



# Owen's Travelmaster

**Coach Holidays & Short Breaks**

# SUMMER 2019

*Something  
for Everyone!*



# Welcome to Summer 2019!

Welcome to Owen's Travelmaster 2019 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 three new destinations, including a 8 day Little Railways of the Rhine tour, a 10 day tour to Lake Garda and a 7 day Hebridean Odyssey tour in Scotland. If you are looking for something further afield or more adventurous make sure to request a copy of our 2019 Air & Cruise brochure, a preview of which is on the back cover.

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 2018 another successful year.

We look forward to renewing old acquaintances and welcoming new friends in our 2019 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 and conditions apply to all cruise and flight holidays if you require insurance this must be paid at the time of booking.

## 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.

The combination of travel services offered to you is a package within the meaning of the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018.

Therefore, you will benefit from all EU rights applying to packages.

Owen's of Oswestry Coaches Ltd. will be fully responsible for the proper performance of the package as a whole.

Additionally, as required by law, Owen's of Oswestry Coaches Ltd has protection in place to refund your payments and, where transport is included in the package, to ensure your repatriation in the event that they become insolvent. Owen's of Oswestry Coaches Ltd. are members of the Bonded Coach Holiday Group of the Confederation Of Passenger Transport UK Ltd. This is a government approved consumer protection scheme. This ensures that in relation to the coach package holidays described in this brochure (or website) that the clients' monies are protected by a Bond which may be called upon in the unlikely event of the Member's Insolvency. Clients are recommended to inspect the current membership certificate at our registered office or alternatively go to [www.bch-uk.org](http://www.bch-uk.org) or telephone 0207 240 3131 to confirm current membership. Your attention is also drawn to the Bonded Coach Holiday Group Trading Charter that will apply to these coach package holidays.

Details of the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018 can be found at [www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2018/9780111168479/contents](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2018/9780111168479/contents)



### 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 2019 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	8 DAYS	11 DAYS
UK	£16.50	£22.00	£24.50	----	----
CI/Eire	----	£27.50	£33.00	£33.00	----
Europe	----	£33.00	£42.00	£42.50	£45.00

All other flight & cruise holidays on request

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.

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

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## Early Booking Bonus

If you book and **pay the required deposit** on your holiday by 28th February 2019 we will give you the following discounts off the balance of your holiday.

Holiday value up to:	Discount
£300 per person	£6.00 per person
£500 per person	£12.00 per person
Over £500 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.



Due to the popularity of our "Owen's Select Superior Legroom Coaches" on European and selected long haul, UK and 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.

# Jersey by Air



6 DAYS / 17 - 22 JUNE

£699

6 DAYS / 23 - 28 SEPTEMBER

£669

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 we visit 16 New Street. To walk through the front door of 16 New Street is to step back in time and experience life in Regency Jersey. With evocative sounds and smells, you will be transported to a time of elegance when gentlemen smoked clay pipes, ladies drank priceless tea and the threat of French invasion was always a hot topic of conversation. This afternoon we visit Hamptonne Country Life Museum. Dating back to the 15th Century the house and farm are brought to life with characters from the Island's past.

**Thursday:** Free day to 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 we take a tour to the Jersey War Tunnels. The true story of life in Jersey during the German occupation. The hardship, the heartache and the heroism, in the words of the people who were there.

**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.

## YOUR HOTELS

**Fort d'Auvergne Hotel, St. Helier** ★★ (Aug & Sept only)

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 admissions to 16 New Street & Hamptonne Country Life Museum
- Transfer & admission to Jersey War Tunnels
- Return Transfers from Airport to your Hotel
- Meet & Greet service on arrival
- One Piece hold Baggage per person
- All Current Taxes

Single room Supplement £13.00 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 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



Jersey Tourism Danny Evans

## Battle of the Flowers

8 DAYS / 3 - 10 AUGUST

£831

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

10 DAYS / 5 - 14 MAY

£775

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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.



## 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.

## DAY BY DAY

**Sunday 5th:** Morning departure as we travel south to Plymouth to board the Brittany Ferries cruise ferry to Santander. Relax and enjoy a night on board ship. Taking just 24 hours, the route is the fastest direct ferry service to northern Spain. On board you can enjoy award winning service and top-class facilities, including gourmet restaurants, stylish lounges and comfortable cabins. You'll arrive completely relaxed, and ready to begin your holiday in Spain.

**Monday 6th:** 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 7th:** Free day at resort to enjoy the beautiful sandy beach and hotel facilities.

**Wednesday 8th:** 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 9th:** 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 10th:** 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 11th:** 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 12th:** Free day at resort.

**Monday 13th:** We make our way back to Santander via Isla and Loredo.

**Tuesday 14th:** Arrive back at Portsmouth mid afternoon and travel via the motorways home.

## YOUR HOTEL

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

The Hotel Juan de la Cosa is located close to Berria's beach, offers magnificent views of a natural privileged environment. Comfortable rooms of two beds or double bed, with all that you need: complete bath, hairdryer, TV, strong box, telephone and air conditioning. Relaxing here is easy. The pleasant communal areas include pleasant outdoor terraces with views of the Atlantic Ocean. Additional facilities include air conditioning, swimming pool, jacuzzi, sauna and gymnasium.



## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

■ All Travel by Executive Coach ■ 2 Nights Accommodation in 2 Berth Inside Cabins (bunks) – Plymouth/Santander/Portsmouth Crossing

Your resort package includes:

- Buffet Breakfast - (At Resort) ■ Seven Nights Accommodation,
- Tapas Lunch Daily or Packed Lunch
- Tea Time Buffet Daily 16.00 – 18.00
- Dinner Buffet Style Inc Wine & Water
- Free Bar Between 11.00 - 23.00 on Selected Drinks
- Porterage at Hotel ■ Excursions as Detailed

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £200

INSIDE LOWER BERTH CABIN: £49 per person

OUTSIDE LOWER BERTH CABIN: £99 per person

Early booking discount not available on this tour.

8 DAYS / 12 - 19 MAY

£599



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When people think of Austria they probably think of something like the opening scene of *The Sound of Music* – Maria dancing in high green fields with bright skies and rolling countryside that will make you want to sing. As well as the fresh mountain air and idyllic scenery, this fabulous European country also is home to culturally sophisticated cities, quirky modern art galleries and breath-taking architecture. On this popular early season tour we enjoy some of the highlights this country has to offer including the beautiful city of Salzburg; birthplace of Mozart that sits majestically astride the Salzack River, Innsbruck; capital of the Tyrol region in an exceptional setting where city, culture and nature come together, and the stunning Alpine lakes of Achensee and Zeller See with their crystal clear blue water. With a packed programme of activities there is something for everyone on this tour and Austria is definitely a destination that should be on everyone's travel list.



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## DAY BY DAY

**Sunday 12th:** We leave this morning heading south to Dover where we take our short sea crossing to Calais we then travel through Belgium to the German border for our overnight dinner bed & breakfast just over the border into Germany.

**Monday 13th:** We continue today through Germany into Austria and onto our main holiday destination in Aschaber and the Lifthotel where you will be welcomed into your new surroundings.

**Tuesday 14th:** 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 15th:** 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 16th:** Full day excursion takes us to the magical city of Salzburg 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 17th:** Today we take a scenic drive to the beautiful Lake Achensee. 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 and visit Kisslinger Glass Blowers in the town.

**Saturday 18th:** 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 19th:** We continue our journey home taking the short Calais to Dover sea crossing for our final leg of the journey home.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Owen's Select Executive Coach
- Return Ferry Crossing
- Excursions as Detailed
- 5 Nights 3 Course or Buffet Dinners, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- 4 Packed Lunches at Resort
- 2 Overnight Dinner Bed & Breakfast
- Included Drinks at Main Resort from 18:00 - 22:00 (water, beer, table wine, coffee and tea)
- Kitzbühel Horse Drawn Carriage Ride
- Rattenberg Apple Strudel Show (approx. 40 min) with a piece of Strudel and Souvenir Mug
- Visit to Kisslinger Glass Blowers

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £78

## YOUR HOTEL

### Lifthotel Aschaber, 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.



Early booking discount not available on this tour.

# Northern Italy and the Desirable Dolomites



10 DAYS / 14 - 23 JUNE

£875

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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. We have been operating this tour to Fai della Paganella for several years and, without doubt, the popularity of this holiday is down to the fantastic welcome and home comforts provided by our host, Fausto, and the 3 generations of his family.



RIVA DEL GARDA

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## DAY BY DAY

**Friday 14th:** We leave in the morning and travel to Hull for the overnight crossing to Zeebrugge. Inside cabins are provided but not meals.

**Saturday 15th:** We continue our journey to our overnight stay in Germany.

**Sunday 16th:** After breakfast we continue through Germany past Munchen and into Austria, we will then bypass Innsbruck, before crossing over the border into Northern Italy, then on to our resort Fai della Paganella to a warm welcome by our hosts and a glass of Prosecco and admire the stunning mountain views prior to dinner this evening.

**Monday 17th:** Today Fausto will provide us with a guided walk of the Fai della Paganella and a picnic in the stunning countryside!

**Tuesday 18th:** 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 with its dramatic gorge.

**Wednesday 19th:** Today we take a scenic drive to Merano, one of the most beautiful spa towns in the South Tyrol, surrounded by a stunning backdrop of mountains and meadows. Explore the vibrant centre, stroll along the flower lined promenade and perhaps take the chair lift for some fine views. We return via the Adige valley wine route and Lake Caldaro.

**Thursday 20th:** 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 beautiful Italian lake.

**Friday 21st:** Our final day in Fai della Paganella and this morning we take a scenic drive into the Trento Valley to visit a local vineyard and enjoy a tasting of some of the fabulous wines this region produce. After allowing time for lunch we return to Paganella for a relaxing afternoon with our hosts.

**Saturday 22nd:** This morning we start to head for home stopping for an overnight at the Novotel Metz Hauconcourt in France.

**Sunday 23rd:** After breakfast we will now complete the final leg of our journey as we head north to Calais for our short sailing to Dover.

*Please note: 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.*

## 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
- 1 Overnight Ferry Crossing Hull – Zeebrugge (Cabins provided)
- 2 Overnights Dinner Bed & Breakfast
- 6 Nights Dinner Bed & Breakfast in Resort
- Welcome Glass of Prosecco or Non-Alcoholic Drink on Arrival
- 1 Night x 4 course Set Menu Dinner On Night of Arrival
- 4 Nights x 4 course Dinner with Choice of Starter & Main
- 1 Night x 4 course Farewell Candlelit Trentino Dinner with Music, Set Menu
- Unlimited Wine & Water with Dinner ■ Tea & Coffee After Dinner
- Free Bar Between 18.00 – 22.30hrs Each Night, on Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks & National Spirits
- Guided Walk of Fai with Pizza & Wine Picnic on 1 Day ■ Quiz/Games on 1 night
- Wine Tasting Evening in the Restaurant Before Dinner 1 Night
- Grolla Evening in the Bar on 1 Night ■ Excursions as Detailed

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £138

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# Little Railways of the Rhine



8 DAYS / 25 AUG - 1 SEPT

£810

NEW  
TOUR



Our exciting new tour features journeys on some of the most charming little railways of the Rhine as well as relaxing cruises along the Rhine and Moselle rivers, all of which offer panoramic views and spectacular scenery - jump on board, relax and watch the beautiful scenery gently pass you by. Due to its stunning beauty, the Rhine is an immensely popular holiday destination. Castles, cathedrals and vineyards and the river valley all contribute to the scenery, which inspired numerous poets and painters. On the river bank is the Lorelei, the intriguing Rhine temptress, is probably the most famous figure of German folklore.



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## DAY BY DAY

**Sunday 25th:** We leave this morning heading towards Hull for our overnight ferry to Rotterdam. Enjoy delicious hot meals in The Kitchen or a fine dining experience in The Brasserie restaurant, complete with fantastic sea views! Or pick up a bargain in the onboard shop, offering amazing discounts on all your favourite brands. There's entertainment to suit all tastes, whether you want to party the night away or relax and unwind. No meals are included on board.

**Monday 26th:** After disembarking we drive through Holland into Germany to our base at the Hotel Lindwirt where we will meet our hosts for the next five nights.

**Tuesday 27th: River Rhine Cruise & Drachenfelsbahn** - Today we head for Boppard and spend some free time before hopping on board a river cruiser for a cruise from Boppard, upstream through the northern section of the UNESCO protected Upper Middle Rhine Valley, to Oberlahnstein, from where we continue by coach to Königswinter, an historic Rhine Valley town located at the foot of the Siebengebirge Hills. Here we join the Drachenfelsbahn, Germany's oldest cog railway, for a return journey. From the Valley Station to the summit we cover a height difference of 220m and at the top we see the ruined medieval Drachenfels ('dragon's cliff') Castle and great views across the river Rhine. After our time in Königswinter, we return to our hotel by coach.

**Wednesday 28th: Cochem & Moselle Cruise** - Today we head to the Moselle Valley and the pretty riverside town of Cochem from where we embark on a 1 hour return cruise along the Moselle river, enjoying views of Reichsburg Castle and the surrounding vineyards. After our cruise, we spend the rest of the day in Cochem at leisure, giving us time to explore the Old Town, made up of quaint squares, winding alleys, half-timbered buildings and imposing town gates, watched over by its magnificent 11th century Reichsburg Castle, a Gothic masterpiece which is perched on a rocky outcrop from where fantastic views are to be had.

**Thursday 29th: Vulkan Express & Mayschoss Wine Tasting** - Today we travel to Brohl for a journey on the Vulkan Express, a unique narrow gauge railway. The line meanders up through the Brohl Valley into the Eifel Hills, whose dramatic rock formations were created during a period of volcanic activity. Opened in 1901, the 11 mile journey takes one and a half hours as the locomotives reach a speed of 20kph, climbing around 1,310 ft! We continue by coach from Engeln to the Ahr Valley, one of Germany's most famous wine growing regions where we visit the charming town of Mayschoss and enjoy wine tasting in one of the town's traditional wine cellars.

**Friday 30th:** We spend a full day at leisure. You could take the cable car up to the Niederwald Memorial, enjoying the amazing views and exploring the famous Drosselgasse area in the heart of Rudesheim's old town, sampling a glass of wine along the way

**Saturday 31st:** Sadly it's time to leave the beautiful Rhine Valley and head to Rotterdam for our overnight ferry crossing to Hull. Meals on board are not included.

**Sunday 1st:** We Depart Hull and continue homeward.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- Return, Hull to Rotterdam Overnight Ferry inc Cabins
- All Travel by Owen's Select Executive Coach
- 5 Nights Dinner Bed & Cold Buffet Breakfast in Rudesheim
- Tea/Coffee after Dinner (At Resort)
- One way river cruise Boppard – Oberlahnstein
- Drachenfelsbahn return rail journey Drachenfels station – summit
- 1 hour return cruise along the Moselle from Cochem
- One way journey Vulkan Express Brohl – Engeln
- Wine tasting in Mayschoss

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £147

## YOUR HOTEL

### Hotel Lindwirt, Rudesheim ★★★

This charming and traditionally decorated 3 star superior hotel has an abundance of character and is situated just a few steps from the Rhine, on the famous Drosselgasse. The hotel is built around a courtyard featuring huge original wine casks and has a warm and welcoming atmosphere. The restaurant is spacious with large windows overlooking the Drosselgasse and summer evenings can be spent on the large terrace/beer garden where local bands play. **NB . (Some bedrooms are accessed via open air corridors that face the courtyard).**





11 DAYS / 20 - 30 SEPT

£1435

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VALUE  
TOUR



Courtesy of Venus

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, and explore beautiful Budapest the 'Pearl of the Danube'.



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## 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, accessible by a lift.



## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Owen's Select Executive Coach ■ Return Channel Crossings
- 3 Overnight Hotels with Bed, Breakfast & 3 Course Set Evening Meals
- MS Serenity: Full Board Accommodation 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 Coach Tour plus 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 Dümstein ■ Farewell Drinks Reception on last Evening of Cruise

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £385

MIDDLE DECK CABIN: £110 per person

PANORAMA DECK CABIN: £220 per person

## DAY BY DAY

**Friday 20th:** We travel to Dover for our short sea crossing to Calais continuing on to our first overnight hotel on the German border.

**Saturday 21st:** After a relaxing breakfast we continue into Germany to Koblenz where we take the scenic route along the banks of the Rhine Valley to Rudesheim for a lunch stop, before continuing on to our second overnight.

**Sunday 22nd:** Germany to Passau - 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.

**Monday 23rd:** Melk to Vienna - this morning we arrive in the small town of Melk which lies in the beautiful Wachau Valley. Here you can join our optional excursion visiting the Benedictine abbey. This is one of the most famous monastic houses in Austria and has been occupied by monks for over 900 years. You can relax onboard for the remainder of the day as we cruise to Vienna for an overnight stop.

**Tuesday 24th:** We spend a full day experiencing the delights of Vienna. Grand palaces, baroque castles, magnificent squares and striking monuments are just some of the key features of this beautiful city which is a world heritage site. In the afternoon we have a visit to Schonbrunn Palace, which takes you on a journey through times as we explore some of the 1,441 rooms. In the early evening we cast off and cruise towards Budapest.

