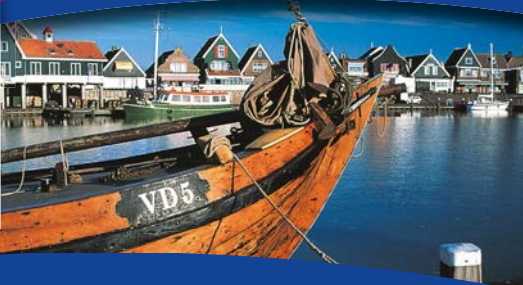


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Coach Seating Plan

Please refer to the seating plan below when selecting your seats for your coach holiday with us.

Please note - Some of the coaches we use may have the tea/coffee and toilet facilities located at the rear rather than the centre, in this case your seat numbers may be subject to a slight change.

DRIVER			
1A	1B	1C	1D
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5A	5B	5C	5D
6A	6B	WC	
7A	7B	STAIRS	
8A	8B	8C	8D
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PS Travel...

We are very pleased to present you with our new PS Travel Coach Holidays Brochure for 2016.

As many of you will already know, PS Travel have been providing quality coach holidays to the people of North Somerset, Bristol, the surrounding areas and beyond for 19 years.

We are a family run business, with Amanda & Beth carefully planning each and every tour to ensure your time away is the most enjoyable as possible. **From the moment you leave home we want you to get the most out of every moment you're away with us.**

We believe your holiday should be as relaxing as possible, so we endeavour to take the stress out of travelling, leaving you to just sit back and enjoy the experience. The hotels used are hand picked to make sure they come up to ours and your high standards. Your travel is provided by one of the South West's leading coach providers, Turners Coachways (Bristol) Ltd who supply up to date vehicles with professional, knowledgeable and friendly drivers.

Amanda & Beth are always on hand to help plan your holiday and provide any assistance you would need.

To check availability or make a reservation please call our office on **01275 792223** and we will be only too pleased to help. Booking couldn't be easier - please refer to page 54 for our straightforward booking procedure.

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Amanda, Beth & Steve

Coaches

As in previous years our tour coaches will be provided by Turners Coachways of Bristol. Their fleet of modern executive vehicles, coupled with friendly knowledgeable drivers complete your holiday experience with us.



Why choose us?

✓ *Tailor-made*

Collection Points

For your convenience and ease we will tailor-make an individual pick up point and return point to suit you, with **free collection** from home, or as close as possible. Please refer to the map below for an indication of the areas in which we pick up.

✓ *No Hidden Extras*

All coach travel, excursions and entrance charges are included in the price, leaving nothing for you to worry about except enjoying yourself.

✓ *Stress Free Travel*

Sit back and relax while our helpful and friendly drivers take the stress out of travelling. No more traffic or parking worries for you!

✓ *Hand Picked Hotels*

We carefully select comfortable good quality hotels. All bedrooms are en suite and dinner, bed and breakfast is included (except where otherwise stated).

✓ *Financial Security*

We feel it's important to book with a company you can trust. For your peace of mind, and in accordance with 'Package Travel, Package Tours Regulations 1992' all passengers will be fully insured for all monies paid to us. This insurance has been arranged by MGA Cover Services on behalf of Towergate Chapman Stevens through CBL Insurance.

✓ *Travel Insurance*

We offer a comprehensive 'single trip' travel insurance policy for all our own UK and European holidays, with no age restrictions. Please refer to the page 55 for further information, or call our office.

✓ *Travel in Comfort*

Relax on board modern and comfortable coaches, which are all equipped with air conditioning and toilet/ washroom facilities.

Our Collection Area

Joining our tours couldn't be easier! For your convenience we don't have set collection points, just call our office to tell our staff where you live and they will arrange an individual pick up to suit you - usually this means from the nearest main road to your home. We will then drop you back at this point at the end of the tour. The map below shows our collection area. Please call our office for further information.



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Easter in Jersey

Stay in St Helier - Dinner, bed and breakfast
Transport to and from Jersey



Falmouth Harbour

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Join us to experience Jersey, gem of the Channel Islands. Jersey lies just a few miles from the French coast. For history and heritage lovers, Jersey has a remarkable past.

All our tours to Jersey are based on the south coast in St Helier, capital of Jersey and the islands main shopping centre. Discover lively cobbled streets here that still carry old French titles, numerous shops, lovely seafront promenades and a fascinating waterfront with historic harbour and marina to explore.

This pretty town also boasts an excellent choice of restaurants, bars, cafes and numerous attractions including Elizabeth Castle which sits on a rocky islet in the bay, Liberation Square, the award winning Maritime Museum, Jersey Museum and beautiful parks.

Unfortunately we cannot take our coaches to Jersey. We will take you to and from the UK port. In St Helier you will be met by a representative from the hotel and transferred to and from the hotel.

During your stay in Jersey you are free to relax and enjoy Jersey and St Helier at your leisure. A range of excursions to discover the island can be booked through the hotel. These are not included in our price, to enable you the option of personalising your experience.

- * Return Condor Fast Cat crossing to Jersey
- * Transfers to and from UK port
- * Transfers between Jersey port & hotel
- * Dinner, bed and breakfast

Our Hotel

We will be staying at the Mayfair Hotel in St Helier, ideally situated close to the main shopping area, and the beach. Relax on the newly refurbished sun terrace or take a swim in the indoor swimming pool.

Departure Date & Price

Fri 25th March - 5 days £275



Easter in Hellidon Lakes

Bourton-on-the Water - Banbury - Stratford Upon Avon
Sulgrave Manor - Oxford



Hellidon Lakes

Relax this Easter with a break to Northamptonshire staying at the Hellidon Lakes Hotel. We have trips to the historic and beautiful city's of Stratford Upon Avon, Oxford and a special visit to Sulgrave Manor

Friday - We travel to our hotel with stops at Bourton-on-the-Water and Banbury famous for it's yummy Banbury Cakes and where you can admire the 'Fine lady upon a White Horse' statue immortalizing the town's famous nursery rhyme.

Saturday - Today we take you into Stratford Upon Avon, Shakespeare's picturesque home town, Stratford is beautifully set in rural countryside on the banks of the River Avon, brimming with history and renowned for its lovely black and white timber-framed buildings. You have free time here to explore at your leisure.

Sunday - We travel to Sulgrave Manor which was built by Lawrence Washington, George Washington's five times great grandfather, in the mid-1500s. Sulgrave Manor is a Tudor and Georgian manor house. It is a wonderful example of Tudor design brought to life through the remarkable story of an extraordinary family. Our visit includes refreshments and cake. This afternoon you have some free time at the hotel.

Monday - After breakfast we travel to Oxford. Step back in time as we visit riverside Oxford, home to royalty and scholars for over 800 years. Here you will find a delightful blend of historic buildings, splendid architecture, museums and great shopping, plus of course the world-famous university. We then re board our coach for our journey home.

Our Hotel

We will be staying at the Hellidon Golf & Spa Hotel which is nestled in 200 acres of beautiful rolling Northamptonshire countryside and with eight sparkling lakes within it's beautiful landscaped grounds. Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

Departure Date & Price

Fri 25th March - 4 days - £329
Single room Supplement £60.00



Llandudno & Pancakes

Llandudno - Pancake making & Tasting
Chester - Worcester



Cornish Delights

Falmouth - Looe - Penzance - St Ives
Padstow - The Eden Project



A break to Llandudno, the region's premier seaside resort, situated on its own peninsula with lovely sandy beaches. Shrove Tuesday provides us with fun making and of course eating Pancakes.

Monday - We travel to Worcestershire where we enjoy a visit to the historic Cathedral city of Worcester where you have free time to explore it's many sights and places of interest before continuing our journey into North Wales and our hotel in Llandudno.

Tuesday - A free day to explore Llandudno at your leisure. Take a walk along Llandudno's elegant promenade past pastel - coloured hotels and impeccably authentic seafront architecture just like the Victorians did. In the afternoon the hotel has prepared a Pancake making demonstration followed by tea & pancakes for you all.

Wednesday - We depart the hotel after breakfast for our return journey via the riverside city of Chester. You will have free time to explore the historic town. The city's many attractions include the Norman Cathedral, Roman City Walls and old town with it's half-timbered houses and the ancient 'Rows' a series of unique black and white, two-tiered shopping galleries. We then re-board our coach for our journey home.

A Cornish break to Cornwall's finest attractions. Relax at our hotel, explore winding streets in harbour towns & the Eden Project.

Tuesday - We travel to Cornwall with a lunchtime visit en route to Buckfast Abbey, a famous living Benedictine monastery, where you will have free time to enjoy the impressive grounds, fine old stone buildings, restaurant and gift shop.

Wednesday - A full day exploring the West Cornwall Peninsula. First we stop at the attractive harbour town of Penzance, where you will have time to explore the historic streets, the interesting shops, stroll along the promenade or sit back and soak up lovely views of St Michaels Mount. We then take the coastal road to historic St Ives. Here you will find a maze of winding cobbled lanes lined with old fishermen's cottages, art galleries, small crafts and antique shops and a delightful harbour.

Thursday - We enjoy an excursion to the Eden Project, a giant global garden with huge biospheres containing a temperate zone and a living rainforest - the largest and most spectacular plant house in the world! Eden is a riot of dazzling colour as more than a million bulbs burst into flower. Beds of poppies and Mediterranean shrubs bloom in the Mediterranean Biome and outside you'll find beautiful displays of tulips, Cornish daffodils and English wild flowers.

Friday - After breakfast we travel to the picturesque harbour town of Looe. There is plenty for you to do at the historic twin towns of East and West Looe. After Looe we journey back to the hotel via Charlestown the setting for many films and TV programmes, including Mansfield Park and the BBC's Onedin Line. We have included a visit to the Shipwreck & Heritage Centre here, which charts 200 years of Charlestown's history, shipwrecks and once thriving China Clay industry.

Saturday - After breakfast we depart the hotel and travel to North Cornwall for a scenic drive along the rugged Atlantic coast to visit the picturesque fishing port of Padstow. After some free time to explore at leisure we depart for the journey home.



Our Hotel

We will be staying at the family run Merrion Hotel, which is situated in a premier location on the sweep of Llandudno's spectacular promenade and bay, just a short stroll from the town's shopping area.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

Departure Date & Price

Mon 08th February - 3days - £225
Single room Supplement £20.00

Our Hotel

We will be based in the Cornish harbour town of Falmouth at the historic Falmouth Hotel, which boasts beautiful period architecture, 5 acres of landscaped gardens and a lovely position close to Castle Beach, with fantastic panoramic views over Falmouth Bay. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, sauna, jacuzzi, gym and newly opened spa.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

Departure Date & Price

Tues 01st March - 5 days - £440
Single room Supplement £40.00



Cream of Devon

Sidmouth - Torquay - Axminster - Bicton Park Gardens
Weymouth - Paignton - Exmouth



Weymouth

www.visitdorset.com

Soak up the best that South Devon has to offer, from stunning seascapes and rolling countryside to waterfront towns and Devonshire Cream Tea! We will be based in the Edwardian seaside town of Sidmouth, which is set beneath the majestic red cliffs and green hills of the Sid Valley.

Day 1 - We travel to Devon and enjoy a lunchtime visit to Axminster where you have free time to enjoy the market town before continuing to our hotel in Sidmouth.

Day 2 - This morning we explore some of Devon's 'English Riviera' with a visit to the seaside resort of Torquay, renowned for its stylish harbour side and marina, waterfront, bars, chic seafood restaurants and excellent selection of shops. And then onto Paignton for a visit before returning to Sidmouth.

Day 3 - Today's excursion begins with a visit to Bicton Park. One of Britain's most beautiful historic gardens set in the picturesque Otter Valley. Visit the Italian garden, American and Stream Garden as well as a trip on the Bicton Woodland Railway. This afternoon is yours to explore Sidmouth at your own pace - perhaps browse the shops, enjoy the lovely gardens or take a leisurely stroll along the seafront.

Day 4 - Our scenic excursion takes you along the Jurassic Coast and into Dorset, through Abbotsbury and alongside Chesil Beach to reach the bustling seaside town of Weymouth, where you will have time to explore at leisure.

Day 5 - This morning is yours before we depart the hotel and travel to the seaside resort of Exmouth on the River Exe. Here you have time for lunch and free time to explore before we depart for the journey home.



Our Hotel

We will be staying at the elegant Kingswood & Devoran Hotel, which enjoys a great position at the centre of Sidmouth's historic Regency esplanade, with stunning sea views. 5 course table d'hote dinner, bed and breakfast is included, plus morning coffee and afternoon tea in the lounge. Sea view rooms are available with a supplement, subject to availability.

Departure Date & Price

Mon 21st March - 5 days - £420
Thurs 14th July - 5 days - £440
Wed 5th Oct - 5 days - £435

Dibnah's Lancashire

Bury - Bolton - Burnley - Fred Dibnah's Heritage Centre
East Lancashire Railway



E. Lancs Railway

This exciting new tour gives you time to explore Lancashire and visit the areas that Fred Dibnah MBE so loved. You will also experience A journey of industries and journeys past brought back to life in museums and a trip on board the East Lancashire Railway at Bury.

Monday - We travel to Blackburn with a trip into Kidderminster where you will have free time before we re board the coach to our hotel.

Tuesday - Today we take you into Bolton, Fred Dibnah's much loved home town. The famous steeplejack, engineer and eccentric, who became a TV personality and national institution. You can now step into his world and enjoy a guided tour that we have arranged in the heritage centre finished off with a cuppa in Fred's kitchen.

Wednesday - We travel to Bury where you have free time to explore, perhaps visit the Transport Museum packed with vintage transport vehicles before we board our East Lancashire Railway train on a nostalgic trip to Rawtenstall.

Thursday - After breakfast we travel to the market town of Burnley. After free time we discover the story of cotton production in the Victorian age and enjoy a guided tour of Queen Street Mill, which is home to the last surviving and operating steam powered weaving mill in the world.

Friday - We start our journey home. We travel to Stourbridge for a lunch stop and free time before continuing with our homeward bound journey.



Our Hotel

We will be staying at the Mercure Dunkenhagh Hotel and Spa Blackburn, a 4-star hotel that blends grandeur of a 700 year old building with modern facilities. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, gym and steam rooms. Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

Departure Date & Price

Mon 04th April - 5 days - £399

Cornwall All Inclusive

Padstow - Cream Tea - Penzance - St Ives - Eden Project
Truro - Entertainment - All inclusive



Relax and let us look after you on this 'All Inclusive' winter escape to Cornwall. Your seafront hotel boasts great coastal views and will host afternoon and nightly entertainment for your enjoyment as well as a Cornish Cream Tea on arrival.

Monday - We travel to Cornwall and our hotel in Newquay where we are treated to a Cornish cream tea on arrival. Dinner at the hotel this evening is accompanied by complimentary bar between 6pm and 9pm.

Tuesday - This morning we enjoy a scenic drive to visit the picturesque fishing village of Padstow, returning back to our hotel for buffet lunch. The afternoon is free for you to relax or explore Newquay, followed later by a 'Classics film' at the hotel. Dinner this evening will be a Cornish themed menu, with a complimentary bar between 6pm and 9pm and entertainment.

Wednesday - A full day excursion exploring the West Cornwall Peninsula, with visits to the harbour towns of Penzance and St Ives. Today we have included a packed lunch. Dinner at the hotel this evening is followed by bingo/quiz, with complimentary bar between 6pm and 9pm.

Thursday - This morning we visit the Eden Project to see it in its full spring glory. Time to wander around the many blooms and take in the floral fragrance. Today we have included a packed lunch. Back at the hotel this afternoon enjoy an afternoon board game bonanza with tea and homemade cakes. Dinner tonight is followed by entertainment. Complimentary bar between 6pm and 9pm.

Friday - The morning is yours before we depart the hotel for a visit to the historic city of Truro, with its cobbled Georgian streets, great shopping and famous Cathedral. We then depart for the journey home.

Our Hotel

We will be staying at the Esplanade Hotel, ideally located overlooking world-famous Fistral Beach in Cornwall. Facilities include an indoor swimming pool, jacuzzi and sauna. Dinner, bed and breakfast is included, plus three lunches, two afternoon teas, evening entertainment and complimentary bar (on selected brands) in the evenings between 6pm and 9pm.



Departure Date & Price

Mon 18th April - 5 days - £410

Cardiff & The Gower Peninsula

Cardiff - Ross On wye - Guided tours - Gower Heritage Centre
Brecon Beacons - Abergavenny - Monmouth



Our wonderful tour takes you to a picturesque area of Wales which offers beaches, stunning coastal scenery and attractive villages of South Wales. The Gower Peninsula and the Brecon Beacons offer a relaxing contrasts to the sights and sounds of the city centre of Cardiff.

Monday - We travel to South Wales with a visit to Ross-On-Wye before continuing to our hotel in Cardiff.

Tuesday - Enjoy a free day to explore the sights of this cosmopolitan city of Cardiff. Visit the Bay area and take a scenic boat trip to see the bay at his most glorious sight, or visit the many shopping centres and Victorian arcades. Perhaps a visit to the castle or the National Museum, the city has plenty to offer.

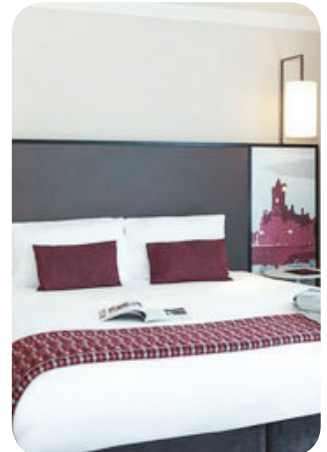
Wednesday - Today we visit the beautiful scenery of the Gower Peninsula and The Mumbles with a local guide on board the coach. We visit the Gower Heritage Centre, a converted water mill where we have a tour and then after a cream tea or a Welsh Cawl.

Thursday - Enjoy a day of beautiful scenery as we visit the foothills of the Brecon Beacon national park. We pay a visit to the Big Pit Mining Museum to learn of the region's heritage. We have an underground tour and an above ground virtual tour illustrating the lives of miners at work. After we visit Penderyn Visitor Centre to learn about Whisky making in Wales and general Welsh history in the exhibition centre before returning to our city hotel.

Friday - After breakfast we depart the hotel and start our journey home, with a visit to the market town of Abergavenny, meaning mouth on the river Gavenny. Free time here before moving onto Monmouth with a stop here before a scenic drive back home.

Our Hotel

We will be staying at The Mecure Holland House Hotel located in the heart of Cardiff with unrivalled views of the vibrant city centre. The hotel facilities include a spa, indoor pool and fully equipped gym. Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.



Departure Date & Price

Mon 02nd May - 5 days £489
Single room Supplement £110

English Riviera Delights-Torquay

Torquay - Paignton - Brixham - Boat to Dartmouth - Scenic Drives
Plymouth - NT Saltram House



With rolling green hills and beautiful coasts lines Devon has something for everyone. Join us on a scenic journey through the Devonshire countryside and then relax in the seaside resort of Torquay. We also visit the maritime city of Plymouth and a boat trip to Dartmouth.

Monday - We travel to Devon and to our hotel with a greeting of refreshments on arrival. The afternoon is yours then to settle into our hotel in Torquay.

Tuesday - Unwind this morning as we embark on a scenic excursion along the Riviera coast taking in the sights of Paignton one of the jewels on the Riviera and the busy fishing port of Brixham filled with history from it's pirates and smuggling days and highlighted with a visit to the 'Golden Hind' if you want to indulge in more pirate tales. We then head onto the small market town of Totnes before returning to our hotel.

Wednesday - Today we embark on a boat trip from the beautiful marina in Torquay to Dartmouth. Our trip will take us along the beautiful English Riviera coastline until we arrive in the town of Dartmouth. On arrival you will have free time before re boarding our coach for your journey back to Torquay and our hotel.

Thursday - After breakfast at the hotel we depart for a visit to National Trust's Saltram House. You have time to visit the house and gardens with our included guided tour before we continue onto maritime city of Plymouth with it's vast amount of places to explore including The Hoe and it's imposing lighthouse, the Barbican or take the scenic walk to Royal Williams Dock Yard. Free time here to explore or just sit back and enjoy the seaside atmosphere before your journey home.

Friday - We depart our hotel this morning with a scenic ride across Dartmoor National Park to our lunchtime stop in Bideford and free time to take in the sights before re-boarding our coach for our journey home.



Our Hotel

We will be staying at the stunning 4* Imperial Hotel Torquay with it's sheltered position overlooking the bay and views of Torquay that are unbeatable. The hotel has a swimming pool and leisure facilities. Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

Departure Date & Price

Mon 2nd May - 5 days - £435
£15.00 reduction for National Trust members

Historic Canterbury & Kent

Canterbury city river cruise - Rochester - Chartwell House
Coastal trip - Bluebell railway



Experience the history and charm of Canterbury and Rochester and many of Kent's attractions. With a river cruise, a trip on the famous Bluebell railway and Kent's coastal towns scenic trip.

Monday - We begin our journey and travel to Royal Tunbridge Wells. Over 400 years ago, a natural spring welled up from the ground and it was named 'The Tunbridge Wells. See how royalty used to holiday. For years Queen Anne visited and Queen Victoria made the town part of her regular holiday sojourns.

Tuesday - We depart this morning to Canterbury. We have arranged a 'welcome to the City' river cruise for you passing many of the historic sights of Medieval Canterbury and then you have free time to visit other attractions in Canterbury like it's stunning cathedral or following one of it's walking trails though the winding lanes and streets.

Wednesday - This morning we board our coach for a scenic coastal trip. We will be visiting Herne Bay with it's 2 miles of glorious beach lined with colourful beach huts and alive with the smells of a seaside resort with candy floss and fish & chips stalls. We then continue onto Whitstable before returning to our hotel.

Thursday - Today we travel to Sheffield Park Station and board the steam train for our journey through the Sussex countryside on board the Bluebell Railway. After, we then visit Chartwell the home and gardens of Sir Winston Churchill.

Friday - After a leisurely breakfast we begin our journey home with suitable comfort and lunch stop en route in Rochester.



Our Hotel

We will be staying at the historic Abbots Barton Hotel, which dates back to the 1830s when it was built as a private house on the site of the Barley Farm of St Augustine. After being lovingly restored it is now a picturesque hotel, set within 2 acres of beautiful gardens just a 10 minute walk from Canterbury city centre. Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

Departure Date & Price

Mon 16th May - 5 Days - £425
£80 single room supplement
£12.60 reduction for National Trust members.

Secrets & Treasures of Hertfordshire

Windsor - Hatfield House - Bletchley Park - Oxford



Join us as we enjoy the delights of Hertfordshire and the Home Counties, with visits to Bletchley Park, the site of British code-breaking activities of the war and Hatfield House. We also explore the historic city's of Windsor and Oxford. We stay at the beautiful Mercure Letchworth Hall Hotel.

Friday - We start our journey with a stop in Royal Windsor. You have free time to explore at your leisure before our onward journey to our hotel in Letchworth.

Saturday - After breakfast we depart the hotel for our visit Hatfield House. One of the Treasure Houses of England featuring an impressive Jacobean Mansion along with a beautiful 42 acre garden. The estate has appeared in many TV and feature films including 'Sherlock Holmes' and 'The King's Speech'. After our visit we visit St Albans, Hertfordshire's oldest town before returning to our hotel.

Sunday - We travel to Bletchley Park. Known as Station X in World War II and it was here that German secret codes were broken. See one of the Enigma Machines, visit fascinating exhibitions, view the Churchill Collection and explore the ornate Victorian Mansion, headquarters to intelligence staff during the war. There is also a new 'Hut 11' exhibition, a restored and refurbished wartime hut, nicknamed the 'Hell Hole' by the Women's Royal Naval Service who operated the Bomb machines, because it was so hot and noisy. We have plenty of time here before returning to our hotel.

Monday - We start our journey home with visit to Oxford where you have free time to explore at leisure before re boarding the coach for our home bound journey.

Our Hotel

We will be staying at the 4* Mercure Letchworth Hall Hotel. An idyllic country retreat, dating back to 1625, set in 8 acres of beautiful gardens. The quintessential Olde English Manor house retains many of its Jacobean features.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

Departure Date & Price

Fri 27th May - 4 days - £329
£45 single room supplement



Waterways, Trains & Planes

Bury - Concorde - Liverpool - Manchester & Liverpool Canal
East Lancashire Railway



This exciting new tour gives you time to explore the vibrant city of Liverpool. You will also experience Concorde at Manchester Airport and board the East Lancashire Railway at Bury as well as a trip on the Liverpool - Manchester canal.

