



BRITISH &  
CONTINENTAL  
*QUALITY COACH HOLIDAYS 2020*

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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.

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1A	1B	1C	1D		
2A	2B	2C	2D		
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5A	5B	5C	5D		
6A	6B	WC			
7A	7B	STAIRS			
8A	8B	8C	8D		
9A	9B	9C	9D		
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12A	12B	12C	12D		
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# PS Travel

We are very pleased to present you with our new PS Travel Coach Holidays Brochure including our Taster Break programme for 2020.

As many of you will already know, family run PS Travel have been providing quality coach holidays to the people of North Somerset, Bristol, the surrounding areas and beyond for over 25 years.

Amanda & Beth carefully plan each and every tour to ensure your time away is the most enjoyable as possible.

- 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 39 for our straightforward booking procedure.

**Whether you are one of our many existing customers, or are joining us for the first time this year, we are sure you will find something to tempt you in our 2020 brochure.**

*Amanda, Steve & Beth*

## 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. Call for details.
- ✓ **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)
- ✓ **Travel in Comfort** Relax on board modern and comfortable coaches, which are all equipped with air conditioning and toilet/wash room facilities. (vehicles are subject to change of facilities and size)
- ✓ **Personal Service** Our experienced and friendly staff will be on hand to assist you from the time you make your booking. We endeavour to cater for your individual needs wherever possible.
- ✓ **Financial Security** We feel it's important to book with a company you can trust. For your peace of mind, and in accordance with EC Package Holiday Regulations, all monies paid to us are held in a Trust Account with Barclays Bank Plc.
- ✓ **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 43 for further information, or call our office.

## 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.



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## The Cream of Devon Sidmouth

Sidmouth - Torquay - Teignmouth - Donkey Sanctuary -  
Weymouth - Exeter - Bickleigh Mill



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 the city of Exeter, a shopper's paradise brimming with historic attractions, including a magnificent cathedral. Free time here before we continue the journey to our hotel

**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 harbourside and marina, waterfront, bars, chic seafood restaurants and an excellent selection of shops. Before returning to Sidmouth we also visit the historic port of Teignmouth.

**DAY 3** - Today's excursion begins with a visit to Sidmouth's Donkey Sanctuary. There are hundreds of donkeys waiting for your visit today. 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** - After breakfast, at leisure you have some free time before we depart the hotel. We will make a stop at Bickleigh Mill, an 18th century historic working water mill, home to a traditional restaurant and lovely array of shops in an idyllic setting by the River Exe. Here you have free time 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. A 5-course table d'hôtel 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

Tues 31st March - 5 days - £455  
Weds 8th July - 5 days - £485  
Fri 2nd October - 5 days - £455



## Margate in March

Ramsgate Tunnels - Maidstone - Canterbury -  
Scenic Drive - Whitstable



Bring some break to the long winter months with a trip to Kent. With its fertile soil and mild climate, the Kentish countryside has flourished as a fruit growing region gaining its reputation as the 'Garden of England'. On the coast are the remains of sturdy castles put up to deter invaders from across the channel. Today though, the seashore is largely devoted to holidaymakers especially at our base in Margate.

**SUNDAY** - We travel to our hotel in Margate with suitable stops en-route.

**MONDAY** - This morning is yours free to enjoy the hotel and the resort of Margate. We then continue with a scenic drive and visits to some of Kent's most scenic villages including Headcorn; an ancient village with a medieval high street, Staplehurst; home of the Iden Croft Herb Garden, Marden and ending up in the town of Maidstone.

**TUESDAY** - We depart the hotel after breakfast and travel into 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 forms part of a World Heritage Site. We then return to the hotel via Whitstable with its traditional charm, strong arts culture and rich maritime history and then onto Herne Bay - you'll fall in love with the British seaside all over again.

**WEDNESDAY** - After breakfast, we head to Ramsgate and its stunning Royal Harbour, full of history, discover the Victorian arches, ship chandlers, intriguing shops and artists' studios. We have included a visit to the Ramsgate Wartime Tunnels. We have a guided walking tour including last approx. 1-hour 30mins. **(You will be provided with hard hats and will need to wear suitable footwear)** We then re-board the coach for our journey home.

### Our Hotel

We will be staying in the classic seaside town of Margate at the Smiths Court Hotel. Set just above Margate, on the clifftops of Cliftonville offering stunning sea views and sandy beaches within walking distance. The Turner Contemporary and Margate Old Town are a stroll away.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

### Departure Date & Price

Sun 8th March - 4 days - £299



## Hidden Gems of the East

Tiptree Jam Museum - Sudbury -  
Guided tour Suffolk Coasts Colchester - Lavenham



Suffolk is surrounded by beautiful countryside and stunning scenery including spectacular coastlines and medieval villages and towns. See the beauty for yourselves with a scenic guided tour and our hotel based in Sudbury.

**SUNDAY** - We travel to our hotel with a stop in Royal Windsor where you will have some free time before re-boarding our coach.

**MONDAY** - This morning we head to the Tiptree Jam shop & Museum. On arrival, we have a presentation of the history of the preserve making here followed by a cream tea and time to wander around the visitor centre. We then return to Sudbury. The town dates back to the time of Saxons and has a long heritage in the trade of weaving and silk. A free afternoon exploring the town.

**TUESDAY** - After a leisurely breakfast, we join our guide for a full day scenic and informative guided tour of the 50 miles stretch of heritage coastline and area of natural beauty.

**WEDNESDAY** - This morning you have free time in Colchester. Famous as Britain's oldest recorded town, Colchester is steeped in history with many interesting museums, lovely specialist shops and beautiful Castle Park to explore. Colchester Castle Museum is worth a visit too - the largest Norman Keep in Europe with superb Roman displays, it offers an insight into 2000 years of some of the most important events in our country's history. We then continue to Lavenham one of England's best-preserved and prettiest medieval wool towns.

**THURSDAY** - After breakfast, we start on our journey home with a stop in St Alban's where you have free time before re-boarding the coach.

### Our Hotel

We will be staying at the Mill Hotel Sudbury. Nestled in breathtaking Suffolk countryside, the hotel is a beautifully converted water mill situated on the banks of the picturesque River Stour. Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

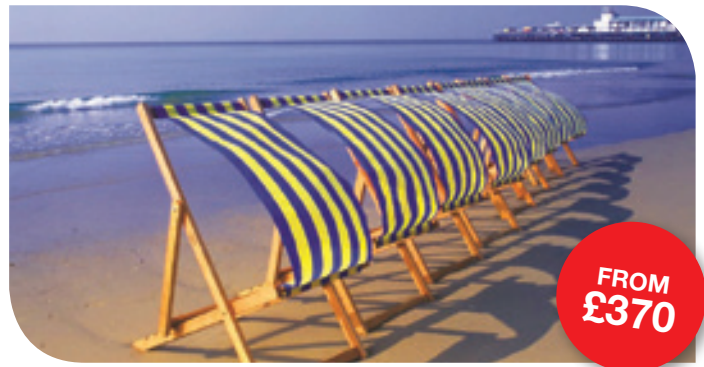


### Departure Date & Price

Sun 5th April - 5 days - £499  
£80 single room supplement

## Easter in Bournemouth

Swanage - Compton Acres - Lulworth Castle - Weymouth - Poole



Experience Dorset's delightful coast and countryside with scenic journeys by road along with visits to sparkling seaside resorts, charming harbour towns and one of England's most important historic gardens.