**Wednesday 25th:** 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.

**Thursday 26th:** Enjoy a morning in Budapest or visit Lajosmizse travelling through the plans of Hungary 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.

**Friday 27th:** Bratislava - we reach Bratislava in the early morning. Enjoy a walking tour to take in the sights of this Slovakian capital and experience its rich culture before we set sail in the afternoon and cruise towards Durnstein.

**Saturday 28th:** Durnstein - you are free to explore the cobbled streets and pretty courtyards and buildings. We set sail for the final time and cruise towards Passau.

**Sunday 29th:** We disembark this morning and travel by our coach to our overnight hotel on the German/Belgium border.

**Monday 30th:** 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.

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

Terms and conditions for this tour are in accordance with those issued by The River Cruise Line which will be made available prior to booking.

# Austria Cow's Down Festival & Scenic Trains



8 DAYS / 24 SEPT - 1 OCT

£769



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

**Tuesday 24th:** 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.

**Wednesday 25th:** 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.

**Thursday 26th:** 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.

**Friday 27th:** 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 28th:** We begin our day at Reith im Alpbachtal 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 end the day with a visit to nearby medieval town of Rattenburg.

**Sunday 29th:** After a leisurely breakfast we head to Fügen Station for an enjoyable steam train ride to Mayrhofen, you will also be offered a glass of Schnapps during the train ride whilst local musicians play. Free time will be given to get lunch and explore the town before returning to the hotel.

**Monday 30th:** 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.

**Tuesday 1st:** 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.*

## 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 Fügen to Mayhofen
- Porterage at Resort

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £120

## 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.



# Spectacular Northern Italy - Lake Garda



10 DAYS / 11 - 20 OCTOBER

£859

NEW  
TOUR



Lake Garda, Italy's largest lake is perhaps the most beautiful lake in all of Europe. Its waters are incredibly transparent and the intense blue of the water and the luxurious vegetation add to its natural beauty. Garda's expansive mirror surface glimmers deep within two rocky coastlines, its deepest point reaching down over 340 meters. Its scenery differs from mountainous and jagged in the North to gently hilly in the South. Throughout the lake region the climate is pleasant and exceptionally mild which favours the growth of a predominately Mediterranean vegetation (olives, grapes, figs, oleanders, magnolias, palm trees, etc).



## DAY BY DAY

**Friday 11th:** We leave in the morning and travel to Hull for the overnight crossing to Zeebrugge. Inside cabins are provided but not meals.

**Saturday 12th:** This morning we continue our journey to our second overnight stay at the ACHAT Plaza Hotel in Karlsruhe in Germany.

**Sunday 13th:** We continue through Germany past Munchen and into Austria, we will then bypass Innsbruck, before crossing over the border into Northern Italy.

**Monday 14th:** Today we spend at leisure exploring our resort of Riva del Garda. You can visit Rocca di Riva, its ancient castle which houses the local museum, admire the Torre Apponale, the 13th Century clock tower in the heart of the town and visit the two palaces in Riva del Garda: the Palazzo Pretorio and the Palazzo Vecchio.

**Tuesday 15th:** Full day coach trip to Verona, the romantic capital of Europe situated on the banks of the River Adige. Verona boasts a rich array of art and architecture, and one of the finest examples of a Roman Amphitheatre, and not forgetting Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliette's Balcony.

**Wednesday 16th:** Full day coach tour to the Southern part of the Lake and a visit to Sirmione. The historical centre is pedestrianised and is probably the most picturesque town on the lake. Sirmione is beautiful throughout filled with lakeside restaurants and endearing shops, but its two main tourist attractions are the castle and the Roman ruins. We will return via the beautiful town of Peschiera del Garda.

**Thursday 17th:** This morning we take a half day excursion to the nearby stunning village of Malcesine. The remainder of the day is free to relax at our resort.

**Friday 18th:** This morning we start to head for home retracing our steps through the beautiful scenery of Austria and into Germany to the ACHAT Plaza Hotel in Karlsruhe.

**Saturday 19th:** After breakfast, we continue our journey as we head to Zeebrugge for our overnight ferry to Hull. Once again Inside cabins are provided but not meals.

**Sunday 20th:** Our ferry arrives in the morning at Hull when we disembark and complete the final leg of our journey.

*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.*

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

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

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £176

## YOUR HOTEL

### Sole Hotel, Riva del Garda ★★★★★

The hotel is furnished in a very traditional style, with an elegant restaurant overlooking the lake, comfortable public areas and a popular bar/gelateria. All 81 bedrooms are well furnished with air conditioning, TV and minibar. There is a lovely terrace at the front of the hotel where you can sip a nice aperitif, enjoy the lake views and watch the world go by!



# Amsterdam & Dutch Bulbfields



5 DAYS / 14 - 18 APRIL

£395



Keukenhof Wikimedia/Keukenhof 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

### Van der Valk Hotel, Leusden Amersfoort ★★★★★

Situated on the foothills of the Utrecht Hill Ridge in the green heart of Holland, between Amersfoort and Utrecht, the 4 Star hotel provides an excellent base for touring the local area. All bedrooms are equipped with modern facilities as you would expect of a hotel of this grade. The hotel features a Restaurant, grand café, and large terrace.



## DAY BY DAY

- Sunday 14th:** Our journey takes us via York for time for sightseeing before continuing to Hull for the evening P&O overnight ferry to Rotterdam.
- Monday 15th:** We disembark and 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. We cannot guarantee flowers will be in bloom, this is dependent on spring weather. We continue to the Van der Valk Hotel.
- Tuesday 16th:** Full day in Amsterdam. Holland's most vibrant city boasts 165 canals, 1281 bridges, 42 museums and many great sights.
- Wednesday 17th:** We travel north to De Simonehoeve a local cheese farm and wooden shoe factory, for demonstrations of how these traditional dutch products are made. We will then continue on to the nearby old fishing village of Volendam, well-known for its old fishing boats and the traditional clothing still worn by some residents. The women's costume of Volendam, with its high, pointed bonnet, is one of the most recognizable of the dutch traditional costumes, and is often featured on tourist postcards and posters. In the afternoon we'll return to the port of Rotterdam to embark for your overnight voyage to Hull.
- Thursday 18th:** Arrive in Hull. Disembark after breakfast and return home via Liverpool for free time before arriving in Oswestry late afternoon.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel By Executive Coach
- Return overnight Ferry Crossings including cabins, (Dinner & Breakfast not included)
- Two Nights Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast in Holland
- Excursions as Detailed
- Visit to Keukenhof Gardens

### SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £110

INSIDE LOWER BERTH CABIN: £11 per person

OUTSIDE LOWER BERTH CABIN: £13 per person

Early booking discount not available on this tour.

# Ostend at Anchor & The Last Post



4 DAYS / 24 - 27 MAY

£340



Richard FC

NEW TOUR

This tour takes you to the Belgian coast for a breath of salty sea air and a tremendous gathering of traditional ships. Ostend at Anchor is Europe's second largest maritime festival. It sees a myriad of vessels arrive into Ostend's port for you to explore and enjoy. Also included are Brugge, Ypres and the Last Post Ceremony.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Mercure Hotel, Roeselare ★★★★★

Only a 10-minute drive from Roeselare centre. The air-conditioned rooms feature free Wi-Fi, flat-screen TV, safe, phone as well as desk and minibar. The bathroom has a shower and hairdryer. The hotel also offers a restaurant, bar and terrace.



## DAY BY DAY

- Friday 24th:** We leave this morning for heading south to Dover where we take our short sea crossing to Calais, before making the short journey to Roeselare. Dinner is included this evening.
- Saturday 25th:** Today we head to the seaside resort of Ostend for the Ostend in Anchor Festival. Over 100 traditional ships and vessels representing the wealth of city's glorious maritime heritage will assemble for Ostend at Anchor. Discover the craftsmanship of the builders and restorers of those old ships while listening to the stories of the crews.
- Sunday 26th:** We visit Brugge with its network of cobbled streets, gabled houses and tree lined canals; together the friendliness of the Flanders people, Brugge is one of the most beautiful towns in Europe. You can stroll down the streets; take a delightful trip on the canals or a horse drawn carriage sightseeing tour. We will then travel on to Ypres where you will have free time to visit this lovely town. We highly recommend you spend time visiting the 'In Flanders Fields Museum' which is located in the famous Cloth Hall in the centre of Ypres. In 1998 the original Ypres Salient Memorial Museum was refurbished and renamed In Flanders Fields Museum. In Flanders Fields Museum is an award winning museum which has undergone a major refurbishment for the centenary of 1914-1918. Ypres has a wide range of excellent restaurants in and around the square so take the time to sit down and relax with something to eat. It's a very short walk to Menin Gate so time will be also given to witness the moving Last Post Ceremony at 8pm.
- (Please note the coach cannot drop off in the centre of Brugge, but there are convenient shuttle buses from the coach park. Small Charge applies)*
- Monday 27th:** Sadly our holiday is drawing to a close and it is time to return to France for our short sea crossing to Dover and our journey north.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- All Rooms with Private Facilities
- 2 Nights Bed & Breakfast
- Ostend at Anchor
- Excursions as Detailed
- Return Ferry Crossing
- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Breakfast

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £87

# Irish Eyes are Smiling in Sunny South East Ireland



5 DAYS /15 - 19 SEPTEMBER £470

NEW TOUR



WELLS HOUSE

Ireland Tourism

Experience a tour showcasing the very best of the world-renowned Irish hospitality and bursting with unique inclusions to give you a true taste of Ireland. County Wexford is known as Ireland's "Sunny South East" because, in general, the number of hours of sunshine received daily is higher than in the rest of the country. With the charming riverside town of Enniscorthy as your base, you are offered a fascinating insight into this lovely and varied part of Ireland.



Ireland Tourism

## DAY BY DAY

**Sunday:** Early departure for Fishguard for the sailing to Rosslare. Spend the three-and-a-half-hour crossing enjoying the excellent facilities on board your Stena Line super ferry, and then on arrival in Ireland rejoin the coach for the short journey to your hotel in the picturesque town of Enniscorthy on the banks of the River Slaney.

**Monday:** Today we take a visit to a great Victorian House and Gardens in the heart of Wexford boasting over 350 years of history. Experience real life in a Victorian Great house through the eyes of Lady Frances and the residents of Wells House, relax in beautifully restored formal gardens and discover hidden treasures in a verdant landscape of mature plants and trees. We take a guided tour of this magnificent building whose storied history encompasses Cromwell, Rebellions and the Famine with an emphasis on the everyday lives of not just the families who lived in the estate. The tour of Wells proceeds through the ground floor of the house, taking in the traditional visitor's areas including the spectacular Versailles drawing room, Lady Frances writing room, the Library and the spectacular Robertson designed stairwell and dining room. Wells aims to be a living house tour, with no 'do not touch' signs and guests are encouraged to take a seat, and examine objects in the house throughout the tour as well as ask any questions they may have. Once we finish our visit we return to Enniscorthy for free time.

**Tuesday:** This morning head to New Ross, where we discover the unique Dunbrody Famine Ship, an authentic full-scale reproduction of an 1840's emigrant vessel. Here we step back in time as a guided tour, costumed performers and themed exhibitions will depict life on board and provide a personal sense of the sadness and excitement felt by the famine emigrants setting sail for a new life. We continue on for free time for lunch at Kilkenny Ireland's most historic and compact city, with medieval heritage evident in the city's historical buildings and landmarks and an impressive castle which dominates the city. We have also included an afternoon visit to Smithwick's Experience offering a guided tour and a tasting of Smithwick's ale. Located in the heart of Kilkenny city, Smithwick's Experience Kilkenny is a multi-sensory experience that immerses you in the history of Ireland's oldest ale. Get a flavour for how our famous ale has been crafted over generations and finish with a cool refreshing pint in the comfort of our Smithwick's Experience Bar.

**Wednesday:** Today's visit starts at Waterford Crystal, Originally founded by George and William Penrose in 1783, Waterford crystal is world-renowned for quality and beauty. The House of Waterford Crystal allows visitors to witness the creation of crystal stemware, giftware and masterpieces right before their very eyes. The tour of the visitor experience and factory will take approximately 1 hour 30/40 minutes and includes a visit to all aspects of the production of Waterford Crystal including, crystal blowing and mould making quality inspection and finishing crystal cutting, sculpting and engraving. We spend time exploring Waterford town before returning to the hotel.

**Thursday:** We say farewell to our host in Enniscorthy and head north to Dublin for our homeward ferry to Holyhead before continuing our journey home.

## Riverside Park Hotel, Enniscorthy ★★★★★

The hotel is picturesquely situated on the banks of the River Slaney, on the edges of the bustling market town of Enniscorthy. Chill out over a drink at the relaxing bar with spectacular views overlooking the River Slaney with a large outdoor veranda for those sunny days.



## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Owen's Select Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- 1 Nights Live Entertainment
- 1 Nights Irish Coffee Making Demonstration
- Entrance & Guided Tour of Wells House & Gardens
- Visitor Experience Waterford Crystal
- Visit to Dunbrody Famine Ship
- Visit to Smithwicks
- Excursions as Detailed
- Outward Ferry Fishguard to Rosslare ■ Return Ferry Dublin - Holyhead
- Portorage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £88

# Titanic Belfast & Giants Causeway



5 DAYS / 3 - 7 MARCH

£399\*

5 DAYS / 13 - 17 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:** 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:** 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:** 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:** 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:** 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**

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

# St Patrick's Day in Waterford



5 DAYS / 15 - 19 MARCH

£360



St Patrick's Day Parade gerryahem FC

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

### Tracy'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

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

**Saturday 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.

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

**Monday 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.

**Tuesday 19th:** We say farewell as we travel via Enniscorthy and Arklow, continuing along the coastal road at the foot of the Wicklow mountains via Newcastle, Greystones and Bray, completing the journey to Dublin for a mid afternoon sailing to Holyhead.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- Excursions as Detailed
- Outward Crossing Fishguard - Rosslare
- Return Crossing Dublin - Holyhead
- 4 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Tea / coffee after dinner
- Free use of Leisure Centre & Gym
- Entrances to Kilkenny Castle & Dunbrody Emigrant Ship

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £85**

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

# Ring of Kerry



6 DAYS / 29 JUNE - 4 JULY

£535



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

- Saturday 29th:** Early Departure for Fishguard for the ferry to Ireland and on to Waterford for our overnight stay at Treacy's Hotel, Waterford.
- Sunday 30th:** 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.
- Monday 1st:** 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.
- Tuesday 2nd:** 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.
- Wednesday 3rd:** 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.
- Thursday 4th:** 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 £140

# Scottish Borders House Party



5 DAYS / 25 - 29 MARCH

£350



NEW TOUR

The Scottish Borders has a colourful past which belies its serene landscape. From the rolling hills and moorland in the west to the gentle valleys and picturesque Berwickshire coastline in the east, it is easy to see why Sir Walter Scott was so enamoured with this peaceful region.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Peebles Hydro Hotel ★★★★★

Peebles Hydro offers a beautiful setting in gardens, in the border town of Peebles. Peebles Hydro was originally a centre for hydropathic treatments, as the water in the surrounding area is known for its healthy properties. The building dates from the late 19th century and is surrounded by forest.



## DAY BY DAY

- Monday 25th:** We arrive at our hotel, meet our hosts and enjoy a glass of mulled wine. After time to settle in, we enjoy dinner followed by musical entertainment.
- Tuesday 26th:** After breakfast we depart for a full day visit to the capital city of Edinburgh. Our first stop is an included visit to the Royal Yacht Britannia, home of her Majesty the Queen and royal family for over 40 years. Follow in the footsteps of royalty to discover the heart and soul of this most special of royal residences. We continue to the centre of the city for free time. We return to the hotel for dinner and afterwards take part in a quiz.
- Wednesday 27th:** The Scottish borders is our destination today, taking in Galashiels, Melrose and later we follow the Tweed valley to delightful Kelso, with impressive Floors Castle, Scotland's oldest inhabited castle. We make our way back via Selkirk, with its associations with Sir Walter Scott. This evening we enjoy a Scottish evening with dinner, a glass of wine or half pint of beer and afterwards enjoy some traditional music.
- Thursday 28th:** After breakfast we depart for the New Lanark World Heritage Site. Discover the fascinating history of the impressive cotton mill village and the life and times of mill manager and social pioneer Robert Owen. Be taken on a mesmerizing journey of discovery by the ghost of mill girl Annie McLeod who magically appears and tells her story of life in New Lanark in 1820. We return to the hotel for afternoon tea and scones. This evening dinner will be followed by traditional board games.
- Friday 29th:** After breakfast we leave the Peebles Hydro and return home.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel By Executive Coach
- Four Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Welcome Glass of Mulled Wine
- One Afternoon Tea
- Entry into Royal Yacht Britannia
- Entrance to New Lanark
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £66

Early booking discount not available on this tour.