Sunday - We travel to Bury where you have free time to explore, perhaps visit the Transport Museum packed with vintage transport vehicles before we board our East Lancashire Railway train on a nostalgic trip to Rawtenstall. We then continue to our hotel in Liverpool.

Monday - Today we take you into Wilmslow associated with the affluent 'Cheshire Set lifestyle'. Browse the shops or take a stroll along the River Bollin to Quarry Bank Mill - one of the best preserved mills from the industrial revolution. We then journey to Manchester Airport to enjoy our trip onto Concorde and experience the journey of the 'jet set', sit in the pilot seat and learn about the history of this magnificent aircraft.

Tuesday - Today you have the day to explore the many sights and attractions of this very famous city Liverpool. Perhaps visit Chinatown or one of the famous Cathedrals, experience the numerous museums, discover famous Albert Dock and the Beatles Experience, browse the great shopping centres or take a river trip across the Mersey on board one of the most famous ferries in the world!

Wednesday - After breakfast we start our unique six hour journey through time as it takes you past spectacular scenery, under bridges and through locks to discover how the canal's construction forever shaped the city of Manchester and the North West of England. Admire the succession of swing bridges and marvel at the historic buildings and industry of the Mersey Estuary, all the time surrounded by nature's beauty and tranquillity, with an interesting live commentary along the way. A licensed bar, refreshments and snacks are available on board.

Our Hotel

We will be staying at the Marriott Liverpool City Centre set in the heart of the art and culture centre of Liverpool city.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

Departure Date & Price

Sun 5th June - 4 days - £385
£75 single room supplement



Wonderful Warwickshire

Ragley Hall - Stratford Upon Avon & Cream tea river cruise
Leamington Spa - Warwick - Stoneleigh Abbey



Warwick Castle

Re-live times gone by with this nostalgic break to the unspoilt county of Warwickshire. We visit beautiful towns and cities and relax on a river cruise on the River Avon from Stratford upon Avon and visit the magnificent stately home of Ragley Hall and Stoneleigh Abbey. A tour taking in some of Warwickshire's most beloved treasures.

Day 1 - We travel to Ragley Hall the home of the 9th Marquess and Marchioness of Hertford and their children for a visit to the house and gardens before re-boarding our coach to travel to our hotel.

Day 2 - See the birthplace of Shakespeare's picturesque home town. Stratford is beautifully set in rural countryside on the banks of the River Avon, brimming with history and renowned for its lovely black and white timber-framed buildings. You have free time before boarding the 'Countess of Evesham' boat for our river cruise and included cream tea.

Day 3 - We travel to the fashionable and elegant town of Royal Leamington Spa, home to the Royal Pump Rooms and the Grade II listed Jephson Gardens, free time here before continuing to the charming historic town of Warwick, home to secret gardens, a magnificent castle and the Lord Leycester Hospital, a group of timber-framed buildings dating mainly from the 14th Century which isn't a hospital at all!

Day 4 - Today we travel to Stoneleigh Abbey. With humble beginnings as a Cistercian monastic house in 1154, Stoneleigh Abbey was converted at the Dissolution into a comfortable family home. The fine Grade 1 listed English mansion is comprised of two halves; the first, made of red sandstone, is a fine example of a Jacobean country house. The second, the West Wing, was designed by famous architect Francis Smith of Warwick in the Baroque style.

Day 5 - After breakfast we start our journey home with a stop at Shipston-on-Stour and then onto Bourton-on-the-Water. We then continue our journey home.



Our Hotel

We will be staying at the Walton Hotel in Wellesbourne. The historic, 16th century country house hotel is a luxury 4-star hotel in a Grade II listed building that sits at the heart of 65 acres of beautifully landscaped grounds.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

Departure Date & Price

Thur 9th June - 5 Days - £410
£88 single room supplement

Norfolk Broads & Sandringham

Norfolk Broads - Poppy Line - Sandringham Estate
Norwich - Cambridge



Sandringham By gracious permission of H.M The Queen

We discover delightful Norfolk, a region brimming with historic treasures and peaceful countryside. A highlight of this tour is a scenic boat trip along the miles of unspoilt waterways that form the beautiful Norfolk Broads as well as journey on the famous 'Poppy Line', finished off with a visit to the Sandringham Estate.

Monday - Our journey takes us to beautiful Windsor where you will have free time to explore at your leisure before we continue to our hotel in Norfolk.

Tuesday - We travel to Holt and board our steam train for a journey through stunning countryside on the North Norfolk Railway, known as the Poppy Line, to the seaside town of Sheringham. After free time to explore the heritage station and museum or take a stroll to the seafront we re-board the coach and continue with our journey to the seaside resort of Cromer before returning to our hotel.

Wednesday - After breakfast our coach will take you to the riverside village of Wroxham, 'Capital of the Broads'. Here we board our boat for a cruise on the Norfolk Broads. After we journey into the centre of Norwich, where you will have time to explore at your own pace. Perhaps stroll along the cobbled streets or discover the Cathedral and 12th century castle.

Thursday - Today we visit the much loved Norfolk retreat of Her Majesty the Queen, Sandringham Estate. This magnificent stately house is set in 24 hectares of stunning landscaped gardens, perhaps the finest of all the Royal gardens. The house remains very much as it was in the Edwardian Times, whilst the museum is home to extraordinary collections of memorabilia.

Friday - Our journey takes us to the beautiful University City of Cambridge on the banks of the River Cam, where you will have free time to explore at your leisure before our journey home.



Our Hotel

We will be staying at the 4* Dunston Hall. This country house hotel was established in 1859 within 150 acres of the peaceful Norfolk countryside, boasting many historical features. Leisure facilities at the hotel include an indoor pool, gym and spa and massage rooms.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

Departure Date & Price

Mon 13th June - 5 days - £485
£80 single room supplement

Pembroke Coast & Tenby

Tenby - Cardiff - Guided Tour - Cardigan - Fishguard
Caldey Island - Welsh Botanical gardens



Our wonderful tour takes you on a picturesque corner of Wales which offers beaches, stunning coastal scenery and attractive villages. The Pembrokeshire Coast was Britain's first coastal National Park.

Monday - We travel to South Wales for a visit to the Welsh capital Cardiff before continuing to our hotel in Tenby.

Tuesday - Enjoy a scenic tour of Pembrokeshire, along with a visit to St Davids, Britain's smallest city, beautifully situated on a peninsula with a magnificent 12th century Cathedral and ruins of the 14th century Bishops Palace.

Wednesday - Today we visit the lovely town of Cardigan, gateway to the Teifi Valley. The historic town sits at the base of Cardigan Bay with streets to take a wander around before re boarding our coach to Fishguard. Again you will have free time to explore the town perhaps visiting the Fishguard Town Hall which is home to the Fishguard Tapestry which some say is a rival to the Bayeux. This tapestry marks the last invasion of Britain in 1797.

Thursday - Enjoy a day at leisure to explore Tenby - relax on the golden beaches, explore the historic old town with its cobbled streets and 15th century walls or perhaps visit the harbour, picturesque quay or Norman Castle. Today we have also included a boat trip across to Caldey Island with its Cistercian Monastery.

Friday - After breakfast we depart the hotel and journey home, with a visit to the National Botanical Garden of Wales located in the beautiful area of the Towy Valley. It houses the worlds biggest single span greenhouse packed with Mediterranean climate zone plants, being described as a jewel in the Welsh countryside.

Our Hotel

We will be staying at The Giltar Hotel on the Esplanade in Tenby. This lovely Victorian hotel boasts stunning views of the South Beach and the monastic island of Caldey, plus it is only a short walk from the historic old town with its cobbled streets, attractive 15th century walls and picturesque harbour.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

Departure Date & Price

Mon 20th June - 5 days - £519



Shap Fells & The Lakes

Shap Wells - Lake Windermere cruise - Grasmere - Keswick
Lakeside & Haverthwaite Railway - Kendal - Muncaster Castle



Immortalised by artists, poets and writers, the Lake District is an unspoilt land of stunning lakes, picturesque villages and England's highest mountains. See the best of this region as we embark on wonderful scenic tours, relaxing boat trip and delightful steam train journey.

Monday - We travel to Kidderminster for our lunchtime stop and free time to explore the town before we then continue to our hotel in Shap Wells.

Tuesday - Join us for a full day scenic tour. We begin with a visit to picturesque Ambleside before travelling onto Grasmere, a charming lakeside village once home to William Wordsworth. We then continue into the heart of Fell country and the spectacular Northern Lakes to visit the pretty market town of Keswick.

Wednesday - We begin today with a leisurely boat cruise on Lake Windermere from Bowness to Lakeside. Here we join our train for a 3½ mile scenic journey on the Lakeside and Haverthwaite Steam Railway, through the lovely Leven Valley to the Victorian station of Haverthwaite. We rejoin our coach with a visit to Kendal on the River Kent, an ancient market town famous for the Kendal Mint Cake.

Thursday - Today's excursion takes us to Ravenglass, the only coastal village in the Lake District National Park. Here we board the historic Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway for a steam train journey through beautiful countryside on board the oldest, longest and most scenic railway in the Lake District, crossing seven miles of spectacular scenery, across the estuary and through the hills and valleys to arrive at the foot of England's highest mountains, the Scafell Range. This afternoon we visit historic Muncaster Castle, which is beautifully set in 70 acres of stunning gardens against the backdrop of the Lake District Fells. Home to the Pennington family since 1208, the castle is brimming with colourful history.

Friday - After a morning free we depart the hotel for our journey home, with suitable comfort stops en route.

Our Hotel

We will be staying in the lovely Shap Wells Hotel. This beautiful hotel is set in a secluded wooded valley high in the Shap Fells surrounded by mountains and streams. For the more energetic there are many walks from the hotel as well as plenty of opportunities of catching a glimpse of the local wildlife.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

Departure Date & Price

Mon 20th June - 5 days - £399



Ghosts, Witches & Ribble Valley

Guided tours - Salmsbury Hall - Leeds - Liverpool Canal
Yorkshire Dales - Chester - Kidderminster



Yorkshire Dales

This exciting new tour gives you time to explore the stunning countryside and picturesque villages of the Ribble Valley. The area is home to some mysterious residents of which we will explore the history of these hauntings and ghostly goings-on in our Lancashire trip

Monday - We travel to Lancashire with a trip into Kidderminster where you will have free time before we re board the coach to our hotel.

Tuesday - Today we take a short guided tour of the hotel to learn about it's 700 year history, followed by a guided tour of the Ribble Valley which will include eerie walks and visits to famous haunted points of interest.

Wednesday - Today's excursion explores 'Pendle Witches' country with a guide on board, re-capturing the history and the tales of the women put on trial in the 15th century in this area. Afterwards we visit Samlesbury Hall, a beautiful half timbered medieval house with a turbulent and dramatic history, now one of the most haunted locations in Britain.

Thursday - After breakfast we travel North to Skipton and take a cruise on the Leeds- Liverpool Canal. We commentary on board highlighting the history of this important thoroughfare brought to life. After free time in the town we then continue into the Yorkshire Dales with a scenic drive to Grassington, one of Yorkshire's prettiest villages.

Friday - We start our journey home, travelling to Chester for a lunch stop and free time before continuing with our homeward bound journey.



Our Hotel

We will be staying at the Mercure Dunkenhall Hotel and Spa Blackburn, a 4-star hotel that blends grandeur of a 700 year old building with modern facilities. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, gym and steam rooms. Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

Departure Date & Price

Mon 27th June - 5 days - £415
£70.00 single room supplement

Little Trains of Wales

Brecon Mountain Railway - Vale of Rheidol Railway - Abbey Cwm Hir - Talylyn Railway - Welshpool & Llanfair Railway



Llanfair Railway

Soak up the beautiful scenery of Mid Wales with us as we embark on unforgettable railway journeys aboard 'The Little Trains of Wales', a collection of charming and historic narrow gauge steam railways, some with a history spanning well over 100 years. We will be based in Llandrindod Wells, a charming Victorian spa town.

Sunday - We travel into Wales and on to the Brecon Beacons National Park to board the Brecon Mountain Railway at Pant, steaming alongside the Taf Fechan Reservoir to Dol-y-Gaer. On our return to Pant there will be time at the station to visit their tearooms and shop before re-boarding our coach for a visit to Brecon on the River Usk before continuing to our hotel in Llandrindod Wells..

Monday - Today's excursion takes us through the Cambrian Mountains to Devil's Bridge, a famous beauty spot with spectacular waterfalls and three bridges uniquely arranged one on top of the other, spanning a gorge over the Mynach River. After time here to take in the scenery, we board the Vale of Rheidol Railway for our return steam train journey to the seaside resort of Aberystwyth.

Tuesday - A free morning to explore Llandrindod Wells. This afternoon we visit the Grade II listed Hall at Abbey Cwm Hir, a Victorian gothic mansion set in 12 acres of landscaped gardens overlooking the ruins of a 12th century Cistercian Abbey, with 52 individually designed and beautifully restored rooms to explore.

Wednesday - We travel through the Cambrian Mountains to Abergynolwyn for a return train journey on the Talylyn Railway through glorious countryside and past the Dolgoch Falls to arrive at Tywyn on the coast, where there will be free time.

Thursday - After breakfast we travel to Llanfair Caereinion, where we take to the tracks again for a ride on the Welshpool and Llanfair Railway through the delightful Banwy Valley to the historic market town of Welshpool in the Severn Valley. We rejoin our coach for our journey home, with a visit en route to Ludlow.



Our Hotel

We will be based at the heart of Wales within the charming spa town of Llandrindod Wells. A warm welcome awaits you at the Metropole Hotel, ideally situated in the centre of the town. Leisure facilities include a heated swimming pool, whirlpool, steam room, sauna and gym. Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

Departure Date & Price

Sun 3rd July - 5 days - £450
£40 single room supplement

Royal Houses & Gardens

Windsor - Hampton Court Palace & Gardens with Tudor Cookery Demonstration - Kew Gardens - RHS Wisely



Hampton Court Palace

Historic Royal Palaces

Join us as we explore the historic treasures of the River Thames with visits to Henry VIII's Hampton Court Palace & Gardens, the breathtaking botanical gardens at Kew and beautiful RHS Wisely. We also visit the elegant town of Windsor, renowned for its magnificent castle, Georgian architecture and excellent shops.

Thursday - We travel to RHS Wisely where there will be free time to explore at leisure before continuing to our hotel.

Friday - After breakfast we depart the hotel for our visit to Kew Royal Botanic Gardens, on the south bank of the Thames River. Here you will find 300 acres of botanical delights including magnificent Victorian glasshouses, a remarkable collection of plants from around the world, art gallery, formal gardens and a unique treetop walkway. You will be treated to an hour-long guided tour including the famous Palm House, the history of the gardens and what's in flower. We have also included tickets for the hourly Kew Explorer land train, which you can board at your leisure.

Saturday - Today we visit magnificent Hampton Court Palace, home to some of England's most famous kings from flamboyant Henry VIII to George II. The Palace sits peacefully on the banks of the River Thames surrounded by idyllic parkland. Enjoy free time to explore the magnificent State Apartments with their exquisite tapestries and paintings, the Chapel Royal with its carved and gilded ceilings, and the medieval Great Hall where William Shakespeare's company performed in 1603-4. Outside there are 60 acres of beautiful and internationally celebrated landscaped gardens, which you can explore at your own pace before disappearing into the famous Maze.

Sunday - We start our journey home with a visit to Windsor where you have free time to explore at leisure before re-boarding the coach for our home bound journey.

Our Hotel

We will be staying at the 4* Marriott Heathrow - Windsor Hotel which is set within easy reach of Windsor and other major attractions. After a long day make use of the leisure facilities which include a swimming pool, sauna and steam room. Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.



Departure Date & Price

Thur 28th July - 4 days - £369
£60 single room supplement

York & Beyond

York - Guided city walking tour - York Minster - Whitby Harrogate - Eden Camp



York Minster

York is the ideal destination for a city break with its lovely riverside setting, intriguing history and heritage as well as fantastic shopping opportunities, beautifully preserved medieval walls, countless world class attractions, museums and galleries. We will be staying in the heart of York as well as visiting attractions around the area.

Day 1 - We travel to York with a stop in the city of Derby where you will have free time before continuing to our hotel with time for you to relax and settle in before dinner at the hotel.

Day 2 - A day to explore York: To make the most of your time in the city this morning you will be treated to an included sightseeing walking tour in the company of a local guide. This is a great opportunity to get acquainted with the city's highlights, so you can better plan your time in York. The rest of the day is then yours to explore this wonderful city at your own pace. Perhaps take a relaxing riverside stroll, discover the city's colourful history with a visit to one of the many renowned museums such as the Jorvik Viking Centre, National Railway Museum or York Castle Museum.

You could also choose to view the city from a unique perspective with a sightseeing river cruise, take a walk through 1900 years of history with a stroll along the fascinating city walls.

Day 3 - This morning we have arranged a visit to York Minster. We have a guided tour around this stunning cathedral, one of the largest in Europe, before continuing with a scenic drive to the beautiful Yorkshire coastal town of Whitby, famous for the legend of Bram Stoker's story Dracula.

Day 4 - We depart the hotel for a visit to the Eden Camp near Malton, a Modern History Theme Museum housed within the grounds of an original World War II prisoner of war camp. Travel back to wartime Britain and see the story of World War II re-created using sights, sounds, smells and moving figures. You can also buy refreshments at The Prisoners' Canteen and Officers' Mess, or shop for mementoes in the Hut Fifteen gift shop. In the afternoon we return to York where you have more free time to explore the city.

Day 5 - We depart our hotel and travel to Harrogate. You have time to explore at your leisure before we continue our journey home.

Our Hotel

We will be staying at the Queens Hotel, ideally situated at the heart of York on the south bank, with views over the River Ouse. Many of York's major tourist attractions, including the Jorvik Centre, are just a few minutes walk away, as are the many shops, restaurants and bars that the city centre has to offer.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

Departure Date & Price

Thur 28th July - 5 days - £440
£84 single room supplement



Catherine Cookson & N.East Treasures

Guided Tours - Beamish - Alnwick Castle & Gardens - Derby
History of Catherine Cookson



Alnwick Castle

Britainonview

Escape with us to uncover the history of Catherine Cookson as well as some of the Treasures of the North East. In the company of a local guide we discover the life and places of this famous writer and the ancient and fascinating region that she lived and wrote from.

Day 1 - We travel to our hotel in Northumberland with a visit en route to the city of Derby located on the banks of the River Derwent.

Day 2 - Our local guide joins us this morning for a tour of Catherine Cookson Country and the great history of South Tyneside. We pass her birthplace, former home and place of work and finish at Arebia Roman Fort & Museum which is part of the Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Sight. After you have free time to explore the town of South Shields before returning to our hotel.

Day 3 - Today we visit Beamish, The North of England Open Air Museum. Set in 300 acres of beautiful countryside it recreates life in the North of England in the early 1800s and 1900s. Take a ride on the tramway, visit Home Farm, the Colliery Village and even the Dentist's Surgery - all in an authentic setting.

Day 4 - Today we explore historic Alnwick. We have included a visit to unique Alnwick Garden, which features a tree house with walkways in the air, a range of superb gardens, dramatic Grand Cascade and much more! We have also included entry to medieval Alnwick Castle, where you can explore the beautiful State Rooms, see the fascinating exhibitions or enjoy a walk over the sweeping landscape. You will also have free time in the picturesque town.

Day 5 - We start our journey home with an en route visit to the historic market town of Ashby de la Zouche in Leicestershire.



Our Hotel

We will be staying at the premier 4* Marriott Gosforth Park Hotel, a fantastic retreat set in 12 acres of parkland near the vibrant city of Newcastle. Leisure facilities include a pool, sauna, gym and beauty salon.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

Departure Date & Price

Fri 22nd April - 5 Days - £455
Mon 1st August - 5 Days - £455
£100 single room supplement

North Devon & Beyond

Canal Cruise - Lynmouth - Barnstaple - Scenic coastal drives
Dartington Glass - RHS Rosemoor - Bideford - Ilfracombe



Ilfracombe

Always a firm favourite, take a journey through North Devon and Cornwall's coastal gems, including scenic drives through rolling Devonshire countryside and onto Cornwall's rugged coves and villages. Plenty of time to explore picturesque towns and wander through charming gardens.

Sunday - Your journey begins today as we travel to Tiverton and join our all-weather barge for a 1½ hour horse drawn cruise on the Grand Western Canal. We then continue to our hotel in Barnstaple.

Monday - After breakfast you have free time this morning to explore Barnstaple and it's famous pannier market searching for gifts and local produce or even the odd antique or two. We depart then to Bude, one of the sunniest places in the UK with it's vast expanse of beaches and a number of traditional fish & chips shops you can have a taste of a British seaside holiday.

Tuesday - We set off this morning to visit Dartington Glass where you can experience the history of the last 48 years of glass making at this factory and then stroll around the largest glass shop in the UK. Then a short hop across to RHS Rosemoor where you can take a relaxed and inspirational walk around the 65 acre garden taking in the dramatic scenery of a steep wooded valley and have your senses stimulated by the colours and scents around the gardens.

Wednesday - Today we take a trip into Bideford where you have time to wander around the town. After lunch we take a scenic drive along Cornwall's coastline, through the villages of Boscastle and Tintagel the legendary birth place of King Arthur.

Thursday - After breakfast we depart the hotel for our visit to Ilfracombe. On the return journey we visit Lynmouth before continuing home.



Our Hotel

We will be staying at the Royal and Fortescue Hotel in Barnstaple. This elegant Georgian Hotel is situated at the head of Barnstaple's high street placing you central to all facilities to accommodate your needs.

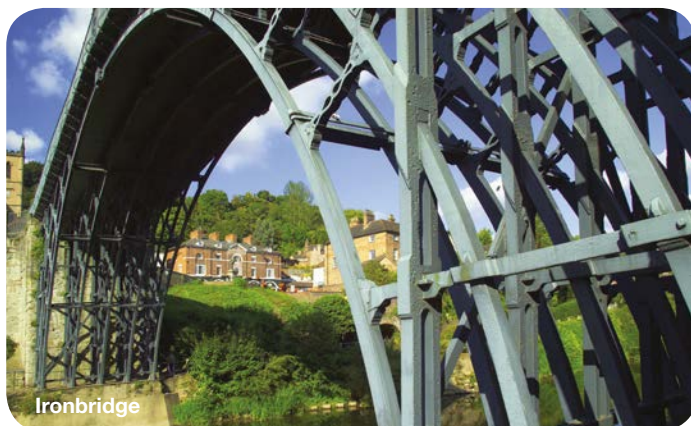
Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

Departure Date & Price

Sun 7th August - 5 Days - £475
£60 single room supplement

Worcestershire & Shropshire

Ironbridge Gorge - Blists Hill Victorian Town - Ludlow
Severn Valley Railway - Shrewsbury - Cheltenham



Re-live times gone by with this nostalgic break to the unspoilt county of Shropshire & Worcestershire. Visit where ancient towns are set against a backdrop of picturesque rivers and rolling hills. Step back in time with visits to Ironbridge Gorge and Blists Hill Victorian Town and enjoy a steam train journey through the Severn Valley.

Day 1 - We travel to the beautiful spa town of Cheltenham where you have time to explore the town before re-boarding our coach to journey to our hotel in Stourport on Severn.

Day 2 - See the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution today as we visit fascinating Ironbridge Gorge, 'The Valley That Changed Our World'. Set in an enchanting valley, it is home to the world's first iron bridge, which spans the River Severn. We spend some time at the Museum of the Gorge to learn a little of the area's history, then travel back in time with a visit to the famous Blists Hill Victorian Town - here you can explore a complete Victorian working town and chat to the friendly 19th century townsfolk as they go about their business, making candles, casting iron and baking bread.

Day 3 - After breakfast we depart the hotel and travel to Kidderminster where you have time before we board the steam train for our journey on the Severn Valley Railway, travelling alongside the meandering river and through glorious countryside to Bridgnorth. Here we have time before we rejoin the coach and travel back to our hotel.

Day 4 - We travel to Shrewsbury on the River Severn with a host of things to see and do including the castle, Abbey or regimental museum before a scenic journey to Leominster and the riverside town of Ludlow, capital of the Welsh Marches with a wealth of historic buildings, magnificent castle ruins, wonderful medieval streets and charming shops to explore.

Day 5 - After breakfast we travel to Herefordshire and the stunning scenery of the Wye Valley to visit the ancient city of Hereford, renowned for its medieval bridge across the River Wye and the beautiful cathedral that towers above it. We then continue our journey home.