**FRIDAY** - We travel to our hotel with a scenic drive that takes us through the historic village of Corfe, overlooked by the dramatic ruins of Corfe Castle. Then on to the traditional Victorian seaside resort of Swanage, known as the gem of the Purbeck Coast and renowned as the setting for Enid Blyton's 'Famous Five' adventures. Here you can browse the many interesting shops, take a stroll along the award-winning beach, visit the pier or perhaps treat yourself to a Dorset cream tea! From here it's a short drive to reach the Sandbanks ferry for our cruise across to the historic old port of Poole. Enjoy free time to explore the stunning natural harbour or perhaps browse the charming shops of the old town and the historic side streets of the ancient quay before we continue to our hotel in Bournemouth.

**SATURDAY** - Today's excursion begins with a visit to one of England's most important historic gardens, Compton Acres, with spectacular views over Poole Harbour and the Purbeck Hills, 10 acres of Individually themed gardens, lovely cafe and plant centre. We then visit the pretty harbour town of Christchurch, famous for its 11th century Priory Church.

**SUNDAY** - After breakfast, we head to Lulworth Castle, named as one of the most beautiful castles in the south. The castle stands majestically in extensive parkland close to Lulworth Cove, originally built in 1608 as a hunting lodge to entertain royalty. You have free time to explore the estate at your leisure. We then return to our hotel where you have the rest of the day to relax in the hotel's surroundings and enjoy the gift of an Easter Egg.

**MONDAY** - We start our journey home with a visit to the seaside resort of Weymouth. We then continue with our homeward bound journey.

### Our Hotel

We will be staying at the Mayfair Hotel Bournemouth which is within easy walking distance of the town centre and only minutes from the pier and beaches. Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.



### Departure Date & Price

Fri 10th April - 4 days - £370  
Single Room supplement £60

## West Country Sail & Rail

Tiverton - Minehead - West Somerset Railway -  
Tiverton Canal - Barrington Court



FROM  
£330

Join us on our new tour as we take a scenic journey to the wonderful landscape and attractions right on our doorstep. We travel through the beautiful Somerset country by traditional steam railway and a horse-drawn barge on the Tiverton Canal.

We will be based near Tiverton and greeted at our hotel with a cream tea.

**MONDAY** - We travel to our hotel base in Tiverton with a visit en-route to National Trusts Barrington Court. A beautifully restored Tudor mansion, full of mystery and atmosphere ready for you to explore in the heart of the Somerset countryside. You have free time to explore the house and gardens at your leisure. On arrival at the hotel, we are greeted with a cream tea.

**TUESDAY** - Today is a full day as we join the West Somerset Railway, Britain's longest steam railway, at Bishops Lydiard for a scenic ride through the Quantock Hills to the resort of Minehead. Time at leisure in Minehead before continuing our journey by coach along the Somerset and Devon coast to return to our hotel.

**WEDNESDAY** - This morning as a morning free in Tiverton before a gentle cruise along the Grand Western Canal by horse-drawn barge. During the journey you will hear some tales about the canal and often there is a minute's silence so you can experience the true peace and tranquillity of traveling by horse-drawn barge. Tea and scones will be served during the journey. We then re-join our coach for our journey home.

### Our Hotel

We will be staying at the Best Western Tiverton Hotel located on the outskirts of the town centre.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

### Departure Date & Price

Mon 20th April - 3 days - **£330**  
Single room supplement £50  
National Trust Reduction - £10  
(you must present your card on the day)



## A Royal Family Affair

Windsor Castle - Spencer House - Afternoon Tea - London



FROM  
£335

With a uniquely exciting atmosphere, experience the regal wonder of London and marvel at the city's many iconic buildings and palaces, immerse yourself in culture at one of the 170 museums and relax amidst the natural beauty of the Royal Parks. With a visit to the stunning Windsor Castle and then the jewel of your trip is an intimate discovery of the grand Spencer House, where Princess Diana's ancestors hosted high society and royalty in the form of Queen Victoria.

**SUNDAY** - We travel to Spencer House where we enjoy a free flow visit of the house. Known as London's most magnificent eighteenth-century aristocratic palace built for John, first Earl Spencer - an ancestor of Diana, Princess of Wales it is the epitome of the aristocratic London Society with the first Earl Spencer and his wife providing lavish entertaining on a grand scale, with prominent guests including Queen Victoria as well as George V, Duke of York. After we head for our afternoon tea at JW Marriott Grosvenor House before continuing to our hotel.

**MONDAY** - We travel to Windsor where we have included entrance to Windsor Castle. The castle is the oldest and largest occupied castle in the World and the official residence of Her Majesty The Queen. You will have a free flow visit to explore the castle at your own pace. After the visit, you will have free time to explore Windsor itself before returning to our hotel.

**TUESDAY** - After breakfast, we head into London where you have free time to explore the many sights and attractions of this city. We then depart to London in the afternoon for our journey home.

### Our Hotel

We will be staying at the Marriott Heathrow Windsor Hotel. The hotel's facilities include an indoor swimming pool.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

### Departure Date & Price

Sun 26th April - 3 days - **£335**  
Single Room supplement £50



## Skipton Canal Festival

Skipton Canal Festival - Settle-Carlisle Railway



Join us on our new tour to experience the unique Skipton Canal Festival.

The event is organised by volunteers from Pennine Cruisers, local councils and again the local community.

The 1st Skipton Waterway Festival was held in 2001 and has gone on to grow more and more each year. As an event, it attracts around 8,000 – 10,000 visitors each year over the full 3 days providing various entertainment, stalls from craft to charity stalls, Birds of Prey, Vintage Engines and an array of food/concession stalls. There is something for almost everyone.

We also journey on the historic Settle-Carlisle Railway.

**SATURDAY** - We travel to our hotel near Bradford with comfort stops en-route.

**SUNDAY** - A full day ahead for you today as we make our way to the Skipton Canal festival. You have the day to wander around the festival and along the towpaths with its many areas of entertainment, view the beautiful coloured array of canal boats, eat at the many food stalls and soak the festival atmosphere of the day. After we then return to our hotel.

**MONDAY** - After breakfast, we head to Appleby Station where we join the Settle-Carlisle Railway for our scenic journey to Settle. Our journey onboard the historic Settle-Carlisle Railway, a line renowned as one of the most scenic in England, where you can savour wonderful views as the gentle journey takes you through lush rolling hills and the glorious Yorkshire Dales National Park, an area of outstanding natural beauty. After we then re-board the coach and start our journey home.

### Our Hotel

We will be staying at the Clarion Cedar Court Hotel Bradford. The hotel's facilities include an indoor swimming pool, sauna rooms and gym.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.



### Departure Date & Price

Sat 9th May - 3 days - **£255**  
Single Room supplement £38

## Treasures of Yorkshire

York - Castle Howard - Fountain Abbey & Gardens - Rippon



Join us as we visit the stunning vistas, green hills and colourful, quaint villages that make Yorkshire a consistently firm favourite. Explore the diversity of the UK's biggest county and experience some real gems including a stately home, atmospheric abbey ruins and gardens and the breath-taking scenery of the Yorkshire Dales. Also, we visit the city of York an 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.

**MONDAY** - We travel to our hotel near York with suitable comfort stops en-route, arriving with time for you to relax and settle in before dinner at the hotel.

**TUESDAY** - Today we start with a visit to Castle Howard one of the world's most beautiful buildings, instantly recognisable from its starring role in the 1980s TV series Brideshead Revisited. Home to the Howard family for over 300 years, Castle Howard is a magnificent 18th century residence set within 1,000 acres of breath-taking landscape in the Howardian Hills, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty just outside York.