# Easter in Blairgowrie



5 DAYS / 18 - 22 APRIL

£320



NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

Richard James 1990 FC

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, sitting to the north of the city of Perth on the banks of the River Ericht.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Angus Hotel, Blairgowrie ★★

Situated in the centre of Blairgowrie where country shops, tea rooms and boutiques are in abundance. Each of the 81 bedrooms are all tastefully decorated and come equipped with hairdryer, TV and tea/coffee making facilities



## DAY BY DAY

- Thursday 18th:** 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 19th:** 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 20th:** 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 21st:** This morning we travel the short distance to Pitlochry, the largest town in Highland Perthshire. It established a reputation for the quality of its air when Queen Victoria's physician sang its praises back in 1845. Many of the town's buildings are in the Victorian Scottish Baronial architecture which is particularly popular with the many visitors to the town, with many having their photographs taken with the buildings as a back drop. Returning to our hotel for Easter Sunday lunch, followed by tea or coffee. This evening there will be a light buffet dinner.
- Monday 22nd:** We leave Blairgowrie after breakfast and make our way home.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- Four 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.

# Scotland's Unique & Unusual



5 DAYS / 6 - 10 MAY

£410



THE KELPIES

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

## YOUR HOTEL

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

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



Early booking discount not available on this tour.

## DAY BY DAY

- Monday 6th:** We leave during the morning and travel north over the border to our hotel
- Tuesday 7th:** 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. A 45 minute guided walking tour of the Kelpies is included
- Wednesday 8th:** Today we visit one of the most iconic cities in the world, Edinburgh. The inspiring capital of Scotland where centuries of history meet a vibrant, cosmopolitan city in an unforgettable setting. The city centre offers residents an exciting fusion of shopping, dining and architectural splendour.
- Thursday 9th:** Stirling is our destination today. Scotland's heritage capital, with a setting of mountains, rock crags and the winding river Forth, Stirling is 'the brooch which clasps together the Highlands and the Lowlands'. Included today is a free flow visit to Stirling Castle, one of the largest and most important castles, both historically and architecturally in Scotland.
- Friday 10th:** We enjoy our final Scottish breakfast before we start our journey home.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

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

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £88





5 DAYS / 24 - 28 JUNE

£435



**NEW TOUR**

Loch Lomond Kenny Murray FC

A new tour covering dramatic and beautiful scenery including the legendary Loch Lomond, twenty-three miles long and four miles wide, which is a byword for Scottish scenery. We also include a cruise on Loch Katrine, a visit to the breathtaking Callendar House, Stirling Castle and the Tullibardine Distillery.

## YOUR HOTEL

### King Robert Hotel, Bannockburn, Nr Stirling ★★★

The King Robert Hotel is situated on the site of the Battle of Bannockburn and is a family run hotel where you will always find a friendly welcome. All bedrooms are non-smoking and equipped with all the necessary modern amenities.



## DAY BY DAY

**Monday 24th:** We travel north before crossing the border in Scotland.

**Tuesday 25th:** This morning we explore Loch Lomond and make a stop in Luss. We then make our way to Callander before we take an awe-inspiring journey on the steamship Sir Walter Scott, the flagship and the jewel in the Loch Katrine Experience's crown.

Connecting every aspect of the Loch Katrine Experience, the steamship Sir Walter Scott brings together the best of adventure, relaxation and history - all in one experience!

**Wednesday 26th:** After breakfast we head to Falkirk to visit the breath-taking Callendar House - an estate which played host to many great historical figures over the centuries, including Mary, Queen of Scots, Cromwell and Bonnie Prince Charlie. Set in over 170 acres with history dating back to the construction of the Antonine Wall in 142AD, the kitchens are the only working Georgian kitchen in the country.

**Thursday 27th:** In the morning we head to Stirling to visit one of Scotland's most historically important sites and once a favoured residence of the Stewart kings and queens who held grand celebrations at the castle. The grandest of Scotland's castles and one of the most popular visitor attractions in the country. This afternoon we travel to Tullibardine Distillery. The site dates back to late 1940s as a distillery for producing hand crafted, Highland single malt Scotch whisky. Tullibardine's expert and experienced guides and distillery staff are able to give visitors a detailed insight into the craftsmanship and detail that goes into making the single malt whisky and the art of distillation. Our visit will include a 45 minute tour and end at the dramming bar with a tasting of two single malts.

**Friday 28th:** Sadly after breakfast we leave the King Robert and make our way home.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Loch Katrine Cruise
- Entry in Callendar House
- Entry into Stirling Castle
- Tullibardine Distillery Visit
- One Night Entertainment
- Porterage

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £44**

# Edinburgh Military Tattoo



3 DAYS / 11 - 13 AUGUST 9PM PERF

£275

4 DAYS / 22 - 25 AUGUST 9PM PERF

£310



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The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo draws together a host of creative talent from four continents. 2019 sees Scotland's colourful military musical spectacular celebrate its 69th 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.

## YOUR HOTEL

### King Robert Hotel, Bannockburn, Stirling ★★★ 11th August departure

Situated on the site of the Battle of Bannockburn on the outskirts of historic Stirling. A family run hotel where you will always find a friendly welcome. All 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.

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £25**



### Rob Roy Hotel, Aberfoyle ★★★ 22nd August departure

A short walk from the banks of the Forth River and the picturesque village of Aberfoyle. The hotel has recently been refurbished and has friendly staff and great Scottish hospitality. The bedrooms are located in a separate annexe next to the main building.

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £48**



## DAY BY DAY

**Day 1:** We travel north before crossing the border into Scotland and check-in at our hotel.

**Day 2:** We board the coach and travel to Edinburgh where free time will be given to explore this exciting city. As you move around the city, you will find yourself drawn to a wealth of fascinating streets. With its stunning Georgian and Victorian architecture, and winding medieval streets, it's easy to see why Edinburgh has been listed a World Heritage Site. And the setting is captivating, Edinburgh Castle dominates the urban skyline, perched atop the crags of an ancient volcano right in the centre of the city. We then make our way to the Tattoo Stadium for a spectacular evening's entertainment and we return to the hotel after the performance. Dinner is not included today.

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

**Day 3:** We leave our hotel during the morning and return home.

**Day 3: (22 Aug dep):** Today we take a tour through the Trossachs alongside Loch Katrine and continuing through Rob Roy McGregor country to Callander and finally historic Stirling with its famous castle.

**Day 4: (22 Aug dep):** We leave our hotel during the morning and return home.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 1 / 2 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- 1 Night Bed and Breakfast
- Entrance to Edinburgh Tattoo



7 DAYS / 17 - 23 AUGUST

£720



**NEW TOUR**

This island hopping holiday truly captures the beauty and charm of the Highlands & Islands. The Hebrides is unspoilt with miles of white sandy beaches and rugged Highland and moorland scenery. Sample island lifestyle, little changed for generations, see the wildlife, absorb into the unique island culture by visiting ancient historical sites spanning back over 5000 years. A fascinating and very popular holiday including magical sailings between the islands and visits to some of Scotland's most popular mainland destinations.



Isle of Skye, Luis A. Searns CC

### Dark Island Hotel, Benbecula ★★★

Privately owned, the Dark Island Hotel is very conveniently situated on the Isle of Benbecula. A green tourism award is pending. Emphasis is on informality and fresh food from around the isles. A sandy beach is nearby.

### Caladh Inn, Stornaway ★★

A group friendly and comfortable hotel with all local sights within easy walking distance. The Caladh Inn enjoys a great reputation for friendly hospitality and relaxed informality.

## DAY BY DAY

**Saturday 17th:** We travel north and over the border into Scotland and check-in at the Rob Roy Hotel.

**Sunday 18th:** Wonderful scenery unfolds before you as you enter the Highlands. Free time in Fort William before heading north passing the impressive Eilean Donan Castle, one of the most photographed castles in Scotland. We continue to the Lochalsh Hotel, Kyle of Lochalsh for overnight dinner, bed and breakfast.

**Monday 19th:** Scenic drive across Skye to catch the mid morning sailing to North Uist, a relatively flat island covered with peat bogs, low hills and lochans. More than half the land is covered by water, making North Uist a birdwatchers' paradise. Afternoon spent touring the Uists passing numerous tiny lochs and beaches before we check-in at the Dark Island Hotel.

**Tuesday 20th:** After breakfast we board the sailing to the largest of the Hebridean Islands – Harris. A rugged landscape of moorland, deep-sea lochs and mountains. Against this backdrop is a proud history dating back to prehistoric times. We travel along the spine of the island to the capital Stornaway, our base for the next two nights.

**Wednesday 21st:** Full day tour of Lewis with an experienced island guide. the most northerly island of the Hebrides and the largest of the Outer Hebrides. Lewis has a history dating back thousands of years and ancient stone circles and the impressive 5,000 year old standing stones of Callanish (Scotland's Stonehenge, but older). Ancient "Blackhouses", typical of crafting settlements. Imposing Carloway Broch, a fortified tower dating back over 2,000 years.

**Thursday 22nd:** We catch the 2½ hour sailing to Ullapool followed by a glorious drive across the sweep of the Highlands to Inverness with free time in the Highland capital.

**Friday 23rd:** We leave our hotel after breakfast and return home

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- All Ferry Crossings as shown ■ 6 Nights Dinner Bed and Breakfast
- Local & Experienced Guide for Tour of Lewis
- Entry into Black Houses & Museum

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £137

## YOUR HOTELS

### Rob Roy Hotel, Aberfoyle ★★★

The Rob Roy Hotel is ideally situated in stunning countryside at the gateway to the glorious Trossachs, Scotland's first National Park. The Hotel is a short walk away from the banks of the Forth River and the picturesque village of Aberfoyle. The hotel has recently been refurbished and has friendly staff and great Scottish hospitality.

### Lochalsh Hotel, Kyle of Lochalsh ★★★

The Lochalsh Hotel is a friendly family-run hotel in Kyle of Lochalsh with impressive mountain and sea views overlooking the waters of Lochalsh. The Lochalsh Hotel has a comfortable lounge and an elegant restaurant providing delightful views over the water to the hills of Skye.

# Highland Trails & Jacobite Steam Experience



5 DAYS / 1 - 5 JULY

£435



Sit back and relax as we take you on three railway journeys on some of the most famous railway lines in Europe, two are steam hauled. Each day visit a different area. Immerse yourself in dramatic Highland and Island landscapes from the Isle of Skye to Inverness and Fort William.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Balavil Hotel, Newtonmore ★★★

Enjoy a true Highland experience in this family run hotel with emphasis on good food and friendly service situated on the main street of Newtonmore.



## DAY BY DAY

**Monday 1st:** We head north to Newtonmore, with tea/coffee and shortbread on arrival and time to relax before your evening meal.

**Tuesday 2nd:** Time free in Aviemore, before boarding the steam train for the 45 minute journey through spectacular Speyside mountainous scenery. Time free in Grantown on Spey before we return to our hotel.

**Wednesday 3rd:** We catch the train in Inverness for "one of the most beautiful rail journeys in Europe" – Michael Palin. In Kyle your coach collects you for the short journey to the Isle of Skye with time for sightseeing. Returning to your hotel by coach through wonderful Highland splendour.

**Thursday 4th:** Board the Jacobite Steam Train in Fort William on the two hour journey to Mallaig - made world famous in the Harry Potter movies, absorbing beautiful views of lochs, mountains, Glenfinnan Viaduct and the small Isles of Eigg, Muck and Rum. In Mallaig free time to look round this Highland fishing town and have lunch. The road journey back in your coach is very different to the rail journey with a stop off in Glenfinnan to see Bonnie Prince Charlie's monument, the massive viaduct & Loch Shiel, and finally Banavie's Neptunes Staircase, a series of 8 lock gates on the Caledonian Canal.

To make the most of your day passengers travel one way by train and one way by coach – some will travel on the outbound journey and the remainder will travel on the return journey  
**Friday 5th:** 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
- Excursions as Detailed
- Single Journey Inverness to Kyle of Lochalsh
- Single Steam Train journey Aviemore to Broomhill
- One Leg rail journey on the Jacobite Steam Train ■ Portage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £66

# Scottish Scenic Explorer



5 DAYS / 25 - 29 AUGUST

£449



NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

"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

**Sunday 25th:** We travel north and over the border into Scotland and check-in at the Crieff Hydro Hotel where there will be a welcome drink of tea or coffee waiting for you.

**Monday 26th:** 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.

**Tuesday 27th:** 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, where the streets of the old town wind upwards towards the Castle, 250 feet up on its craggy rock, dominating the surrounding landscape. Don't miss the impressive Wallace Monument. We continue into the splendour of the Trossachs National Park, along the shores of Loch Earn and the picture postcard town of Callander. There will be time to wander around this lively Highland holiday town with its many shops.

**Wednesday 28th:** Today we head into the heart of the Cairngorms National Park, home to Britain's highest mountains and breathtaking scenery. We visit the village of Braemar, famous for the Braemar Gathering, which attracts thousands of people and has the patronage of Her Majesty the Queen. The village retains a unique charm and is also the BBC's Winterwatch village, due to the abundance of wildlife. We continue through the dramatic Highland scenery to the resort town of Pitlochry. Popular for over 150 years as a holiday destination, this town boasts Queen Victoria as one of its original visitors.

**Thursday 29th:** 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
- Free Use of Leisure Facilities
- Free Use of 38 Seater Cinema
- Excursions as Detailed
- Admission to Famous Grouse Experience
- Portage

# Llandudno - Jewel of North Wales



5 DAYS / 27 - 31 MAY

£350\*

4 DAYS / 20 - 23 SEPTEMBER

£335



NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER) MAY DEPARTURE

Bert Kaufmann FC

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** ★★ 27th May departure

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.



**St. Kilda Hotel, Llandudno** ★★★ 20th September departure

The St Kilda Hotel lies in the very centre of the sweeping Promenade directly opposite the Bandstand. Minutes from the Shops, the Pier, the Theatre, and the Sea! From the moment you check in, friendly staff will be on hand to make your holiday a memorable experience.

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £12**



## DAY BY DAY

**Day 1:** We travel via St Asaph and stop at the Woollen Mill en route to Llandudno.

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

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

**Day 4 (May):** Full day tour to Portmeirion to discover the surreal architecture of the village used in the cult 60's TV show 'The Prisoner'. Designed by Sir Clough Williams-Ellis, with clapboard houses, stunning coastal views peppered with beautiful gardens.

**Last Day:** This morning is free in Llandudno before we return home after lunch via Betws-y-Coed.

**\*Early booking bonus not available on this date.**

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 3 or 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Entrance to Bodnant Gardens
- Entertainment (2 nights at Winchmore & 4 nights at St Kilda)
- Entrance to Portmeirion (May departure)
- Porterage

# South Wales Wonders



4 DAYS / 19 - 22 AUGUST

£319



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

**Monday 19th:** We travel into South Wales for check-in at the Aberavon Beach Hotel.

**Tuesday 20th:** 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 arrival you will be greeted by your guide who will direct you to the Water Wheel to begin the tour. Following the tour you may want to investigate the rest of the site. As well as the traditional crafts and shops, there is a collection of rare breeds of poultry and ducks. The centre is home to La Charrette – the smallest cinema in Wales. 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.

**Wednesday 21st:** Today we visit Cardiff and take a one hour return cruise around Cardiff Bay which allows you to soak in the atmosphere and the beautiful scenery, passing by monuments such as Cardiff Castle, before returning to Mermaid Quay where you have free time to explore the restaurants and shops which overlook the bay.

**Thursday 22nd:** 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 Peninsular
- Guided Tour of the Mill
- Cruise on Cardiff Bay
- Porterage

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £60**

# Cardiff - Pride of Wales



3 DAYS / 12 - 14 OCTOBER

£185



Courtesy of Venues VisitCardiff AndrewMolyneux

Within Cardiff, Wales' capital city, you'll find unique attractions, top class entertainment, and quality shopping with a difference and numerous city centre restaurants – 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

**Sunday 15th:** We travel directly to Cardiff arriving at our hotel early afternoon. A guided tour of the city will be included on our arrival. At our clients request this tour is bed and breakfast allowing you to visit the numerous culinary delights that Cardiff has to offer.

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

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

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

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

## SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £44

CARDIFF CASTLE



# Isle of Man



5 DAYS / 14 - 18 JUNE

£445



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

## YOUR HOTEL

### Chesterhouse Hotel, Douglas ★★★

Ideally situated on the seafront in Douglas, this hotel features comfortable en suite accommodation with a full range of modern facilities and in-room accessories. Please note that the Hotel has external steps to access the hotel entrance and a number of steps on corridors and other public areas.



## DAY BY DAY

**Friday 14th:** We travel north to Heysham for the early afternoon crossing to Douglas.

**Saturday 15th:** 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.

**Sunday 16th:** 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. Returning past Tynwald, home of the Manx Parliament, and across the island via Union Mills, another famous TT landmark, to Douglas.

**Monday 17th:** 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.

**Tuesday 18th:** 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 & Breakfast
- Excursions As Detailed
- 2 Nights Entertainment

## SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £55

# Hidden Homes of History



5 DAYS / 22 - 26 APRIL

£399



NEW TOUR



BELSAY HALL

Belsay Hall Gardens amandahalter FC Iseel Glen Bowman FC

Join us to explore the awe inspiring heritage of the north east's powerful homes, beginning with Washington Old Hall, the ancestral home of George Washington, the first president of the USA to the romantic Greek architecture of the medieval Belsay Hall, Castle and Gardens in Northumbria topped off with a tranquil river cruise.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Copthorne Hotel, Newcastle upon Tyne ★★★★★

Right on the quayside, overlooking the River Tyne in the heart of the city, Copthorne Hotel is just 0.5 miles from shops, restaurants and the Theatre Royal. All spacious bedrooms have a satellite TV with on-demand movies, tea/coffee facilities and a trouser press.