Our Hotel

We will be staying at the Menzies Birmingham Stourport, just minutes from Kidderminster. The hotel stands in 23 acres of grounds overlooking the historic Georgian riverside town of Stourport-upon-Severn. The hotel has a reputation for being one of the finest contemporary four-star country house hotels in Worcestershire. Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

Departure Date & Price

Fri 29th April - 5 days - £409
Mon 15th Aug - 5 days - £409
Single room supplement £80.00



Eastbourne & Sussex

Eastbourne - Winchester & South Downs
Kent & East Sussex Railway - Brighton - Arundel - Bluebell Railway



Explore the county of Sussex with us, where miles of unspoiled beaches are backed by the rolling hills of the South Downs. We will be based in the Victorian seaside resort of Eastbourne on the Grand Parade.

Day 1 - We travel to Kent for a visit to the delightful county town of Tenterden, 'Jewel of the Weald', where you will have time at leisure before boarding the train for a scenic journey on the Kent and East Sussex Railway to Bodiam. We then visit the historic seaside town of Hastings before continuing to our hotel.

Day 2 - This morning is free for you to explore Eastbourne at your leisure, then this afternoon we enjoy a scenic drive to visit the vibrant city of Brighton. Perhaps take a stroll along the beach front, see the beautiful Royal Pavillion and Victorian Pier, or lose yourself in the quaint old quarter and indulge in some serious retail therapy on the famous 'Lanes', a maze of little streets lined with specialist shops, boutiques and cafes.

Day 3 - We travel to Winchester the ancient capital of Britain and former seat of King Alfred the Great where we enjoy some free time to enjoy the architect or the magnificent Cathedral. We then journey through the 'South Downs' with a stop in Petersfield in the heart of the Downs.

Day 4 - Join us this morning for a visit to picturesque Arundel on the River Arun, dominated by its stunning Norman castle and gothic Cathedral. This afternoon is free to explore Eastbourne - maybe enjoy a stroll along the lovely 3-mile promenade to take in the sea air, enjoy the colourful gardens, visit the Victorian pier or browse the great shopping areas.

Day 5 - Today we travel to Sheffield Park Station and board the steam train for our journey through the Sussex countryside on board the Bluebell Railway. We then continue with our journey home.

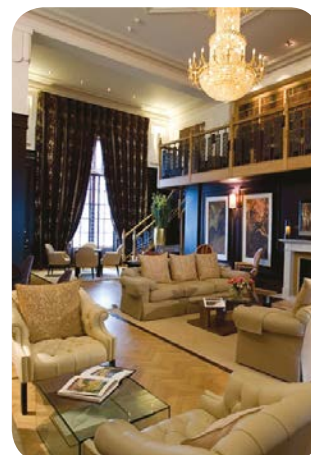
Our Hotel

We will be staying at the 4* Cavendish Hotel, named after the 7th Duke of Devonshire. Located on Eastbourne's Grand Parade with excellent sea views, this majestic hotel has been refurbished back to its former glory.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included

Departure Date & Price

Sun 21st August - 5 days - £499



Derbyshire Pride of Peaks

Buxton - Chatsworth House - Bakewell - Stratford upon Avon
Peak Railway - Hereford



Travel with us to Derbyshire's Peak District National Park and discover a land of sleepy villages, historic towns and majestic stately homes, with stunning views along the way. Highlights include Chatsworth House and Peak Railway.

Day 1 - We travel to our hotel in Derbyshire with a visit en route to Stratford Upon Avon, the birth place of William Shakespeare. You will have free time here before we re-board our coach and continue to our hotel.

Day 2 - Today we take a tour of the Peak District National Park, visiting the spa town of Buxton, having the highest elevation of any market town in Britain. We will also be visiting Chapel-en-le-Frith a town that originated from a chapel in 1225 and then onto Bakewell, an ancient town famous for its Bakewell Pudding and one of the oldest and largest markets in the Derbyshire Dales.

Day 3 - This morning we travel to Rowsley where we board the Peak Railway to the riverside town of Matlock and Matlock Bath in the Derwent Valley, which enjoys a dramatic location in a deep gorge. Here you will have free time to explore the town before our return journey to Rowsley Station.

Day 4 - Today we visit Chatsworth House home to the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire. A magnificent house with over 30 rooms to explore including the Painted Hall, State Rooms, Sketch Galleries and Sculpture Gallery. Discover 105 acres of garden with giant water features, sculpture, beautiful flowers and magnificent views of the park. You have the day to explore both the house and gardens at your leisure.

Day 5 - We depart our hotel for our journey home, with a visit en route to the lovely Hereford where you have free time before we continue onto Ross-On Wye before then continuing with our journey home.



Our Hotel

We will be staying on the edge of Derby at the 4* Menzies Mickleover Court Hotel. Based in a location near to attractions in the Peak District facilities include a health club, indoor swimming pool, sauna, steam room and beauty rooms.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

Departure Date & Price

Thurs 5th May - 5 days - £395
Mon 29th August - 5 days - £395

Snowdonia & Llandudno

Llandudno - Snowdon Mountain Railway - Conwy
Isle of Anglesey Scenic tour



A break to uncover the breathtaking scenery of North Wales. We will be based in Llandudno, the region's premier seaside resort, situated on its own peninsula with lovely sandy beaches. With a boat trip, scenic tours and the stunning Snowdon railway trip this tour offers it all.

Monday - We travel to Kidderminster before continuing our journey into North Wales and our hotel in Llandudno.

Tuesday - A morning for you to explore Llandudno at your own pace. In the afternoon we visit Conwy. Here we have arranged a short scenic boat trip around Conwy where you can view, in an alternative way, the historic medieval town and its' castle with Snowdonia in the background. After you then have free time to enjoy it at your own pace.

Wednesday - This morning we travel to the lakeside village of Llanberis, where we enjoy a virtual journey in the film theatre at Llanberis Station before boarding the train for a return journey on the Snowdon Mountain Railway. Take in the dramatic scenery as we ascend through green valleys, woodland and past waterfalls to the summit. (This trip is dependent upon weather). We journey back via Llanrwst, in the Conwy Valley, at the edge of the Snowdonia National Park.

Thursday - Join us for a scenic tour of the Isle of Anglesey.

We visit Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogogoch, the famous village on the Isle of Anglesey with the longest name in Britain! Our scenic journey will also include a lunch time stop in Amlwch before continuing onto Caernarfon and our return back to the hotel.

Friday - We depart the hotel after breakfast and travel to the picturesque village of Betws-y-Coed for our lunchtime stop, where you will have free time. We then re-board the coach for our journey home.



Our Hotel

We will be staying at the family run Merion Hotel, which is situated in a premier location on the sweep of Llandudno's spectacular promenade and bay, just a short stroll from the town's shopping area.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

Departure Date & Price

Mon 9th May - 5 Days - £475
Mon 29th August - 5 days - £ 499
£44.00 single room supplement

Windsor & The Chelsea Pensioner

Windsor - Kew Gardens - Royal Hospital Chelsea
National Army Museum



Chelsea pensioners

Join us as we make fascinating visits, which includes the beautiful Kew Gardens and a guided tour of the fascinating Royal Hospital Chelsea with one of the famous Chelsea Pensioners. We also visit the elegant town of Windsor and take a tour of its magnificent castle.

Thursday - We travel to our hotel with a visit to beautiful Henley-on-Thames where you have free time to explore.

Friday - After breakfast is the highlight of the tour as we visit the Royal Hospital in Chelsea. Originally founded in 1682 by King Charles II to provide a retirement home for his soldiers. The institution boasts over three centuries of unbroken service and is now home to 310 'Men in Scarlett'. We have arranged a guided tour with a Chelsea Pensioner. Afterwards we pay a visit to the National Army Museum.

Saturday - After breakfast we depart the hotel for our visit to Kew Royal Botanic Gardens, on the south bank of the Thames River. Here you will find 300 acres of botanical delights including magnificent Victorian glasshouses, a remarkable collection of plants from around the world, art gallery, formal gardens and unique treetop walkway.

Sunday - We travel to Windsor Castle, the largest and oldest inhabited castle in the world. As an official residence of Her Majesty the Queen, it is very much a working place, used regularly for ceremonial occasions. You will be treated to an audio tour introduced by the Prince of Wales taking you through the rooms, state apartments and St Georges Chapel. Afterwards you will have free time to visit Windsor.

Monday - We start our journey home with a lunch stop visit to Guildford where you have free time to explore at leisure before re-boarding the coach for our home bound journey.

Our Hotel

We will be staying at the 4* Marriott Heathrow - Windsor Hotel which is set within easy reach of Windsor and other major attractions. After a long day make use of the leisure facilities which include swimming pool, sauna and steam room. Dinner, bed and breakfast is included



Departure Date & Price

Thurs 22nd Sept - 5 days - £455
£95.00 single room supplement

Leeds Castle Flower Show

Canterbury - Leeds Castle Flower Festival - Hastings
VIP Penshurst Place & gardens visit - Windsor



Leeds castle

Let us take you on a visit to Kent's finest attractions. With visits to Canterbury, Penshurst Place and Hastings with Leeds Flower Festival the highlight.

Thursday - We travel to Kent and enjoy a visit to the beautiful historic town of Royal Windsor where you have time to explore the famous sights before we continue to our hotel in Canterbury.

Friday - After breakfast we travel to Leeds Castle. Described as the 'Loveliest Castle in the World', the castle transforms its state rooms into works of art decorated with an abundance of floral displays for the annual flower festival.

Saturday - A free day in Canterbury. Perhaps explore the charming cobbled lanes and streets, browse the shopping areas or visit the magnificent Cathedral and ruins of St Augustine's Abbey, which form part of a World Heritage Site.

Sunday - Our journey today takes us across the border to Sussex and to the town of Hastings famous for the battle of 1066. Explore the cobbled streets and the black beamed houses of the old town or visit the fisherman's museum or just take in the sea air along its beach.

Monday - After breakfast we depart the hotel for our VIP visit to Penshurst Place & Gardens. Our tour to this 14th century stately home, includes a 1 hour private house tour, a 1 hour tour of the stunning gardens by the head gardener, free time to explore the estate and tea/coffee and cake served in one of the private medieval state rooms that are not open to the general public. We then continue our journey home.

Our Hotel

We will be staying at the historic Abbots Barton Hotel, which dates back to the 1830s when it was built as a private house on the site of the Barley Farm of St Augustine. After being lovingly restored it is now a picturesque hotel, set within 2 acres of beautiful gardens just a 10 minute walk from Canterbury city centre.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.



Departure Date & Price

Thurs 22nd Sept - 5 days - £469
£80 single room supplement

Houses, Gardens & Water of Lincolnshire

Aubourn Hall & Gardens - Lincoln - Burghley House
Melton Mowbrey - Rutland River Cruise - Barnsdale Gardens



Burghley House

This exciting new tour explores beautiful gardens and houses in Lincolnshire. You will experience guided tours of historic gardens and houses and take a chance to relax and unwind on a cruise on Rutland Water River.

Day 1 - We travel to Royal Leamington Spa for our lunch stop and where you will have free time before we re-board the coach to our hotel.

Day 2 - Today we take you to Aubourn Hall Gardens. Located in a beautiful village near Lincoln in 10 acres of glorious borders, shrubs, walks and ponds surrounding the 17th century Manor house. We have arranged a private tour with the head gardener for you. After we then travel into Lincoln where you have free time to explore the city. Perhaps visit the historic Cathedral or it's castle.

Day 3 - We travel to Burghley House, one of the largest and grandest houses of the first Elizabethan Age. Built and mostly designed by William Cecil, Lord High Treasurer to Queen Elizabeth I, between 1555 and 1587, the main part of the House has 35 major rooms on the ground and first floors. We have included a guided tour for you to make the most of your visit here. After we visit the town of Melton Mowbrey made famous by it's pies.

Day 4 - After breakfast we travel to Whitwell harbour where we join our 45 minutes Rutland River cruise. Relax and unwind and enjoy the stunning scenery from our boat the Rutland Belle. We then continue onto Barnsdale Gardens where you have free time to enjoy over 38 inspirational gardens spread over 8 acres.

Day 5 - We start our journey home with a visit to Worcester where you have free time before continuing with our homeward bound journey.



Our Hotel

We will be staying at the Wyndham Garden Grantham. A rustic hotel set in the countryside of Grantham with leisure facilities for you to use.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

Departure Date & Price

Mon 30th May - 5 days - £419
Sun 25th Sept - 5 days - £419

Harrogate & The Dales

Harrogate - Yorkshire Dales Scenic Drives
Wensleydale Railway - York



Yorkshire Dales

We tour to the elegant spa town of Harrogate, renowned for its floral beauty, charming tea shops and Victorian architecture. On the doorstep is the dramatic natural beauty of the Yorkshire Dales, some of Yorkshire's most delightful towns and villages, as well as the historic York and a journey on the Wensleydale Railway.

Day 1 - We start our journey to the Dales with a trip into Derbyshire where we enjoy a visit to Chesterfield, famous for its church with a crooked spire. After time to explore at leisure we depart for our hotel in Harrogate.

Day 2 - This morning is yours to enjoy the many splendours of Harrogate or to just relax and enjoy the surroundings of the hotel. Close by you can visit Art Galleries, the Royal Pump Room Museum or take a stroll in the beautiful Valley Gardens and discover the real Harrogate as it was in a bygone era. This afternoon we pay a visit to RHS Harlow Carr Gardens.

Day 3 - This morning we travel to Richmond, a Yorkshire Dales market town with a Norman Castle, Georgian architecture, a large cobbled market place, museums and monuments and breathtaking views and scenery. We then journey to Leyburn where we join our Wensleydale Railway train journey to Leeming Bar.

Day 4 - Enjoy a day exploring the glorious scenery of the Yorkshire Dales. We begin with a visit to the attractive town of Grassington, then travel to the heart of Wensleydale to Hawes. Set amongst spectacular scenery, this traditional market town features narrow winding cobbled streets that lead down to a market square with an array of shops, galleries and tearooms to explore. In the afternoon we enjoy a visit to the historic and beautiful Cathedral city of Ripon.

Day 5 - Today we enjoy a visit to the historic city of York, famous for its stunning medieval Minster, lovely medieval shopping streets, colourful history and many interesting museums before we continue with our journey home.



Our Hotel

We will be staying at the charming Old Swan, one of the most famous hotels in Harrogate, steeped in history with a renowned glass-ceilinged restaurant. The hotel is set in five acres of private gardens, close to the town centre and beautiful Valley Gardens.

Dinner bed and breakfast is included.

Departure Date & Price

Mon 03rd October - 5 days - £419

Buckinghamshire & Midsomer Murders

Windsor - Wallingford - Waddesdon Manor - Henley-on-Thames
Oxford - Marlow



Waddesdon manor

Stuart Bebb

We explore the historic treasures of the River Thames Valley with visits to the fictional villages of Midsomer which are located in the quintessentially counties of Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire. We also visit the elegant town of Windsor, renowned for its magnificent castle, Georgian architecture and excellent shops.

Thursday - We travel to Windsor where there will be free time to explore at leisure before continuing to our hotel.

Friday - Today we travel to Henley-on-Thames, probably most famous for its annual Royal Rowing Regatta and featured in many episodes of Midsomer Murders. We visit the Rowing Museum and then enjoy a cruise on the river.

Saturday - After breakfast we visit the market town of Wallingford, which features as Causton in many episodes and the location of the police headquarters. It was also the home of Agatha Christie for over 40 years. This afternoon we take a visit and an audio guided tour to Waddesdon Manor, originally built by the French banker Ferdinand de Rothschild in dramatic French – château style to display of collected treasures.

Sunday - Today we travel to Oxford. Step back in time as we visit riverside Oxford, home to royalty and scholars for over 800 years. Here you will find a delightful blend of historic buildings, splendid architecture, museums and great shopping, plus of course the world-famous university. The day is yours to explore.

Monday - After breakfast we start our homeward journey with a trip to Old Amersham. This beautiful market town provides a backdrop to many episodes. We then continue onto Marlow before re-boarding our coach for our journey home.

Our Hotel

We will be staying at The Bull Hotel situated in the charming town of Gerrards Cross. The hotel was once a coaching tavern built in 1688 and was located on one of the old main roads between London to Oxford.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

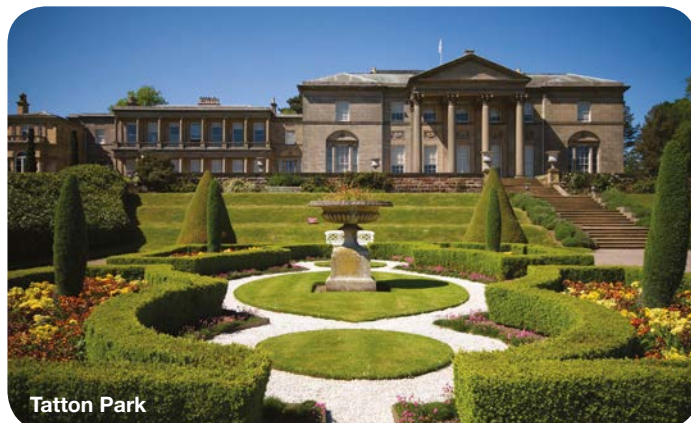


Departure Date & Price

Thurs 07th July - 5 days - £419
Thurs 06th October - 5 days - £419
£60 single room supplement

Cheshire Rivers, Houses & Gardens

Anderton Boat Lift - River cruise - Tatton Park
Ness Botanic Gardens - National Waterways museum - Chester



Tatton Park

This exciting new tour explores beautiful gardens and houses in Cheshire. You will experience guided tours of historic gardens and wander through grand houses, having the opportunity to relax and unwind on a river cruise through the heart of the Anderton Boat Lift.

Day 1 - We travel to The Trentham estate, a 725 acre attraction housing a shopping village, gardens and woodlands. We then re-board our coach to continue our journey to our hotel.

Day 2 - Today we peek at the area's industrial past at this waterside wonder, the Anderton Boat Lift. The only one of its kind in the UK it was built in 1875 and is a masterpiece of Victorian engineering. We start with a round boat trip along the Weaver Navigation and then we take another boat trip through the heart of the boat lift. Refreshments will be served after the trips. In the afternoon we visit Tatton Park one of the most complete historic attractions, with a 19th Century mansion, 50 acres of award-winning gardens, a Tudor hall and working rare breed farm.

Day 3 - We travel to Ness Botanic Gardens. Created over 100 years ago, the gardens were a hidden gem for decades. You can wander around 64 acres, set against stunning views across the Dee. This afternoon we visit the National waterway Museum at Ellesmere Port.

Day 4 - After breakfast we travel to the city of Chester where you have free time to explore at your leisure before re-boarding the coach for your journey home.

Our Hotel

We will be staying at the Park Royal Warrington a gem set in the heart of Cheshire, blending a mix of modern facilities with elegant grandeur on the doorstep of sprawling countryside.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

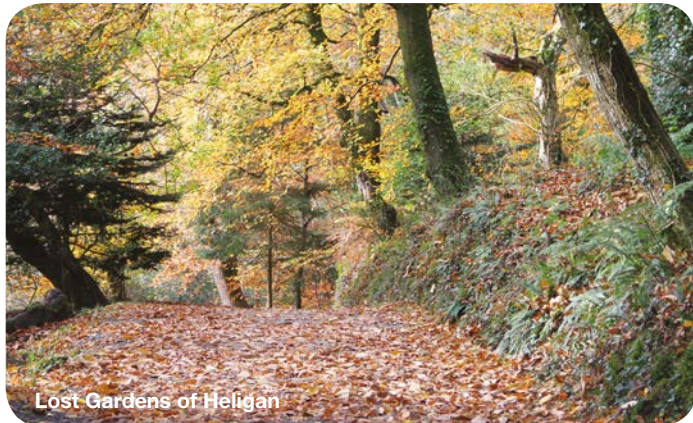


Departure Date & Price

Thurs 13th October - 4 days - £345
£52.50 single room supplement

Gardens of Cornwall

Lost gardens of Heligan - Eden Project - Bideford - Trebah Gardens
Falmouth - Lostwithel - Plymouth



New for this year but always a firm favourite a journey through Cornwall's gardens, a taste of the new and the well established garden settings as well as visits to pretty coastal towns and villages.

Monday - Your journey begins today as we travel to our hotel in Newquay with a lunchtime stop in Bideford.

Tuesday - After breakfast we travel to The Lost Gardens of Heligan which were rediscovered in 1990 and restored after slumbering for over 70 years. There are 80 acres of stunning gardens and a 35 acre 'lost valley'. You have free time to explore at your own pace before returning to our hotel where you have the rest of the afternoon at leisure to enjoy the many delights of Newquay.

Wednesday - We set off this morning to visit Trebah Gardens. This sub-tropical paradise with a stunning coastal backdrop is the result of 175 years of inspired and dedicated creation. Explore this beautiful valley garden with canopies and tunnels bursting with exotic blooms leading down to their very own secluded beach on the Helford River. This afternoon we pay a visit to the coastal resort of Falmouth.

Thursday - After breakfast we depart the hotel for our visit to the Eden Project. A giant global garden with huge biospheres containing a temperate zone and a living rainforest - the largest and most spectacular plant house in the world! Eden is a riot of dazzling colour with beds of poppies and Mediterranean shrubs bloom in the Mediterranean Biome. We then take a trip to the village of Lostwithel before returning to our hotel.

Friday - We set off this morning after some free time at the hotel and your resort of Newquay to the city of Plymouth where you will have free time before re-boarding our coach for our journey home.



Our Hotel

We will be staying at the Fistril Beach Hotel and Spa in Newquay. This chic coastal hotel has stunning views over the coast of this resort as well as a good leisure centre including an indoor swimming pool.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

Departure Date & Price

Mon 17th October - 5 days - £439
£60 single room supplement

Beside The Seaside - Torquay

Torquay - Exeter - Paignton - Dartmouth - Dartmoor
Plymouth - Tea Dance



Our wonderful Autumn break explores charming harbour towns, coastal resorts and uncovers the winter landscape of Dartmoor National Park, then relax back at our fantastic hotel in Torquay.

Monday - We travel to Devon and enjoy a visit to the city of Exeter, the perfect place for some Christmas shopping with its bustling high street and great undercover shopping centres. We continue to our hotel in Torquay, where you will be greeted with tea and coffee on arrival.

Tuesday - After breakfast join us for an excursion visiting nearby Paignton and the pretty port of Dartmouth on the River Dart. You have free time in both of these places to explore at your leisure. At the hotel this evening they have arranged a quiz night for your enjoyment.

Wednesday - A scenic excursion through the dramatic winter landscape of the Dartmoor National Park, followed by a visit to the maritime city of Plymouth - perhaps see the famous heritage sites, browse for Christmas gifts in the shopping boulevards. Recommended is a visit to the Barbican Village, Plymouth's delightful old port, full of cobbled streets, Elizabethan warehouses, specialist shops, art galleries, cafes and restaurants. This evening the entertainment is a bingo night.

Thursday - Today is yours at leisure. Enjoy the many sights of Torquay including it's beautiful Marina, coastal walks or strolling among the shops and many cafes and restaurants. This afternoon join us for a tea dance between 3pm and 5pm served with a scrumptious Devonshire Cream Tea.

Friday - After some free time in Torquay this morning we depart for a visit to Buckfast Abbey in the River Dart valley, a famous Benedictine monastery well known for the tonic wine and honey produced by the monks here. You will have free time before we depart for the journey home.



Our Hotel

We will be staying at the stunning 4* Imperial Hotel Torquay with it's sheltered position overlooking the bay and views of Torquay that are unbeatable. The hotel has a swimming pool and leisure facilities.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

Departure Date & Price

Mon 07th November - 5 days - £359

Blackpool & The Lakes

Blackpool - Bygone Years Menu served in private suite
Lake District - Hawkeshead - Chester - Kendal



A tour staying at the 'Imperial Hotel Blackpool with a themed 'Golden Years Break' including a heritage tour of the hotel, 'We'll meet again' celebration evening with themed 1940's sing a long dinner and hear how the 'Mayflower Spirit Cocktail' was created. With visits to the stunning scenery of the Lake District and the famous vibrant Blackpool with it's 5 miles stretch of seafront.

Monday - We travel to Staffordshire for a visit to Trentham Estate shopping village before continuing to Lancashire and our hotel in Blackpool where you will be greeted with cream tea on arrival.

Tuesday - After breakfast you have a free day in Blackpool - perhaps take a stroll along the promenade and Golden Mile, enjoy a tram ride along the seafront, explore the Pleasure Beach or visit Blackpool Tower.