**WEDNESDAY** - A full day in York today. The day is then yours to explore the 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.

**THURSDAY** - We depart the hotel and head to Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal Water Garden. A World Heritage site that started from humble beginnings as an Abbey and has transformed into the atmospheric ruins that now remains. We have a 1.5 hour guided tour of the abbey and garden and then free time to explore at your own leisure. We then continue to beautiful Rippon where you have time before we return to our hotel.

**FRIDAY** - After a leisurely breakfast we depart our hotel and commence our journey home with suitable comfort stops en-route.

### Our Hotel

We will be staying at the Burn Hall Hotel near York and set in the heart of North Yorkshire.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.



### Departure Date & Price

Mon 11th May - 5 days - **£465**  
Single Room supplement £80

## Betrayed King & Prince Thieves

Leicester - King Richard III Visitor Centre - Leicester Cathedral  
- Bosworth Battlefield - Nottingham & Sherwood Guided Tour -  
Lincoln - Newark



FROM  
£450

Join us on our new tour as we discover that England's history is littered with fascinating stories and legends and this tour explores some of the best by visiting a selection of Britain's newest museums and visitor centres.

With King Richard III featuring prominently in the news recently, this tour is sure to be popular.

**MONDAY** - We travel to Lincolnshire and our hotel near Grantham.

**TUESDAY** - We head to Leicester this morning to discover about Richard III at the newly opened King Richard III Visitor Centre which depicts the controversial life of the King and the even more fascinating story of how his remains were recently uncovered. We then take the short trip to Leicester Cathedral to see where he was re-interred in 2015. This afternoon we continue to the Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre and learn how Richard III lost his life and the crown to Henry Tudor.

**WEDNESDAY** - Today we meet your guide in Sherwood Forest, once a royal hunting forest and the legendary home to the famous outlaw. On then to Nottingham via Rufford where our guide will bring the city to life. Learn how Nottingham was once the world leader in lace making and explore the sites associated with the legend of Robin Hood. Time permitting, we visit the Ye Olde Trip to Jerusalem which claims to be the oldest Inn in England.

**THURSDAY** - This morning the trio of historic cities is completed when we visit Lincoln. We have arranged a guided introductory tour of the City, after which you have free time to explore before we continue to the historic market town of Newark.

**FRIDAY** - 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 Olde Barn Hotel 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 18th May - 5 days - £450  
Single Room supplement £70

## England's Hidden Secrets

Cambridge - Anglesey Abbey Gardens -  
Bletchley Park - St Albans



FROM  
£360

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 the beautiful Anglesey Abbey Gardens. We also explore the historic cities of St Alban's and Cambridge.

We stay at the beautiful Mercure Letchworth Hall Hotel.

**THURSDAY** - We start our journey with a visit to St Alban Hertfordshire's oldest town. We have free time here to perhaps explore the Cathedral and wander through to the Roman Mosaic. We then continue to our hotel in Letchworth.

**FRIDAY** - After breakfast, we depart the hotel for our visit to Anglesey Abbey Gardens & Lode Mill. With so much to see and do here from the acres of gardens and the house where you are taken back to the summer of 1938, where the house is preparing for a special visit from the 1st Lord Fairhaven's mother, Cara Broughton, to celebrate the opening of the new library wing. Also in the grounds is Lode Mill. A watermill probably stood on the site of Lode Mill at the time of the Domesday survey in 1086. The Mill which stands today is likely to have been built in the eighteenth century. After we take a scenic drive back to the hotel via the historic villages of Hemingford Abbots & St Ives.

**SATURDAY** - 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.

**SUNDAY** - We start our journey home with a visit to Cambridge where you have free time to explore at leisure before re-boarding the coach for our homebound 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

Thu 28th May - 4 days - £360  
Single Room supplement £60

## Wonderful Worthing

Arundel - Brighton & The Royal Pavilion - Winchester -  
Lewes and Anne of Cleves House



Based in the beautiful Georgian Seaside resort of Worthing we explore the glorious countryside and charming towns of the South Downs National Park, and the beautiful South coast coastal towns and their miles of promenades.

**MONDAY** - We travel to Worthing. It is the largest all-year-round seaside resort in West Sussex and is a delightful destination within a stunning setting between five miles of coastline and the beautiful South Downs National Park. Worthing was a small mackerel fishing hamlet until the late 18th century. It developed into an elegant Georgian seaside resort and attracted the well-known and wealthy of the day. The focal point is the famous Worthing Pier, 292 metres long and built in 1862, ideal for a stroll. We are greeted with tea & biscuits on arrival.

**TUESDAY** - This morning we visit the beautiful county town of Lewes. Full of character and steeped in history we have arranged a visit to Anne of Cleves House. You also have free time in the town. Or perhaps just sit back and relax at the Tudor Tea Gardens. This afternoon we return to Worthing where you can explore this beautiful Georgian resort.

**WEDNESDAY** - Today we travel to historic Arundel. This picturesque town is famous for its imposing castle Gothic-style cathedral and its narrow streets full of intriguing antique shops and tearooms. After free time here we return to our hotel and resort.

**THURSDAY** - After breakfast, we head to Brighton. This exciting town is a treasure trove of things to do and places to see! Regarded as England's premier 'City by the Sea' with its lively seafront attractions, cafés and superb local shops, you may wish to enjoy some shopping and explore the quaint shops of The Lanes district. We have included a visit to the famous Royal Pavilion with its opulent golden décor.

**FRIDAY** - After a leisurely breakfast, we travel to Winchester where you will have free time until we then re-board our coach for our journey home.

### Our Hotel

We will be staying at the Chatsworth Hotel Worthing. Set on the promenade the hotel is a distinctive family-run hotel overlooking beautiful gardens, the sea and promenade. A Grade II Listed building with a gorgeous Georgian frontage, it is steeped in history and retains its 19th century charm.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included - also the hotel runs a Happy Hour drinks promotion between 5.30pm - 6.30pm where certain house drinks are 99p.

### Departure Date & Price

Mon 1st June - 5 days - £499  
Single Room supplement £60



## Great Yarmouth

Staying in Great Yarmouth - Norfolk Broads -  
Poppy Line Rail Journey - Norwich



With big skies, sweeping beaches, a nostalgic rail journey and a tranquil cruise on the Norfolk Broads this tour has something for everyone.

We will be based in the beautiful resort of Great Yarmouth one of the most popular resorts in the UK since the late 1700s. The town itself has a fabulous maritime heritage and a port famous for once being the hub of the herring industry.

**MONDAY** - We travel to our visit of the university city of Cambridge en-route to our hotel in Great Yarmouth in time for our evening meal.

**TUESDAY** - In the morning we will visit the wonderful medieval city of Norwich, with its cathedral, castle and medieval cobbled streets to explore. In the afternoon we visit the delightful Broads village of Wroxham, where we join our boat for a trip on the Norfolk Broads.

**WEDNESDAY** - After a hearty breakfast, you have a free day to explore the heart of Great Yarmouth at your leisure. The resort is one of the most popular resorts in the UK since the late 1700s. The town itself has a fabulous maritime heritage and a port famous for once being the hub of the herring industry. Offering all the character of a traditional seaside trip but with a very modern twist, take in the fabled Golden Mile and the huge expanse of pristine beach right on your hotel's doorstep.

**THURSDAY** - This morning we travel to Holt to join our steam train for a journey on the North Norfolk Railway, known as the Poppy Line, to Sherringham. There will be free time in Sherringham to explore the heritage station and museum, maybe enjoy lunch in one of their dining carriages, visit the nearby market or take the short walk to the sea. We then return to our hotel.