## DAY BY DAY

**Monday 22nd:** We travel north and check-in at the Copthorne Hotel.

**Tuesday 23rd:** Today we visit Washington Old Hall at the heart of historic Washington village, this picturesque stone manor house and its gardens provide a tranquil oasis, reflecting gentry life following the turbulence of the English civil war. It is a 17th century manor house associated with the family of George Washington, first president of the USA. Enjoy walking through the gardens of Washington and discover the dramatic 17th century parterre and the wilds of the nuttury. Our visit includes a introductory talk on arrival, a one and a half hour guided tour and a free flow visit of Washington Old Hall.

**Wednesday 24th:** Our visit today is to Belsay Hall, castle and gardens. Take in 30 acres of picturesque landscaping. Enter the magical and romantic Quarry Garden with ravines, pinnacles and sheer rock faces. Belsay Hall itself is a classical greek revival villa, centred around the amazing central two-storey 'Pillar Hall'. Our visit includes a 5 to 10 minute introductory talk, a 2 hour guided tour with the head gardener (subject to availability) and free flow entry around the estate.

**Thursday 25th:** This morning we take a river shack cruise. Juno is an attractive open-sided wooden boat built in Ireland in 1980 and provides an authentic and engaging experience of the river and its wildlife, taking in local bird life, river wildlife and farming. We return via Durham to our hotel.

**Friday 26th:** We leave our hotel after breakfast and return home making a stop in Harrogate.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- Four Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entry in Washington Old Hall
- Entry into Belsay Hall
- River Shack Cruise
- Porterage

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £88**

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

# Journeys of Northumbria



5 DAYS / 1 - 5 AUGUST

£415



NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

NEW TOUR

Beamish HHA124L FC

England's most northerly region is known by many as the "Border Country" as it combines the four counties of Cleveland, Durham, Northumberland and Tyne & Wear. Northumberland boasts an infinite variety of landscape from desolate moors to rugged hills as well as eighty miles of coastline, two-thirds of which has been designated an area of outstanding beauty.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Blackwell Grange Hotel, Darlington ★★★

A beautiful 17th century mansion peacefully situated in nine acres of its own grounds. The hotel was a private house until 1953. Hotel facilities include leisure club with heated indoor swimming pool, spa and saunas. All bedrooms are en suite and have television, radio, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities.



## DAY BY DAY

**Thursday 1st:** We travel north to Harrogate for a lunch stop before continuing on to the Blackwell Grange Hotel. Tea/coffee & biscuits served on arrival.

**Friday 2nd:** Today we visit the famous Beamish North of England Open Air Museum, capturing the spirit of the North East in the 1800's and 1900's. Attractions include restored tram and replica bus rides, authentic town street, colliery village, go down the mine, old fashioned sweet shop, working farm, steam locomotives and much more.

**Saturday 3rd:** Our first visit today is to Locomotion at Shildon. Locomotion is an outpost of the National Railway Museum in York. In 1825 Shildon was home to the first ever steam-hauled passenger train. Next we are on our way to Weardale, in the heart of the Pennines. Weardale is probably the least known major dale of the English uplands, yet the scenery is stunning and unspoilt, with the beautiful and gentle River Wear. At Stanhope we take a break before we continue along the dale and across the moors to Alston, high in the North Pennines. In Alston we find England's highest narrow-gauge railway, the South Tynedale, and we enjoy a trip on the line. Later we return along the Tyne Valley.

**Sunday 4th:** This morning we travel to Gateshead, on the south bank of the Tyne, and walk across the new Millenium 'Winking Eye' bridge into Newcastle's famous Sunday Quayside Market. We have lots of time to browse around the stalls and look for that elusive bargain, and chance to obtain lunch maybe in a quayside pub. In the afternoon we join the boat at the quayside for a fabulous cruise on the River Tyne, with expert commentary. To round off the day we take a ride on the world's oldest existing railway – The Tanfield Railway – part of which was built over 300 years ago to transport coal to the ships on the River Tyne.

**Monday 5th:** We explore York with top attractions such as; The York Dungeons, the Jorvik Viking Centre, York Minster, depart York for our journey home mid afternoon.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel By Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Tea/coffee and biscuits on arrival
- River Tyne cruise
- Beamish
- South Tynedale Railway
- Tanfield Railway
- Locomotion at Shildon

# Kynren Show, Bishop Auckland



4 DAYS / 6 - 9 SEPTEMBER £335



**NEW TOUR**

Courtesy of Kynren

An interesting and unique tour, combining visits to the historic and beautiful city of Durham, and Bishop Auckland's live action extravaganza, now in its third year, the mesmerising show that takes you on a whistle stop tour of 2,000 years of history, myth and legend.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Jury's Inn, Middlesbrough ★★★★★

This modern 4-star hotel is in the centre of Middlesbrough, in the busy Teesside business area. Jury's Inn Middlesbrough has large en-suite rooms with Dream beds, flat-screen TVs and Freeview channels. Fast, unlimited free WiFi is available throughout the hotel.



## DAY BY DAY

**Friday 6th:** Morning departure as we head via Harrogate for lunch before continuing north for check-in at the Jury's Inn.

**Saturday 7th:** Free time will be given in Middlesbrough before we take an early evening dinner and then make our way to Bishop Auckland where we join 'Kynren' - An Epic Tale of British History. Taking place on a vast landscaped stage with a huge lake at its centre hiding a host of surprises. With 29 scenes encompassing the Roman occupation to World War II, history will unfold in front of your eyes, thanks to a castle and crew of almost 1,500 performing on a vast open-air stage, the scale of the show must be seen to be believed. Spectacular sets appearing as if by magic, mass choreography and fierce battles are illuminated with dazzling special effects, effervescent lighting and pyrotechnics, set to a spine-tingling original soundtrack which you'll experience in movie-like surround sound.

**Please note: Kynren is an outdoor show, so it is important that you bring appropriate clothing for the weather.**

**Sunday 8th:** We leave during the morning and travel to the ancient and historic city of Durham, acclaimed as a World Heritage Site and dominated by the magnificent Norman Cathedral.

**Monday 9th:** We depart after breakfast to explore York with top attractions such as the famous Minster, departing York mid afternoon.

For more details of this epic event visit [www.kynren.com](http://www.kynren.com)

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 3 Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Admission to Kynren
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £66

# Lovely Lytham



5 DAYS / 9 - 13 SEPTEMBER £375



**NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)**

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.

## YOUR HOTEL

### 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:** 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:** After breakfast we travel across country to one of Lancashire's famous mills – Oswaldtwistle. Here we have free time to explore. We continue into the Forest of Bowland, an area of outstanding natural beauty, and the Trough, a dramatic, narrow valley which winds through the lovely countryside villages, high into the Bowland Fells with panoramic views and breathtaking scenery. We stop at Guy's Thatched Hamlet on the Lancaster Canal where we enjoy a delicious cream tea on Owd Nell's Tavern before returning to the hotel for dinner.

**Wednesday:** After breakfast this morning we travel to Blackpool for free time in this fabulous seaside resort. We return to Lytham in the late afternoon.

**Thursday:** 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'.

**Friday:** The morning is at leisure today in Lytham & St. Anne's-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 an expansive sandy beach, Victorian pier, historic windmill and stylish independent shops.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Cream Tea at Owd Nell's Tavern
- Two Nights Entertainment
- Porterage

# Windermere – Rails, Sails & Tails!



5 DAYS / 3 - 7 JUNE

£415



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 3rd:** 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 4th:** Rails, Sails & Tails! - 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 5th:** 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 6th:** 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 7th:** 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
- 4 Nights Accommodation
- Three Course, Choice menu Dinner with Tea/Coffee
- Windermere Lake Cruise
- Entrance to Holker Hall & Gardens

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £70

# Premier Lake District



4 DAYS / 23 - 26 SEPTEMBER

£395



Courtesy of Venues



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. We will be accommodated in the stunning 4 star Inn on the Lake Hotel.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Inn on the Lake Hotel ★★★★★

The Inn on the Lake Hotel enjoys one of the most spectacular settings in the Lake District in 15 acres of grounds with lawns sweeping to the shores of Lake Ullswater. It is situated in the intimate village of Glenridding from where you can take the steamer. There are 47 en-suite guest rooms, all thoughtfully designed and nearly all rooms have breath taking views. Each room is fully equipped with everything you come to expect in a quality 4 star hotel. The Inn on the Lake is renowned for the excellent food our award-winning 2 AA

Rosette chef and his team serve our guests. Creative, exciting menus using fresh, local ingredients ensure your event will be remembered not only for the occasion, but for the cuisine itself.



## DAY BY DAY

**Monday 23rd:** We travel north to Glenridding and check-in at the Inn on the Lake in plenty of time to relax before dinner.

**Tuesday 24th:** Today we travel via 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 on mountain scenery, secluded bays and wooded islands.

**Wednesday 25th:** 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 idyllic location nestling between the Skiddaw Mountains and Derwent Water. We continue via the shores of delightful Ullswater.

**Thursday 26th:** We return home via Kendal with its castle ruins, quaint cobbled streets, antique shops, the K Village shopping outlet and the chance to purchase the famous 'Kendal Mint Cake'. We leave Kendal after lunch for our journey home.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

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

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £50



# Scarborough & North Yorkshire Moors



5 DAYS / 9 - 13 MAY

£355\*

5 DAYS / 30 AUG - 3 SEPT

£405



Jill Johnson FC

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 benefit from the indoor heated swimming pool and free Wi-Fi on offer. 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:** After breakfast the day is free for you to discover the varied attractions of Scarborough. Enjoy the delightful promenade in the attractive Belvedere Gardens, take a short walk across the Spa Footbridge to the centre of town or venture down to the golden beaches of South Bay, or the busy little harbour. Beneath Scarborough's indoor markets is a warren of antique shops or for the historically minded Scarborough's fortress castle gives splendid views across two sweeping bays.

**Day 3:** Today we take a ride on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway from Pickering to Goathland. This celebrity station has been seen most recently as Hogsmeade Station on the Harry Potter films and is the home of Aidsensfield in the popular TV series 'Heartbeat'. Enjoy a meander into the local shops or maybe have a swift drink in the 'Aidsensfield Arms' before continuing our journey across the moors to Whitby. Standing on the River Esk, Whitby is a quaint old fishing town where local fishermen can still be seen mending their nets outside of their cottages in the narrow streets and alleys. Famous as the home of Captain Cook and where the graveyard at the parish church of St Mary, inspired Bram Stoker to include it in his novel 'Dracula'.

**Day 4:** Enjoy a day excursion to the historic city of York. The whole city has a wonderful atmosphere, and there is so much to see - the intriguing shops in the Shambles, the Jorvik Museum, the Castle Museum with its quaint Victorian streets, the National Railway Museum, and, most stunning of all, York Minster, Europe's largest gothic church.

**Day 5:** We leave after breakfast and begin our journey home.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

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

\*Early booking discount not available on this date.

# Taste of North Yorkshire



5 DAYS / 20 - 24 MAY

£349



Poweshill2012 FC

There is so much to see and do in Yorkshire. Centuries of history can be witnessed in the formidable abbeys and ancient towns while the scenery is as striking as it is varied. The county is also a frequent visitor to our homes through the many popular TV programmes that are filmed on location here.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Burn Hall Hotel, Huby, Nr. York ★★★

Nestled in the heart of North Yorkshire, Best Western Burn Hall Hotel offers the best of both worlds. It's secluded enough to offer tranquillity and relaxation yet close enough to the county's must-visit towns, villages and cities.



## DAY BY DAY

**Monday 20th:** We make our way to our hotel with a stop en-route for lunch. We arrive with time to settle in before dinner

**Tuesday 21st:** After a leisurely breakfast, we drive to Thirsk where we visit the World of James Herriot. Peter Wright from the Channel 5 series The Yorkshire Vet, was trained here. After an educating visit, we have free time for lunch in Thirsk before we continue on a scenic tour of the North Yorkshire Moors.

**Wednesday 22nd:** This morning we travel to Hawes where we enjoy a 'Wensleydale Cheese Experience'. We learn about the history of the cheese and watch it being made before we savour the finished product in the cheese shop. This afternoon we continue to the Black Sheep Brewery where we have a tour and tasting.

**Thursday 23rd:** Today we travel into York where we will have a free day to explore the many wonders this city has to offer. See exquisite architecture, stroll through quaint cobbled streets, visit iconic York Minster or simply watch the world go by whilst sipping a drink by the river.

**Friday 24th:** We return home after breakfast via Harrogate

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- Four Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to the World of James Herriot
- Entrance to 'Wensleydale Cheese Experience'
- Tour & Tasting at Black Sheep Brewery
- Portage

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £66**

Early booking discount not available on this tour.

# York City Break

4 DAYS / 5 - 8 JULY

£299



York Minster jack\_spellingbacon FC

Think York and many think of York Minster, Viking York at JORVIK, and York Castle Museum and York Dungeon. But that's just the start of York's world famous attractions. Browse around the medieval shopping streets of Stonegate and the Shambles. Revel in York's Roman heritage at the Yorkshire Museum, Walk the city walls and discover York's royal history of kings, princes and England's Christian history.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Queens Hotel, York ★★

Situated in the heart of the vibrant City of York, on the banks of the River Ouse. All of York's famous attractions such as York Minster, York's Chocolate Story, York Dungeon and Jorvik are within walking distance along with the many fabulous wine bars and restaurants York has to offer. The Hotel has 78 bedrooms over four which is serviced by a lift.



## DAY BY DAY

**Friday 5th:** We leave this morning for York travelling via Harrogate is a popular tourist destination; its spa waters, RHS Harlow Carr gardens and Betty's tearooms are world famous visitor attractions. After lunch we continue on to the Queens Hotel in York with plenty of time to settle in before dinner.

**Saturday 6th:** Today is free to explore York. There's so much to see and do in York, visit the cobbled streets of the 'Shambles' with its quaint little shops, the York Minster, Jorvik Viking centre or the Railway museum. There are many Museums and castles to visit including the new Chocolate Story.

**Sunday 7th:** Free time to continue to explore York .or join the coach for a full day circular tour firstly to Scarborough for time to explore the seaside town and then on to the harbour town of Whitby, with its quayside and little streets displaying their unique character and picturesque charm beneath the magnificent 7th century Abbey. The Abbey provided the inspiration for Bram Stoker's novel Dracula. We end the day with a short stop at Goathland the home of the Heartbeat series.

**Monday 8th:** We depart after breakfast and head for home via the Peak District including Bakewell and Buxton.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

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

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £72

# Yorkshire Splendours



5 DAYS / 28 JULY - 1 AUGUST

£405



Yorkshire Splendours Harewood House Tips For Travellers FC

Yorkshire, "God's Own Country"! Discover the splendour of life in a Yorkshire stately home and the home town of the Bronte Sisters. There are tales of hardship and success woven into the scenery, towns and the houses of Yorkshire and our new tour has many a fascinating tale to tell.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Thorpe Park Hotel & Spa, Leeds ★★★★★

Located just six miles away from Leeds centre, the Thorpe Park Hotel and Spa, part of Thwaites Hotels and the AA hotel group of the year, features a modern spa and leisure centre, boutique-style bedrooms and a creative restaurant. All bedrooms have a fridge with fresh milk provided.



## DAY BY DAY

**Sunday 28th:** We leave during the morning and travel via Buxton and the Peak District before continuing to our hotel for check-in

**Monday 29th:** Today we travel to York where we will have a free day to explore the many wonders this city has to offer. See exquisite architecture, stroll through quaint cobbled streets or visit iconic York Minster.

**Tuesday 30th:** After a leisurely full breakfast, we travel to Harewood House, one of the Treasure Houses of England. With rolling Capability Brown landscapes, an impressive art collection, renaissance masterpieces, exquisite Thomas Chippendale furniture, famous Robert Adam interiors, combined with 100 acres of award winning gardens and renowned lakeside bird garden, there is plenty to keep you occupied. We continue to the spa town of Harrogate for free time this afternoon.

**Wednesday 31st:** We firstly visit the market town of Skipton, gateway to the dales, with its castle, cobbled streets and canal boats. We then depart for Howarth, home of the Bronte's. This historic village with its quaint cobbled main street provides a selection of intriguing cafe's, restaurants and shops.