Wednesday - Today's excursion provides you with a complete contrast to the hustle and bustle, as we venture into the Lake District to uncover the breathtaking landscape of mountains and Lakes, along with a visit to the lovely town of Bowness on Windermere. We also visit the charming town of Kendal on the River Kent made famous for its Kendal Mint Cake and the village of Hawkshead, known for its lovely cobbled streets, squares and beautiful whitewashed cottages.

Thursday - We depart the hotel after breakfast and travel into Cheshire for a visit to the medieval city of the Chester beside the River Dee - perhaps lose yourself in the old town with its black and white half-timbered houses, stroll along the Roman City walls, visit the Norman Cathedral or browse the unique and ancient 'Rows', a series of excellent covered hopping galleries. We then depart for the journey home.

Our Hotel

We will be staying in the Imperial Hotel, which enjoys a great position on the North Promenade Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, sauna and steam room.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included. And on one evening a three course Bygone years menu served in a private suite.

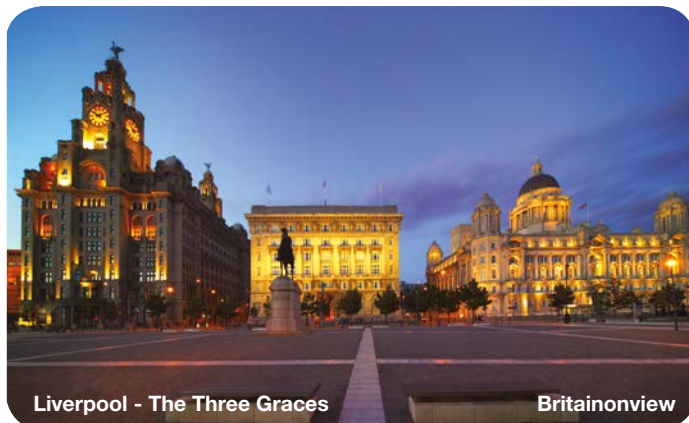
Departure Date & Price

Mon 14th November - 4 days - £275
single room supplement £66.00



Chester & Liverpool

Liverpool - Chester - Afternoon Tea Hard Day's Night Hotel



This exciting tour gives you time to explore the vibrant city of Liverpool. Perhaps visit Chinatown or one of the famous Cathedrals, experience the numerous museums, discover famous Albert Dock and the Beatles Experience, browse the great shopping centres or take a river trip across the Mersey.

Tuesday - We travel to Liverpool where on arrival we have an afternoon tea booked at the Hard day's night Hotel. A chic hotel inspired by Liverpool's very own Beatles. We then continue to our hotel.

Wednesday - Today is a free day in Liverpool where you have the day to explore the many sights and attractions of this very famous city. Perhaps visit Chinatown or one of the famous Cathedrals, experience the numerous museums, discover famous Albert Dock and the Beatles Experience, browse the great shopping centres or take a river trip across the Mersey on board one of the most famous ferries in the world!

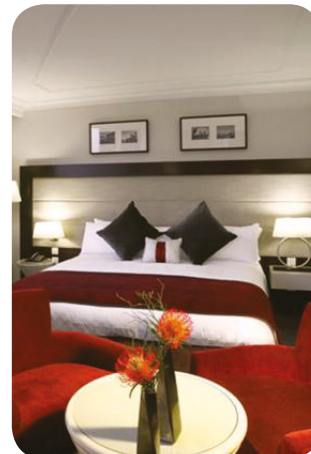
Thursday - After breakfast we travel to the historic town of Chester. You have free time to enjoy the city's many attractions include the Norman Cathedral, Roman City Walls and old town with it's half-timbered houses and the ancient 'Rows' a series of unique black and white, two -tiered shopping galleries. We then re-board the coach for our return journey home.

Our Hotel

We will be staying at the Liverpool, Atlantic Tower hotel which is located opposite the Royal Liver Building and Cruise Terminal. The hotel offers spectacular views of the historical city buildings and River Mersey. Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

Departure Date & Price

Tues 6th December - 3 days - £245
£40 single room supplement



Guernsey & The Isle of Sark

Stay in Guernsey - guided island tours - excursion to Sark - Condor Ferries



Join us to experience Guernsey and Sark gems of the Channel Islands. With a mild climate and a fantastic experience of island life these peaceful and tranquil islands are a visitors paradise.

Day 1 - We travel to Poole for our Condor Ferry to the Island of Guernsey. On arrival you will be met by a local guide and transferred to your hotel where you have the remainder of the day at leisure.

Day 2 - Today we have arranged a full day guided tour of the island with a local operator. Explore the beautiful scenery, beaches and look out points. We visit the Little Chapel decorated with seashells and other broken beach finds as well as a visit to the Freesia Centre to witness the various stages of the growing process of these delicate, fragrance plants.

Day 3 - A full day excursion to the island of Sark. After a 50 minutes boat ride to the island we are met at the port by tractor - train transfer to Sark's commercial centre, followed by a relaxing 2 hour carriage around the island. We then have time at leisure before returning back to St Peter Port.

Day 4 - A full day of leisure for you to enjoy the island. There are local buses that can get you into St Peter Port or just sit back and enjoy the hotel and it's facilities in this beautiful location and mild climate.

Day 5 - We depart our hotel for our afternoon, sailing back to Poole.

Unfortunately we cannot take our coaches to Guernsey. We will take you to and from the UK port. In Guernsey you will be met by a representative from the hotel and transferred to and from the hotel and the tours will be operated by a local tour company.



Our Hotel

We will be staying at the Peninsula Hotel, located in a prominent seafront position on the Vale Peninsula. Relax in the outdoor heated swimming pool. Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

Departure Date & Price

Sun 19th June - 5 days - £479
Sun 18th September - 5 days - £505
£71 single room supplement

Jersey

**Stay in St Helier - Dinner, bed and breakfast
Transport to & from Jersey**



Join us to experience Jersey, gem of the Channel Islands. Jersey lies just a few miles from the French coast. For history and heritage lovers, this island has a remarkable past.

All our tours to Jersey are based on the south coast in St Helier, capital of Jersey and the islands main shopping centre. Discover lively cobbled streets here that still carry old French titles, numerous shops, lovely seafront promenades and a fascinating waterfront with historic harbour and marina to explore.

This pretty town also boasts an excellent choice of restaurants, bars, cafes and numerous attractions including Elizabeth Castle which sits on a rocky islet in the bay, Liberation Square, the award winning Maritime Museum, Jersey Museum and beautiful parks.

Unfortunately we cannot take our coaches to Jersey. We will take you to and from the UK port. In St Helier you will be met by a representative from the hotel and transferred to and from the hotel.

During your stay in Jersey you are free to relax and enjoy Jersey and St Helier at your leisure. A range of excursions to discover the island can be booked through the hotel. These are not included in our price, to enable you the option of personalising your experience.

- * **Return Condor Fast Cat crossing to Jersey**
- * **Transfers to and from UK port**
- * **Transfers between Jersey port & hotel**
- * **Dinner, bed and breakfast**

Our Hotel

We will be staying at the Mayfair Hotel in St Helier, ideally situated close to the main shopping area, and the beach. Relax on the newly refurbished sun terrace or take a swim in the indoor swimming pool.



Departure Date & Price

Mon 4th July - 5 days - £345

The Isles of Scilly

**St Mary's - Hugh Town - Island Tour - Boat trip to Tresco with guide
Tresco Abbey Gardens - Ferry crossings**



Enjoy a more relaxed pace of life in the Isles of Scilly, a beautiful archipelago of about 150 islands off the coast of Cornwall. A tropical paradise of white sandy beaches with a fascinating collection of fauna and flora.

Day 1 - After an early start we travel by coach to Penzance, where we board the ferry for our sailing to St Mary's. On arrival in St Mary's you will be met by a local guide and taken by foot to the hotel, which is just a 5 minute walk away - your luggage will be transported to the hotel for you.

Day 2 - Enjoy an introductory guided tour of St Mary's by local coach, providing an insight into life on the island. The rest of the day is yours to explore at your own pace - perhaps take a dip in the hotel pool or relax on the beach.

Day 3 - Our local guide joins us today for a boat trip to the Island of Tresco. Here we have included a visit to the sub-tropical Tresco Abbey Gardens, home to plant species from 80 countries, ranging from Brazil to New Zealand. There is also an interesting collection of shipwrecked figureheads displayed in their Valhalla Museum, from the many ships that have been lost on the rocky coasts of the Scillies. Please note: there is a 35 minute walk from the harbour to the gardens.

Day 4 - A day at leisure to explore Hugh Town. Perhaps take a stroll along the Garrison walls high above the town, browse the shops, visit the art and craft galleries, or maybe join one of the numerous boat trips which run daily to the inhabited islands such as St. Martin's, St. Agnes or Bryher (cost not included).

Day 5 - Enjoy a free day on the island before joining the ferry back to Penzance, where our coach will meet you for the journey home.

Please note - This holiday involves a lot of walking and so are not recommended for anyone with mobility problems.

Our Hotel

We will be staying on pretty St Mary's, the largest of the islands, at the friendly Bell Rock Hotel in Hugh Town, which enjoys a great central position midway between Town Beach to the front and Porthcressa Bay at the rear, which are both about 100 yards away. Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool.

Dinner bed and breakfast included.



Departure Date & Price

Thurs 14th July - 5 days - £715

Isle of Man Explorer

Guided island tour - Snaefell Mountain Railway - Isle of Man Steam Railway - Manx Electric Railway - ferry crossings



Explore the unique Isle of Man, which lies marooned in the Irish Sea, with miles of countryside and sandy beaches. This little island is famous for its wild natural beauty, heritage, legends and warm Manx welcome.

Saturday - We travel to Heysham in Lancashire to board the 2.15pm ferry to Douglas on the Isle of Man, where we re-join our coach and travel to the hotel.

Sunday - We explore the island in the company of a local guide, with visits to the market town of Ramsey and the harbour town of Peel.

Monday - We board the Isle of Man Steam Railway in Douglas for a scenic journey to the seaside resort of Port Erin, where you will have some free time. We then re-join our coach for a visit to the village of Cregneash, overlooking the Calf of Man, where tiny thatched white cottages, traditional crafts, the way of life and language of the Manx people have been preserved to form a living folk museum. We travel back to Douglas via the ancient capital of Castletown, famous for its magnificent fortress, Castle Rushen.

Tuesday - We board the Manx Electric Railway in Douglas for a train ride to the pretty village of Laxey on the East coast. Here we join the Snaefell Mountain Railway, the only electric mountain railway in Britain, for a journey up to the summit of the Island's only mountain. At the top you can soak up breathtaking views of the 'Seven Kingdoms' - England, Ireland, Wales, Scotland, the Isle of Man, the sea and heaven! You will also have free time in Laxey to get lunch and visit the famous Great Laxey Wheel, 'Lady Isabella', the world's largest working waterwheel, before our train journey back to Douglas.

Wednesday - After breakfast we depart the hotel and join the 8.45am ferry for our sailing back to Heysham, then re-join our coach for the journey home.

Please note - there is no direct coach access to the hotel. You will be dropped off and collected from the promenade, which is 100 metres uphill from the hotel (porterage is included). There are also steps to access the hotel and within the hotel premises. The hotel does have a lift.



Our Hotel

We will be based in the island's capital, Douglas, at the Ascot Hotel, close to the Victorian promenade, beach and shops. You have free use of pool, spa and gym facilities at a gym situated a two minute walk away.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

Departure Date & Price

Sat 3rd September - 5 days - £519.00
£60 single room supplement

Isle of Wight

Sandown - Shanklin - Godshill - Osborne House - Ryde
Waltzing Waters - Yarmouth - Ferry crossings



Explore the Isle of Wight, home to sandy beaches, rich cultural heritage and beautiful countryside. We also get a glimpse into 19th century Royal life with a visit to magnificent Osborne House.

Day 1 - We travel to Lymington for our ferry to Yarmouth on the Isle of Wight, then continue to our hotel in Sandown.

Day 2 - A scenic island tour including lovely coastal views and a visit to the seaside resort of Ryde, where you will have some free time as well as seats to see the Waltzing Waters, a unique indoor attraction where dazzling and elaborate displays of moving water dance into the air accompanied by a range of music.

Day 3 - Today we visit Osborne House for a fascinating insight into the public and private lives of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert as we explore their intimate family apartments, including the Queen's bedroom and state rooms with their opulent interiors. Outside the landscaped grounds feature a unique Swiss Cottage built for the royal children, lovely Italianate gardens, hothouses containing exotic plants, a restaurant and stunning views across the Solent.

Day 4 - This morning we visit the seaside resort of Shanklin, with free time to explore the seafront and picturesque Old Village with its thatched cottages and quaint shops - perhaps visit the Shanklin Chine - a historic deep gorge in the cliff with a 45ft waterfall which cascades down to the shore. Our journey then takes us to picturesque Godshill, renowned for its charming thatched-roofed cottages and winding main street lined with tearooms.

Day 5 - We depart the hotel and travel to Yarmouth, where you will have some free time before we board the ferry for our crossing back to Lymington and journey home, with a visit to Wilton Shopping Village en route.



Our Hotel

We will be based on the island's lovely south east coast in the seaside resort of Sandown, which has a sweeping bay, sheltered golden sands and pier. We will be staying at the Trouville Hotel, which enjoys a great position on the seafront overlooking the beach and is close to the pier and shops. All double and twin bedrooms have stunning sea views.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

Departure Date & Price

Fri 15th July - 5 days - £ 430

Isles of Arran & Bute & Ayrshire Coast

Gretna Green - Isle of Arran - Isle of Bute - Brodrick Castle - Mount Stuart
Robert Burns birth place - Troon & Ayr.



Isle of Arran



Brodrick Castle

Journey with us as we visit 'Scotland in Miniature' the Isle of Arran, which is one of Scotland's most beautiful islands as well as the beautiful Isle of Bute and a visit to Mount Stuart House. We also drive along the wonderful Ayrshire Coast and visit some of its beautiful coastal towns.

Day 1 - We journey to our overnight stay in Preston Lancashire for 1 night stay before we continue to our destination the following morning.

Day 2 - After a breakfast we continue our journey to our hotel in Irvine with a lunch time stop with free time in Gretna Green. Gretna Green is famous for marriages with around 5,000 couples tying the knot here and in Gretna every year. Historically it was to Gretna Green that young English runaway couples eloped so that they could be married 'over the anvil' from the age of 16. Gretna Green Famous Blacksmiths Shop, where couples have come to marry since 1754, is still here. We stay for 4 nights at our hotel the Menzies Irvine Hotel.

Day 3 - After breakfast we travel to The Isle of Arran. Referred to as 'Scotland in Miniature' with its constantly changing landscape of highland glens, rugged mountains alongside sweeping sandy bays and coastal villages. We take a scenic drive around the island before our visit to Brodrick Castle & Gardens.

Day 4 - Today you travel to the Isle of Bute. A beautiful and peaceful haven which is home to the Victorian Resort of Rothesay and Mount Stuart, Britain's most spectacular Victorian Gothic mansion. It lies within 300 acres of gloriously maintained grounds and the mansion comprises of stunning and mysterious interiors for you to explore.

Day 5 - We journey through the stunning scenery of the Ayrshire coast. We visit Alloway the birth place of Robert Burns where we visit the museum which comprises the cottage where he was born. We also visit the coastal towns of Ayr and Droon, famous for its stunning golf course.

Day 6 - We bid farewell and depart for our journey home with suitable comfort stops on route.



Our Hotel

We will be staying overnight on the outward journey at the Samlesbury Hotel near Preston before continuing to our main tour hotel.

Menzies Irvine Hotel Ayrshire - 4 nights stay here. A contemporary hotel set in its own grounds with a brasserie style restaurant and cocktail bar to relax in after a day touring.

Dinner, bed and breakfast included at both hotels.

Departure Date & Price

Sun 5th June - 6 days - £515
£75 single room supplement

Scottish Royal Retreats

Glamis Castle - Royal Yacht Britannia - Edinburgh - Balmoral Castle
New Lanark World Heritage Site



Balmoral Castle

We explore the historic treasures of the Royal families past and present holiday and living retreats. With guided visits to Glamis Castle, Balmoral and the Royal Yacht Britannia to get the most out of your visit as well as free time to explore the impressive and stunning city of Edinburgh.

Sunday - We travel to our overnight stop at the Shap Wells Hotel near Penrith.

Monday - Today we continue our journey to Dunkeld with a visit to New Lanark World Heritage Site visitors centre. The story is told here of the cotton mill village that was built in the 18th Century. You have free time before we continue to our hotel for the next 4 nights.

Tuesday - After breakfast we visit Glamis Castle known as Scotland's most beautiful Castle. You will be greeted with tea & shortbread on arrival before we start our guided tour learning about the history of the castle, famed for being the childhood home of the Queen mother and the setting for Shakespeare's 'Macbeth'. We then return to the hotel.

Wednesday - Today we have a full day ahead as we start with a visit to the Royal Yacht Britannia once the Queen's floating Royal residence. We have a free flow audio tour booked followed by free time for you to explore the beautiful city of Edinburgh.

Thursday - After breakfast we journey to Balmoral Castle set amongst the magnificent scenery of Royal Deeside, in the shadows of Lochnagar. We have arranged a free flow audio tour of Queen Victoria's most special place.

Friday - After breakfast we start our homeward journey with plenty of comfort breaks en route.



Our Hotel

We will be staying at The Hilton Dunkeld House Hotel set on the banks of the River Tay in Perthshire and set in a 280 acre secluded estate. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated swimming pool and spa centre. Our overnight hotel on the outward journey will be at the Shap Wells Hotel near Penrith.

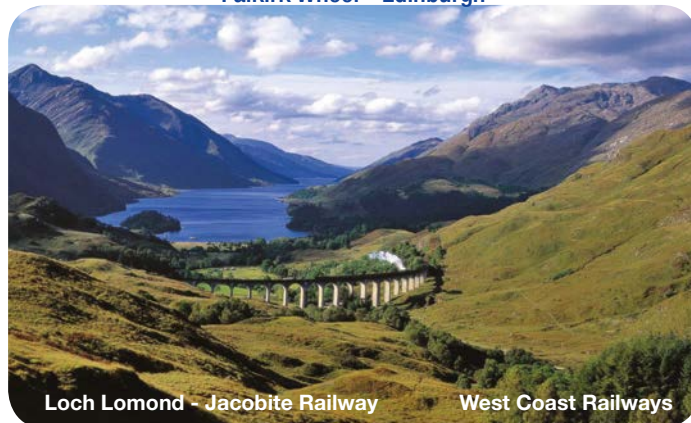
Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

Departure Date & Price

Sun 24th April - 6 days - £575
£115 single room supplement

Classic Steam Journey

Loch Lomond - Waverley Paddle Steamer - Fort William
Jacobite Railway - 2 nights Scottish Entertainment at hotel
Falkirk Wheel - Edinburgh



Loch Lomond - Jacobite Railway

West Coast Railways

Journey with us and see Scotland by steam power and travel through magnificent scenery on train and by boat. We enjoy a trip on 'The Waverley' Paddle steamer as well as an exhilarating journey on board the Jacobite railway all passing through breathtaking scenery.

Day 1 - We journey to Loch Lomond with plenty of comfort stops en route. After settling into your room, your hosts invite you for a welcome drink. After dinner you are treated to some evening entertainment.

Day 2 - After a hearty Scottish breakfast today's excursion takes us on a cruise down the Clyde on the vintage paddle steamer 'The Waverley'. Our journey starts in Glasgow and arrives in Dunoon where you will then have some time to look around before we return to the hotel where you have free time to enjoy the hotel and its stunning surroundings.

Day 3 - Breakfast is followed by a full day's excursion through the 'weeping glen' to Fort William and an exhilarating trip on the Jacobite Steam train to Mallaig which on its journey takes you over Glenfinnan Viaduct made famous by the Harry Potter films. We then return to our hotel.

Day 4 - Today you will be heading East to the Falkirk Wheel. The wheel raises boats by 24 metres (79ft), but the Union Canal is still 11 metres (36ft) higher than the aqueduct which meets the wheel, and boats must pass through a pair of locks to get between the top of the wheel and the Union Canal. The Falkirk Wheel is the only rotating boat lift of its kind in the world. We then continue to Edinburgh where you will have free time before returning to our hotel.

Day 5 - We bid farewell and depart for our journey home with suitable comfort stops en route.

The itineraries are subject to change and may run on different days to coincide with attractions.



Our Hotel

We will be staying in an idyllic setting close to Loch Lomond at the charming family run Winnock Hotel. A former 18th century inn, it nestles beside the pretty village green in the picturesque village of Drymen and offers traditional bars and log fires along with a warm and friendly hospitality and excellent cuisine.

Dinner, bed and breakfast.

Departure Date & Price

Thurs 30th June - 5 days - £489
Single room supplement £60

Scotland's Far North - Orkney & Shetland

Thurso - cruise to Orkney - guided tour of Orkney with local guide - cruise to Shetland - guided tour of Shetland
John O'Groats - scenic Highlands tour - Stirling



Journey with us to the far reaches of Great Britain and explore the special islands of Orkney and Shetland. A unique tapestry of outstanding beauty, spirituality, archaeological wonders, enthralling wildlife and history, Scotland's remote Northern Isles are sure to delight and inspire you with their unrivalled variety and array of natural wonders. Exploring Orkney you will find a haven of unspoilt beaches, jagged cliffs and impressive stone circles left by ancient settlers. Shetland is a captivating wilderness of dramatic landscapes where ancient treasures abound, colonies of birds fill the vast skies and the famous Shetland ponies wander freely.

Saturday - We travel to our overnight hotel near Glasgow.

Sunday - After breakfast we depart the hotel and journey to Aviemore in the Cairngorms National Park before continuing through the glorious Highlands to reach the far north of Scotland and our hotel in Thurso.

Monday - This morning we have free time in Thurso. There's plenty to see and do in and around the delightful town of Thurso. The town is a hive of lovely traditional shops, cafes, bars and restaurants. Other great 'must-sees' are the circular wellhouse of Meadow Well, a fine public library and the impressive Janet Street overlooking the River Thurso close to Thurso Bridge. In the afternoon we visit John O'Groats, the most northerly place on mainland Britain before returning to Thurso.

Tuesday - Today we discover Orkney. We depart the hotel and we board the Northlink Ferry at Scrabster and sail to Stromness on mainland Orkney, cruising past the impressive rock stack known as the Old Man of Hoy and the red sandstone cliffs of St John's Head, the highest sea cliffs in Great Britain. We then rejoin our coach for a sightseeing tour of the island in the company of a local guide, which takes us to the Neolithic village of Skara Brae, an incredibly well preserved stone village dating back 5,000 years, and nearby Skaill House. We then continue to Scapa Flow, a natural harbour that was used as a naval base in both World Wars - relics of the wars lie within and around the Flow, including seven German ships, the Churchill Barriers and the inspiring Italian Chapel, built by Italian prisoners of war. We also discover the magnificent Ring of Brodgar, originally 60 stones in a vast ceremonial circle between the Stenness and Harray Lochs, 27 of which remain standing, after which we return to Kirkwall for an included evening meal at a local restaurant before boarding Northlink Ferries' 11pm overnight mini-cruise to Shetland.



Wednesday - Enjoy breakfast on board the ferry this morning before we disembark at Lerwick, Shetland's capital. Here we re-join our coach and meet a local guide for a day of sightseeing, including stops at several of the island's best viewpoints for photo opportunities. Our time here will also include a visit to the Jarlshof Settlement one of the most remarkable archaeological sites ever excavated in the British Isles, showcasing over 5,000 years of civilization. We end the day in historic Lerwick, where we re-board the Northlink Ferry for our overnight mini-cruise to Aberdeen in Scotland. A leisurely carvery-style dinner is included on board.

Thursday - An early breakfast is served on board before we disembark the ferry in Aberdeen. We join our coach here and travel along beautiful Royal Deeside, past the Balmoral Estate and through the breathtaking Pass of Glenshee to our hotel near Glasgow.

Friday - After breakfast we depart our hotel for our journey home, with suitable comfort stops en route.

Our Hotels & Cruises

On our outward journey we will be staying at the Holiday Inn in East Kilbride, just outside of Glasgow.

We also stay for 2 nights in Thurso, the most northerly town on the Scottish mainland, at the central Royal Hotel. Situated on the shore of the Pentland Firth, this historic town is an ideal base for exploring Scotland's far north and boasts incredible views of Dunnet Head and the Island of Hoy.

On our return journey we stay for again at the Holiday Inn in east Kilbride. During the tour we enjoy 2 nights cruising with Northlink Ferries as we discover the islands of Orkney and Shetland. We have included accommodation in comfortable lower berth cabins with en suite facilities. Northlink require all passengers to carry photographic identification.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included throughout the tour, plus a soup and sandwich lunch on board the ferry, and all entrance charges.