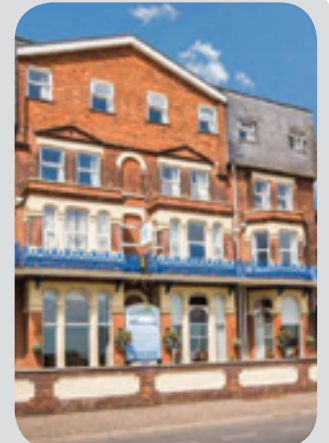
**FRIDAY** - We start our journey home with comfort stops en route.

### Our Hotel

We will be staying at Burlington Palm Hotel which is overlooking the sea across Great Yarmouth's famous Golden Mile Beach. The hotel has leisure facilities including a heated indoor pool. Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

### Departure Date & Price

Mon 8th June - 5 days - £480  
Single Room supplement £80



## Cheshire & The North West Hidden Discoveries

Anderton Boat Lift - Chester River Cruise - Quarry Bank Mill -  
Hack Green Secret Bunker



This exciting tour explores beautiful gardens and houses and industrial heritage with the opportunity to relax and unwind on a river cruise through the heart of the Anderton Boat Lift and the city of Chester as well as real-life operation rooms at Hack Green Bunker.

**THURSDAY** - We travel to Warwick for our lunchtime break before we re-board our coach to continue our journey to our hotel where tea & coffee will be served on arrival.

**FRIDAY** - Today we head to Quarry Bank Mill one of the best-preserved mills from the industrial revolution. With our guided tour of the Mill, apprentice House and Quarry Bank House we discover the history of a complete industrial community. (certain areas include stairs) You then have free time to explore the gardens before we head to Wilmslow which is associated with the affluent "Cheshire Set lifestyle". Browse the shops or take a stroll along the River Bollin before we return to our hotel.

**SATURDAY** - After breakfast, we head to the city of Chester where we start our visit with a Chester Boat Cruise along the River Dee. The city river cruise takes in the city's rich Roman, Medieval and Industrial heritage. After the cruise, you have the rest of the day free to explore this gem of a city at your own pace.

**SUNDAY** - This morning we head to Hack Green Secret Nuclear Bunker where you will be transported into the world of the Cold War. Hear the sounds and smells of a working Defence H.Q, with exciting real-life operation rooms. After 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.

**MONDAY** - After breakfast, we depart the hotel and head to Hereford for a lunchtime visit 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

Thu 25th June - 5 days - **£495**  
Single Room supplement £80

### Our Hotel

We will be staying at the Park Inn by Radisson Bedford in a lovely riverside promenade location in the centre of this market town with the main shopping area just a 5 minute walk across the bridge. Dinner, bed and breakfast, is included.

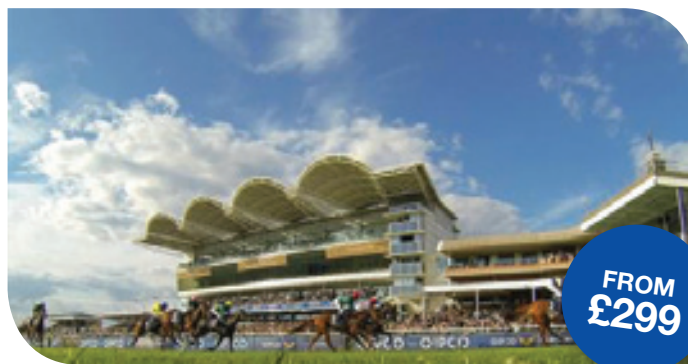


### Departure Date & Price

Fri 26th June - 3 days - **£299**  
Single Room supplement £66

## Galloping To The Races

Newmarket Racecourse - Training Gallops & Racing - Windsor -  
Staying in Bedford



Join us on a fun weekend with a bit of a difference. The chance to go behind the scenes at the prestigious Newmarket Racecourse where your day will start at the training gallops on Newmarket Heath where many a champion thoroughbred race-horse has been put through its paces.

**FRIDAY** - We travel to our hotel base in Bedford where you have time to settle in and enjoy the sights and attractions of Bedford before our evening meal.

**SATURDAY** - Today is a full day as we go behind the scenes at the prestigious Newmarket Racecourse Your day will start at the training gallops where many a champion thoroughbred race-horse has been put through its paces. Your guide will then take you on your tour to areas, not normally open to the public and hints and tips on how to get the most out of your day! On then to enjoy an afternoon of racing including Grandstand and Paddock admission - included is a £5 refreshment voucher.

**SUNDAY** - This morning we depart the hotel and head to Royal Windsor where you have plenty of free time to perhaps take a leisurely boat cruise or perhaps visit the outstanding Windsor Castle. We then rejoin our coach for our journey home.

## Gems of Lincolnshire

Rutland River Cruise - Easton Walled Gardens - Lincoln Cathedral - Nene Valley Railway - Boughton House & Gardens



FROM  
£485

Rustic England at its very best, our tour in the idyllic Lincolnshire countryside divulges an exploration of the cathedral city of Lincoln, bustling market towns and charming villages.

**MONDAY** - 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.

**TUESDAY** - We start today with a visit to Easton Walled Gardens which President Franklin Roosevelt described as a "Dream of Nirvana, almost too good to be true". Free time here before this afternoon we visit the picturesque town of Newark-on-Trent, an authentic British market town.

**WEDNESDAY** - After breakfast we depart for Wansford and our return trip on the Nene Valley Railway which travels through the Wansford Tunnel then onto Yarwell, pass the River Nene and onto Peterborough Nene. This afternoon 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 where we are also served a cream tea.

**THURSDAY** - Today we head to the city of Lincoln famed for its impressive castle and cathedral. You have free time in the city before our visit to the awe-inspiring Cathedral which houses one of the original copies of the Magna Carta.

**FRIDAY** - Today is a full day visiting Boughton House & Gardens. Virtually untouched for 150 years it is a remarkable blend of the intimate and the grand. Its village-like Tudor courtyards contrast with its palatial French style to make it a unique property, earning it the title 'The English Versailles'. We have a guided tour of the house and then the gardens, 150 acres of landscaped parkland including a walled garden, stunning sculptured lawns, serene lakes, waterways, woods and avenues of trees. We have also arranged a soup & sandwich lunch followed by tea & coffee.

### Our Hotel

We will be staying at the Olde Barn Hotel 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 6th July - 5 days - £485  
Single Room supplement £70

## The Lake District

Lake Windermere Cruise - Lakes Tour - Lakeside & Haverthwaite Railway - Holker Hall - Cartmel



FROM  
£499

Immortalised by artists, poets and writers, the Lake District is an unspoiled 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 train journey.

**MONDAY** - We travel to our hotel in Grange-Over-Sands with suitable lunch and comfort stops en-route.

**TUESDAY** - This morning we head to Holker Hall and Gardens. Holker is the home of Lucy Cavendish and her husband Tor McLaren who extend a warm welcome. Magnificently situated only a short distance from Grange-over-Sands and the expanse of Morecambe Bay, the Estate is set in exceptionally beautiful countryside with gardens that merge into parkland, framed by the Lakeland Hills. On our way back to the hotel we visit the village of Cartmel "Home of the Sticky Toffee Pudding".

**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** - Join us for a full day scenic 'Six Lakes Tour'. We begin with a visit to picturesque 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. Our scenic journey to Windermere follows the shores of Ullswater before traveling over the fantastic Kirkstone Pass, with wonderful mountain and lake views all the way.

