 8 OCTOBER**

**£155**

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 7th:** 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 8th:** Free time at leisure in Blackpool before we return home from the resort at 3pm.



## 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 £23**

# Queen of the Midlands



**3 DAYS / 11 - 13 APRIL**

**£210**

Join us on a wonderful break visiting Wollaton Hall, Gardens and Deer Park, the stunning locale filmed in the globally acclaimed Batman movie The Dark Knight Rises, the tranquillity of the Trent River Cruise and the majesty of the East Midland's breathtaking countryside aboard the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway.

## DAY BY DAY

**Wednesday 11th:** The Ecclesbourne Valley, one of Derbyshire's most lovely and unspoilt valleys, stretching from the northern outskirts of Derby at Duffield, to Wirksworth. Climb aboard the 9-mile long heritage railway, lovingly restored by an enthusiastic and knowledgeable group of volunteers. Before embarking on your journey, indulge in a tasty afternoon tea consisting of a freshly made sandwich platter, scones with jam and cream, a slice of cake and tea or coffee served to your table in a wonderful converted Pullman carriage at Wirksworth Station. After our visit we travel to our hotel.

**Thursday 12th:** We visit Wollaton Hall, Gardens and Deer Park. Go behind-the-scenes on one of the guided tours and explore the wealth and grandeur. We top the day off with Trent River Cruises.

**Friday 13th:** We head home stopping at Melton Mowbray home of the pork pie.

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



WOLLATON HALL

Courtesy of Venus

## YOUR HOTEL

**Mercure Nottingham City Centre Hotel ★★★★★**

Minutes away from the Old Market Square and Nottingham Castle. Luxury soft furnishings alongside the finest points of Georgian architecture and a rich history.



## TOUR INCLUDES

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 2 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Guided tour Wollaton House
- 1.5 hour Trent River Cruise
- Train journey aboard the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway including afternoon tea

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £33**

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