Departure Date & Price

Sat 13th August - 7 days - £890
£185 single room supplement

A Scottish Train Journey

Loch Lomond - Cruise on Loch Katrine on board Steam Ship SS Sir Walter Scott - Falkirk Wheel - Bo'ness & Kinneil Steam Railway with afternoon cream tea - Tea Dance Loch Lomond



Loch Lomond

P Tomkins - Visit Scotland

Journey with us as we embark on a Scottish Steam Journey through the stunning countryside of beautiful Scotland. Take a step back in time on a nostalgic mix of rail steam journeys, a cruise on Loch Katrine and a ride on the Falkirk Wheel. We have also included a tea dance at Loch Lomond.

Day 1 - We journey to Loch Lomond with plenty of comfort stops en route. After settling into your room, your hosts invite you for a welcome drink. After dinner you are treated to some evening entertainment.

Day 2 - After a hearty Scottish breakfast today's excursion takes you back in time as you board the Bo'ness and Kinneil Steam Train. The journey takes you along the shores of the Forth to the fire clay mines at Birkhill. You are served a Cream tea on board the train as you sit back and take in the stunning views. We return to the hotel where you have free time to enjoy the hotel and its stunning surroundings.

Day 3 - After breakfast you will enjoy a cruise on the Steam Ship Sir Walter Scott the flagship and the jewel in the beautiful Loch Katrine. Loch Katrine is a freshwater loch in the district of Stirling. Steeped in history and legend it is the perfect place to start your Trossachs adventure. We then have lunch at a local restaurant overlooking the Loch.

Day 4 - Today you will be heading East to the Falkirk Wheel. The wheel raises boats by 24 metres (79ft), but the Union Canal is still 11 metres (36ft) higher than the aqueduct which meets the wheel, and boats must pass through a pair of locks to get between the top of the wheel and the Union Canal. The Falkirk Wheel is the only rotating boat lift of its kind in the world. We then return to Loch Lomond where a tea dance has been arranged for you. The rest of the afternoon is free.

Day 5 - We bid farewell and depart for our journey home with suitable comfort stops on route.



Our Hotel

We will be staying in an idyllic setting close to Loch Lomond at the charming family run Winnock Hotel. A former 18th century inn, it nestles beside the pretty village green in the picturesque village of Drymen and offers traditional bars and log fires along with a warm and friendly hospitality and excellent cuisine.

Dinner, bed and breakfast.

Departure Date & Price

Thurs 14th April - 5 days - £415

Sun 28th August - 5 days - £479

single room supplement £60.00

An all inclusive Scottish House Party

Loch Lomond - Cruise on Loch Katrine on board Steam Ship SS Sir Walter Scott & afternoon tea - Loch Lomond cruise Whisky Distillery - Stirling



Loch Katrine

P Tomkins - Visit Scotland

Journey with us as we embark on an all inclusive journey to Scotland. Journey through the stunning countryside of beautiful Scotland with scenic drives and Loch cruises and learn first hand how the infamous Whisky is made at our excursion to a distillery. We stay at the beautiful Winnock Hotel in Drymen on an all inclusive basis.

Day 1 - We journey to Loch Lomond with plenty of comfort stops en route. After settling into your room, your hosts invite you for a welcome drink. After dinner you are treated to some evening entertainment.

Day 2 - After a hearty Scottish breakfast today's excursion takes us to the Shores of Loch Lomond to join our cruise around the Loch, where you can witness the stunning scenery as we cruise around the Loch. After we re-board our coach for a scenic drive following the shores of Loch Lomond and through the Trossachs National Park.

Day 3 - After breakfast you will enjoy a journey to Stirling. A vibrant Scottish city and home to many of Scotland's top attractions including its Castle and the National Wallace Monument. You will have free time here before we continue to the Glengoyne whisky distillery.

Day 4 - On our day today you will enjoy a cruise on the Steam Ship Sir Walter Scott the flagship and the jewel in the beautiful Loch Katrine. Loch Katrine is a freshwater loch in the district of Stirling, steeped in history and legend it is the perfect place to start your Trossachs adventure. We then have also included an afternoon tea at a local restaurant overlooking the Loch.

Day 5 - We bid farewell and depart for our journey home with suitable comfort stops on route.

The itineraries are subject to change and may run on different days to coincide with attractions.

Your all inclusive package will include: 3 course dinner, bed & full Scottish breakfast. Unlimited tea & coffee, glass of house wine with dinner, unlimited house brand drinks from the bar between 7.30 – 10.30pm, evening entertainment each night and packed lunch daily.



Our Hotel

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Departure Date & Price

Mon 17th October - 5 days - £435

Single room supplement £64

Mountains & Gardens of Wicklow

Bray - Powerscourt House Gardens - Wicklow Mountains - Avoca - Dublin - Kilkenny - Kildare



Discover the 'Garden of Ireland' on this great new tour to beautiful County Wicklow, which brings you an original look at the coast, city and countryside with delightful journeys by road. A scenic drive takes us through the rugged peaks and undulating green hills of the Wicklow Mountains National Park.

Sunday - We travel to Holyhead where we join the Stena Line Ferry for our afternoon crossing to Dublin in Ireland. We then continue to our hotel at Blessington Lakes.

Monday - Join us today for a memorable excursion exploring the mountainous scenery and hidden treasures of the Wicklow Mountains National Park. We begin with a visit to breathtaking Powerscourt House Gardens, beautifully set against the backdrop of Sugar Loaf Mountain. Here you will find 47 acres of landscaped gardens to explore, featuring delightful lakes, ornamental gardens, sweeping terraces, lovely walks and over 200 species of trees and shrubs. The house, originally a 13th century castle and remodelled into a magnificent mansion, was gutted by fire in 1974 but was restored and re-opened in 1996, although not to its original glory. The house is now home to the best of Irish design in gifts, clothes, and furniture in the Avoca and Global Village Stores, plus there is a charming Museum of Childhood and Terrace Cafe. After free time to explore Powerscourt at your own pace our scenic drive then continues to the seaside town of Bray.

Tuesday - Majestic mountain scenery and a visit to the pretty village of Glendalough to reach the famous beauty spot 'The Meeting of the Waters', where the Avonmore and Avonbeg rivers come together to form the Avoca River. Enjoy free time in the pretty riverside village of Avoca, the setting for TV series 'Ballykissangel' and home to Ireland's oldest working mill - perhaps drop into Fitzgerald's pub for a pint of Guinness, or take a stroll to soak up the surrounding scenery before we pay a visit to Avoca Mill where we have a guided tour of the working Mill.

Wednesday - Experience a visit to Kildare and the Irish National Stud including a tour and the museum. Also visit the Japanese Gardens, acclaimed to be the finest in Europe and a living monument to the meeting of Eastern and western cultures. In the afternoon we uncover one of Ireland's most beautiful cities as we visit medieval Kilkenny, once the capital of Ireland.

Thursday - After breakfast we depart the hotel and travel to Dublin where we have some free time to discover some of Dublin's attractions at your own pace. Perhaps visit the Writers Museum or National Gallery, stand in awe of majestic St Patrick's Cathedral, talk a stroll through the beautiful grounds of Trinity College and view the ancient Book of Kells housed here, indulge in some retail therapy on Grafton Street. We then continue to the port for our afternoon return ferry and our journey home.



Our Hotel

We will be staying at the Tulfarris Hotel and Resort, Blessington Lakes. Well known for its good quality locally sourced food. The restaurant has stunning views across the golf course and lakes making it the perfect place to relax and unwind after a day of exploring County Wicklow.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included

Departure Date & Price

Sun 10th July - 5 days - £469

£80 single room supplement

County Claire Ireland

Bunratty Castle - Spanish point hotel - Waterford - Cliffs of Moher
Atlantic Edge Visitor Centre - The Burren - Kilrush - Foynes Museum - Ferry crossings



Explore the West of Ireland in County Clare. Known as the 'Traditional Ireland' thanks to its sleepy villages with colourful shop fronts, smoke from peat fires and local musicians playing in olde worlde bars. We stay in a hotel with a stunning base to explore the spectacular scenery of this region.

Day 1 - We travel to Fishguard for our afternoon sailing to Rosslare. On arrival in Ireland we will continue to our overnight hotel in Waterford.

Day 2 - Today we head West to Spanish Point for our base for the next 3 nights. On the way we visit the 15th century Bunratty Castle and the collection of cottages and houses that make up the Folk park within it's grounds. The charming 'living village' gives a fascinating insight into life in Ireland during the 19th century.

Day 3 - Today we explore the breathtaking Cliffs of Moher, which are home to Ireland's largest colony of sea birds. We have included entry and an audio-visual presentation at The Atlantic Edge visitor centre. We then continue with a scenic drive through the moonscape scenery of The Burren, with majestic mountains' tranquil valleys and megalithic tombs older than Egypt's pyramids. We make an afternoon stop at the village of Corofin before returning to our hotel.

Day 4 - A day journeying South through Kilrush and onto Killmer where we board the Shannon Ferry to Tarbet. We then travel to Foynes Flying Boat Museum, which recalls when Foynes was the centre of the aviation world for air traffic between the USA and Europe. We also visit the Maritime Museum. Foynes is also famous for being the birthplace of the Irish Coffee, so we have included one to finish off your tour.

Day 5 - We depart our hotel this morning for our journey back to Waterford for our overnight stay. On arrival at the hotel you will have plenty of free time to explore this beautiful city, founded by Viking Traders in 914. The city has an exciting medieval flavour and riverside bustle.

Day 6 - After an early start this morning we travel to Rosslare for our 0900 ferry to Fishguard. Once we have re boarded our coach we continue with our journey home.



Our Hotel

On the first night of the tour we will be staying in Waterford at the Treacy's Hotel. The next 3 nights we stay in Spanish Point at the stunning coastal located hotel The Armada. The hotel overlooks the Atlantic Ocean and started off as a tiny Inn and has been extended and extensively refurbished to a beautiful family run property.

Our last night stay will be at the Waterford Marina Hotel. Dinner, bed and breakfast is included throughout the tour.

Departure Date & Price

Sat 10th September - 6 days - £575
£96 single room supplement

Giant's Causeway & The Titanic Belfast

Giant's Causeway - Titanic Belfast Visitor Centre - Antrim Coast
Mount Stewart House and gardens - Ballymena - Ferry crossings



Giant's Causeway

Explore the beautiful scenery of the Ards Peninsular, the spectacular Antrim Coast and the highlights of Belfast City including the impressive Titanic Visitor Centre. This tour encompasses the beauty of the stunning region in Northern Ireland.

Tuesday - We travel to Holyhead in North Wales to board our 1.50pm ferry for the crossing to Ireland. Our ferry docks in Dublin at 5.05pm and we re-board the coach for the journey to our hotel in Belfast arriving early evening.

Wednesday - Today we have a full day in the capital starting with a visit to the Titanic Belfast Visitor Centre, located beside the historic slipways where RMS Titanic was built. Inside you can re-live the Titanic story from her birth in Belfast to the fateful maiden voyage and her eventual discovery on the seabed. You then have free time to see the city highlight's such as City Hall and the National Trust's historic Crown Liquor Saloon.

Thursday - Today we take the stunning coastal route via the small fishing town of Carnlough, and through various picturesque villages to arrive at Giant's Causeway. Described by many as the eighth wonder of the world, this natural phenomenon is made up of unusual geometric columns which rise up from the Atlantic, formed 60 million years ago by volcanic activity, although legend says it was created by the mighty giant Finn McCool, who pulled up the stones to make a path from Ireland to Scotland to fight the Scottish giant, Benandonner! Entrance is included to the visitor centre here, plus transport on the shuttle bus out to the Causeway. Our journey then continues back to Belfast with a stop in the town of Ballymena.

Friday - A journey South to Downpatrick for a brief stop at Down Cathedral, the final resting place of St Patrick. Then onto the pretty village of Strangford where we cross the Lough by car ferry and then continue to Newtonwards and Mount Stewart House and gardens originally created by Lady Londonderry in the 1930's. We have arranged a guided tour whilst here.

Saturday - After breakfast we travel into Dublin to join the ferry for our crossing to Holyhead in North Wales. We then re-board the coach and continue our journey home.

Our Hotel

We are staying at the Stormont Hotel situated just 4 miles from Belfast City centre, overlooking the beautiful grounds of Stormont Estate.

Dinner bed, breakfast and is included.



Departure Date & Price

Tues 2nd August - 5 days - £559
£114 single room supplement

Bulbfields & Amsterdam

Noordwijk - Eurotunnel crossings - Amsterdam + River Cruise Bulb
District Flower Parade - Keukenhof Gardens



Paignton

pdsr.co.uk

Let us whisk you away this spring to Holland, the flower garden of Europe. April is the perfect time to see this beautiful country as the Bulbfields and famous tulips are in full bloom, creating a blanket of vibrant and dazzling colour over the landscape. We will be based in the coastal resort of Noordwijk.

Friday - We travel to Folkestone for our Eurotunnel crossing to Calais, then continue through France and Belgium into Holland, where our journey continues to to our hotel in Noordwijk.

Saturday - The annual Flower Parade leaves Noordwijk this morning for its slow journey through the Bulbfields region, so you will have the opportunity to admire the magnificently decorated floats as they pass through the resort. Known as 'the face of Spring', it is the most famous parade in the Netherlands and consists of about twenty floats, marching bands and more than thirty vehicles all covered with flowers and lavishly decorated.

After soaking up this wonderful event we depart Noordwijk for our scenic journey through the Dutch countryside, to reach spectacular Keukenhof Gardens at Lisse, the world's largest bulb flower park. A glorious sight awaits you here with 80 acres of wooded parkland featuring breathtaking floral displays, ancient trees, exhibitions, ponds, theme gardens, fountains and exquisite works of art.

Sunday - After breakfast we depart the hotel for our excursion to historic Amsterdam, a city world-renowned for its canals and museums, where you will have free time to explore at your own pace. Perhaps visit Ann Franks House, the Rijks Museum, Van Gogh Museum or Dam Square, see the city from the water with a relaxing cruise along the romantic canals. We have booked you a river cruise on arrival and then the rest of the time here is yours.

Monday - After breakfast we depart the hotel and travel through Belgium and France to Calais for our return Eurotunnel crossing and journey home.

Our Hotel

A warm welcome awaits you at The Golden Tulip Noordwijk Beach, which boasts a great position on the seafront in Noordwijk. Located at the heart of Holland's bulb-growing region, this famous coastal town is the perfect base for this tour, and is renowned for its friendly atmosphere, miles of sandy beaches and refreshing sea air.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.



Departure Date & Price

Fri 22nd April - 4 days - £455
£81 single room supplement

Copenhagen & Sweden

Bremen - Overnight ferry crossings - Copenhagen - guided tour and boat cruise - Oresund Bridge
Lund Museum - Kronborg Castle - Roskilde



Nyhavn Harbour



Copenhagen Harbour

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Join us on this brand new tour of Denmark, one of Europe's smallest countries. Spread across a number of islands it offers uncluttered countryside and a long coastline that includes the North and Baltic Seas. Our tour is based in Copenhagen, the capital. See sights including historic castles, palaces and striking architecture in both Sweden and Denmark.

Tuesday - We travel to Harwich for our overnight ferry the to Hook of Holland. Outside cabins have been reserved for the crossing.

Wednesday - On arrival in Holland we continue our journey to Bremen in Germany for our overnight stop. You will have free time in Bremen before your evening meal.

Thursday - We travel today through Germany and then take the ferry to Rodby in Denmark before continuing to our hotel in Copenhagen for our 4 nights stay.

Friday - We have a full day in Copenhagen today. This morning we have arranged a guided city tour followed by a sightseeing cruise through the canals and harbour. See all the main sights including the wonderful Amalienborg Palace, the Little Mermaid, the narrow, winding pedestrian streets and the pretty harbour area around Nyhavn. The rest of the day is yours to explore this beautiful city.

Saturday - We travel today into Sweden. Crossing the magnificent Oresund Bridge near Malmo, one of the world's greatest road links and a marvel of modern engineering. We continue North, through pine forests to Lund where we visit the the Kuluren Open air Museum. It is the second oldest open-air in the world, founded in 1892 and includes more than thirty buildings showing how people lived and worked through the ages in Sweden. We then continue North and take a ferry across the Oresund Sound to Helsingor back to Denmark and a visit to Kronborg Castle. Made famous in Shakespeare's hamlet the castle has a dramatic location overlooking the sea. See the Royal apartments, Battlements, Ballroom and Castle Chapel and gardens.

Sunday - This morning we travel to Roskilde one of the oldest cities in Denmark. More than 1000 years ago the Vikings established a trading post that developed into a major town. In medieval times, Roskilde was one of the most important cities in Northern Europe and it was the seat of the Danish Crown. We visit the Viking Ship Museum before you have free time to explore many of the pedestrianised areas of the city. We then return back to our hotel where you have free time in Copenhagen.

Monday - We start to travel back through Denmark and back to Germany for our overnight stay in Bremen.

Tuesday - This morning we leave Bremen and visit Rotterdam in South Holland where you will have free time before we continue to the Hook of Holland and our overnight crossing to Harwich. We have outside cabins reserved for this journey.

Wednesday - On arrival in Harwich we continue our journey back home.



Our Hotel

We will be staying for 4 nights at the Scandic Sydhavnen Hotel set in a quiet area approximately 3km's from the very heart of Copenhagen. The hotel has a bar, fitness room, spa and roof terrace.

On our outward and return journeys we enjoy overnight stays in the Best western Hotel Zur Post Bremen. Close to the centre and attractions of Bremen.

Throughout the tour dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

Departure Date & Price

Tues 17th May - 9 days - £1015
£115 single room supplement

The Dolomites, Lake Garda & Verona

Brenta Dolomites - Stay in Fondo - Guided Tour of Verona - Lake Garda and lake cruise - Merano
Overnight stays in France - Euro Tunnel crossings



Venice

Verona Tourism



Lake Molveno

Fall in love with Italy's awe-inspiring mountain and lakes region, an area of unspoilt natural beauty where towering mountains, rolling hills, shimmering waters, lush forests and old world charm combine to create picture-perfect scenes. We enjoy a boat trip on Lake Garda and as a contrast to the countryside we visit the romantic and stunning city of Verona where we take a walking guided tour of this spectacular city.

Saturday - We travel to Folkestone for our Eurotunnel crossing to Calais, then continue through France to reach our overnight hotel in Forbach, with suitable comfort stops en route.

Sunday - Enjoy spectacular scenery today as our journey continues through the Austrian Tyrol, crossing the Europa Bridge a 2459ft bridge spanning the River Sill and travelling into Italy via the Delle Palade pass to our hotel in Fondo for the next 5 nights stay.

Monday - Today is free for you to explore the pretty village of Fondo which is located in an area of outstanding beauty in a fertile valley at the foot of the Brenta Dolomites.

Fondo is a pleasant town, with a prominent church and town square, complete with astronomical clock. There is a very pleasant walk through the Rio Sass Canyon, up to Lake Smeraldo, which is accessible from the Centre of town and takes about 45 mins or just enjoy the hospitality of the hotel.

Tuesday - Today we enjoy a full days tour to Verona. The romantic city of Verona is home to Shakespeare's protagonists in his famous play 'Romeo & Juliet'. We will meet a local guide who will show you the many attractions of this city before you have free time to re explore the city and enter again through the 14th Century arches of the Portoni della Bra and make your way to the historic part of the town, the Piazza Bra, a large open space dominated by the imposing Roman Arena. Stroll along the Via Mazzini, a pedestrian street paved with marble leading to the beautiful main square. And of course a visit to Juliet's balcony is a must see.

Wednesday - Towering peaks and sparkling waters await you today as we pass through the Dolomites to our destination of Lake Garda. You will have free time to explore Riva before boarding our boat for our trip across the lake to Melcesine. On arrival you can explore the town before re-boarding the coach for our scenic drive back to our hotel.

Thursday - Today we take a scenic drive to the old spa town of Merano. Nestled amongst the majestic Dolomite mountains with the Passirio river tumbling through it's centre. Merano boasts a mixture of Austrian efficiency and Italian charm. We then head back to our hotel where you have the rest of the day to enjoy your hotel and Fondo.

Friday - After breakfast we bid farewell to our hosts and depart Italy for the journey back into France, to reach our overnight hotel in Forbach.

Saturday - We depart Forbach and travel North to arrive at Calais for our return Eurotunnel crossing to Folkestone and journey home, with suitable comfort stops en route.



Our Hotel

We will be staying for 5 nights at the Lady Maria Hotel in Fondo. This super family run hotel is ideally located in the centre of Fondo and is known for it's warm welcome and outstanding hospitality. The hotel has an indoor swimming pool and spa (local charges apply).

On our outward and return journeys we enjoy overnight stays in the Mecure Forbach Hotel France.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included throughout and a Trentino cookery demonstration.

Departure Date & Price

Sat 04th June - 8 days - £745
£94 single room supplement

Swiss Alps

Davos - Basel - Klosters - Chur - Bernia Express journey Davos to Tirano
St Moritz - Friburg - Euro Tunnel crossings



Join us on this brand new tour to Switzerland. Visiting some of the most beautiful and famous resorts in beautiful Switzerland and a trip on the famous and stunning Bernia Express, sweeping through mountains, lakes, gorges and glaciers into Italy. We will be staying in the wonderful resort of Davos high in the Alps and surrounded by stunning scenery.

Tuesday - We travel to Folkestone for our Euro tunnel crossing to Calais where we then continue to our over night stop in Forbach in France.

Wednesday - Onwards we travel through France and into Switzerland where we have a stop in the city of Basel ' the cultural city of Switzerland' before continuing to our hotel in Davos for our 5 nights stay.

Thursday - Today is a full day at leisure in Davos. We have included the 'Davos Card' which permits you to free and unlimited use of all local transport. Perhaps take a trip on the Schwarzalp Mountain Railway with lunch in the panoramic restaurant or a visit to the nearby Alpine Garden. Davos has plenty to offer with various museums, walks and a lake for swimming.

Friday - We travel to the resort of Klosters, the playground for the royals and rich and famous. After a brief stop here we continue to Chur. This charming historic town has cobbled streets, secret courtyards and a large cathedral to explore at your leisure. On our return journey to Davos we journey through the verdant Albula Pass 7595ft above sea level.

Saturday - Today we board the Bernia Express in Davos and enjoy the fantastic journey through the mountains to Italy. See lakes, gorges, picture post card villages and glaciers as well as a series of loops and tunnels that make this one of Europe's greatest train journeys climbing up to 2253 metres high. On our arrival in Tirano Italy you will have some free time before re boarding the coach for our return journey and a fresh perspective of the scenery en route.

Sunday - We journey to the resort of St Moritz. Elegant and chic it lies in the middle of a lake - dotted landscape and offers one of the sunniest climates in Switzerland. We then return to Davos in the afternoon where you have the rest of the day at leisure.

Monday - Today we leave Switzerland and travel back to our overnight stop in France with a stop in Germany and the the town of Freiburg sitting at the foot of the Black Forest's wooded slopes back to Germany for our overnight stay in Bremen.

Tuesday - We continue with our journey home to Calais and our Euro Tunnel crossing to Folkestone and then our journey back home to this area.



Our Hotel

We will be staying for 5 nights at the Central Sporthotel Davos Platz. An elegant 4 star hotel with an excellent quiet central location. The hotel has an indoor swimming pool.

On our outward and return journeys we enjoy overnight stays in the Mecure Forbach Centre, Forbach France.

Throughout the tour dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

Departure Date & Price

Tuesday 19th July - 8 days - £920
£115 single room supplement

Brittany

Benodet - Quimper - Pont-Aven - Concarneau - Fouesnant
Chateau De Kerjan - Morlaix - Ferry crossings



Uncover a unique French region rich in tradition and history, where the friendly Bretons still speak their ancient language. A spectacular rugged coastline is backed by rolling green countryside and interspersed with sweeping sandy bays, picturesque fishing ports, charming villages and medieval towns steeped in legend.

Tuesday - We travel to Plymouth and join the overnight Brittany Ferries ship for our cruise to France.

Wednesday - We dock in the French port of Roscoff and then travel to the town of Morlaix, an historical port town with one of the largest Viaducts to be seen towering above. Cobble street and plenty of half timbered houses are here to explore with your free time here before we continue to Chateau de Kerjan both a stronghold and a symbol of the Renaissance in Brittany built between 1550 and 1590. We re-join our coach and travel to our hotel in Concarneau.