**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 Cumbria Grand Hotel in Grange- Over- Sands. A beautiful hotel occupying a sprawling Victorian Mansion. Set on 20 acres of woodland and gardens overlooking Morecombe Bay. Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.



### Departure Date & Price

Mon 20th July - 5 days - £499  
Single Room supplement £70

## Lancashire's Rail, Sails & Wonderful Tales

Salmesbury Hall - Canal Cruise - Ribble Valley Coach Tour  
- Chocolate House - East Lancashire Railway



Discover a diverse county with vast areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, unspoiled moors, dazzling coastline, industrial heritage and traditional towns and villages.

Steeped in history, legend and stunning scenery, savour the splendour of Lancashire whilst experiencing stunning historic houses, a relaxing river cruise and a trip on a magnificent railway.

**MONDAY** - We travel to our hotel near Preston with comfort stops en-route.

**TUESDAY** - This morning we visit Salmesbury Hall, a stunning stately home, built in 1325 retaining its original typical black and white exterior and steeped in fascinating history and legends. In the afternoon we head to Foulridge Canal Wharf to take a relaxing canal cruise on a tranquil section of the Leeds Liverpool Canal. The cruise passes through delightful countryside and during the journey enjoy tea or coffee and a warm scone with jam, butter and cream served on board.

**WEDNESDAY** - Today we are joined by an informative and entertaining local guide and embark on a fascinating journey of Ribble Valley. A scenic journey through a historic area immersed in rich heritage and mystical legends with serene and unspoiled landscapes. Ribble Valley is the largest district in Lancashire where you will find velvet green valleys, commanding fells and heather strewn moorland among the breath-taking scenery of the picturesque countryside. We pay visits to Clitheroe, Stonehurst College, Chipping, Dunslop Bridge the geographic centre of the UK and Slaidburn.

**THURSDAY** - After breakfast, we travel to Blackburn where we visit a chocolate house where we have a demonstration and tour of the kitchen before tasting free samples. You then have some free time before we travel to Rawtenstall to board our East Lancashire Railway train on a nostalgic trip to Bury. On arrival, we have some free time before returning to our hotel.

**FRIDAY** - We start our journey home with comfort stops en-route.

## Norfolk Coast & Country Retreats

Holkham Hall VIP Visit - Sandringham Estate -  
Bure Valley Railway - Norfolk Lavender



We discover delightful Norfolk, a region brimming with historic treasures and peaceful countryside. Highlights of this tour is a visit to Sandringham Estate, Holkham and a journey on the Bure Valley railway & Mississippi Paddleboat.

**THURSDAY** - Our journey takes us Cambridge where you will have free time to explore at your leisure before we continue to our hotel in Norwich.

**FRIDAY** - This morning we head to Norfolk Lavender, England's premier lavender farm since 1932. We have time here to wander through the rolling woods and open lavender fields before we head to 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.

**SATURDAY** - This morning we have some free time in Norwich before we head to Aylsham to join the Bure Valley Railway on a nostalgic steam journey from Aylsham to Wroxham. We then join our Mississippi Paddle Boat for a journey on the beautiful Norfolk Broads passing lovely old thatched houses and windmills. We then return to our hotel.

**SUNDAY** - This morning we head to Holkham Hall, home to seven generations of the Earls of Leicester. Holkham Hall is one of the Treasure Houses of England, one of 10 of the most magnificent palaces, houses and castles in England. Our VIP visit starts with refreshments on arrival and then a personal guided tour of the staterooms. You then have free time explore at your leisure. After we visit the fishing port and old-world seaside town of Wells-Next-The-Sea.

**MONDAY** - We journey home with comfort stops en-route.

### Our Hotel

We will be staying at the Hallmark Hotel Preston Leyland a modern and vibrant hotel situated in the heart of Lancashire. Offering well-appointed bedrooms and excellent facilities, it is regarded as one of the finest hotels in the region. The hotel has a swimming pool.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.



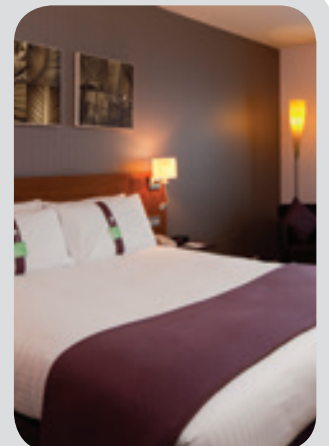
### Departure Date & Price

Mon 27th July - 5 days - £485  
Single Room supplement £80

### Our Hotel

We will be staying in the ancient cathedral city of Norwich, at the stylish Holiday Inn, which is ideally situated close to the walled city centre.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.



### Departure Date & Price

Thur 6th August - 5 days - £499  
Single Room supplement £100

## Gems of the North East

Holy Island - Heatherslaw Railway - Evening Spectacular "Kynren" - Raby Castle - Durham



Escape to Northumberland, one of the most picturesque areas of countryside in the whole of England. We take in the region's unspoiled beauty on a full day coach guided tour of some of the region's hidden gems and the highlight of the tour the evening spectacular of "Kynren" a history of 2000 years of England.

**THURSDAY** - We travel to our hotel just outside of Newcastle Upon Tyne with comfort stops en-route.

**FRIDAY** - A full day today as our specially appointed Blue Badge guide joins our coach for a guided tour beginning with a 1 mile causeway crossing to Holy Island, a 1000 acre unspoiled medieval island and the epicentre of Christianity in Anglo- Saxon times and the serene setting of Lindisfarne. We then proceed back to the mainland and arrive at the Heatherslaw Light Railway for a 20 minute single journey on "the most northerly steam railway in England" running along the banks of the River Till, giving you stunning views of the Northumberland countryside. Then onto Ford village, to Lady Waterford Hall for our visit (Today is subject to weather and tidal conditions).

**SATURDAY** - After a leisurely breakfast, we head to Newcastle Upon Tyne where you have free time to explore the city's many sights. We then head back to the hotel for an early evening meal before we head to Auckland Castle and the spectacular show "Kynren" - An epic tale of England performed as a live action-packed blockbuster performance taking you through 2000 years of history. Including magnificent sets, combat, stunts, horsemanship, pyrotechnics and amazing special effects.

**SUNDAY** - This morning we head to Raby Castle a dramatic 14th Century castle. Beyond the most impressive gateway lies nine towers, a vast hall and an octagonal Victorian drawing-room. We have included a guided tour of the castle and free time to visit the gardens and parks. After we visit Durham before returning to our hotel.

**MONDAY** - After breakfast, we start on our journey home with comfort stops en-route.

### Our Hotel

We will be staying at the Holiday Inn Newcastle Gosforth Park. The hotel is set in quiet grounds just outside the city and it's leisure facilities include a 15m swimming pool, sauna, steam room, a spa bath and 3 beauty rooms.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.



### Departure Date & Price

Thu 13th August - 5 days - £499  
Single Room supplement £100

## Full Steam Ahead

Kent & East Sussex Railway - Spa Valley Railway - Penshurst Place & Gardens - Maidstone - Chapel Down Vineyard



Step back in time and the era of train travel. We visit two special railways Kent & East Sussex and Spa Valley with scenic journeys traveling through the Kent countryside. Also a visit to the beautiful and historic Penshurst Place & Gardens and a wander through the produce of the "Garden of Kent" with a trip to a winery.

**THURSDAY** - We travel to our hotel in Maidstone with comfort stops on route.

**FRIDAY** - We make our way to the centre of Maidstone where you have free time to explore this historically important town. Perhaps take a stroll along the River Meadway or visit one of the many museums in the centre of the town. This afternoon we head to Penshurst Place & Gardens one of England's oldest family homes. The state has passed through the hands of royalty and nobles for more than 6 centuries including Henry VIII and Anne of Cleves. The historic formal gardens are the jewel in the crown here with records dating back to 1346.