**Thursday 1st:** We leave after breakfast and return home via Boundary Mill, founded in 1983, Boundary Mill is the largest quality mill store of its kind. Offering great value for money with up to 70% off the RRP on big brands in fashion and home.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Entry into Harewood House
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £88



# Harrogate Flower Show & Yorkshire Gems



5 DAYS / 12 - 16 SEPTEMBER £355



Harrogate Flower Show AdamK/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

### Clarion 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 12th:** 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 13th:** 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 14th:** 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 15th:** 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 16th:** 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

# Pickering Wartime Weekend & Harrogate



4 DAYS / 11 - 14 OCTOBER £295



Donald Judge FC

NEW TOUR

This tour takes us back in time to the Yorkshire village of Pickering, where the 1940's are in full swing this weekend. You can relive the amazing spirit and camaraderie of World War II and enjoy the various re-enactments, entertainment and vehicle displays. We also have time to wander and explore the pretty spa town of Harrogate on a quiet Sunday.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Best Western Burn Hall Hotel, Huby, Nr. York ★★★

The Best Western Burn Hall Hotel is a Victorian mansion house set amidst a stunning eight acres of parkland within the beautiful North Yorkshire countryside. Guests are assured of a warm and friendly welcome. All the stylish bedrooms are en suite and have flat screen television, telephone and tea & coffee making facilities.



## DAY BY DAY

**Friday 11th:** Depart from your home area travelling to North Yorkshire, arriving late afternoon at the Best Western Burn Hall Hotel. Tea/coffee and biscuits on arrival.

**Saturday 12th:** This morning we drive to Pickering, where we fall into the 1940's. Relive the amazing spirit and camaraderie of World War II and enjoy the various re-enactments, entertainment and vehicle displays. This weekend, the clock has been turned back to when Britain was during a world war. See Military Vehicles and perhaps visit 'The Sidings' wartime street which includes Joan's wartime hair salon, wartime traders and live entertainment. The 1940's weekend is not to be missed with attractions including singing, dancing, workshops, parades and fashion shows. Whether you want to dress up in period costume, or just enjoy some sightseeing and relaxation, it's an excellent day out!

**Sunday 13th:** The ancient city of York is our destination today. The day is free to wander the old streets of 'The Shambles', enjoy lunch in an old world pub, stroll the city walls, and of course pay a visit to the magnificent York Minster.

**Monday 14th:** We return home via Eden Camp opened as a museum over 30 years ago in 1987. Since then, with the help and support of visitors it have grown into one of the largest and most comprehensive museums covering British military and social history from 1914 onwards.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 3 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Entry in to Eden Camp
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £50

# Legends and Landmarks of Lancashire



5 DAYS / 20 - 24 JUNE

£399

NEW TOUR



HOGHTON TOWER

Courtesy of Hoghton Tower

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 haunted house.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Hallmark Hotel Preston Leyland ★★★★★

As you approach the Hallmark Hotel Preston Leyland you may notice a fire engine parked in our front garden. However, there are no fires here! The hotel is strongly linked with Leyland Trucks and are proud to display Norma, one of their first engines built in 1938.



## DAY BY DAY

- Thursday 20th:** 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 21st:** We leave our hotel after breakfast and travel the short distance to Hoghton Tower. Set in magnificent grounds, situated 650ft above sea level and approached by a steep ¼ mile long drive, Hoghton Tower is a 16th century Elizabethan fortified manor-house, the only true baronial residence in Lancashire. Hoghton Tower has been part of Lancashire's landscape since 1565. This afternoon we enjoy a relaxing canal cruise on a tranquil section of the Leeds Liverpool Canal passing through delightful countryside.
- Saturday 22nd:** We visit Lancaster, one of England's heritage cities dominated by its medieval castle and the River Lune that runs through the city. After time for lunch we travel to Morecambe. Stroll along the award winning promenade, take in the sea air and admire the coastal view towards the Lakeland Fells.
- Sunday 23rd:** This morning we visit Samlesbury Hall, a half-timbered black and white medieval house built in 1325 as a family home and steeped in fascinating history. Samlesbury Hall is renowned as one of the most haunted locations in Britain with resident spirits including the legendary White Lady. This afternoon we visit the Chocolate House, a well-established renowned local producer of hand-made chocolates, fudge and truffles with a demonstration of the art of chocolate making and tastings.
- Monday 24th:** 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
- Excursions as Detailed
- A 90 minute out-of-hours guided tour of Hoghton Tower
- Foulridge Canal Cruise with tea or coffee and a warm scone served on board
- A 90 minute out-of-hours guided tour with a costumed guide of Samlesbury Hall
- A demonstration at the Chocolate House
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £82

# Rambling in Derbyshire



3 DAYS / 4 - 6 OCTOBER

£279

NEW TOUR



A completely new and different tour walking in the Dales of Derbyshire. The dramatic landscape is carved out of beautiful limestone, creating a rolling backdrop rich in variety. The Dales feature tranquil river valleys, rugged caves, vast moorlands and picturesque villages and market towns.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Hallmark Derby Mickleover Court Hotel ★★★★★

With an extensive range of leisure facilities, coupled with outstanding service, our award winning hotel is considered as one of the best in the Midlands. Bedrooms offer free Wi-Fi, air-conditioned rooms and a leisure club including a swimming pool, sauna and spa bath.



## DAY BY DAY

- Friday 4th:** We travel to Bakewell. The town is best known for its delicious Bakewell Pudding. This afternoon our walking tour follows the Monsal Trail passing through popular beauty spots, including the beautiful valleys of Monsal Dale and Millers Dale and historic geological and industrial sites including Victorian railway tunnels and the magnificent Headstone Viaduct built over the River Wye. Total walking is approx. 7.5 miles.
- Saturday 5th:** Today we have a rambling tour of the Peak District, starting from Dovedale our walk today will concentrate on the southern White Peak area of the Peak District and the incomparable sylvan valley of Dove Dale. The natural beauty of this dale makes this walk a must with the meandering river Dove and dramatic towering masses of limestone crags with equally impressive names such as Dovedale Castle Rocks, Twelve Apostles and Tissington Spires appearing as an almost continuous gorge. The walk follows 'public rights of way' and will be at a generous, unhurried pace allowing you time to appreciate the spectacular scenery. Total walking is approx. 7 miles.
- Sunday 6th:** This morning we will take a gentle morning walk around the grounds of Chatsworth House and will take us through a mix of man-made and natural landscape across hill pastures, woodland, lakes and riverside on good paths and forest trail. This afternoon entry into the magnificent Chatsworth House, with over 30 rooms to explore, will be included. Total walking is approx. 5 miles. Following our visit we return home. A good pair of waterproof walking boots, together with outdoor, breathable and waterproof clothing is strongly recommended. The walks on this tour are rated leisurely to moderate.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 2 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Two Packed Lunches
- Guided Walking Tours as Described
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £38

# Queen of the Midlands



3 DAYS / 12 - 14 MAY

£220



WOLLATON HALL

Courtesy of Veenus

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

## YOUR HOTEL

### Mercure Nottingham City Centre Hotel ★★★★★

Located in the fashionable Lace Market area, right in the heart of Nottingham's city centre, this contemporary boutique hotel offers well-appointed bedrooms, a gym, a trendy bar and restaurant. The hotel is minutes away from the Old Market Square and Nottingham Castle. Dating back to 1822, luxury soft furnishings alongside the finest points of Georgian architecture and a rich history.



## DAY BY DAY

**Sunday 12th:** 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 Nottingham and check-in at the Mercure Hotel.

**Monday 13th:** What better way to get acquainted with the grand offerings of Nottingham than with a visit to the grand Wollaton Hall, Gardens and Deer Park. Stroll around the historic lake, relax in the immaculately kept formal flower gardens. We top the day off with Trent River Cruises. We cruise the beautiful River Trent, one of the major rivers of England. Emerging from its source in Staffordshire, roll gently along the scenic waters as it flows to the River Ouse at Trent Falls. Travel under The Lady Bay Bridge, past the Victoria War Memorial and the stunning Humber Estuary along Victoria Embankment before turning at the stunning Wilford Church and then travelling downstream past TS Orion.

**Tuesday 14th:** The Ecclesbourne Valley, one of Derbyshire's most lovely and unspoilt valleys, stretching from the northern outskirts of Derby at Duffield, to Wirksworth, an ancient market town with a maze of interesting alleyways and narrow streets. Climb aboard the 9-mile long heritage railway, lovingly restored by an enthusiastic and knowledgeable group of volunteers. Today we also include a light lunch in a wonderful converted Pullman carriage at Wirksworth Station. After our visit we make our way homeward.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- Two Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- 45 minute guided tour Wollaton House, Gardens and Deer Park including tea, coffee and biscuits on arrival
- 1.5 hour return journey Trent River Cruises including tea and coffee
- Train journey aboard the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway including Light Lunch
- Portorage

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £39**

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

# Glorious Gloucestershire



5 DAYS / 9 - 13 SEPTEMBER

£375



NEW TOUR

Hidcote Manor, Dave Catchpole FC.

This part of England is renowned for its pastoral mellow beauty, charming thatched roof buildings, rolling hills, grand towns with Georgian architecture, stunning scenery and relaxed way of life.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Hallmark Hotel, Gloucester ★★★★★

This 4 star hotel is situated on the fringe of historic Gloucester. Having undergone a £3.5m refurbishment all contemporary rooms have TV, tea/coffee tray and telephone. There's free WiFi throughout, and a fitness centre with swimming pool. There is no lift but there are rooms on the same level as the bar and restaurant which can be accessed without steps.



## DAY BY DAY

**Monday 9th:** We leave this morning via Evesham to Cheltenham where we enjoy some free time at leisure to explore the spa town with its graceful Regency buildings. Continuing on to our accommodation at the Hallmark Hotel Gloucester.

**Tuesday 10th:** After breakfast, we travel to the beautiful city of Bath for the day at leisure. This World Heritage Site is famous for its naturally hot spa water and original Roman style baths. There's also an abundance of great shops and restaurants to visit.

**Wednesday 11th:** After our breakfast this morning, we enjoy a scenic tour of the beautiful southern Cotswolds. First visit is the mellow stone village of Bibury, continuing to Cirencester in time for lunch. We complete the circle with a stop in Tetbury before returning to the hotel for dinner.

**Thursday 12th:** After breakfast, we depart on a journey through the stunning Cotswolds. We take a break for lunch at Bourton-on-the-Water before we continue to Hidcote Manor Garden to see its colourful and intricately designed outdoor 'rooms' which are always full of surprises. Explore the maze of narrow paved pathways and discover secret gardens, magnificent vistas and plants that burst with colour.

**Friday 13th:** We stay in Gloucester for free time in the historic waterfront city of Gloucester which combines such heritage as Gloucester Cathedral and the Victorian Docks, with the latest in contemporary shopping at Gloucester Quays. After time for lunch we begin our journey homeward via Herefordshire.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- All Rooms with Private Facilities
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Entrance to Hidcote Manor

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £71**

# Picture Perfect Cotswolds



4 DAYS / 5 - 8 APRIL

£325

NEW TOUR



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 a journey on Gloucester, Warwickshire Railway and a Stratford upon Avon river cruise and visits to Chevanage House, Cirencester and Cotswolds Farm Park.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Holiday Inn, Gloucester ★★★

Situated on the outskirts of Gloucester, less than 15 minutes' drive from Gloucester Cathedral and Cheltenham. The hotel has a Health Club with indoor pool, spa, sauna, whirlpool and steam room.



## DAY BY DAY

**Friday 5th:** We depart travelling south via the Cotswolds with various village stops en-route to the outskirts of Gloucester and our hosts the Holiday Inn.

**Saturday 6th:** This morning we head for Toddington for a 35min ride on the Toddington to Cheltenham Railway. After our train ride we have free time to explore Cheltenham. We then head to Stratford upon Avon and take a 45 minute scenic return cruise along the Avon as the boat passes Shakespeare's burial place (Holy Trinity Church), The Royal Shakespeare Theatre, historic bridges and beautiful riverside gardens.

**Sunday 7th:** Today we take a VIP visit to Chevanage, a wonderful Elizabethan house of mellow grey Cotswold stone and tiles which contains much of interest for the discerning visitor including stunning rooms including the wonderful Great Hall. We are to be met by a member of the family for a 2 hour guided tour. We spend the remainder of the day at lovely town of Cirencester.

**Monday 8th:** 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 & Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Journey on the Gloucester, Warwickshire Railway
- 45 minute return Stratford upon Avon River Cruise
- 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 Henson's Cotswolds Farm
- A Small Glass of Wine with Dinner on one Evening
- Porterage

### SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £66

Early booking discount not available on this tour.

# Thames Valley, Oxfordshire & Midsomer Murders



3 DAYS / 28 - 30 JULY

£280

NEW TOUR



DORNEY COURT

Dorney Court Maxwell Hamilton FC

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 Dorney Court Manor & Wallingford Museum.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Millennium Madejski Hotel, Reading ★★★★★

Featuring a swimming pool, a hot tub, a sauna and a fitness centre, the 4-star Millennium Madejski in Reading is a great base for this tour. Each bedroom features a flat-screen TV, a safety deposit box, coffee and tea making facilities, and an en-suite bathroom.



## DAY BY DAY

**Sunday 28th:** We leave this morning and head for Henley on Thames where we enjoy a relaxing 60 minute river trip on the beautiful Henley Royal Regatta Reach, a site which featured heavily as the chairman's murder site in 'Dead in the Water', between Marsh Lock and Hambleden Lock. Situated on the banks of the Thames, in the beautiful market town of Henley on Thames. Discover the beauty of the Thames on one of the purpose built passenger boats with sliding roof and windows you can open on sunny days.

**Monday 29th:** This morning we have a short drive taking us to Dorney Court one of England's outstanding Tudor Manor Houses. Grade 1 Listed, acknowledged for its architectural and historical importance while combining great character and warmth. The House is home to the Palmer family, passing through fourteen generations, and hosts tours, weddings, filming and events. We will enjoy a private tour of the house, which was built in 1440 and has been lived in by the same family for over 450 years. Today we also include an afternoon tea/coffee and cake. As we are so close to Windsor the remainder of the day will be spent enjoying the wonderful historic town.

**Tuesday 30th:** After a leisurely breakfast we head north to Wallingford Museum. On arrival, you will be met by Museum Tour Guides and given an introduction to Wallingford and a half hour walking tour of its Midsomer connections. Wallingford Museum is a colourful, delightfully intimate and family friendly local history museum, housed on two floors of a medieval oak-beamed building in the heart of Wallingford in Oxfordshire, a Thames-side town founded in the ninth century by Alfred the Great. Today we also include a light finger buffet lunch at Wallingford. Leave during the afternoon for our journey home.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 2 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- 60 Minute Henley River Cruise
- Porterage
- Entry to Dorney Manor with Guide including Afternoon Tea/Coffee & Cake
- Entry to Wallingford Museum with Guide including Light Finger Buffet Lunch

### SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £44

# Cotswolds, Castles & Cruises



5 DAYS / 11 - 15 AUGUST

£380

NEW TOUR



WARWICK CASTLE

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

## YOUR HOTEL

### Chesford Grange Hotel ★★★★★

Set in 17 acres of stunning green countryside, the hotel oozes charm with its red roofed turrets and Tudor style exterior. The contemporary rooms feature tea/coffee making facilities, hairdryer, ironing facilities and safe. As well as offering a restaurant and bar, there is also a leisure club and spa.



## DAY BY DAY

**Sunday 11th:** After local pickups we make our way to Leamington Spa. Wide boulevards with Georgian and Edwardian architecture provide a sophisticated backdrop to this Regency shopping paradise. In the afternoon we continue to our hotel.

**Monday 12th:** Today we spend the day in Stratford-Upon-Avon. We have included a cruise aboard a traditional Edwardian passenger launch which cruises downstream past the Royal Shakespeare Theatre and Holy Trinity Church, before turning around and passing under the 15th Century Clopton Bridge. Once through the bridge, the scenery changes as we carry on upstream and discover quiet river banks and meadows with glimpses of large secluded houses and beautiful river-side gardens. There is free time in the town before we return to the hotel for dinner.

**Tuesday 13th:** After breakfast, we leave on a tour of the Cotswolds. Famous for hundreds of honey-coloured limestone villages and chocolate box scenes, we make our first stop at Bourton-on-the-Water continuing on to Cheltenham for free time to explore and get lunch. Our round trip takes us via Evesham to the hotel.

**Wednesday 14th:** After a leisurely breakfast, we travel to nearby Warwick. Entrance is included to the Castle -with 1,100 years of history, magic, myth and legend. Attractions include the Castle Dungeon (entrance not included), the Mighty Trebuchet, Princess Tower, awesome interiors and rolling landscaped gardens. We have free time in Warwick itself before we return to the hotel for dinner.

**Thursday 15th:** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way homeward via the city of Worcester, on the banks of the River Severn.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Entrance to Warwick Castle
- 40 Minute Cruise in Stratford Upon Avon

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £110

# Churchill's Blenheim & Heroes of Bletchley



4 DAYS / 18 - 21 OCTOBER

£345



BLENHIM

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.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Mercure Abbey Hill Hotel ★★★★★

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 18th:** 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 19th:** 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 centre's of a contemporary town.