Thursday - Today is a day of leisure for you to enjoy your hotel and the resort of Concarneau. The town has made it's living from the fishing industry for hundreds of years with its busy fishing, the other main attraction is the quaint ville close, a walled town with narrow streets filled with restaurants and shops. Take a walk around the ramparts for spectacular views of the town.

Friday - We travel to the ancient city of Quimper on the River Odet, famous for its local pottery and 13th century gothic Cathedral. Also not to be missed are the many timber framed buildings. In the afternoon we visit a rustic cider farm where we have a tour to find out about the production of the cider and of course try a little tasting.

Saturday - After breakfast a relaxing day touring the nearby coastal towns of the Finistere, stopping in Benodet, on the River Odet, Fouesnant, a charming and authentic Breton Village and then a visit to the picturesque Pont-Aven, an artists town where Paul Gauguin set up his studio and painted many of his famous canvases.

Sunday - After breakfast and an early departure from our hotel, we journey to Roscoff to join our 9.15am ferry for our return crossing back to Plymouth. On arrival in Plymouth we re-join our coach for the journey home, with suitable comfort stops en route.

Our Hotel

We will be staying in the resort of Concarneau at the Hotel de L'Ocean overlooking the bay and close to the historic town which boasts a pretty harbour, a host of charming cafes, creperies and seafood restaurants, a number of little shops and superb sandy beaches. The hotel has an outdoor heated swimming pool.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

Departure Date & Price

Tues 30th August - 6 days - £615
£184 single room supplement



Battle of The Somme 100th Anniversary

Amiens - Albert - Museum of The Somme - Lochnagar Crater - Beaumont Hamel - Thiepval Memorial - Pernoone - Museum of The Great War
Rancourt Cemetery - Longueval - Arras - Wellington Quarries - Eurotunnel crossings



2016 marks the the 100th anniversary of the Battle of The Somme.

To commemorate the occasion join us for a moving journey back through time to the heart of the World War I battlefields in France. In the company of expert guides we tread in the footsteps of the brave to explore the most poignant sites, cemeteries and memorials and Museums dedicated to these awful times. We will be based in the French City of Amiens the capital of the Somme Department in Picardy. The city suffered much damage in the War's and occupied many times from both sides.

Day 1 - We travel to Folkestone for our Eurotunnel crossing to Calais in France. We journey on to the town of Abbeville located on the River Somme and on the main road from Boulogne to Paris. Throughout most of the war the town was headquarters to the Commonwealth lines of communications as well as many field hospitals. You will have some free time here before we continue our journey to our hotel in Amiens.

Day 2 - We begin today with a visit to Albert. First we visit the 'Somme 1916 Museum', this underground museum shows life in the WW1 trenches, displaying actual artefacts reclaimed from the actual trenches. It consists of a 230 meter underground passage once the crypt beneath the basilica. We then meet our local guide who will join us as we visit Lochnagar Crater, a crater created by Royal Engineers in a mine and then detonating 27 tons of explosives. We then continue to Beaumont Hamel to see Newfoundland Park a battlefield sight comprising of trenches and memorials to the fallen soldiers, mainly from the Newfoundland Regiments. We then proceed to The Thiepval Memorial - British Memorial. This colossal iconic WW1 arch bears the names of 73,000 men called the 'Missing of the Somme' who were killed in battles on this spot but no known grave. Inscribed on the arch are the words 'The the French and British Armies from grateful British Empire'. We then visit more areas of the Battle Fields of The Somme including Rancourt Cemetery, the largest French Military Cemetery containing the remains of 8566 men. On our return to our hotel we visit Longueval with it's memorials and cemeteries to many nations including South Africa and New Zealand.

Day 3 - Today we visit the Historial of the Great War Museum in Pernoone, situated in the heart of the Somme Battlefields and which holds a comprehensive collection of the causes and the costs of the First World War from the soldiers who fought in this area to the civilians who were drawn innocently into the war.



We then visit Le P'tit train de la Haute Somme. It is the last remaining section of a large military network built during WW1. The site is situated right in the zone of the Battle of The Somme where British and French armies had built a considerable network to prepare the offensive and supply the artillery. We board a diesel train and travel through the area and also visit the Narrow Gauge Railway Museum.

Day 4 - This morning we travel to the beautiful front-line town of Arras, capital of the Pas-de-Calais, largely destroyed during the Great War. You have free time here to perhaps visit the beautiful central square or the Musee Des Beaux Arts before we visit the Wellington Quarries, an underground museum which has been sensitively created in a section of the vast underground tunnels dug by the British and New Zealand Armies during the War. You will be taken 20 metres below the cobbled streets of Arras by lift to gain a fascinating insight into the lives of soldiers, and see artefacts still lying in the places they were left, with helmets on the floors, dog tags, ancient electrical fittings, railway carts, bottles, boots, tools and bullets, all perfectly preserved. We then return to our hotel where you have the rest of the afternoon free.

Day 5 - After breakfast we depart for the coastal town of Saint Valery-Sur-Somme a delightful town famous for it's characteristic medieval buildings and ramparts. We then depart and travel back through France and on to Calais for our return Eurotunnel crossing and journey home, with suitable comfort stops en route.

Our Hotel

We will be staying in the Mecure Amiens Cathedrale Hotel in Amiens. Located in the heart of the city just 50m from the Cathedral which is an UNESCO World Heritage site. With an indoor furnished patio area, stylish bedrooms and a perfect location a great base for our tour.

Bed, continental breakfast and evening meal is included.

Departure Date & Price

Thurs 07th April - 5 days - £595.00

Thurs 06th Oct - 5 days - £595.00

£189.00 single room supplement

Oxfordshire & Blenheim Palace at Christmastime

Cheltenham - Oxford - Blenheim Palace - Ragley Hall - Banbury



Blenheim Palace

Enjoy a Festive themed break in the beautiful Oxfordshire area. We enjoy Oxford and Cheltenham decked in all their festive splendour as well as a magical Christmas experience as we visit the magnificent stately home of Blenheim Palace.

Day 1 - We travel to the beautiful spa town of Cheltenham where you have time to explore the town at your leisure before re-boarding our coach to journey to our hotel in Witney.

Day 2 - A full day's visit to Oxford today. Step back in time as we visit riverside Oxford, home to royalty and scholars for over 800 years. Here you will find a delightful blend of historic buildings, splendid architecture, museums and great shopping, plus of course the world-famous university. Perhaps take the opportunity to start your Christmas shopping in the vast array of quirky and well known shops.

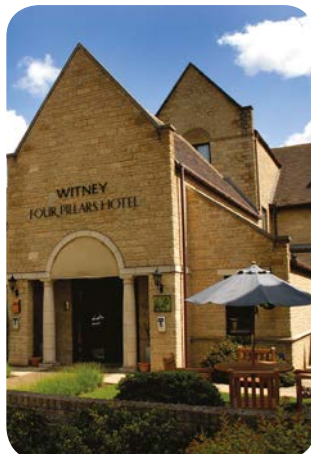
Day 3 - After breakfast we depart the hotel and travel into the historic town of Witney on the River Rush. You have free time here before we continue our journey to Blenheim Palace. The birth place of Winston Churchill, this magnificent stately home will be hosting an enchanting display of treasured yuletide traditions and decorations full of Christmas sparkle and splendour for you to browse at your leisure.

Day 4 - After breakfast we travel to Banbury famous for it's yummy Banbury Cakes, where you can admire the 'Fine lady upon a White Horse' statue immortalizing the town's famous nursery rhyme. We then pay a visit to Ragley Hall where we have included a guided tour, tour book with tea / coffee and cake. Ragley was given to Evesham Abbey by the King of Mercia in AD 711. Seven hundred years later the Abbey sold Ragley to the Rous family who built an embattled castle thought to be on the site of what is the Rose Garden today.

Our Hotel

We will be staying at the Witney Four Pillars Hotel. Close to the historic centre of Witney this hotel has leisure facilities including an indoor heated swimming pool.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.



Departure Date & Price

Mon 21st November - 4 days - £369
£60 single room supplement

Thursford Christmas

Norwich - Thursford Christmas Spectacular - Blenheim Palace
4* stately manor house hotel - Festive boat trip on Norfolk Broads



Thursford Christmas

Enjoy the ultimate Christmas musical experience this year and join us as we travel to Norfolk and enjoy England's largest Christmas show, the Thursford Christmas Spectacular! Decked with holly, ivy and snowy trees, the theatre is transformed into a magical fairyland!

Day 1 - We travel to Oxfordshire for our festive visit to Blenheim Palace. Home to the 11th Duke and Duchess of Marlborough and birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. We have free time to explore this impressive stately home. We then continue our journey to Norfolk and our hotel near Norwich, arriving in time for dinner.

Day 2 - After breakfast we drive you into the centre of Norwich for a free morning to explore the city at your own pace - perhaps take a stroll around the medieval cobbled streets, admire the magnificent Cathedral and 12th Century Castle or pick up some Christmas gifts in the fantastic shopping areas. We then return to the hotel for a late lunch, after which we depart for our journey to the famous Thursford Collection for their evening Christmas Spectacular event. This memorable show is a pageant of glamour and colour, featuring over one hundred beautifully costumed dancers and professional singers performing Christmas songs and carols on a huge stage, with musical items ranging from full choreographed song and dance routines to choral interludes and the sound of the mighty Wurlitzer. You will have some free time before the show to enjoy food at one of the attraction's restaurants and perhaps pick up some gifts.

Day 3 - After breakfast we depart the hotel and travel to Wroxham where we join our boat for a festive cruise on the Norfolk Broads. Whilst cruising past the stunning winter scenery you are treated to mince pies and mulled wine. We then depart for the journey home.

Our Hotel

A warm welcome awaits you at the 4* Marriott Sprowston Manor Hotel, ideally located close to the ancient Cathedral city of Norwich. This elegant stately manor house exudes history and enjoys a romantic setting.

Bed and breakfast is included, plus dinner on the first evening and lunch on the second day.



Departure Date & Price

Thurs 17th Nov - 3 days - £325
Weds 23rd Nov - 3 days - £325
Weds 30th Nov - 3 days - £325
£50 single room supplement

Christmas in Traditional Spain

Roses - Barcelona - Local Wine & Olive Farm visit - Roses
Dali Museum - Living Nativity visit - Euro tunnel crossings



Costa Brava



St Rose Living Nativity

Have your Christmas Day in this beautiful region of Northern Spain. A wonderful combination of touring and relaxing which is based in the resort of Roses in the Costa Brava. Discover the essence of Spain with an Olive & Wine farm experience, a visit to the Dali Museum and an excursion to a living Nativity to experience the holiday season the Spanish Way as well as a full traditional Christmas Dinner on the day. We also include a day trip to Barcelona with a guided city tour that will reveal many of the city's attractions like Las Ramblas, the famous Basilica of the Sagrada Familia and Placa Catalunya. See this stunning city decorated for Christmas and perhaps some last minute Christmas shopping.

Wednesday - We travel to Folkestone for our Eurotunnel crossing to Calais. We then continue our journey and head down into France to Dijon for our overnight stop.

Thursday - Today our journey continues through France and into Spain to our resort of Roses in the Costa Brava for the next 5 nights stay. The hotel welcomes us with a drink on arrival.

Friday - A free morning for you before we visit a local wine and olive producer, where we will hear how they are grown and processed to make the final product as well as having a chance at the end to taste the farmers produce. We also pay a visit to the Dali Museum in Figueres, dedicated to the towns famous artist son Salvador Dali. The heart of the museum is the building that housed the town's theatre when Dali was a child, where one of the first public exhibitions of young Dali's art was shown. Also Dali is buried there in a crypt below the stage.

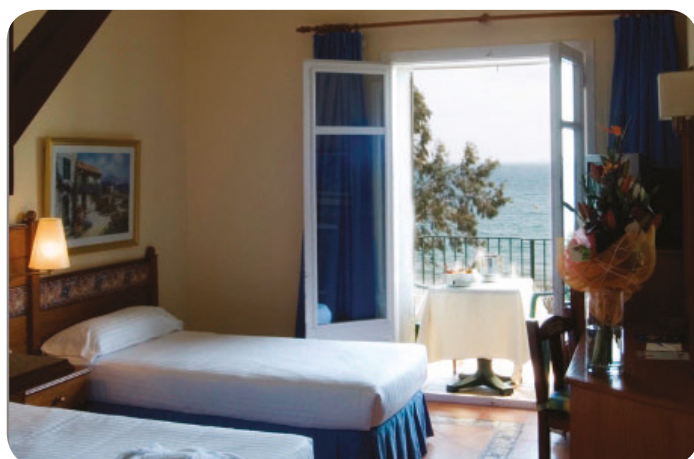
Saturday - Christmas Eve - After breakfast we journey to Barcelona and begin with a guided tour of this magnificent metropolis, the capital of Catalonia and the second largest city in Spain. Barcelona is a vibrant city by the sea, with inspiring architecture, culture and traditions. Discover some of the many highlights including the Basilica of the Sagrada Familia, Las Ramblas and the many shops, markets all decorated and offering Christmas gifts or visit some of the museums or just find time to enjoy a little tapas and watch the world go by as locals gather their Christmas gifts and festive food for their Christmas meal.

Sunday - Christmas Day - Today is yours free to enjoy the hotel and it's surroundings. Not much is known about the history of Roses, but it is generally accepted that the place is some 3000 years old. Some say the village was founded in the 8th century BC by Greeks settlers from Rhodes. Others claim Roses got its start in the 5th century BC when a number of Greeks came over from Massalia. The monastery of Santa Maria de Roses is mentioned for the first time in a document from the year 944 AD, and archaeologists say the mediaeval town grew around this monastery. Roses does offer some archaeological attractions - such as the ruins of the Trinitat castle, remains of a Visigoth campsite, and the dolmen, portal graves, of Creu d'en Corbetalla, which are part of the biggest megalithic monuments in Catalonia. So plenty to explore. You will be served a full 3 course Christmas dinner throughout the day so a well earned walk around the resort will be ideal after your festive feast.

Monday - Boxing Day - Today is unfortunately your final day in Spain. The day is yours to enjoy the surroundings of the resort and hotel before we pay a visit to a local living Nativity accompanied by an English speaking guide.

Tuesday - We begin our journey home today leaving Spain behind us and travelling up through France to our overnight hotel in Dijon, with suitable comfort stops en route.

Wednesday - After breakfast we continue through France and travel back to Calais for our return Eurotunnel crossing and journey home, with suitable comfort stops en route.



Our Hotels

We will be staying at the Coral Platja Hotel in Roses Costa Brava. The colonial hotel has a seafront location with easy access to the main resort centre and an outdoor swimming pool.

Bed, breakfast and evening meal is included and at the hotel in Spain a glass of wine and water is included with each meal. A 3 course dinner will be served on Christmas day.

Departure Date & Price

Wed 21st December - 8 days - £849
£128 single room supplement

Chester for Christmas

Chester - city centre hotel - Liverpool - scenic excursion into North Wales - Pantomime - Shrewsbury - Stourbridge
Full Christmas programme of food and entertainment



If you're looking for a different way to celebrate Christmas this year, then why not spoil yourself with a luxurious holiday to Chester! This beautiful city by the River Dee sparkles with medieval charm all year round, but especially so at Christmastime when the city's famous black and white half-timbered buildings are illuminated with festive lights and decorations. Make yourself at home in the heart of the city, amongst the sumptuous interiors of our elegant and historic 4* hotel, where the prestigious guest list has included the likes of Lily Langtree and Charles Dickens! A great programme of festive food and entertainment awaits you here, wrapped up in a warm and merry atmosphere.

Friday - We travel to Stourbridge for a lunchtime visit, before continuing to Cheshire and our hotel in Chester, where you will be greeted with a glass of spiced mulled wine and homemade cake. You will then have some free time to relax and settle into your new surroundings or explore the city, before an evening drinks reception, followed by a 3-course dinner followed by fun and games with the hotel's entertainment team.

Saturday - Christmas Eve - Join us for an excursion to the exciting city of Liverpool, with free time to explore at your own pace - perhaps visit one of the famous Cathedrals or museums, discover Chinatown, Albert Dock and the Beatles Experience, take a refreshing stroll alongside the River Mersey or pick up some last minute Christmas gifts in the city's great shopping centres.

Alternatively, you can choose to stay in Chester for the day and explore the city's many attractions, such as the Norman Cathedral, Roman City walls and old town with its beautiful half-timbered houses. The ancient 'Rows', a series of unique black and white, two-tiered shopping galleries, are a great place to browse for gifts. There are also lovely riverside walks, ideal for a refreshing winter stroll.

Later on this afternoon the hotel serves tea and buttery Scottish shortbread. Dinner this evening is followed by Christmas carols and entertainment. For those attending midnight church services, a warming cup of hot chocolate will welcome you on your return.

Sunday - Christmas Day - Sit back and relax as the hotel's friendly staff look after you today - eat, drink and be merry! After breakfast enjoy a leisurely morning to open your presents and unwind whilst everyone else does the hard

work - perhaps join in the hotel's treasure hunt or take a refreshing winter stroll around the city before the hotel serves your 5-course Christmas lunch. This afternoon you will be treated to coffee and mince pies in time for the Queen's speech, followed by a relaxing afternoon at leisure. This evening enjoy a yuletide buffet dinner and an evening of music and dancing.

Monday - Boxing Day - After breakfast we embark on an excursion across the border into North Wales. Sit back and relax as our scenic drive takes you through peaceful winter scenery, the beautiful Dee Valley and the riverside town of Llangollen, before returning back to Chester via the famous Horseshoe Pass, which offers some of the most spectacular views in Wales as it climbs around a wide valley. Back in Chester a buffet lunch awaits you at the hotel, after which it's time for an afternoon of traditional Christmas fun and laughter as we take you to the Glyndwr Theatre in Wrexham for the matinee performance of the Christmas pantomime. This evening the hotel hosts a farewell gala dinner with great food and live entertainment.

Tuesday - After breakfast we bid farewell to our hosts, depart Chester and travel to Shropshire for a visit to Shrewsbury, birthplace of Charles Darwin. Beautifully situated almost surrounded by the River Severn, this medieval town is famous for its attractive black and white buildings. Enjoy free time here to wander amongst the charming narrow streets, browse the great selection of shops or perhaps visit the museum housed in the ruins of the Norman castle, before we depart for the journey home.



Our Hotels

A warm welcome awaits you in Cheshire at the elegant 4* Queen Hotel, which enjoys a central location in Chester, close to the city's Roman walls, museums and great shopping areas. This grand and historic hotel boasts fabulous vaulted ceilings, charming bars and lounges, spectacular staircases, regal public areas and original Victorian features, making it the perfect place for a luxurious and carefree Christmas!

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included, plus two lunches and a full Christmas entertainment programme.

Please note: the hotel entertainment programme may be subject to changes.

Departure Date & Price

Fri 23rd December - 5 days - £595
£120 single room supplement

New Year Isle of Wight

Gala dinners and entertainment - Sandown - Shanklin - Godshell - Ryde
Waltzing Waters - Ferry crossings



Experience the Isle of Wight seeing out the old and welcoming in the New Year. We have arranged scenic trips and entertainment and food to see you through this festive weekend. Based in a beautiful seaside hotel to sit back and enjoy when not enjoying the full party entrainment.

Thursday - We travel to Lymington for our ferry to Yarmouth on the Isle of Wight, then continue to our hotel in Sandown.

Friday - A scenic island tour including lovely coastal views and a visit to the seaside resort of Ryde, where you will have some free time as well as seats to see the Waltzing Waters, a unique indoor attraction where dazzling and elaborate displays of moving water dance into the air accompanied by a range of music. This evening the hotel staff will host a pre dinner wine reception and then after dinner an evenings entertainment has been arranged.

New Years Eve - This morning we visit the seaside resort of Shanklin, with free time to explore the seafront and picturesque Old Village with its thatched cottages and quaint shops. Our journey then takes us to picturesque Godshell. A pre dinner glass of wine is served in the ballroom before a superb New Year's Eve candlelit Gala Dinner. The evening continues with the hotel's New Year's Party with music to dance the year away. At midnight a light buffet and a champagne toast welcomes the start of the New Year.

New Years Day - For the early risers there is Coffee and croissants in the lounge or for those later risers a Bucks fizz Brunch will be served. The rest of the day is yours free. Perhaps a brisk beach walk or just relax in the lounge and watch the world go by. An afternoon of bingo and quizzes served with tea and coffee is available before your first evening dinner of the New Year as well as another evening of fun, dancing and music.

Monday - We depart the hotel and travel to Yarmouth, where you will have some free time before we board the ferry for our crossing back to Lymington and journey home.



Our Hotel

We will be based on the island's lovely south east coast in the seaside resort of Sandown, which has a sweeping bay, sheltered golden sands and pier. We will be staying at the Trouville Hotel, which enjoys a great position on the seafront overlooking the beach and is close to the pier and shops. All double and twin bedrooms have stunning sea views.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

Departure Date & Price

Thurs 29th December - 5 days - £ 565

2 Day Taster Breaks

This year's programme of Taster Breaks in the following pages includes popular favourites, as well as a number of interesting new tours. These two-day breaks are a great opportunity to try somewhere new for the first time or enjoy a refreshing change of scene. If you're new to PS Travel, or coach travel in general, then perhaps try a Taster Break to sample a taste of the professional and personal service we provide on all our tours!

...make some memories

We have worked hard to bring you a great programme of Taster Breaks across England and Wales, with something to suit all tastes and interests. Our friendly and helpful staff will be on hand to assist you from the time of booking and throughout your tour. Whether you're looking for seaside views, a countryside setting, riverside retreats or city centre luxury, we have a variety of hotels to choose from. Our carefully planned itineraries offer an array of memorable experiences, from steam train journeys and special events, to canal cruises and beautiful gardens.



Snowdrops Tour

Wednesday 10th February

Brighten up the winter days and celebrate the first signs of Spring as we visit two gardens renowned for their seasonal displays of snowdrops.

In Berkshire we enjoy an exclusive visit to the grounds of Welford Park, which open for charity in the winter months for the public to admire the beautiful gardens, transformed at this time of year by magnificent carpets of snowdrops.

At Colesbourne Park in the Cotswolds we experience 'England's greatest snowdrop garden', renowned for its collection of rare Snowdrops which transform the beautifully landscaped grounds into a sea of white. There are also lovely woodland and lakeside paths, a formal garden and an extensive park with an interesting arboretum and church.

We will be staying overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at the 4* Tewkesbury Park Hotel.

Wednesday - We travel into the heart of the Cotswolds to visit Colesbourne Gardens, with included guided tour and tea/coffee. We then enjoy a lunchtime visit to historic Cheltenham, before continuing to our hotel.

Thursday - After breakfast we depart the hotel and travel to the Cotswold village of Bourton on the Water, where you will have time at leisure before we continue to Chipping Norton for an included two-course carvery roast lunch. From here its on to Welford Park in Berkshire, where you will have free time to view the magnificent carpets of snowdrops, warm yourself in the Old Laundry Tea Rooms or browse the Snowdrop Gift Shop (house will be closed), before our journey home.

£169 per person

£18 single room supplement

London & War Horse Show

Thursday 11th February

Join us for a break to London and see the award winning hit with mesmerizing puppetry of the theatrical sensation of 'Warhorse'.

The First World War is the backdrop for Warhorse, a tale of bravery, loyalty and the extraordinary bond between a young recruit and his horse. Actors working with astonishing life-sized puppets by the internationally renowned Handspring Puppet Company, take audiences on an unforgettable journey through history.

You also have plenty of free time to explore the sights and sounds of the capital at your own pace.

We will be staying overnight with bed and breakfast at the 4* Holiday Inn London Kensington Forum Hotel.

Thursday - We travel into London where we arrive at our hotel lunchtime. You have free time to explore the capital at your leisure before our early evening departure to the New London Theatre in Drury Lane for our evening performance of Warhorse.

Friday - After breakfast you can check out of our hotel and leave your bags with the coach so that you can have more free time to explore the many sights of London, or perhaps just take a shopping trip.

£189 per person

£50 single room supplement

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Mothers Day in Cheltenham

Sunday 6th March

Treat yourself or your mum this Mother's Day with a lovely break to Cheltenham, featuring special visit to an historic house and shopping time to spoil each other.

We visit Chavenage a wonderful Elizabethan house of mellow grey Cotswold stone and tiles which was portrayed as Candleford House in the TV drama Lark Rise to Candleford. We have a guided tour by one of the family members including the renowned Cromwell's Room. We hear the history of the house and the two families that have owned and lived at Chavenage since the reign of Elizabeth I. After our tour you will be served tea / coffee and cake in the ball room.