**SATURDAY** - This morning we head to Royal Tunbridge Wells and our trip on the Spa Valley Railway. The journey takes you through the beautiful Wealden countryside from Tunbridge Wells to High Rocks Station that was built from scratch in 1997. On our return, we have free time at the Pantiles in Royal Tunbridge Wells THE must-see of the borough. In Tudor times destinations within a day's ride from the capital of London were known as the 'Golden Ring'. For this reason, the Pantiles was a major holiday destination for the gentry and royalty.

**SUNDAY** - We set off in the morning to the Kent and East Sussex Railway, recognised as both the countries first and finest example of a rural light railway. We will embark the locomotive in the charming town of Tenterden where you will get the chance to learn a little about the history of the railway that has been used for over a century. The railway itself has provided location services for a variety of film and TV productions. This afternoon we visit Chapel Down Winery where we have included a guided tour of the vineyard.

**MONDAY** - We make our way back home with a stop off in the beautiful Royal Windsor where you have the opportunity for free time to explore before re-boarding the coach.

### Our Hotel

We will be staying at the Holiday Inn Maidstone Sevenoaks. The hotel has an indoor pool and a well-equipped gym. There is no lift at the hotel  
Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.



### Departure Date & Price

Thu 20th August - 5 days - £465  
Single Room supplement £80

## Yorkshire's National Trust

Nostell Priory & Gardens - Dewsbury - Skipton -  
Gawthorpe Hall - Chesterfield



With so many historic homes and villages belonging to the National Trust in the county of Yorkshire we have selected a few that are beautiful examples of the elegance of historic homes and gardens as well as a chance to see the stunning scenic Yorkshire countryside and towns.

**FRIDAY** - We travel to our hotel near Bradford with comfort stops on route.

**SATURDAY** - We start today with a visit to Nostell Priory & Parklands which were created in the 18th century to impress with decorative interiors, world-class Chippendale furniture and gardens and parklands that stretch over 300 acres. This afternoon we visit the once important mill town of Dewsbury that lies on the Eastern edge of the Pennine Hills.

**SUNDAY** - After breakfast, we depart for a scenic drive to the town of Skipton and then onto the thriving town of Burnley that is surrounded on all sides by breath-taking Pennine countryside. This afternoon we visit Gawthorpe Hall an Elizabethan gem in the heart of industrial affectionately referred to as the "Downton of the North". Free time here before returning to our hotel.

**MONDAY** - We make our way back home with a stop off in the city of Chesterfield with its iconic crooked spire. You have the opportunity for free time to explore before re-boarding the coach.

## Bournemouth & Dorset

Bournemouth - Swanage Railway - Portsmouth Harbour Cruise -  
Weymouth - Poole



Experience Dorset's delightful coast and countryside with scenic journeys by road, sea and railway, along with visits to sparkling seaside resorts, charming harbour towns and one of England's most important historic gardens.

We are based in Bournemouth at the Cumberland Hotel.

**MONDAY** - We travel to our hotel in Bournemouth with comfort stops en-route.

**TUESDAY** - Today we have a free day in the vibrant seaside town of Bournemouth. The town includes a wide variety of shops and restaurants, miles of golden sandy beaches and award-winning gardens to lose yourself in.

**WEDNESDAY** - A full day today as we head to the classic seaside resort of Weymouth. We have some free time here before we head to Swanage. On arrival at Swanage sometime before we board our steam train on the Swanage Railway to Norden. The 12 mile journey takes you through beautiful countryside and includes a stunning view of Corfe Castle. We then re-join our coach and travel back to Bournemouth.

**THURSDAY** - Today we head to historic Portsmouth. On arrival, we have arranged a Portsmouth Harbour Tour. We cruise around the Naval Base to view warships past and present. The tour lasts approximately an hour and then after you have the rest of the day free. Perhaps visit the Historic Dockyard or wander around Gunwharf Quays premium retail outlet stores.

**FRIDAY** - After breakfast, we depart the hotel for our visit to Poole. You will have the day free to explore at your own pace before our journey home.

### Our Hotel

We will be staying at the Clarion Cedar Court Hotel Bradford. The hotel's facilities include an indoor pool and leisure facilities.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

### Departure Date & Price

Fri 4th September - 4 days - £369

Single room supplement £60

National Trust Reduction - £20

(you must present your card on the day)



### Our Hotel

We will be staying in Bournemouth at the Cumberland Hotel. The hotel has dramatic views and only a 15 minute walk to the pier. The hotel has an outdoor swimming pool and terrace and use of the indoor swimming pool and leisure facilities at the hotel next door.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included

### Departure Date & Price

Mon 21st September - 5 days - £489



## Blackpool Illuminations

Lytham St Annes - Blackpool -  
Blackpool Illuminations Guided Tour - Chester



FROM  
£289

Bring some excitement to the late summer days with a new tour to the North of England, offering a great combination - seaside Lytham St Annes, and the famous Blackpool Illuminations, a glittering extravaganza of colourful lights, which stretch 5 miles along the seafront.

**THURSDAY** - We travel to Staffordshire for a visit to Trentham Estate shopping village before continuing to Lancashire and our hotel in Lytham St Annes, where you will be greeted with tea and cake on arrival.

**FRIDAY** - After breakfast, we enjoy a visit to 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. We then return Lytham where you will have free time to explore the town with its sandy beaches, lovely parks and charming shops, or take advantage of the hotel's leisure facilities. After an early dinner this evening we will be met at the hotel by our guide and drive back into Blackpool for a coach tour of the illuminations.

**SATURDAY** - We depart the hotel after breakfast and travel into Cheshire for a visit to the medieval city of 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 shopping galleries. We then depart for the journey home.

## Luxury in Cornwall

Looe - Falmouth - Charlestown Heritage & Shipwreck Centre -  
Truro - Penzance - Padstow



FROM  
£320

Immerse yourself in tales of shipwrecks, seafarers and smugglers on this luxury break to Cornwall. Join us as we uncover a treasure chest of picturesque fishing villages and unspoiled harbour towns brimming with colourful maritime history. We will be staying in the luxury resort hotel of Penventon Park near Redruth.

**FRIDAY** - We travel to Cornwall with a visit to the famous fishing village of Padstow before continuing to our hotel near Redruth. Time to settle in and explore the estate our evening meal.

**SATURDAY** - This morning we enjoy a visit to the maritime town of Penzance before continuing to our lunchtime stop in Falmouth, renowned for its lovely sandy beaches and the third-largest natural harbour in the world. In the narrow streets of the bustling town centre you'll find a wide selection of shops, art galleries, charming cafés, restaurants and ancient inns. After some free time here, we head to Truro. You will have time at leisure in this lovely cathedral city, perhaps explore the lively squares and cobbled Georgian streets with their diverse mix of shops, admire the City's fine architecture or visit the world-famous Cathedral, Royal Cornwall Museum and Gallery.

**SUNDAY** - After breakfast, we depart the hotel and travel to St Austell Bay and the ancient and picturesque port of Charlestown, the setting for many films and TV programmes, including Mansfield Park and the BBC's Onedin Line. Perhaps take a stroll around the harbour and admire the famous collection of handsome sailing ships anchored here. 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. After we head to the resort of Looe before our journey home.