**Sunday 20th:** 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 21st:** We return home after breakfast stopping at Stratford upon Avon.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

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

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £50



# Great Yarmouth & Norfolk Broads



5 DAYS / 5 - 9 JUNE

£390



NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

Cromer orangearcoats FC

## DAY BY DAY

**Wednesday 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.  
**Thursday 6th:** Free day in Great Yarmouth.  
**Friday 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.  
**Saturday 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.  
**Sunday 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 ■ Porterage
- 2 Nights Entertainment (1 Live & 1 In-house)
- Free use of the Hotel Leisure Facilities

# Landscapes of Lincolnshire



5 DAYS / 24 - 28 JUNE

£395



NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

Belton House Dun.cam FC

## DAY BY DAY

**Monday 24th:** Morning departure heading east with a stop off at Melton Mowbray best known for its culinary specialties, being the home of the eponymous pork pie.  
**Tuesday 25th:** We drive to the historic City of Lincoln with its magnificent Cathedral, and next to it the Norman Castle. First we meet our guide for a familiarisation tour of the city on the coach, and later in the day we enjoy a guided tour of the Cathedral. The old town is a labyrinth of little alleyways and interesting shops to explore - there are plenty of tea rooms to keep you going.  
**Wednesday 26th:** We begin today with a drive to the village of Coningsby. Here we visit the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight visitor centre. Located within the boundaries of RAF Coningsby the site offers a nostalgic look at those dark days of long ago. Whilst here we enjoy a guided tour of the hangar and chance for a bite to eat and a drink before we are on our way to Newark-on-Trent to visit the National Civil War Centre taking us back to the time of King Charles and Oliver Cromwell, the Centre offers lots of interest.  
**Thursday 27th:** Our day begins with a drive to Spalding. Here we visit Springfield's garden centre with time to explore and time for lunch. This afternoon we visit Belton House, near Grantham. The perfect English country house, set in its own deer park, Belton was built in the 17th century and offers delightful gardens, orangery and lakeside walks. The house featured in BBC's TV adaptation of Pride and Prejudice, starring Colin Firth.  
**Friday 28th:** After breakfast we begin our journey home with a lunch stop at Market Harborough, a distinctive market town offering heritage sites that bring the past back to life and lovely independent shops to browse. Completing our journey and to arrive home late afternoon.

England's second largest county with its rich tapestry of fascinating heritage and World War II connections, Lincolnshire has a huge diversity of wildlife and landscapes: from the saltmarsh and sand dunes of the coast to the grassland in the south of the county, and from the rolling hills of the Wolds to the open expanse of fens.

## YOUR HOTEL

### The Olde Barn Hotel, Marston nr Grantham ★★★

A delightful tranquil retreat set in beautiful Lincolnshire countryside near the village of Marston. The hotel prides itself on the quality of its food and hotel facilities include Health Club & Spa with indoor swimming pool, Sauna & Spa.



## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach ■ 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Tea and Biscuits Served on Arrival ■ Lincoln Cathedral Guided Tour
- Guided Coach Tour of Lincoln ■ Springfield's Garden Centre
- Entry to Belton House ■ Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Visitor Centre
- National Civil War Centre

# Sandringham, Boats & Trains of Norfolk



5 DAYS / 15 - 19 AUGUST

£435



Bure Valley Railway The Basingstoke FC.

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

### Holiday Inn, Norwich ★★☆☆

The Holiday Inn boasts an indoor swimming pool, a wellness and fitness centre, a garden with a terrace, and an on-site bar and restaurant. The hotel lies 200 yards from the River Yare and 650 yards from the Marston Marshes. Free WiFi is available throughout the hotel. Decorated with neutral tones, each air-conditioned bedroom features a seating area with a flat-screen TV and tea and coffee making facilities.



## DAY BY DAY

**Thursday 15th:** Depart from your home area travelling to Norfolk and arriving late afternoon.

**Friday 16th:** 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.

**Saturday 17th:** We travel to the resort of Cromer, on the north coast of Norfolk. After break we continue to Sheringham, where we enjoy the sea air and a train ride, this time a steam train on the Poppy Line, from Sheringham to Holt, a pretty Georgian market town with lots of little alleyways to explore.

**Sunday 18th:** 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.

**Monday 19th:** Following breakfast we return home with a suitable stop en-route.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Tea/Coffee and biscuits served on arrival
- Bure Valley Railway
- Wroxham Broads Cruise
- North Norfolk Railway – the 'Poppy Line'
- Royal Sandringham

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £88

# Norfolk - A Royal Retreat



4 DAYS / 4 - 7 OCTOBER

£355



Karen Roe FC

With the nation's interest in the Royal Family having grown in recent years, we have enhanced our popular Norfolk Broads tour and included a visit to Sandringham Estate, Her Majesty's Norfolk retreat. This, together with a nostalgic railway journey and Broads cruise, provides a truly enjoyable tour.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Mercure Hotel, Norwich ★★★★★

The Mercure Hotel has over 100 comfortable bedrooms all with private bathroom, tea/coffee tray and free WiFi. There is a restaurant, lounge bar, leisure centre, 24 hour reception. A modern hotel providing great service and excellent facilities.



## DAY BY DAY

**Friday 4th:** We head east with a lunch stop at Market Harborough, a distinctive market town offering heritage sites that bring the past back to life and lovely independent shops to browse. We have time for lunch before continuing to our hotel arriving late afternoon at the Mercure Hotel Norwich for 3 nights stay – dinner, bed & breakfast.

**Saturday 5th:** Today we head to Norwich for a morning guided tour of Norwich, by coach and on foot. This afternoon, the highlight of the tour is a visit to Sandringham house, gardens and museum. Built for Edward VII, Sandringham has passed through generations of royals but the decor remains true to its Edwardian heritage. The fascinating museum is home to a number of vintage royal vehicles and commemorative china..

**Sunday 6th:** Today we explore the beautiful Broads with a journey on the Bure Valley Steam Railway before transferring to Wroxham Bridge for a leisurely Broads cruise. We enjoy an afternoon beside the seaside with a trip to the coastal resort of Great Yarmouth and its 'Golden Mile' of attractions or the quieter resort of Cromer.

**Monday 7th:** After breakfast we leave and begin our journey home with suitable stops en-route.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel By Executive Coach
- 3 Nights Dinner Bed & Breakfast
- 3 Course Dinner with Choice and Tea/Coffee
- Excursions as Detailed.
- Guided tour of Norwich
- Admission to Sandringham Estate
- Bure Valley Steam Railway journey
- Broads cruise
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £75

# Constable Country



5 DAYS / 25 - 29 APRIL

£365



Lavenham Peter/2010 FC

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

**Thursday 25th:** Morning departure from your home area travelling to East Anglia and arriving late afternoon at Marks Tey Hotel. 4 nights stay - dinner, bed and breakfast. Welcome drink on arrival.

**Friday 26th:** This morning, we will enjoy a half day 'step-on' guided tour of Constable Country, which will include Dedham Vale, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the area where John Constable lived and created most of his paintings, the chocolate-box village of Lavenham, known as England's finest medieval village, and Sudbury, birthplace of Thomas Gainsborough. 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.

**Saturday 27th:** After breakfast we travel to the delightful medieval market town of Saffron Walden. A market has been held here since 1141, with market day on Saturdays. Don't miss the beautiful Bridge End Garden, a restored Victorian garden with a wonderful yew hedge maze and sunken Dutch Garden. We continue on to historic Bury St. Edmunds, famous for its Abbey Gardens and the Angel Hotel, where Dickens had Mrs Pickwick stay.

**Sunday 28th:** This morning we visit the breathtaking Beth Chatto Gardens created by ten times Chelsea Gold Medal winner, Beth Chatto. During the Gardeners Tour we are given an in-depth insight into the philosophy and history of Beth Chatto and her gardens. We spend the rest of the day in Colchester, the oldest recorded town in the country. From a Roman Temple, Norman Castle and medieval timber framed houses to Victorian architectural splendour, there is plenty for us to explore at our leisure.

**Monday 29th:** 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
- Entry to Beth Chatto Gardens ■ Portorage

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £110**

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

# Cambridge - Horses and Forces



5 DAYS / 28 APRIL - 2 MAY

£365



Courtesy of Venus

Cambridge is home to the famous University, carols in King's College Chapel and punting on the river Cam. The beauty of its ancient centre is preserved with its walkable medieval streets; college courts, gardens and bridges, be inspired by the museums and art galleries. This tour also adds visits to the National Horse Racing Heritage Centre and RAF Hendon.

## YOUR HOTEL

**Cambridge Belfry Hotel** ★★★★★

Boasting a stunning lakeside location, the Q Hotels Cambridge Belfry is in a great location for our excursions, just on the outskirts of the city of Cambridge. Facilities include free wifi, Bar & Lounge, Swimming Pool, Spa, Hot Tub & Fitness Centre. All bedrooms are en-suite and well decorated with digital television and tea & coffee making facilities.



## DAY BY DAY

**Sunday 28th:** Morning departure as we make our way to Cambridge where we arrive at our hotel, the Cambridge Belfry, late afternoon.

**Monday 29th:** The day out begins with a drive to Newmarket – home of horseracing. Here we visit the National Horseracing Centre and learn all about the history of 'The Sport of Kings' and perhaps the Packard Galleries of Sporting Art. Later, we drive to the historic city of Ely, an ideal place for all interests and tastes, with a splendid array of medieval buildings and narrow streets. Ely is the perfect place to enjoy lunch or visit its main attraction, the magnificent Cathedral, known as 'The Ship of the Fens'. We travel back to the hotel in time to enjoy the leisure facilities before dinner.

**Tuesday 30th:** We journey to Cambridge where we can spend the day in this beautiful University City. There is plenty of time for you to explore the wonderful City of Cambridge today and many things to see and do. Perhaps visit the Grand Arcade for a spot of shopping or just wander the streets and marvel at the beautiful buildings and architecture. We then travel back to the hotel in time to enjoy a relaxing drink before dinner.

**Wednesday 1st:** After a leisurely breakfast, we travel south to visit the Roman city of St Albans. At the city's historic core, you will find the stunning Cathedral – dating back to 1077, well worth a visit. Today is also market day in St Albans. The market dates back to the 9th century and runs the length of St Peters street and offers excellent shopping. This afternoon we then travel to the RAF Museum in Hendon. With over 85 aircraft on site, this museum allows you to get up-close to many historic and ground-breaking aircraft.

**Thursday 2nd:** We depart Cambridge after breakfast and start our journey home.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- Excursions as Detailed
- 4 nights stay at the Belfry Hotel Cambridge – dinner, bed and breakfast
- Visit to National Horseracing Centre ■ Entry to RAF Hendon

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £88**

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

# Gardens of Delight in Essex



5 DAYS / 8 - 12 JULY

£390



HYDE HALL GARDENS

The County of Essex has much to offer lovers of beautiful Gardens. From our base near Colchester we are ideally placed for our three visits to Green Island Gardens, Beth Chatto Gardens and RHS Garden Hyde Hall not forgetting time to explore historic Colchester.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Best Western Marks Tey Hotel, nr Colchester ★★★★★

The Best Western Marks Tey Hotel stands 4 miles from Colchester and offers excellent standards of accommodation. 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

**Monday 8th:** Morning departure from your home area travelling to East Anglia and arriving late afternoon at Marks Tey Hotel. Tea/Coffee and biscuits served on arrival. Four nights stay - dinner, bed and breakfast.

**Tuesday 9th:** After a leisurely morning we have a drive to the north of Colchester and visit Green Island Gardens. This is a superbly designed garden in a 20-acre site with borders, water gardens, Seaside garden, Japanese garden, gravel and extensive woodland gardens and more, all featuring unusual plants and flowers. The tea room is an ideal place to end your visit.

**Wednesday 10th:** Today we have a drive to the village of Rettendon, near Chelmsford. Here we visit the Royal Horticultural Society garden at Hyde Hall. This 360 acre estate blends into the surrounding farmlands and is a garden to be enjoyed by all.

**Thursday 11th:** For our final outing we make our way to historic Colchester for some free time and chance to obtain lunch. The oldest town in England boasts a wide "boulevard" as a main street, with many interesting pedestrian shopping malls and lanes with specialist shops. At one end of the street is beautiful Castle Park, complete with the largest Norman Keep ever constructed, riverside walks and pleasant gardens. This afternoon we head for the Beth Chatto Gardens. Begun in 1960 from an overgrown wasteland it is now an informal garden harmonising with the surroundings.

**Friday 12th:** After breakfast we leave and begin our journey home with suitable stops en-route.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Tea/Coffee and Biscuits on Arrival
- Entry to Green Island Gardens
- Entry to Beth Chatto Gardens
- Entry to RHS Garden Hyde Hall

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £88

# Horseracing Heritage Suffolk Coast



5 DAYS / 19 - 23 AUGUST

£375



FRAMLINGTON CASTLE

Rural villages, lush green meadows, rich farmlands and sandy heathlands depicted by the famous painters Constable and Gainsborough. We visit the north of the county with its peaceful coastline, the excellent Museum of East Anglia Life, Newmarket home of Horse Racing with its New Heritage Centre & Sporting Art a must see. A visit to unique Lavenham completes the tour. This is a holiday of particular charm and nostalgia for you to enjoy.

## YOUR HOTEL

### The Best Western Ipswich Hotel, Copdock ★★★★★

Nestling in the quaint village of Copdock just outside historic Ipswich. An ideal place to unwind after your day out is the comfortable bar overlooking the walled garden. All bedrooms are furnished to a high and impressive standard.



## DAY BY DAY

**Monday 19th:** Depart from your home area travelling to East Anglia and arriving late afternoon at The Ipswich Hotel.

**Tuesday 20th:** We begin today with a ride through picturesque villages to Snape and Aldeburgh, where we take a break. Aldeburgh is something of a time warp, with Victorian houses on the seashore, an attractive main street taking you to the marina. Moving on we head for Southwold, a charmingly old fashioned seaside town with an atmosphere of years gone by. From here we return south to Woodbridge, a thriving old town on the River Deben with an attractive market place.

**Wednesday 21st:** This morning we begin with a drive to Newmarket taking us to The Palace House site, which had got into a perilous state having been unsympathetically rendered in cement before FHDC stepped in to save this gem of Newmarket's royal history. Three charities – the National Horseracing Museum, the British Sporting Art Trust and the Retraining of Racehorses charity – have combined to bring this historic site back to life.

**Thursday 22nd:** Today we head first for the historic town of Lavenham with pretty coloured houses and unique Guildhall. We have time to explore and enjoy a coffee before we move on to Stowmarket. Here we visit the unique and interesting Museum of East Anglia Life. This is an open air museum set in 80 acres of countryside with over 45000 objects exploring the area's rural and social history. There are also many animals to be seen, including rare breeds of sheep. The newly restored Abbot's Hall is worth a look.

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

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Admission to Newmarket Heritage Centre & Sport of Art
- Admission to the Museum of East Anglian Life
- Portage

# Secret Treasures of the South East



4 DAYS / 19 - 22 JULY

£320



JimBowen006 FC

On our four day tour we explore the Shuttleworth Collection where you will learn about the life and times of Richard Ormonde Shuttleworth, a racing motorist, aviator and prolific collector of veteran cars and aircraft. We also visit Woburn Abbey recognised as one of the finest treasure houses of England.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Mercure Letchworth Hotel ★★★★★

Built in 1625, Mercure Letchworth Hall Hotel retains many historic features, including original fireplaces and oak panelling. In 8 acres of landscaped grounds roamed by deer and Letchworth black squirrels, this 17th-century manor house hotel features a pool and a gym.



## DAY BY DAY

**Friday 19th:** We travel via the compact cosmopolitan city of Cambridge with outstanding architecture old and new. On arrival at our hotel tea, coffee and biscuits will be served.  
**Saturday 20th:** After breakfast we make the short journey to the Shuttleworth Collection, unique in that it is a 'living' museum – almost all the aeroplanes are flyable and one hangar is devoted to First World War aircraft and another to those used in the Second World War for training, light bombing, defence and attack, together with associated memorabilia. The aeroplanes from the Collection are flown regularly in displays during the summer season but can be viewed in their static display exhibition throughout the year.  
**Sunday 21st:** Today we visit Woburn Abbey and Gardens. Set in a beautiful 3,000 acre deer park, Woburn Abbey has been home to the Dukes of Bedford for over 300 years and is now occupied by the 15th Duke and his family. Enjoy stunning works of art, recognised as one of the world's finest private collections. View captivating antiques and personal items treasured throughout the centuries and tour the peaceful gardens.  
**Monday 22nd:** We return home after breakfast via Stratford upon Avon.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 3 Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Entry into the Shuttleworth Collection
- Entry into Woburn Abbey
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £66

## Mystery Tours

3 DAYS / 15 - 17 FEBRUARY

£175\*

5 DAYS / 18 - 22 MARCH

£285\*

4 DAYS / 12 - 15 APRIL

£230\*

4 DAYS / 31 MAY - 3 JUNE

£245

4 DAYS / 9 - 12 AUGUST

£245

4 DAYS / 18 - 21 OCTOBER

£245

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.



5 DAYS / 1 - 5 APRIL

£395



LEEDS CASTLE

NEW TOUR

Courtesy of Veenus

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.

## 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.



## DAY BY DAY

**Monday 1st:** We travel south with suitable stops en-route arriving at the Bridgewood Manor in plenty of time to relax before dinner.