Your shopping experience starts with a trip to Gloucester Quays designer outlet. With it's choice of designer shops or even the antique centre there is something to suit everyone. We enjoy free time for shopping or site seeing in the historic spa town of Cheltenham. We finish this weekend with a scenic drive through the Cotswolds to Bourton-on-the-Water and then a visit to Tetbury.

We will be staying overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at the 4* Cheltenham Chase Hotel.

Sunday - We travel to Gloucester Quays with free time for shopping, then onwards to Chavenage House and our guided tour. We then continue to our hotel.

Monday - This morning we free time in Cheltenham before our scenic drive through the Cotswolds. Before departing for the journey home.

£159 per person

£20 single room supplement

Historic Homes of Cornwall

Sunday 13th March

Explore treasure troves of Cornish life as we visit two of Cornwall's most historic family homes, alongside splendid gardens bursting with Springtime colour and fragrance.

Lanhydrock House and Gardens. After being destroyed by fire in 1881 the Jacobean house was refurbished in a Victorian style.

You can enjoy two sides of Victorian life from kitchens and servants quarters 'downstairs' to the elegant comforts of 'upstairs'.

At Prideaux Place we uncover a stunning Elizabethan manor house in a hilltop position overlooking the fishing port of Padstow, with fantastic views over the Camel Estuary. The beautiful rooms of this historic family home are filled with a fine collection of furniture, porcelain and paintings. There are also acres of landscaped grounds and a lovely tearoom overlooking the ancient deer park.

Our Hotel with dinner, bed and breakfast will be the Esplanade Newquay overlooking the stunning Fistral Beach. The hotel also has an indoor swimming pool for your use.

Sunday - We travel to Cornwall for a visit to the National Trust's beautiful Lanhydrock House and estate, with entrance to the house and gardens, before continuing to our hotel in Newquay where you will have plenty of time to explore the hotel or Newquay.

Monday - After breakfast we depart the hotel for our visit to Prideaux Place, where you will be greeted with tea and biscuits, followed by an included guided tour. Before departing Cornwall for the journey home we also enjoy a visit to the nearby picturesque fishing port of Padstow.

£159 per person

National Trust members: £11.30 reduction

Cornish Gardens

Sunday 10th April

A great gardening getaway with visits to two of Cornwall's most inspirational gardens and a stay at a historic seafront hotel in the Cornish harbour town of Falmouth.

Experience a unique world of plants as we visit the Eden Project, a giant global garden with huge biospheres containing a temperate zone and a living rainforest - the largest and most spectacular plant house in the world! At this time of year delicate blossoms, fragrant citrus fruits and swathes of tulips bloom in the Mediterranean Biome and outside you'll find beautiful displays of Cornish daffodils and English wild flowers. This month Eden is celebrating all things Cornish, with delicious local dishes and Cornish tales.

We also explore the Lost Gardens of Heligan, which were re-discovered in 1990 after slumbering for over 70 years. They have since been restored to their former glory into 80 acres of award-winning gardens, including a 35 acre 'lost valley', subtropical Jungle garden, Italian garden, Victorian gardens and romantic Pleasure Grounds home to a National Collection of camellias and rhododendrons.

We stay overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at the Falmouth Hotel, which boasts period architecture, 5 acres of landscaped gardens and a lovely position close to Castle Beach, with panoramic views over Falmouth Bay. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, sauna, jacuzzi, gym and newly opened spa with beauty treatments.

Sunday - We travel to Cornwall for our visit to the Eden Project, before continuing to our hotel in Falmouth.

Monday - After breakfast we travel to the Lost Gardens of Heligan for a guided tour and free time to explore at leisure, before our journey home.

£170 per person

£10 single room supplement

Downton Abbey & Athelhampton

Sunday 3rd April

Join us for a nostalgic break to uncover the famous filming location of 'Downton Abbey', and the beautiful Athelhampton House & Gardens.

We uncover Highclere Castle, the famous filming location for the ITV series 'Downton Abbey', with stunning State Rooms and opulent bedrooms. There is also a fascinating Egyptology exhibition, recording the explorations of the 5th Earl of Carnarvon who, along with Howard Carter, uncovered the tomb of Tutankhamun. The extensive 1,000 acre parkland outside boasts lovely woodland and temple walks as well as the Monk's Garden, Secret Garden, Wood of Goodwill and Wild Garden.

The Great Hall is the heart of Athelhampton House. Built in 1485 it would have served as the entire accommodation, and then greatly added to throughout the centuries as the house became domesticated. The gardens are full of variety from architecture and woodland areas.

We will be staying overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast near the unspoilt cathedral city of Winchester at the 4* Norton Park Hotel.

Sunday - We travel to Athelhampton House where you will have free time to explore the house and gardens before returning to our coach for our journey to our hotel.

Monday - This morning we travel to Highclere Castle in Berkshire. Please note: entrance to the Tutankhamun exhibition is not included in our price. We then continue onto Winchester where you have free time to explore before our journey home.

£169 per person

£20 single room supplement

Luxury in London & Albert Hall

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£61.50 single room supplement

Bluebell Tour

Wednesday 4th May

A new tour for this year we visit two gardens renowned for their seasonal displays of Bluebells.

We enjoy a visit to the Coughton Court and Gardens, transformed at this time of year by magnificent carpets of bluebells and herbaceous plants that are displayed in these award winning gardens.

At Anne Hathaway's House there is a collection of thousands of bluebells planted by local school children. Discover where the young William Shakespeare courted his future bride Anne Hathaway at her picturesque family home. The cottage is a thatched farmhouse containing many original items of family furniture and is nestled within stunning grounds and gardens, overflowing with fragrant blooms.

We will be staying overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at the 4* Mercure Shakespeare Hotel in Stratford Upon Avon.

Wednesday - We travel to Stratford upon Avon where we visit Anne Hathaway's House before having free time in Stratford. We then continue our hotel.

Thursday - After breakfast we depart the hotel and travel to Coughton Court where you have time to stroll through the gardens and visit the house at your leisure, before our journey home.

£165 per person

£20 single room supplement

Llangollen & North Wales

Monday 2nd May

Nestled in the beautiful Dee Valley of North Wales, under the watchful gaze of the Dinas Bran Castle, lies ancient Llangollen. Set on the River Dee and surrounded by hills, this idyllic town is steeped in medieval history.

Experience some of the most splendid scenery this part of the world has to offer as we board the historic Llangollen Railway for a delightful train journey alongside the River Dee.

You will also be treated to a canal boat cruise on the Llangollen Canal, with a ploughman's lunch included on board. Sit back, relax and savour spectacular views as you enjoy two hours of cruising along the Dee Valley, gliding gently through the Vale of Llangollen and across the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct - the largest of its kind and known as 'The Stream in the Sky', this masterpiece of engineering is supported by 18 stone piers and towers 126 feet above the river.

We will be staying overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at the Wild Pheasant Hotel, situated in its own gardens with views of Castle Dinas Bran, the Berwyn Mountains and Vale of Llangollen. Leisure facilities include a spa with pool, steam room and sauna.

Monday - We travel to Shropshire for a visit to historic Shrewsbury beside the River Severn. Our journey then continues across the border into North Wales and on to Llangollen on the River Dee. Here we board the Llangollen Railway for a round trip before dinner at our hotel.

Tuesday - After breakfast there will be free time to explore Llangollen at your leisure. We then embark on a 2 hour canal boat cruise, enjoying a ploughman's lunch on board and an informative commentary throughout. We then re-board the coach for our journey home.

£179 per person

£15 single room supplement

Liverpool & Manchester Canal

Thursday 5th May

Enjoy a journey through the North West's industrial heartland, as we embark on a memorable 35 mile cruise along one of Britain's most famous inland waterways, the Manchester Ship Canal.

Our unique six hour journey through time takes you past spectacular scenery, under bridges and through locks to discover how the canal's construction forever shaped the city of Manchester and the North West of England. Admire the succession of swing bridges and marvel at the historic buildings and industry of the Mersey Estuary, all the time surrounded by nature's beauty and tranquillity, with an interesting live commentary along the way. A licensed bar, refreshments and snacks are available on board.

This exciting tour also gives you time to explore the vibrant city of Liverpool. Perhaps visit Chinatown or one of the famous Cathedrals, experience the numerous museums, discover famous Albert Dock and the Beatles Experience, browse the great shopping centres or take a river trip across the Mersey on board one of the most famous ferries in the world!

We will be staying overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast in Liverpool at the Novotel Liverpool Centre, which boasts a great city centre location, close to the Liverpool One shopping centre and the Mersey Ferry Terminal. Leisure facilities include a fitness club and swimming pool.

Thursday - We travel to Liverpool, where you will have free time to explore the city at leisure before dinner at the hotel.

Friday - After breakfast we take you to Liverpool's Pier Head to join our boat for a cruise along the Manchester Ship Canal. The journey ends at Salford Quays in Manchester, where we meet our coach for the journey home.

£179 per person

£30 single room supplement

Settle-Carlisle Railway

Sunday 22nd May

Unwind and re-charge your batteries with this popular break exploring some of the finest scenery that the North of England has to offer.

The highlight of the tour is a fantastic train journey on board the historic Settle-Carlisle Railway, a line renowned as one of the most scenic in England. Savour wonderful views as the gentle journey takes you through the lush rolling hills of the Eden Valley and the glorious Yorkshire Dales National Park, an area of outstanding natural beauty.

See the best of the legendary city of Liverpool, as we enjoy a guided Merseyside River Explorer Cruise before having free time to enjoy many of the iconic UNESCO world heritage waterfront sights or walk in the footsteps of the legendary Beatles.

We will be staying overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at the Hallmark Hotel in the cathedral city of Carlisle.

Sunday - We travel to the Liverpool and join our Merseyside River Explorer trip before free time in this vibrant city. We then continue to our hotel in Carlisle.

Monday - After breakfast we board the train at Carlisle station for a two-hour ride on the Settle-Carlisle Railway. The scenic journey takes you through the Eden Valley and through the longest tunnel on the line at Blea Moor, and over the 24 arches of the Ribbleshead Viaduct to arrive in Skipton North Yorkshire. You will have some free time before we meet our coach for the journey home.

£175 per person

£20 single room supplement

Chelsea Flower Show & Kew

Friday 27th May

Experience the world's most famous flower show with a day at the Royal Horticultural Society's annual Chelsea Flower Show, held in the extensive grounds of the Royal Hospital in Chelsea, London.

This celebrated gardening event is an essential feature of the gardening calendar and has become an influential place for setting trends and launching new plants. See the finest in garden design as you admire the incredible show gardens, inspirational small gardens, vibrant plant displays and thousands of beautiful blooms from around the world, along with the most desirable gardening products and expert advice.

A visit to Kew Royal Botanic Gardens, on the south bank of the Thames River. Here you will find 300 acres of botanical delights including magnificent Victorian glasshouses, a remarkable collection of plants from around the world, art gallery, formal gardens and unique treetop walkway.

We will be staying overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at the 4* Copthorne Slough Hotel. The hotel has easy access to Historic Windsor and it's attractions. The hotel has leisure facilities including a swimming pool.

Friday - We travel to Kew Gardens, where you will have free time to explore before we continue to our hotel near Slough.

Saturday - After breakfast we depart the hotel and travel into London for our visit to the Chelsea Flower Show. We then depart for the journey home.

£229 per person

£25 single room supplement

London & The Houses of Parliament

Sunday 5th June

A new tour for this year with a fantastic opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament.

The free flow audio tour of the Houses of Parliament offers a unique combination of one thousand years of history, modern day politics and stunning art and architecture.

This self-guided tour takes around 60 to 75 minutes and features leading Parliamentary figures such as Mr Speaker and Black Rod. Tour highlights include Westminster Hall, Norman Porch, Queen's Robing room, Royal Gallery, Lords Chamber and Central Lobby.

Also we have included a Thames River Cruise with afternoon tea & a glass of bubbly to enjoy whilst you meander through the heart of the city.

We will be staying overnight with bed, breakfast at the Park Plaza Victoria London Hotel. Situated near to Buckingham Palace, Harrods and the Houses of Parliament.

Sunday - We travel to London, where you will have free time before our afternoon tea Thames River Cruise.

Monday - After breakfast we depart the hotel to Westminster for our audio self guided tour. After the tour you have free time in London. We will then collect you from Westminster mid afternoon and depart London for the journey home.

£195 per person

£55 single room supplement

Hampshire - Roses and Steam

Sunday 12th June

Join us for a voyage of discovery as we uncover the charming county of Hampshire. Take a nostalgic ride back in time with a lovely steam train journey through the beautiful Hampshire countryside on board the Mid Hants Railway, known as the 'Watercress Line'. We also enjoy a visit to the National Trust's Mottisfont Abbey, where you will find the Gothic remains of a 13th-century Augustinian priory set in glorious grounds alongside the River Test.

The delightful walled gardens here house the colourful and fragrant National Collection of old-fashioned roses.

We will be staying overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at the modern 4* Macdonald Botley Park Hotel, which is ideally located in the beautiful Hampshire countryside near Southampton amidst acres of green parkland. Impressive leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, beauty spa, gym, sauna and steam room.

Sunday - We travel to Hampshire, where we enjoy a visit to the unspoilt cathedral city of Winchester and a scenic journey on the 'Watercress Line' from New Arlesford to Alton, before continuing to our hotel near Southampton.

Monday - We depart the hotel after breakfast for our visit to the National Trust's Mottisfont Abbey, with free time for you to explore at your own pace, admire the beautiful collection of roses, browse the Coach House shop or perhaps have lunch. Our journey then continues to Wiltshire and the Cathedral city of Salisbury, renowned for its beautiful half-timbered buildings, where you will have time at leisure before our journey home.

£172 per person

£20 single room supplement

£9.80 reduction for National Trust members

Taste of the Riviera

Sunday 19th June (Fathers Day)

Enjoy a scenic drive taking in the rolling hills of Devon and then a visit to the seaside resort of Brixham before journeying onto our destination in Torquay. The cosmopolitan resort of Torquay offers a beautiful marina, cafes and shops to browse or sit and watch the sun go down from the hotels beautiful conservatory area overlooking the bay.

From Torquay we embark on a boat trip from the beautiful marina to Dartmouth. Our trip will take us along the beautiful English Riviera coastline until we arrive in the town of Dartmouth set on the Western bank of the estuary on the River Dart.

We are staying at the 4* Imperial Hotel Torquay with it's sheltered position overlooking the bay. The hotel has a swimming pool and leisure facilities.

Sunday - We travel to Brixham for a visit and some free time before we continue to our hotel in Torquay in time for you to have some free time to visit this beautiful and cosmopolitan resort.

Monday - After breakfast at the hotel we board our boat to take the 2 hour scenic ride to Dartmouth skirting the beautiful coastline before arriving in our destination on the banks of the River Dart. After free time we then re board our coach for our journey home.

£155 per person

Derbyshire Treasures & Trams

Sunday 26th June

Join us for a nostalgic journey back in time on this captivating new tour to Derbyshire.

At the heart of the county we uncover the Crich Tramway Village, a lovingly restored period village overlooking the beautiful Derwent Valley and home to the famous National Tramway Museum. Enjoy unlimited rides on the vintage trams which run along the cobbled village street and past the original facades of historic buildings from the around the country, before heading up the valley for views that will take your breath away. Perhaps also enjoy a stroll along the Woodland Walk and Sculpture Trail, visit The Red Lion or Rita's Tearooms or treat yourself in the traditional sweet shop!

Bring out the child in yourself as we also visit the National Trust's Sudbury Hall & National Museum of Childhood, which is brimming with historic treasures. This unique place features a grand 17th Century country house with exquisite plasterwork, wood carvings, classical story-based murals, grand Great Staircase and Long Gallery. Sudbury also boasts a fascinating museum where you can explore the childhoods of times gone by, with a collection through the ages from ancient Egyptian times to the 21st century.

We will be staying overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at the elegant 4* Hallmark Hotel, which is centrally located in the historic and vibrant city of Derby.

Sunday - We travel to Derbyshire for our visit to the National Trust's Sudbury Hall & National Museum of Childhood. You are treated to a welcome talk on arrival, followed by free time at leisure before we continue to our hotel in Derby.

Monday - After breakfast we depart the hotel and travel to Crich Tramway Village, with free time to explore at leisure before our journey home.

£165 per person

£15 single room supplement - £14.70 reduction for National Trust members

National Memorial Arboretum

Sunday 3rd July

Since planting began in 1997, the National Memorial Arboretum has been a special place honouring those who have served, and continue to serve, our nation in many different ways. It's not a cemetery, it's a place of life, represented by the 50,000 trees planted here where you can wander and wonder. Covering 150 acres, it has something for everyone.

We have included a land train tour with audio trip around the arboretum.

We also visit the city of Lichfield where we have arranged a guided tour of the stunning Lichfield Cathedral, one of the oldest places of worship in Britain, finishing off with tea & biscuits after the tour. We then have arranged an orientation city walking tour of Lichfield before you have free time to continue exploring this historic town.

We stay overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at the 4* Menzies Mickleover Court Hotel. Facilities include a health club, indoor swimming pool, sauna, steam room and beauty room.

Sunday - We travel to The National Memorial Arboretum where we have arranged an audio tour by land train to orientate yourself before having the rest of the day free to explore the grounds

Monday - After breakfast we depart the hotel and travel to Lichfield where we have arranged a guided tour of the Cathedral with refreshments afterwards and then a short guided tour of this historic city before you have free time to continue exploring.

£155 per person

£20 single room supplement

Woburn Abbey & Lavender Farm

Sunday 10th July

We unlock the secrets of Woburn Abbey, a 17th century stately home set in 3,000 acres of deer park and gardens, home to the Dukes of Bedford for nearly 400 years. Experience living history, discover ancient tales and admire beautiful objects as you wander around the plush rooms of the house, explore the grounds and lovely gardens, or perhaps visit the famous Antiques Centre.

A picturesque and a fragrance visit to Hitchin Lavender Farm. With around 25 miles of lavender rows that you can walk through and also pick your own fresh flowers from. They also have fields of sunflowers and a wild flower area.

We will be staying overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast in Bedfordshire at the Bedford Swan Hotel, in the historic county town of Bedford. This elegant 18th century hotel enjoys a central position overlooking the River Ouse and is close to the River Embankment Gardens.

Sunday - We travel to Woburn Abbey. On arrival you have free time to explore the house, see the extensive art collection, browse the gift shops and antiques centre, or perhaps take a stroll around the gardens and grounds. A 500 hundred year old thatched building and Marsworth's old village wharf. We then re-join our coach, and continue to our journey home

Monday - After breakfast we depart to Hitchin Lavender Farm. We are greeted with a guided tour and then refreshments and a chance to pick your own lavender. We then make a stop in Hitchin before we then re-join our coach, and continue to our journey home.

£167 per person

£30 single room supplement

Bletchley Park & Waddesdon Manor

Sunday 24th July

Bletchley Park was known as Station X in World War II and it was here that German secret codes were broken. See one of the Enigma Machines, visit fascinating exhibitions, view the Churchill Collection and explore the ornate Victorian Mansion, headquarters to intelligence staff during the war. There is also a new 'Hut 11' exhibition, a restored and refurbished wartime hut, nicknamed the 'Hell Hole' by the Women's Royal Naval Service who operated the Bombe machines, because it was so hot and noisy.

Discover the National Trust's magnificent Waddesdon Manor with us too, built in the style of a 16th century French château for Baron de Rothschild in the late 19th century. Perched on a hilltop overlooking the Vale of Aylesbury, it boasts a world-renowned collection of French furniture, paintings and decorative arts. Outside you'll find a fine Victorian garden, famous for its exceptional seasonal displays, colourful shrubs, mature trees, beautiful panoramas, fountains, rose garden, wine cellars and aviary, which is home to a fantastic collection of exotic birds.

We stay overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at the Holiday Inn, close to Aylesbury in Buckinghamshire. Leisure facilities include a health and fitness club with indoor heated swimming pool, gym, spa pool, sauna, steam room and beauty rooms.

Sunday - We travel to Buckinghamshire for our visit to Waddesdon Manor, where you will have time to explore the house and gardens, browse the gift shop or visit the wine shop with its renowned Rothschild wines, before we continue to our hotel in Aylesbury.

Monday - After breakfast we depart the hotel and travel to Bletchley Park. Our visit includes a self guided tour with the use of their new and informative multi-media hand-held guides. We then depart for the journey home.

£165 per person

£17.50 single room supplement

£12.00 reduction for National Trust members

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Lincoln & Grimsthorpe Castle

Thursday 11th August

Walk in the footsteps of Kings on this great break to historic Lincolnshire. At the heart of the county lies the ancient Cathedral city of Lincoln, famed for its impressive Castle and awe-inspiring cathedral, which houses one of the original copies of the Magna Carta.

Get a glimpse into the lives of Lincolnshire Lords and Ladies as we uncover imposing Grimsthorpe Castle too. A Castle built for a King, Grimsthorpe has been the home of the de Eresby family since 1516, when it was granted by Henry VIII to the 11th Baron Willoughby de Eresby on the occasion of his marriage to Maria de Salinas, lady-in-waiting to Queen Katherine of Aragon. Inside, the State Rooms are filled with impressive collections of paintings, furniture, tapestries and objects d'art, plus there are thrones and furnishings from the old House of Lords. The Castle sits amongst rolling Lincolnshire countryside and the extensive grounds feature a lake, formal lawns, topiary squares, ornamental pools, woodland garden, herbaceous border and walled kitchen garden.

We will be staying overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at the Forest Pines Hotel and Golf Resort a gem in the North Lincolnshire countryside with great leisure facilities.

Thursday - We travel to Grimsthorpe Castle Park and Gardens in Lincolnshire, where you will be treated to a guided tour of the house and a tour of the estate, before travelling to our hotel near Grantham.

Friday - Today we visit the ancient city of Lincoln before our journey home.

£158 per person

£20 single room supplement

Magical Mid Wales

Sunday 14th August

Enjoy a visit to Ross On Wye before we continue to our visit that we have included to the Grade II listed Hall at Abbey-Cwm-Hir, a delightful and unique Victorian gothic mansion, set in a breathtaking location within 12 acres of landscaped gardens that will be in their full glory this time of year and then into the mansion with its 52 individually designed and beautifully restored rooms to explore.

We also you will also have the opportunity for some shopping as we visit Cardiff, Wales' exciting capital. With designer brands, major chains and dozens of independent shops and boutiques in the city's network of Victorian and Edwardian arcades. Alternatively, you could enjoy a stroll through the city streets to admire the impressive architecture, or enjoy a visit to historic Cardiff Castle.

We will be staying overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at the Metropole Hotel, which is ideally situated in the centre of historic Llandrindod Wells. Impressive leisure facilities include a heated indoor swimming pool, whirlpool, steam room, sauna and gym.

Sunday - We travel to the Ross On Wye for a lunchtime visit. Our journey then continues into Mid Wales where we visit Abbey Cwm Hir - explore the beautiful rooms of the house in the company of an informative guide before we are treated to included tea and biscuits. After some time for you to explore at leisure we travel to our hotel in Llandrindod Wells.

Monday - After breakfast we depart the hotel for our scenic drive to Brecon, where we enjoy a morning visit. Our journey then continues to Cardiff where you can spend the afternoon sightseeing or shopping before our journey home.

£159 per person
£10 single room supplement

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£179 per person
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£195 per person
£55 single room supplement

Orient Express

Saturday 17th September

Journey in style on board the British Pullman, sister train to the renowned Venice Simplon-Orient Express train and step back in time as you board one of the unique carriages dating from the 1920s and 30s, while liveried stewards serve you a finest Orient-Express Brunch comprising of fruit salad, smoked salmon and scrambled eggs, selection of bakery items, an Orient Express Bellini cocktail and tea & coffee, sit back and relax in your comfortable armchair and enjoy the view!

We have also included a visit to the STEAM Museum of The Great Western Railway. It is situated in the heart of what was once one of the largest railway engineering complexes in the world on the site of the Old Swindon Railway Works. It tells the story of the railway community in Swindon as well as housing many railway engines and rolling stock. Often referred to be historians and railway fans as 'God's Wonderful Railway'. The pioneering vision and engineering genius of Isambard Kingdom Brunel led to the Great Western Railway network becoming regarded as the most advanced in the world.

We will be staying overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at the 4* Copthorne Slough Hotel. The hotel has easy access to Historic Windsor and its attractions. The hotel has leisure facilities including a swimming pool.

Saturday - We travel to STEAM - The Museum of The Great Western Railway. We have arranged on arrival a highlights tour before you will have plenty of free time to explore this interesting Museum. We then continue to our overnight hotel.