### Our Hotel

We will be staying in the classic Lancashire seaside town of Lytham St Annes at the Inn on The Prom, which enjoys a great position on the seafront, overlooking the North Sea. Leisure facilities include a heated indoor swimming pool, sauna, jacuzzi, hair and beauty salon, 3 gyms and spa. Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

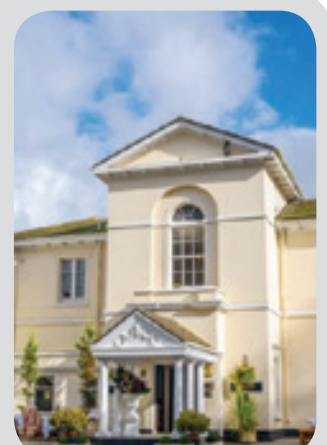


### Departure Date & Price

Thu 1st October - 3 days - **£289**  
Single room supplement £30

### Our Hotel

We will be staying in the luxury resort of Penventon Park Hotel near Redruth. Set in beautiful parklands the hotel is housed in a beautiful Georgian Mansion. The hotel facilities included a spa & wellness centre and a heated indoor swimming pool. Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.



### Departure Date & Price

Fri 16th October - 3 days - **£320**  
Single room supplement £30

## Eastbourne Autumn Escape

Eastbourne - Sussex Railway - Brighton - Arundel - Lewes



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.

**SUNDAY** - We travel to Eastbourne arriving early afternoon allowing you plenty of time to settle into your resort and hotel before our evening meal.

**MONDAY** - This morning we enjoy a scenic drive to visit the vibrant city of Brighton - perhaps take a stroll along the beachfront, see the beautiful Royal Pavilion 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 cafés. On our way back to the hotel we visit Lewes a charming hilltop town beautifully situated by the River Ouse, with an unspoiled medieval heart dominated by the ruins of a Norman Castle.

**TUESDAY** - We travel into 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. This afternoon we visit the historic seaside town of Hastings.

**WEDNESDAY** - Today is yours free to explore Eastbourne - perhaps 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.

**THURSDAY** - This morning we depart the hotel for a visit to picturesque Arundel on the River Arun, dominated by its stunning Norman castle and Gothic cathedral. After some free time here we then continue our journey home.

## Kent's National Trust

Scotney Estate - Chartwell - Royal Tunbridge Wells - Chiddingstone Villager



With so many historic homes and villages belonging to the National Trust in the county of Kent, we have selected a few that are beautiful examples of the elegance of historic homes and gardens as well as a truly beautiful example of a Tudor time gone by.

**THURSDAY** - We travel to our hotel in Maidstone with comfort stops on route.

**FRIDAY** - We start today with a visit to Scotney Estate where we find a country house, romantic garden and moated castle, surrounded by 770 acres of woodland, parkland and farmland. At the top of the hill sits the Elizabethan-style house, built in the 1830s. The house overlooks the fairytale medieval ruins of Scotney Castle, which lies at the bottom of the valley and is the focal point of one of England's most romantic 'picturesque' style gardens. After we head to Royal Tunbridge Wells where you have some free time before we return to our hotel.

**SATURDAY** - After breakfast, we depart for Chartwell. The family home of Sir Winston Churchill some of Chartwell's rooms remain as much as they were when he lived there, with pictures, books and personal mementos evoking the career and his interests of a great statesman, writer and family man. We then continue with an afternoon visit to Chiddingstone Village. One of the prettiest villages in Kent and perhaps England the village is a beautiful example of a Tudor one-street village.

**SUNDAY** - We make our way back home with a stop off in the beautiful Royal Windsor where you have the opportunity for free time to explore before re-boarding the coach.

### Our Hotel

We will be staying at the View Hotel Eastbourne. Situated on the main promenade just a few minutes from the beach and walking distance to the town centre and main park.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.



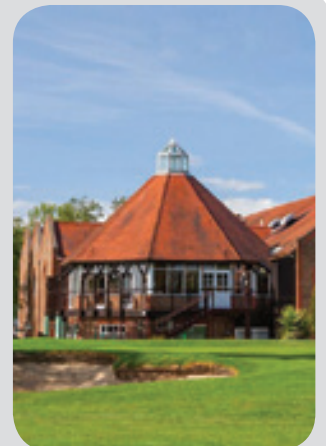
### Departure Date & Price

Sun 18th October -5 days - £465  
Single room supplement £80

### Our Hotel

We will be staying at the Tudor Park Marriott Hotel & Country Club set within acres of immaculate parkland in the heart of Maidstone. The hotel's facilities include an indoor pool, gym and spa.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.



### Departure Date & Price

Thur 22nd October - 4 days - £379  
Single room supplement £75  
National Trust Reduction - £22  
(you must present your card on the day)

## Pembrokeshire in Springtime

Tenby - Staying in Cardigan - Scenic drives visiting St David's, Tenby  
Llandrindod Wells - Hotel has Happy Hour promotion + 2 days packed lunch



Our wonderful springtime tour takes you to a picturesque corner of Wales which offers beaches, stunning coastal scenery and attractive villages. The Pembrokeshire Coast was Britain's first coastal National Park. We are staying in the beautiful Cardigan Bay area.

**MONDAY** - We travel to our hotel in Cardigan where we are welcomed with tea, coffee and cake.

**TUESDAY** - Enjoy a scenic tour of Pembrokeshire, along with a visit to St David's, Britain's smallest city, beautifully situated on a peninsula with a magnificent 12th century Cathedral and ruins of the 14th century Bishops Palace. Then we continue to Tenby with golden beaches, a historic old town with its cobbled streets and 15th century walls or perhaps visit the harbour, picturesque quay. Today a packed lunch is provided.

**WEDNESDAY** - Today we visit the town of Aberystwyth. Victorian through and through, Aberystwyth's quaint tea shops lining the promenade are delightfully contrasted by an Edwardian 13th century castle highlighting the very Welsh essence of the area. We then continue to the charming Victorian spa town of Llandrindod Wells. Today a packed lunch is provided.

**THURSDAY** - Today we start our journey home through the beautiful countryside and coastal towns of Carmarthenshire with a visit to Laugharne famous for Dylan Thomas' Boat House which was said to be the inspiration to his most famous work "Under Milk Wood". After some free time, we continue to Abbey Mill at Tintern where we have arranged a cream tea before we re-board the coach to travel home.

### Our Hotel

We will be staying at the Cliff Hotel & Spa in Cardigan. A family-run hotel with expansive, beautiful hotel grounds located on the coast of Cardigan Bay overlooking Poppet Sands and Cardigan Island.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included + a Happy Hour promotion with 50% off selected drinks between 1800-2100 hours + a packed lunch on 2 days.

### Departure Date & Price

Mon 16th March - 4 Days - **£325**  
Single room supplement £45



## Llandudno

Llandudno - Snowdon Mountain Railway -  
Bodnant Gardens - Ironbridge



A memorable break to uncover the breathtaking scenery of North Wales. We will be based in the Victorian seaside resort of Llandudno.

We experience the beauty of the North Wales area with a train ride and other attractions including National Trust's Bodnant Gardens.

**MONDAY** - We travel to North Wales and our hotel in Llandudno where we are welcomed with a cream tea before settling into our rooms before our evening dinner.

**TUESDAY** - A morning for you to explore Llandudno at your own pace. In the afternoon we visit the National Trust's Bodnant Gardens, which is situated above the River Conwy with stunning views across Snowdonia and 80 acres of world-famous gardens including Italianate terraces, formal lawns, a wooded valley, and wild garden.