**Tuesday 2nd:** 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.

**Wednesday 3rd:** 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.

**Thursday 4th:** 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.

**Friday 5th:** After a leisurely breakfast we begin our journey homeward.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

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

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £110**

Early booking discount not available on this tour.

# Tastes & Flavours of Kent

5 DAYS / 5 - 9 SEPTEMBER

£450



FAVERSHAM

NEW TOUR

Gareth 1993 All Right Now FC

Within its sea lined borders you'll find landscapes of gentle hills, fertile farmland, cultivated country estates and fruit laden orchards. Our new tour embraces wine, cheese and beer in the wonderful Kent countryside together with Romney Marshes home of the smugglers many years ago.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Hilton Hotel, Maidstone ★★★★★

The Hilton Hotel is the perfect base for exploring the Garden of England. Hotel facilities include indoor swimming pool, sauna and fitness centre. All bedrooms are en suite, and have television, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. The hotel does not have a lift, rooms are ground and first floor only.



## DAY BY DAY

**Thursday 5th:** We travel south with suitable stops en-route.

**Friday 6th:** For our first visit today we head for Staplehurst and Hush Heath Estate and vineyards. Here we enjoy a guided tour and can learn all aspects of grape-growing before visiting the winery where the production process of still and sparkling wine is explained. Leaving the vineyard we have a short drive to the Goudhurst Inn, part of the Hush Heath Estate, for Ploughman's Platter lunch. From here we visit the Winterdale Cheese Farm for a guided tour of the dairy and cave, followed by cheese tasting and cream tea.

**Saturday 7th:** We begin with a ride to historic Faversham, one of southern England's most charming towns. It has over 475 listed buildings and a good selection of independent shops. We have time for lunch here before we leave for our afternoon visit to the Shepherd Neame Brewery for a guided 'behind the scenes' tour. Afterwards we round off the visit with a Hop Pickers afternoon tea.

**Sunday 8th:** This morning we head for the land of mysterious marshes and smugglers. First we come to New Romney. A Cinque Port since 1155, the Great Storm of 1287 changed the course of the River Rother and made New Romney an inland town. Next we arrive at Lydd. The town was notorious for the activities of 'owlers' (Local smugglers hooting to each other at dead of night). Have a look at All Saints Church – The Cathedral of the Marsh, which has a soaring 132ft tower, and at 199ft is Kent's longest church, parts of it date back to Roman times.

**Monday 9th:** After a leisurely breakfast we begin our journey homeward.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- Excursions as Detailed
- Ploughman's Platter Lunch at Goudhurst Inn
- Winterdale Cheese Farm Tour, Tasting and Kent Cream Tea
- Shepherd Neame Brewery 'Behind the Scenes' Tour, Tasting and Hop Picker's Afternoon Tea
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Hush Heath Estate and Vineyards Tour and Tasting

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £110**

# Chelsea Flower Show



3 DAYS / 24 - 26 MAY

£290



Karen Roe FIC

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.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Hilton St Annes Manor Hotel, Bracknell ★★★★★

The Hilton St Annes Manor Hotel is a country house hotel set in 25 acres of grounds. The Omnia Restaurant is located in the elegant Victorian manor house. It offers modern cuisine and classic British dishes. The LivingWell Gym is open 24 hours and massage and beauty treatments are also available.



## DAY BY DAY

**Friday 24th:** Depart in the morning travelling to Windsor for time at leisure. This afternoon we make our way to the Hilton St Annes Manor Hotel.

**Saturday 25th:** We leave our hotel after breakfast and head for London and the Chelsea Flower Show. See the grounds of 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 26th:** 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 £44

Early booking discount not available on this tour.



Karen Roe FIC

# Timeless Charms of the South East



4 DAYS / 9 - 12 AUGUST

£330



Kew Gardens wallingrom FIC

NEW TOUR

KEW GARDENS

This new tour is simply packed with wonderful attractions from start to finish. The highlights are the visits to Kew Gardens and Strawberry Hill House. With stops at Oxford, Windsor and Stratford-upon-Avon there is plenty to see and do.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Copthorne Hotel, Slough/Windsor ★★★★★

The hotel offers modern amenities and extensive leisure facilities. Unwind in the indoor heated swimming pool, relax with a sauna, or head to the gym. Spacious ensuite bedrooms have tea/coffee making facilities, TV, direct dial telephone and hairdryer.



## DAY BY DAY

**Friday 9th:** We head south via the wonderful city of Oxford. We have time for lunch before continuing to our hotel arriving late afternoon.

**Saturday 10th:** Today we visit Kew Gardens the world's first and greatest Botanical gardens. Kew Gardens are today recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to the world's most diverse collection of living plants and a scientific research centre of international renown. Discover beautiful glasshouses including the iconic Palm House and its exotic rainforest, the Princess of Wales Conservatory which invites you to explore 10 of the world's climatic zones and the Water Lily House with its amazing giant lily pads

**Sunday 11th:** Today we make our way to the internationally famous and Britain's finest example of Georgian Gothic revival architecture. Visiting Strawberry Hill is a truly theatrical experience. On approach to the building it is immediately apparent from the whitewashed walls and crenellations that this is no ordinary stately home. Once inside the visitor will find the rooms magically lit by a unique collection of renaissance glass with a gloomy castle-like hall and grey gothic staircase leading dramatically to the magnificence of the gallery and state apartment. Between 2007 and 2015 the structure of the building was saved from ruin and the eccentric interiors have been fully restored to their late 18th century style. A guide of the house is included with free time to explore the grounds. We spend the remainder of the day at Windsor.

**Monday 12th:** After breakfast we leave and begin our journey home via Stratford-upon-Avon.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 3 Nights Dinner (Buffet Style), Bed & Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed.
- Admission to Kew Gardens
- Admission and House Tour to Strawberry Hill House

## SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £75

# Gin and the Riverside (Hampshire)



5 DAYS / 16 - 20 MAY

£405

NEW TOUR



River at Windsor c/hana FC

Blue lightning, white satin, mothers ruin.... however you refer to it there is no doubt that gin is the much-loved tittle of choice. We visit Oxford, Winchester, Henley on Thames and Windsor, as well as a delightful River Cruise and we visit The fantastic Georgian Mansion of Basildon Park. And finally the Bombay Sapphire Gin Distillery for their 'Self Discovery Experience'

## YOUR HOTEL

Best Western Reading Moat House ★★★★★

Set in peaceful landscaped gardens on the banks of the River Lodden. 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 16th:** We depart travelling south to Oxford for free time for lunch and to explore before continuing on to Reading to our hotel in time to relax before Dinner.

**Friday 17th:** We visit Winchester where we can visit the cities cathedral, and enjoy the remainder of the day in Winchester exploring its high street or perhaps the many museums in the town. This afternoon, we visit the Bombay Sapphire Gin Distillery for their 'Self Discovery Experience'. This includes a 15-minute guided tour throughout the Still House and complimentary drink in the Mill Bar. Explore the Bombay Sapphire Distillery in your own time with an interactive map. The Self-Discovery Experience showcases the very best of Bombay Sapphire gin and the beautiful, historic distillery. **The Bombay Sapphire Experience is in a working distillery, passengers must wear suitable footwear (e.g. Not open-toed shoes or high heels).**

**Saturday 18th:** Our day begins with a ride to Henley-on-Thames where we have time to enjoy lunch and spend some time exploring the pretty riverside town. Perhaps visit the River & Rowing Museum during our stop. In the afternoon, we visit the fantastic Georgian Mansion of Basildon Park, an estate saved from almost certain demolition and lovingly revived, with its own wooded parkland which offers glorious seasonal colour.

**Sunday 19th:** This morning we travel to Royal Windsor where the day is yours to visit the many independent stores, explore its streets and fully experience the Royal Town in full, perhaps enjoying lunch by the riverside or in the town centre. In the afternoon, we join the 'Riverboats on the Thames' and enjoy a 2-hour river cruise round trip from Windsor along the River Thames also enjoying classic views of Windsor castle.

**Monday 20th:** We depart Reading 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
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Tea/Coffee and biscuits served on arrival
- Entry to Bombay Sapphire Distillery (Self Discovery Experience)
- Entry to Basildon Park Georgian Mansion
- 2 Hour Windsor River-cruise

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £71

# Hampshire Heritage & Dorset Coast



5 DAYS / 5 - 9 AUGUST

£450

NEW TOUR



Bournemouth Chris Parker 2012 FC

Discover hidden gems of Hampshire's past. Steep wooded hills and hidden valleys, picture-perfect villages and peaceful market towns unveil the hidden delights of Hampshire. 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 seaside resort of Bournemouth.

## YOUR HOTEL

Solent Hotel & Spa, Fareham ★★★★★

All rooms feature room fridge with fresh milk, air-conditioning, iron & ironing board, complimentary WiFi and tea/coffee making facilities. The hotel also features a restaurant, bar, swimming pool, whirlpool & sauna.



## DAY BY DAY

**Monday 5th:** 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 for free time for lunch and to explore before continuing on to Farnborough to our hotel.

**Tuesday 6th:** Canal Boat & Milestones - After a leisurely full English breakfast this morning, we enjoy some of the scenery and history of the county before we board a traditional style canal boat on the Basingstoke Canal. Watch the passing scenery on this 2 hour cruise, drinks and refreshments are available. Next we continue to 'Milestones', a fabulous museum often described as 'the outdoor museum that's indoors!' Step inside the story of its social, retail and industrial heritage and imagine what life would have been like during the Victorian era and the 1930s as you explore the life size streets, buildings, shops and vehicles, all under one roof.

**Wednesday 7th:** Mid Hants Railway & Winchester - After breakfast today we travel to Alton where we join the Mid Hants Railway 'Watercress Line' for a 10 mile journey over the 'Hampshire Alps' to Alresford. This is the home of the Hampshire Watercress Industry from which the line takes its name. We continue to Winchester for the afternoon at leisure.

**Thursday 8th:** Day at the Seaside - We travel to Bournemouth via the New Forest. Renowned for its seven miles of family-friendly golden beaches, beautiful parks and gardens and cosmopolitan ambience, Bournemouth is a wonderful day out to enjoy the August sunshine and relax. Late afternoon we head back to the hotel.

**Friday 9th:** We depart our hotel 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
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Tea/Coffee After Dinner
- Excursions as Detailed
- Cruise on Basingstoke Canal
- Entry to Milestones Museum
- Journey on Mid Hants Railway
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £88



# Brilliant Brighton & The South Downs



5 DAYS / 27 - 31 MAY

£445



Brighton, Martin, FC

From the stunning heritage of the Royal Pavilion, Regency architecture and Victorian aquariums to the traditional seaside fun of the famous Brighton Pier and pebble beach, Brighton offers something for every walk of life. Brighton tourist attractions and activities for all the family, there's so much in store just waiting to be explored.

## YOUR HOTEL

### The Old Ship Hotel, Brighton ★★★★★

Brighton's most historic hotel located on the famous seafront. The Hotel offers rooms appointed with climate control, central heating, high-speed internet, flat-screen television and a writing desk as well as an electric kettle and coffee/tea makers.



## DAY BY DAY

**Monday 27th:** We travel south and arrive in Brighton late afternoon for check-in at the Old Ship Hotel.

**Tuesday 28th:** A free day to explore the many attractions of Brighton from the magnificent Royal Palace to the myriad of antique shops in "The Lanes".

**Wednesday 29th:** This morning we return to the golden age of steam, taking a 1.45hr train ride on the fabulous Bluebell Railway. In 1960 it reopened part of the Lewes to East Grinstead line of the old London Brighton and South Coast Railway. Run mainly by volunteers it is now the only all steam standard gauge railway in the country. Sheffield Park Station is the headquarters of the Railway and home to the Locomotive Department. Here you will find engines awaiting restoration or their next turn of duty. It has a large collection of steam locomotives and carriages and wagons. On platform 1 you will find a well stocked gift shop. There is also a purpose built restaurant and real ale bar. After time for lunch we head to Sheffield Park & Gardens. The garden is a horticultural work of art formed through centuries of landscape design, with influences of 'Capability' Brown and Humphry Repton. Four lakes form the heart of the garden, with paths circulating through the glades and wooded areas surrounding them.

**Thursday 30th:** Today, we drive along the coast to historic Chichester, compact and intimate. Chichester is made for exploring. There's history on every corner, from the Tudor Market Cross to the dominant Norman cathedral. Returning via the timeless village of Arundel, dominated by its castle.

**Friday 31st:** We leave after breakfast and return home with comfort stops en-route.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Bed and Breakfast
- Tea/Coffee on Arrival
- 4 Nights 3 Course 3 Choice Dinners
- Tea & Coffee After Dinner
- Excursions as Detailed
- Trip on the Bluebell Railway
- Entry to Sheffield Park & Gardens

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £132

# Isle of Wight



5 DAYS / 22 - 26 JULY

£485



HWA/24L/FC

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 22nd:** 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 23rd:** 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 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 Lucombe and St. Boniface Downs beyond.

**Wednesday 24th:** 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 25th:** 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 26th:** 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

# Dorset Delights



5 DAYS / 25 - 29 MARCH

£365



WEYMOUTH HARBOUR

**NEW TOUR**

Jim Linwood FC

A new tour following the footsteps of Thomas Hardy. The fictional region of Wessex, in which he set many of his novels, was actually based on Dorset, where he lived for much of his life. He also based the fictional town of Casterbridge in his novel 'The Mayor of Casterbridge' on Dorchester.

## YOUR HOTEL

### George Albert Hotel ★★★

A family owned hotel located in the rolling Dorset countryside between the county towns of Yeovil and Dorchester. The George Albert has 39 beautiful en-suite bedrooms and also boasts a new hotel SPA with Jacuzzi, Steam Room, Sauna and tranquil treatment rooms so you can be pampered during your stay. (Spa treatments at additional cost)



## DAY BY DAY

**Monday 25th:** Depart from your home area in the morning travelling to Dorset and arriving late afternoon at George Albert Hotel for four nights stay – dinner, bed & breakfast.

**Tuesday 26th:** Today our first visit is to Bridport and West Bay. West Bay was the setting for TV's Broadchurch. From here we continue to the historic coastal resort of Lyme Regis. Close to the Devon border Lyme Regis is home to the famous Cobb and harbour.

**Wednesday 27th:** This morning we visit nearby Dorchester, the county town of Dorset, the fictional 'Casterbridge' of Thomas Hardy's novels. After free time here we head to Weymouth with its fine Georgian seafront and award winning beach. Be sure to visit the picturesque and traditional 17th century harbour, alive with colour and activity.

**Thursday 28th:** Our day begins with a drive to Sherbourne, without doubt one of England's most beautiful towns, with an abundance of medieval buildings, a superb abbey, almshouse and two castles. From here we make for Shaftesbury, an ancient hilltop town and famous as the home to cobbled Gold Hill, star of the Hovis adverts.

**Friday 29th:** After breakfast we leave and head for home.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Owen's Select Executive Coach
- 4 Nights, Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed

## SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £80

Early booking discount not available on this tour.



grassrootsgroundswell FC

# Weymouth & Beautiful Dorset

5 DAYS / 10 - 14 JUNE

£425

5 DAYS / 16 - 20 SEPTEMBER

£399



**NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)**

alexlinnet FC

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

### Hotel Rex, Weymouth ★★★ 10th June departure

Situated on Weymouth's Esplanade, the family-run Hotel Rex is in an enviable position by the beach and the Pavilion Theatre are both only a few minutes' walk away. Originally built for the Duke of Clarence, Hotel Rex retains its original character and splendour.



### Crown Hotel, Weymouth ★★ 16th September departure

Situated 1 minute's walk from the town bridge over the historic Weymouth Harbour, this traditional hotel offers comfortable accommodation, a restaurant and bar, and easy access to the beach, approx. 10-minutes' walk away. Guests can relax in the lounge and live evening entertainment is offered at the hotel during high season. Picturesque Brewers Quay is a short stroll away.



## DAY BY DAY

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

**Tuesday:** 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:** 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:** 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:** After breakfast we leave Weymouth and begin our journey home.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Bingo Each Evening (Crown Hotel)
- Excursions as Detailed
- Musical Entertainment Each Evening (Crown Hotel)
- Portage

# Elegant Eastbourne



5 DAYS / 7 - 11 APRIL

£395\*

5 DAYS / 29 SEPT - 3 OCT

£425



GREAT DIXTER HOUSE

Great Dixter House 1st/2000 FC

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. Eastbourne also offers a variety of entertainment.

## YOUR HOTEL

### The View Hotel, Eastbourne Seafront ★★ ★

Offering modern en-suite rooms, most of which have balconies. Situated on the main promenade, the beach is just a few minutes' walk. Rooms are air-conditioned and many have stunning views across the English Channel.