Sunday - We depart the hotel for Victoria Station where we board the British Pullman Orient Express for our journey and lifetime experience to Folkestone. The journey is approx 2 hours and includes brunch. When we arrive in Folkestone we re-board our coach for our journey home.

£335 per person
£25 single room supplement

Grimsthorpe Castle & Lincoln

Monday 19th September

Walk in the footsteps of Kings on this great break to historic Lincolnshire. At the heart of the county lies the ancient Cathedral city of Lincoln, famed for its impressive Castle and awe-inspiring cathedral, which houses one of the original copies of the Magna Carta.

Get a glimpse into the lives of Lincolnshire Lords and Ladies as we uncover imposing Grimsthorpe Castle too. A Castle built for a King, Grimsthorpe has been the home of the de Eresby family since 1516, when it was granted by Henry VIII to the 11th Baron Willoughby de Eresby on the occasion of his marriage to Maria de Salinas, lady-in-waiting to Queen Katherine of Aragon. Inside, the State Rooms are filled with impressive collections of paintings, furniture, tapestries and objects d'art, plus there are thrones and furnishings from the old House of Lords. The Castle sits amongst rolling Lincolnshire countryside and the extensive grounds feature a lake, formal lawns, topiary squares, ornamental pools, woodland garden, herbaceous border and walled kitchen garden.

We will be staying overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at the Wyndham Garden Hotel Grantham. A rustic hotel set in countryside with leisure facilities.

Monday - We travel to Grimsthorpe Castle Park and Gardens in Lincolnshire, where you will be treated to a guided tour of the house and a tour of the estate, before travelling to our hotel near Grantham.

Tuesday - Today we visit the ancient city of Lincoln before our journey home.

£148 per person

£15 single room supplement

Hampshire - Roses & Steam

Saturday 1st October

Join us for a voyage of discovery as we uncover the charming county of Hampshire. Take a nostalgic ride back in time with a lovely steam train journey through the beautiful Hampshire countryside on board the Mid Hants Railway, known as the 'Watercress Line'. We also enjoy a visit to the National Trust's Mottisfont Abbey, where you will find the Gothic remains of a 13th-century Augustinian priory set in glorious grounds alongside the River Test. The delightful walled gardens here house the colourful and fragrant National Collection of old-fashioned roses.

We will be staying overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at the modern 4* Macdonald Botley Park Hotel, which is ideally located in the beautiful Hampshire countryside near Southampton amidst acres of green parkland. Impressive leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, beauty spa, gym, sauna and steam room.

Saturday - We travel to Hampshire, where we enjoy a visit to the unspoilt cathedral city of Winchester and a scenic journey on the 'Watercress Line' from New Arlesford to Alton, before continuing to our hotel near Southampton.

Sunday - We depart the hotel after breakfast for our visit to the National Trust's Mottisfont Abbey, with free time for you to explore at your own pace, admire the beautiful collection of roses, browse the Coach House shop or perhaps have lunch. Our journey then continues to Wiltshire and the Cathedral city of Salisbury, renowned for its beautiful half-timbered buildings, where you will have time at leisure before our journey home.

£172 per person

£20 single room supplement

£9.80 reduction for National Trust members

Derbyshire Treasures & Trams

Sunday 2nd October

Join us for a nostalgic journey back in time on this captivating new tour to Derbyshire.

At the heart of the county we uncover the Crich Tramway Village, a lovingly restored period village overlooking the beautiful Derwent Valley and home to the famous National Tramway Museum. Enjoy unlimited rides on the vintage trams which run along the cobbled village street and past the original facades of historic buildings from the around the country, before heading up the valley for views that will take your breath away. Perhaps also enjoy a stroll along the Woodland Walk and Sculpture Trail, visit The Red Lion or Rita's Tearooms or treat yourself in the traditional sweet shop!

Bring out the child in yourself as we also visit the National Trust's Sudbury Hall & National Museum of Childhood, which is brimming with historic treasures. This unique place features a grand 17th Century country house with exquisite plasterwork, wood carvings, classical story-based murals, grand Great Staircase and Long Gallery. Sudbury also boasts a fascinating museum where you can explore the childhoods of times gone by, with a collection through the ages from ancient Egyptian times to the 21st century.

We will be staying overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at the elegant 4* Hallmark Hotel, which is centrally located in the historic and vibrant city of Derby.

Sunday - We travel to Derbyshire for our visit to the National Trust's Sudbury Hall & National Museum of Childhood. You are treated to a welcome talk on arrival, followed by free time at leisure before we continue to our hotel in Derby.

Monday - After breakfast we depart the hotel and travel to Crich Tramway Village, with free time to explore at leisure before our journey home.

£165 per person

£15 single room supplement

£14.70 reduction for National Trust members

Sandhurst & Portsmouth

Sunday 9th October

Experience the Royal Military College of Sandhurst where all officers in the British Army are trained.

Your visit includes a 2 hour guided tour of the college including the Museum Room, Indian Army Memorial Room, Hastings Room, The Royal Memorial Chapel & other prestige rooms within the Old College, as well as a 30 minutes coach tour of the grounds and afternoon tea served in one of the prestigious rooms in the old college. We also visit Portsmouth Historic Dockyard including visits to HMS Victory, HMS Warrior, National Museum of the Royal Navy, harbour cruise and Mary Rose Museum.

Our hotel is the Chichester Park Hotel. This hotel offers a fine bar, restaurant and leisure facilities including an indoor pool. Included is dinner, bed and breakfast.

Sunday - Today we travel to Bucklebury, the family home of Kate the Duchess of Cambridge for our early lunch stop before travelling onto Sandhurst college for our guided tours and afternoon tea before continuing to our hotel in Portsmouth.

Monday - After breakfast we make our way to the Historic Dockyard where you have your own time to visit the many included attractions as well as time to visit the Spinnaker Tower or Gunwharf Quays shopping area before our journey home.

£189 per person

£16 single room supplement

Taste of the Riviera

Sunday 9th October

Enjoy a scenic drive taking in the rolling hills of Devon and then a visit to the seaside resort of Brixham before journeying onto our destination in Torquay. The cosmopolitan resort of Torquay offers a beautiful marina, cafes and shops to browse or sit and watch the sun go down from the hotels beautiful conservatory area overlooking the bay.

We pay a visit to National Trust's Saltram House. We have included a guided tour of the house as well as time to visit the gardens at your leisure. We then continue onto the maritime city of Plymouth. Visit the Barbican or the historic Hoe or walk the historic Plymouth heritage walk.

We are staying at the 4* Imperial Hotel Torquay with it's sheltered position overlooking the bay. The hotel has a swimming pool and leisure facilities.

Sunday - We travel to Brixham for a visit and some free time before we continue to our hotel in Torquay in time for you to be greeted with tea and coffee on arrival and free time to visit this beautiful and cosmopolitan resort.

Monday - After breakfast at the hotel we travel to National Trust's Saltram House where a guided tour has been included. We then re board our coach to Plymouth for some free time before our journey home.

£155 per person

National Trust Reduction - £9.00

Carmarthen & Tenby

Sunday 16th October

A journey through the beautiful countryside and coastal towns of Carmarthenshire as we visit the oldest town in Wales Carmarthen. Wander through the old narrow streets or visit the castle which is said to have been the most important castle to the Welsh Royals. A visit to Laugharne is not complete to a visit to Dylan Thomas' Boat House which was said to be the inspiration to his most famous work 'Under Milk Wood'. We also visit Saundersfoot and The National Botanical Garden Of Wales.

Our Hotel will be in Tenby. The Park Hotel enjoys breathtaking views overlooking Tenby's North Bay and the harbour with it's backdrop of quaint multi-coloured houses of the old town. We have included dinner, bed and breakfast.

Sunday - We travel to Camarthen for a lunchtime visit and free time. Our journey then continues to Laugharne where again you have free time to visit the attractions of this beautiful coastal town before we continue onto our hotel in Tenby.

Monday - After some free time in Tenby we pay a short visit to Saundersfoot before continuing to the National Botanical Garden of Wales located in the beautiful area of the Towy Valley. It houses the worlds biggest single span greenhouse packed with Mediterranean climate zone plants and described as a jewel in the Welsh countryside.

£155 per person

London Shopper

Sunday 6th November

Spoil yourself with a break to London. Visit the capital's abundance of shops, departments stores and markets and start you Christmas shopping on this weekend in London.

If your not just doing the shopping then take time to explore the many attractions of London, perhaps visit the many museums, historical sights, Royal Homes or treat yourself to a show.

The time is yours free in London to arrange and make the most of your visit.

We will be staying overnight with bed, breakfast at the Park Plaza Victoria London Hotel. Situated near to Buckingham Palace, Harrods and the Houses of Parliament.

Sunday - We travel to London, arriving at the hotel around lunchtime. You will have free time to settle in or perhaps do a little sightseeing and start your Christmas shopping.

Monday - Today is yours to explore London at your leisure. The coach will depart from the hotel mid afternoon as we then depart London for the journey home.

£159 per person

£55 single room supplement

Classical Spectacular

Saturday 19th November

A great weekend trip to London which includes an evening at the Royal Albert Hall, one of the most famous entertainment venues in the world, to see the sensational 'Classical Spectacular', the UK's most popular classical music show!

The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra return to play all the classics at this magnificent and unique event, which combines the best in classical music and state of the art technology, with multi-coloured laser displays, can-can dancers and dazzling special effects, bringing to life the scenes and moods evoked by each piece. A cast of over 200 musicians perform a superb programme, featuring some of the world's best loved classical music, including 'Rule Britannia', 'Zadok the Priest', the Grand March from 'Aida', 'Land of Hope and Glory', 'Ride of the Valkyries' and the famous '1812 Overture' with thundering cannons, muskets and indoor fireworks.

Seats at The Royal Albert Hall are in the Grand Tier Boxes.

We will be staying overnight with bed and breakfast at the Millennium Gloucester Hotel in fashionable Kensington, ideally situated near Hyde Park, The Natural History Museum, The Victoria & Albert Museum and The Science Museum.

Saturday - We travel to London, arriving early afternoon. You cannot check into your room until 3pm, but you may leave your luggage with concierge whilst you relax at the hotel or do some sightseeing. In the evening we depart by coach from the hotel and travel the short distance to the Royal Albert Hall, for the evening performance of the Classical Spectacular.

Sunday - After breakfast at the hotel the day is yours to explore London at your own pace, before we depart at 4pm for the journey home.

£229 per person

£60 single room supplement

Tatton Park at Christmas

Sunday 27th November

Get into the Christmas mood with our visit to the National Trusts' beautiful Tatton Park, one of the most splendid historic estates in Europe, set in 50 acres of glorious gardens. At this time of year the lower floors of the house are beautifully decorated for Christmas and the house takes on a magical appearance with fragrant garlands, fairy lights and candles. Tatton's gift and garden shops are a lovely place to browse for Christmas gifts and decorations.

We also enjoy a visit to Chester on the River Dee, one of England's best preserved medieval cities, and a great place to be at Christmastime with its combination of festive shopping, historic treasures and wonderful architecture. Perhaps explore the old town with its black and white half-timbered houses, take a stroll along the Roman City walls or beside the river, visit the Norman Cathedral, or perhaps browse for Christmas gift ideas in the ancient 'Rows', a series of excellent covered shopping galleries.

We will be staying overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast at the Park Royal Warrington Hotel situated in rolling Cheshire countryside surrounded by landscape grounds in the sleepy village of Stretton.

Sunday - We travel to the city of Chester, where you will have free time at leisure before continuing to our hotel.

Monday - After breakfast we enjoy a festive visit to Tatton Park. You have free time to wander through the state rooms and into the kitchen to learn how the decorations are made.

£150 per person

£17.50 single room supplement

Chatsworth at Christmas

Sunday 4th December

Get into the festive mood with this popular break to visit grand Chatsworth House in the Peak District, home to the Dukes of Devonshire.

Experience 'The Palace of the Peaks' at its most magical time as the house is dressed for the festive season with stunning displays, sparkling lights and glittering decorations - a truly unique and memorable festive experience.

As a special treat we have included a Christmas lunch in Chatsworth's converted 18th century stables, one of the oldest buildings on the estate.

We will be staying overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast in the vibrant Yorkshire city of Sheffield, at the luxurious 4* Hilton Sheffield located on Victoria Quays with easy access to Sheffield Centre.

Sunday - We begin today with a short visit to Evesham Country Park in the picturesque Vale of Evesham, with time at leisure to explore the garden centre and browse for gifts in the courtyard shops. We then continue to Stratford-upon-Avon beside the River Severn, birthplace of William Shakespeare and renowned for its beautiful black and white buildings, where we enjoy a lunchtime visit before continuing to South Yorkshire and our hotel in Sheffield.

Monday - After breakfast we depart the hotel and travel into Derbyshire to reach Chatsworth House. You will have free time here to explore the beautifully decorated house, take a stroll around the gardens and browse the elegant gift shops for Christmas gifts. You are then treated to an included Christmas lunch in the main restaurant in the former stables, before we depart for the journey home.

£175 per person

£20 single room supplement

Christmas at Rockingham Castle

Tuesday 29th November

Get into the festive mood with this new break to visit Rockingham Castle. It is Christmas Eve, 1881. The staff are preparing the Castle for the family's celebrations. Under the butler's direction, the Great Hall table is laid, the silver is polished, the candles and fires are lit, the decorations are in place and the kitchen is a hive of activity. You can enjoy the tales of the staff and see the castle decorated in grand Victorian style.

We also visit Warwick famous for its magnificent castle and its historic charm.

We will be staying overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast near the town of Corby at the Best Western Rockingham Forest Hotel.

Tuesday - We travel today to Warwick where you have free time to explore this historic town. Streets full of Antique shops and Christmas gifts and decorations or perhaps a visit to the magnificent Warwick Castle. We then continue to our hotel near Corby.

Wednesday - After breakfast we depart the hotel and travel to Rockingham Castle where you will be greeted with coffee and mince pies. We then have included a costumed guided tour of the castle followed by a 2 course lunch, before we depart for the journey home.

£169 per person

£15 single room supplement

Abbey Cwm Hir at Christmas

Sunday 11th December

A unique festive treat awaits us as we uncover the historic Victorian Hall at Abbey Cwm Hir, where the 52 individually designed rooms of this Grade II listed mansion are splendidly decorated for the season, creating a magical Victorian Christmas experience.

Enjoy a visit to Ross On Wye and also you will also have the opportunity for some festive shopping as we visit Cardiff, Wales' exciting capital. With designer brands, major chains and dozens of independent shops and boutiques in the city's network of Victorian and Edwardian arcades, this is a great place to pick up some Christmas gifts. Alternatively, you could enjoy a stroll through the city streets to admire the impressive architecture, or enjoy a visit to historic Cardiff Castle.

We will be staying overnight with dinner, bed and breakfast in Mid Wales at the family-run Metropole Hotel in the Victorian spa town of Llandrindod Wells. Impressive leisure facilities are housed within a Victorian-style conservatory and include a heated swimming pool, whirlpool, steam room, sauna and gym.

Sunday - We travel to the Ross On Wye for a lunchtime visit. Our journey then continues into Mid Wales where we visit Abbey Cwm Hir - explore the beautiful rooms of the house in the company of an informative guide before we are treated to included tea and biscuits. After some time for you to explore at leisure we travel to our hotel in Llandrindod Wells.

Monday - After breakfast we depart the hotel for our scenic drive to Brecon, where we enjoy a morning visit. Our journey then continues to Cardiff where you can spend the afternoon sightseeing or shopping before our journey home.

£155 per person

£10 single room supplement

How to Book with PS Travel

Contact our office

Call us on **01275 792223** or come into our office to check availability and make your reservation. Our helpful staff will be happy to answer any of your questions. You can also email us at: **enquiry@ps-travel.co.uk**

Choose your Seats

Choose your seats on the coach - these are then your seats for the duration of the tour. Please refer to our coach seating plan on page 2. If you wish to sit near the front of the coach it is advisable that you book early, as these seats are popular.

Collection Points

Joining our tours couldn't be easier - for your convenience we don't have set collection points, just tell our staff where you live and they will arrange an individual pick up to suit you. (This may be from your home, depending on where you live). Please refer to the map on page 2 for an indication of the areas in which we pick up. If you will be bringing any walking aids with you, such as walkers and walking frames, please notify us at the time of booking. Unfortunately we are not able to take mobility scooters.

Special Requests

If you have any special requirements or requests, we must be informed at the time of booking - for example, any special dietary requirements, allergies and access problems (low floor/close to lift etc). We will then pass your requests on to the hotel, but cannot make guarantees on their behalf.

Insurance

We strongly recommend that insurance is taken out on all our tours, but it is not compulsory for UK tours. It is however a condition of booking that you have insurance cover for holidays outside of the UK. Should you like to take out insurance with us, please see page 55 for policy details and prices of the cover that we offer.

Deposit Payments

We require a deposit at the time of booking of £50 per person for UK Tours and £70 per person for European and Continental Tours. If you are taking out travel insurance with us, then your insurance premium is payable with your deposit. Once we have received your deposit you will be provided with written confirmation of your booking.

Balance Payments

Your balance payment will be due 6 weeks prior to the tour's departure date. We do not send out reminders, but the due date will be stated on the confirmation you receive at the time of booking. If you are booking within 6 weeks of a tour's departure date, then full payment will be required.

Payment Methods

We accept cash, cheque and all major credit and debit cards, please make cheques payable to PS Travel. Please note - payment by credit card will incur an additional charge of 2%.

Travel Tickets & Collection Times

Your collection time, luggage labels and travel tickets will be sent to you by post approximately 5 days before your departure date.

Luggage

Luggage is restricted to one medium sized suitcase per person. On longer tours which include overnight hotels, we ask that you also take a smaller overnight bag, so that your main suitcase can then remain on the coach until we reach the main hotel.

Booking Conditions & Insurance

When making a booking you must pay a deposit of £50 per person for UK tours, £70 per person on tours to Europe, Eire & The Channel Islands. Receipt of the deposit by us signifies that you, on behalf of yourself and your party, have accepted our booking terms and conditions stated herein.

Holiday Insurance premiums must be paid with the deposit.

The balance of the cost of the holiday must be paid at least 6 weeks prior to your departure date. If the balance is not paid in time, we reserve the right to cancel your holiday and retain the deposit.

All prices are correct at the time of printing this brochure. Should any unforeseen increase/circumstances arise we reserve the right to make any necessary surcharges.

PS Travel reserves the right to modify at any time the hotel, travel arrangements, vehicle type, excursions, seating or room allocations. PS Travel reserves the right to cancel any holiday tour - any monies paid will be refunded.

All prices include VAT. Should there be an increase in VAT, it may be necessary to make a supplement charge.

CANCELLATIONS - You may cancel your holiday at any time, providing that the cancellation is made by the lead name and is communicated to us in writing. As this incurs administration costs, we will retain the deposit, and in addition may apply cancellation charges up to the maximum shown below.

If two people are sharing a room, and one wishes to cancel, we will amend the booking to a single room. If there are no singles available at the hotel, a supplement of up to 100% of the holiday cost may be charged.

FINANCIAL SECURITY - You will be pleased to note that in accordance with 'The Package Travel, Package Tours Regulations 1992' all passengers booking with PS Travel (Bristol) Ltd are fully insured for the initial deposit and subsequently the balance of all monies paid to us, including repatriation if required, arising from the cancellation or curtailment of your travel arrangements due to the insolvency of PS Travel (Bristol) Ltd.

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INSURANCE - It is a condition of booking that all passengers have travel insurance on our non - UK holidays. We strongly recommend that insurance is taken out for all tours.

HOLIDAY INSURANCE PREMIUMS FOR 2016

HOLIDAY DURATIONS	UK	EUROPE & CONTINENTAL
UP TO 3 DAYS	£20	£26
4-6 DAYS	£25	£35
7-10 DAYS	£27	£40

CANCELLATIONS CHARGES

Period before departure within which written cancellation is received	Amount of Cancellation Charge shown as % of Holiday Price
PRIOR TO 42 DAYS	DEPOSIT
28-42 DAYS	40%
14-27 DAYS	50%
7-13 DAYS	90%
1-6 DAYS	100%

NOTE: if the reason for cancellation is covered under the terms & conditions of an insurance policy, you may be able to reclaim these charges.

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We only offer travel insurance from a single insurer - ETI-International Travel Protection. This travel insurance is suitable for those who wish to insure themselves when travelling against the specified financial loss of unforeseen circumstances and events relating to your trip. A list of the covers and corresponding levels, as well as the main policy exclusions, can be found below. Further details will be in your policy document, a copy of which is available on request. We have not provided you with any recommendation or advice about whether this product meets your specific insurance requirements. It is your responsibility to decide whether this policy suits your requirements. Should you require any further information, please contact P S Travel.

Health Conditions

You are not required to declare your medical conditions. However, you must comply with the following conditions AT THE TIME OF TAKING OUT THIS POLICY to have full protection of your policy:

1. You are not aware of any medical condition or set of circumstances that could be reasonably expected to give rise to a claim (for example the state of health of a close relative, Business Associate or any person on whom your travel plans depend)
2. You are not receiving, or on a waiting list for, surgery, day case or in-patient treatment or investigations in a hospital, clinic or nursing home
3. You are not (a) travelling against any health requirements stipulated by the carrier, their handling agents or any other public transport provider or (b) travelling against the advice of a Medical Practitioner or for the purpose of obtaining medical treatment abroad
4. You been given a terminal prognosis
5. If your medical condition cannot comply with these conditions then any claim relating to that medical condition will not be covered

General Exclusions - The policy includes some general exclusions relating to a variety of illnesses which are not covered. Although not a full list these include Alcoholism, drugs or drug addition, stress, anxiety or depressive conditions, psychiatric illness, terminal illness, AIDS, HIV, sexually transmitted disease, suicide or attempt thereat, deliberate exposure of danger or criminal act. Full Exclusions are listed in the policy document.

Cover and Cost

Cancellation	Up to £2,000
Medical Expenses & Repatriation	Up to £1,000,000
Curtailment & Hospital Benefit	Up to £2,000
Luggage Personal effects & Money	Up to £1,000 in all - £200 money, valuables
Luggage Delay	Up to £100
Personal Liability	Up to £1,000,000

Personal Accident	Up to £10,000
Loss of Passport	Up to £200
Delayed Departure (not UK)	Up to £60
Missed Departure (not UK)	Up to £200 (due to public transport only)
Legal Expenses	Up to £5,000

Policy excess - Deposits (£10 excess. All sections, except Personal Accident, Hospital Benefit, Loss of Passport, Missed Departure, Legal Expenses and Personal Liability are subject to a £60 excess, per person, per claim.

Material Facts - Your insurance is arranged on the basis of what you have told the Underwriters.

If you're in any doubt as to whether to provide any information please do so, to ensure that your policy is set up on the correct basis because if not it could mean that part or all of a claim may be unpaid. If any circumstances change throughout the policy term please advise the Underwriters immediately so that they can ensure cover is still appropriate. If you fail to report claims promptly, or any circumstances which may lead to a claim, it may affect your ability to obtain a settlement.

Cancellation Rights - If your cover doesn't meet your requirements, please let P S Travel know within 14 days of receiving your policy document and return all your documents for a refund of your premium. Any premium already paid will be refunded to You providing you have not travelled, no claim has been made or is intended to be made and no incident likely to give rise to a claim has occurred.

Claims - Full details of how to make a claim and how to appeal should your claim not be successful can be found in your policy document.

Complaints - Should you have a complaint about the sale of your travel insurance policy, please contact Arthur J. Gallagher Insurance Brokers Ltd, 6th Floor, Temple Circus House, Temple Way, Bristol BS1 6HG. Should you remain unhappy with our final reply, you may have the right to refer your complaint to The FOS address is: The Financial Ombudsman Service, Exchange Tower, London E14 9SR. Opening times are Monday to Friday - 8am to 8pm and Saturday - 9am to 1pm. Their telephone number is 0800 023 4 567 and calls to this number are normally free for people ringing from a 'fixed line' phone - but charges may apply if you call from a mobile phone. 0300 123 9 123 calls to this number are charged at the same rate as 01 or 02 numbers on mobile phone tariffs. These numbers may not be available from outside the UK - so please call us from abroad on: +44 20 7964 0500.

Financial Services Compensation Scheme - We are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). You may be entitled to compensation from the scheme if we cannot meet our obligations. This depends on the type of business and the circumstances of the claim. Insurance advising and arranging is covered for 90% of the claim, with no upper limit. Further information is available from the FSCS.

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