## DAY BY DAY

- Sunday:** We travel south via the motorways arriving at our hotel.
- Monday:** A day at leisure to relax and explore your surroundings.
- Tuesday:** Today we visit Rye with its quaint charm of the 18th century cobbled streets and breathtaking views of Romney Marsh. This afternoon we visit Great Dixter House & Gardens – the family home of the late Christopher Lloyd, who devoted his lifetime to creating one of the most experimental, exciting and constantly changing gardens of our time. It was the focus of his energy and enthusiasm and fuelled over 40 years of books and articles. Now under the stewardship of Fergus Garrett and the Great Dixter Charitable Trust, Great Dixter is an historic house, a garden, a centre of education, and a place of pilgrimage for horticulturists from across the world.
- Wednesday:** Our excursion today takes us via dramatic Beachy Head and the Sussex Coast to Regency Brighton. Brighton offers everything from Regency heritage to beachfront cool. This cosmopolitan city has something to offer everyone. Explore the narrow passages and cobbled streets of the lanes, indulge yourself in a vast array of boutique shops, dine in one of the hundreds of restaurants and cafes and visit famous landmarks such as the Royal Pavilion and Brighton Beach. Before returning to our hotel, we visit the picturesque village of Alfriston.
- Thursday:** Sadly after breakfast we bid farewell to Eastbourne and begin our journey home.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Owen's Select Executive Coach
- All Rooms with Private Facilities
- Four Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entry to Great Dixter House & Gardens
- Porterage

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £80**

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

# Bournemouth



6 DAYS / 14 - 19 APRIL

£420\*

6 DAYS / 16 - 21 JUNE

£455

6 DAYS / 1 - 6 SEPTEMBER

£455



**NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)**

Charles D.P. Miller FC

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

### Ocean Beach Hotel, Bournemouth ★★ ★

With a superb cliff-top location, it is just a short walk from Bournemouth's town centre and beaches. The Italian Cafe and Lounge has a terrace with a sea view, and the restaurant offers poolside views and international cuisine. Guests can also use the leisure club at the sister hotel, the Suncliff Hotel, next door.



## DAY BY DAY

- Sunday:** We depart during the morning and travel south via the motorways arriving at our hotel for five nights dinner bed and breakfast
- Monday:** We take the short journey to Poole, famed for its large natural harbour, claimed to be the second largest in the world. During the second world war the town was one of the central departing points for the D-Day landings. We continue on to the small seaside town of Swanage. Swanage is also the first town at the eastern end of the Jurassic Coast, England's first world heritage site. The town has a wide range of tourist attractions, The Steam Railway, Durlston Country Park and Victorian Pier, built in 1896.
- Tuesday:** Free day in Bournemouth.
- Wednesday:** Full day tour to Salisbury. 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 return via the New Forest Step back in time and discover the charm and natural beauty of this unique destination. The New Forest became a national park in 2005 and was once a royal hunting ground for William the Conqueror. It 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.
- Thursday:** Free day in Bournemouth.
- Friday:** Sadly after breakfast we bid farewell to Bournemouth and begin our journey homeward.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- Five Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Two Nights Entertainment in one of the Oceana Hotels
- Porterage

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

# Weston-Super-Mare



5 DAYS / 15 - 19 JULY

£385

NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)



CITY OF BATH

Bath Stewart Black FC

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 15th:** 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 16th:** 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 17th:** 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 18th:** 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.
- Friday 19th:** 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

# Bristol, Bath & Poldark



5 DAYS / 25 - 29 JULY

£405

NEW TOUR



BOWOOD HOUSE

Andy Walker the hiker FC

Join us on this lovely tour as we visit two of the West Country's best loved cities. Also included will be entrances to SS Great Britain, Bowood House and Gardens, the home of the Marquis of Lansdowne and Chavenage House, where the Poldark family home was filmed.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Aztec Hotel & Spa ★★★★★

Ideally located on the outskirts of Bristol, the Aztec Hotel & Spa allows you to discover all the best things the area has to offer. Aztec's contemporary ambience, luxurious spa and award-winning restaurant & bar make it the perfect place to unwind. All en-suite bedrooms offer complimentary mineral water, fresh milk, freshly ground coffee and a great selection of tea.



## DAY BY DAY

- Thursday 25th:** Sit back and relax as we take a scenic drive through the Cotswolds on the way to our hotel. We pass through many beautiful villages before stopping for lunch in picturesque Bourton-on-the-Water. Continue to Aztec Hotel & Spa for dinner & overnight.
- Friday 26th:** After a leisurely full English breakfast, we depart for our full day excursion to Bristol. We have included a visit to Brunel's SS Great Britain, where you will learn the story of Captain Gray, Isambard Kingdom Brunel and the Incredible Journey. There will then be free time in this maritime city – attractions include M Shed and Bristol Aquarium. We return to the hotel via the Clifton Suspension Bridge.
- Saturday 27th:** After a full English breakfast, we travel to the beautiful city of Bath for the day at leisure. This World Heritage Site is famous for its naturally hot spa water and original Roman style baths. There's also lots of shopping, restaurants and pubs to keep you busy.
- Sunday 28th:** Today we depart for a visit to Chavenage made famous as Trenwith in the recent BBC Poldark series. Chavenage Manor has remained virtually unchanged in 400yrs and is 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 our guide for a 2 hour guided tour. The remainder of the day will spent in nearby Gloucester.
- Monday 29th:** We say goodbye to Bristol and head for Bowood Estate, home of the Marquis of Lansdowne, for our visit to the house & gardens. The house & gardens sit in the centre of Capability Brown's great parkland and over half the house, which was purchased in 1754, is open to the public. Depart for home late afternoon.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Entrance to SS Great Britain
- Entrance & Guided Tour of Chavenage Manor
- Entrance to Bowood House & Gardens
- Porterage

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT £88

# Devon Delights



5 DAYS / 18 - 22 MARCH

£285



NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

NEW TOUR

ARLINGTON COURT

Ilfracombe is the perfect location for north Devon holidays, offering you a gateway to an exciting blend of stunning coastal scenery, seaside fun, rural tranquillity and centuries of heritage and style. A coast of contrasts, Ilfracombe is a stunning coastal town with white washed houses, grand Victorian villas and terraces.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Osborne Hotel, Ilfracombe ★★

The Osborne Hotel is approximately 10 minutes walk from the beach. The family-run Osborne Hotel boasts a ballroom, a dining room, a bar lounge, sauna, and a small games room. Restaurants, shops and the farmers' market can be found within half a mile from the hotel. There is a lift to the 3rd floor.



## DAY BY DAY

**Monday 18th:** Sit back and relax as we travel via the motorways into North Devon and on to the Osborne Hotel.

**Tuesday 19th:** This morning we visit Arlington Court. An unexpected jewel on the edge of Exmoor, a complete family estate held by the Chichester family for over five hundred years. The collection consists of treasures for all tastes, from model ships to shells, collected over several generations. The Carriage Museum in the stables has a vehicle for every occasion from cradle to grave. We then continue to Barnstaple to explore the elegant Georgian buildings, Atlantic Indoor Shopping Centre and Butchers Row.

**Wednesday 20th:** This morning is at leisure to explore Ilfracombe. This morning we visit Bideford, with a gorgeous rustic harbour, a fantastic market and quaint little lanes with shops full of treasures. The afternoon is at leisure in Ilfracombe and a cream tea will be provided by the hotel.

**Thursday 21st:** A full day tour through Exmoor National Park with stunning landscapes, wilderness and tranquillity, and the glimpse of wild red deer or the native Exmoor pony, are just a couple of the delights that make Exmoor special. Our first destination is the twin towns of Lynmouth and Lynton offer the best of both worlds, a breath of sea air and wonderful scenery, continuing through the national park and on to Minehead and Dunster.

**Friday 22nd:** We depart after breakfast for our journey home.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- Four Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Four Nights Live Entertainment
- Excursions as Detailed
- Entry into Arlington Court
- Happy Hour Drinks Promotion 17.30 – 18.30 (Selected Drinks)
- Porterage

Early booking discount not available on this tour.

# West Country Wonders



5 DAYS / 4 - 8 AUGUST

£425



NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

NEW TOUR

Lynmouth Harbour David Jones FC

As the premier town in North Devon you'll find great bars, great restaurants and big name high street shopping. But that's not what makes Barnstaple special, that's done by the independent boutique shops within the town, the proud local food producers selling their delicious delicacies in the Pannier Market and the town's colourful history. It's this mix of new and old, of modern and traditional that's behind Barnstaple's charm.

## YOUR HOTEL

### The Royal & Fortescue, Barnstaple ★★★

An utterly charming luxury hotel situated at the head of Barnstaple's historic High Street. This historic hotel combines old world character and charm with the convenience of a modern hotel. As well as Lord Fortescue's restaurant, the hotel also houses "62 The Bank" a popular cafe/bar/bistro and 'Florentinos', their on-site Italian infused lounge.



## DAY BY DAY

**Sunday 4th:** We make our way to North Devon with suitable stops en-route, arriving late afternoon.

**Monday 5th:** Our scenic drive takes us into Cornwall. Following the coast we stop firstly in the pretty fishing village of Boscastle before continuing along the coast road to Tintagel, where the ruined castle is the legendary birthplace of King Arthur. After free time we head back to Barnstaple stopping at the delightful holiday resort of Bude en-route.

**Tuesday 6th:** A free day in Barnstaple reputedly England's oldest borough, which has gained consistent recognition in the annual Britain in Bloom. Why not have a look round the famous pannier market with its local Devon specialities. This afternoon cream tea will be served in the hotel.

**Wednesday 7th:** Today we travel to the picturesque resort of Lynmouth where we have time to explore the narrow streets or maybe take the cliff railway to the village of Lynton (fare not included). We continue our journey through scenic 'Little Switzerland' and along the spectacular coastline to the village of Dunster, with its famous castle and octagonal Yarn Market. We return to Barnstaple via the Exmoor National Park.

**Thursday 8th:** After breakfast we leave Barnstaple and begin our journey home.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Excursions as Detailed
- Tea & Coffee After Dinner
- Porterage

# Paignton Dart Valley and East Devon



5 DAYS / 22 - 26 JULY

£460



NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

Paignton South Devon Railway ©tperson FC

Paignton lies at the very heart of beautiful Torbay and is a flourishing resort with a long sandy beach, promenade, pier marine gardens and harbour. The town boasts good shopping facilities, cafes, restaurants, theatre and cinema together with a host of traditional seaside attractions.

## YOUR HOTEL

### Queens Hotel Paignton ★★★

Part of the prestigious Duchy Hotels group, the comfortable family run Queens Hotel stand around 200 yards from Paignton seafront and is an ideal base for this tour. Hotel facilities include indoor heated swimming pool. All bedrooms are en suite and have television and tea/coffee making facilities.



## DAY BY DAY

**Monday 22nd:** Sit back and relax as we travel to Paignton arriving late afternoon at Queens Hotel. 4 nights stay – dinner, bed & breakfast. Hotel entertainment is provided each evening during your stay.

**Tuesday 23rd:** 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 24th:** '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.

**Thursday 25th:** 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 26th:** After a relaxing breakfast we will begin our journey north and homeward.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Hotel entertainment
- River Exe Cruise
- South Devon Railway
- Bicton Park Botanical Gardens
- Seaton Tramway

# Paignton



6 DAYS / 6 - 11 OCTOBER

£485



NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

steve p2008 FC

Set between two rugged headlands with miles of golden beach, Paignton nestles 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 6th:** We leave during the morning travelling to Paignton arriving late afternoon in time to settle in before dinner.

**Monday 7th:** A day at leisure in Paignton for you to discover the town.

**Tuesday 8th:** 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 9th:** 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 10th:** 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 11th:** 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
- Portage



5 DAYS / 10 - 14 APRIL

£335\*

5 DAYS / 16 - 20 SEPTEMBER

£450



PORT ISSAC

NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

omh4/kent FC

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

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

**Day 2:** Our full day excursion takes us via Bodin Moor to Port Issac, or you may know it as Port Wenn from the TV series Doc Martin. Spend time meandering through the pretty village streets and alleyways that lead down to the lovely harbour, many of the extra's in the TV series are locals so keep your eye out for a familiar face or two. This afternoon we continue to Padstow, home to many Rick Stein eateries. You will also find bustling narrow streets and a quaint harbour.

**Day 3:** A free day at leisure in Looe

**Day 4:** A full day to the Eden Project, an exciting attraction where you can explore your relationship with nature, learn new things and get inspiration about the world around you. As soon as you enter the Med Biome you'll be greeted by those wonderful holiday scents of the Med. Trek through the steamy rainforest in the world's largest conservatory.

**Day 5:** 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 date.

# A Taste of Cornwall



5 DAYS / 3 - 7 MARCH '19

£345



NO SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (LIMITED NUMBER)

Gizzy FC

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

## YOUR HOTEL

### Fistral Beach Hotel and Spa ★★★★★

The hotel boasts panoramic views of Fistral Bay, an indoor swimming pool and a fitness centre. Beautifully designed rooms are equipped with a flat screen TV, wireless internet access, tea and coffee making facilities and en suite bathrooms with toiletries.



## DAY BY DAY

**Sunday 3rd:** We depart during the morning and travel south arriving at our hotel for a Cornish cream tea. Enjoy a glass of Cornish cider before dinner followed by entertainment.

**Monday 4th:** This morning is free in Newquay. This afternoon we travel to Skinners Brewery. In 1997, a chap called Steve Skinner dreamed of setting up a community brewery in Cornwall. On the banks of the Truro River, he and his family brewed ground-breaking golden ale and named it after the tin-mining fairies of local myth. With Cornish Knocker, Steve set out his stall for concocting trailblazing ales, following it with another legendary brew, a brazen Cornish bitter called Betty Stogs, which CAMRA named Britain's best bitter. Your dinner this evening will be with a Cornish twist.

**Tuesday 5th:** A full day at the Eden Project, an exciting attraction where you can explore your relationship with nature, learn new things and get inspiration about the world around you. Dinner this evening will be a traditional fish and chip supper followed by Cornish entertainment.

**Wednesday 6th:** Morning visit to Truro, the retail centre of Cornwall. Truro boasts an enviable range of independent shops and high street stores. This afternoon we visit the Cornish Cyder Farm for a tour, tasting and a cream tea. Dinner this evening will be a five course taster menu sampling some of the best seafood Cornwall has to offer with a glass of sparkling wine.

**Thursday 7th:** Sadly after breakfast we bid farewell to Newquay and begin our journey homeward.

## INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- All Travel by Executive Coach
- Three Course Dinner, Bed & Breakfast Accommodation
- Tea/Coffee After Dinner
- Hotel Entertainment
- Excursions as Detailed
- Entry into Skinners Brewery
- Entry into Cornish Cyder Farm
- Entry into Eden Project
- Cream Tea on Arrival
- Porterage
- Free Use of Hotels Leisure Facilities

Early booking discount not available on this tour.

# 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.



Below are just a sample of holidays that are available – full details of these holidays and many others can be found in our Air & Cruise 2019 brochure available from our office.

6 Feb	11 Days	Cyprus – Relaxing Winter Break	8 July	8 Days	Mayrhofen & the Austrian Tyrol
12 Mar	8 Days	Swiss Winter Snow Train Adventure	19 July	6 Days	An Introduction to the Douro Valley Cruise
20 Mar	4 Days	Springtime in the heart of Paris	31 July	15 Days	Cruising to the heart of the Baltic
22 Mar	12 Days	Madeira, Portugal & Spain Cruise	5 Aug	8 Days	Krakow & Prague
3 Apr	9 Days	Cyprus – The Jewel of the Mediterranean	6 Aug	8 Days	Norway – Land of Fjords and Mountains
24 Apr	8 Days	Andalucian Capitals	7 Sep	8 Days	Tasty Tuscany
27 Apr	8 Days	Puglia – Italy's Hidden Gem	13 Sep	10 Days	Lakes & Mountains of Central Switzerland
28 Apr	8 Days	Amalfi Coast - Maiori	14 Sep	8 Days	Puglia – Italy's Hidden Gem
1 May	6 Days	Tulips & Chocolates Cruise	15 Sep	8 Days	Italian & French Rivieras
5 May	8 Days	Cosmopolitan Crete	16 Sep	8 Days	The Greek Island of Corfu
5 May	8 Days	Little Trains of the Pyrenees	19 Sep	8 Days	Splendours of Sicily
6 May	8 Days	The Greek Island of Corfu	21 Sep	8 Days	The Atlantic Islands of the Azores
7 May	8 Days	Tasty Tuscany	22 Sep	8 Days	Little Trains of the Pyrenees
11 May	10 Days	The Beautiful Islands of Malta & Gozo	22 Sep	8 Days	Cosmopolitan Crete
13 May	8 Days	Madeira – Island of Eternal Spring	24 Sep	8 Days	Croatia & the Dalmatian Coast
9 June	8 Days	Italian & French Rivieras	27 Sep	10 Days	German Waterways Cruise
10 June	10 Days	Switzerland – The Bernese Oberland	30 Sep	12 Days	Trans European River Cruise
17 June	10 Days	Bordeaux Region River Cruise	2 Oct	9 Days	Cyprus – The Jewel of the Mediterranean
23 June	8 Days	The Italian Lakes	5 Oct	10 Days	The Beautiful Islands of Malta & Gozo
29 June	8 Days	Puglia – Italy's Hidden Gem	6 Oct	8 Days	Amalfi Coast – Maiori
29 June	13 Days	Natural Wonders of Iceland Cruise			
7 July	8 Days	The Enchanting Douro Valley Cruise			

Early booking discount is not available on these tours.



## Gift Vouchers

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