**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** - A free day to explore Llandudno at your leisure. Perhaps take a walk along Llandudno's elegant promenade walking past pastel-coloured hotels and impeccably authentic seafront architecture just like the Victorians did in their time. Or for the more adventurous take a ride on the Great Orme Tramway from the local station. The Tramway climbs a mile (1500m) high up the Great Orme Country Park and Nature Reserve with unbeatable views from the top station.

**FRIDAY** - We depart the hotel after breakfast and travel to Ironbridge where there will be free time to explore this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Perhaps visit some of the museums or just sit and wonder at the splendour of the famous Iron Bridge over an afternoon tea. We then continue our journey home.

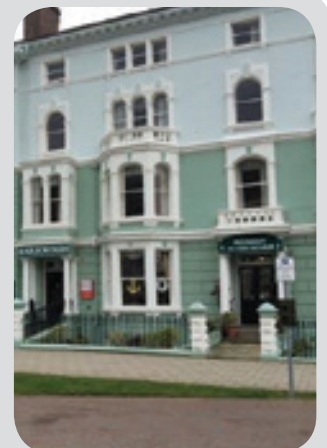
### Our Hotel

We will be staying at the Marlborough Hotel, which is situated only a short walk away from the pier on Llandudno's beautiful promenade and just a short stroll from the town's shopping area.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

### Departure Date & Price

Mon 15th June - 5 Days - **£495**  
Mon 7th September - 5 Days - **£495**  
National Trust members reduction - £10.50  
(you must present your card on the day)



## Scottish Sensations

Glamis Castle - Distilleries - Fort George -  
Strathspey Railway - Perth



FROM  
£820

Join our tour and experience a region of mountains and lochs renowned for its natural beauty, and discover some of the areas stunning highlights. Absorb the contrasting scenery and natural beauty of Scotland in our 2-centre tour including the City of Perth and staying at the famous hotel the Grant Arms whose former famous visitors include Queen Victoria.

**FRIDAY** - We depart for our hotel in Perth where we will be staying for the next 3 nights.

**SATURDAY** - We have a free day in Perth which is beautifully situated on the banks of the mighty River Tay, Scotland's longest river, and framed by two splendid parks. Perth once served as the country's capital and as such is brimming with a rich and influential history, making it a delight to explore. Perhaps take a stroll beside the river or around one of the many gardens, admire the historic buildings, explore the abundance of shops or just soak up the atmosphere at one of the many coffee shops in the Café Quarter.

**SUNDAY** - After breakfast, we head to Glamis Castle. On arrival, we are taken to the 16th Century chambers for tea and shortbread before our guided tour of the splendid childhood home of Her Majesty the Queen Mother. After you have free time before we head to Lindores Abbey Distillery for our guided tour and of course tasting (some stairs are involved in the guided tour at Glamis Castle).

**MONDAY** - We depart our hotel and head to our next hotel in Grantown-on-Spey where we stay for the next 3 nights. On arrival at our hotel, you have the rest of the afternoon to settle in.

**TUESDAY** - We have a free morning at the hotel before we head to Fort George one of the most outstanding fortifications in Europe. Its garrison buildings, artillery defences bristling with cannon, and a superb collection of arms - including bayoneted muskets, pikes, swords and ammunition pouches - provide a fascinating insight into 18th century military life.

**WEDNESDAY** - After breakfast, we depart the hotel and head to Aviemore. An exciting experience awaits you as we head to the heart of the Scottish Highlands and our journey on the Strathspey Railway. A wondrously stunning trip through the Cairngorms National Park an area of outstanding natural beauty. This afternoon we then head to Whisky Castle where they have been selling the finest malt Whiskies for over 100 years. We have included a brief history talk and tasting.

**THURSDAY** - We depart our hotel and head back over the border to our overnight hotel in Carlisle.

**FRIDAY** - We depart the hotel in Carlisle for our journey home.

### Our Hotel

Our first hotel for 3 nights is the Salutation Hotel set right in the heart of Perth and has been welcoming guests through its doors since 1699.

Our second hotel for 3 nights is the Grant arms Hotel in Grantown-on-Spey. A warm Highland welcome awaits you at this magnificent hotel, home of the Bird Watching and Wildlife Club.

Our overnight hotel on the return journey is the Hallmark Carlisle Hotel set right in the city centre.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included throughout the tour.

### Departure Date & Price

Fri 1st May - 8 days - £820  
Single room supplement £150



## Sights & Splendours of Scotland

Lanark World Heritage Site - Royal Yacht Britannia - Edinburgh -  
Falkirk Wheel - Callender House - The Kelpies



FROM  
£615

New Lanark World Heritage Site is a truly unique setting and the base for this superb new tour. With visits to the Royal Yacht Britannia as well as free time to explore the impressive and stunning city of Edinburgh as well as the pioneering genius of the Falkirk Wheel and the stunning Callender House.

**SUNDAY** - We travel to our hotel in New Lanark.

**MONDAY** - Surrounded by native woodlands and close to the famous Falls of Clyde, New Lanark was founded in 1785 as a cotton spinning village and became famous as the site of Robert Owen's pioneering social reforms. Now beautifully restored, New Lanark is both a living community and tourist attraction. You have a full day at leisure to enjoy the hotel and the stunning attraction that it is set within with access to the Annie McLeod Experience, Roof Garden, Historic Housing Exhibits and school for children.

**TUESDAY** - 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-guided tour booked followed by free time for you to explore the beautiful city of Edinburgh.

**WEDNESDAY** - We travel to Falkirk this morning for a fascinating ride on the Falkirk Wheel. Built to commemorate the Millennium and as a link between the Forth and Clyde Canal and the Union Canal which lies 35 metres above. After the boat ride, learn about the project at the visitor centre. After we head to Stirling a medieval market town in central Scotland with the famous Stirling Castle perched on its craggy volcanic rock being the centre piece of this medieval town.

**THURSDAY** - After breakfast, we journey to Callender House via the famous Kelpies. On arrival at Callender House, you can enjoy a free flow visit of this historical house that has hosted many famous figures including Mary Queen of Scots, Cromwell and Bonnie Prince Charlie.

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

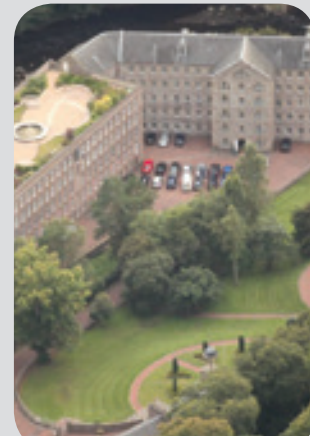
### Our Hotel

We will be staying at the New Lanark Mill Hotel. It is a stunning award-winning conversion from an original 18th century mill. It offers fantastic views across the surrounding conservation area and River Clyde and set within the New Lanark World Heritage Site.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

### Departure Date & Price

Sun 27th September - 6 days - £615  
Single room supplement £100



## The Causeway Coaster

Giant's Causeway - Guided Scenic Drives - Coastal Train Journey - Ferry Crossings



Explore the beautiful scenery of this exciting tour to the Northern shores of Ireland which includes Michael Palin's coastal rail journey to the Giants Causeway, plus guided tours of Derry and the Inishowen Peninsula.

**SATURDAY** - We travel to Holyhead in North Wales to board our afternoon ferry for the crossing to Ireland. Our ferry docks in Dublin where we re-board the coach for the journey to our night hotel in Enniskerry.

**SUNDAY** - After breakfast, we depart our hotel and start our drive north through the counties of Meath, Louth and Monaghan to Tyrone. On our journey we can enjoy the beauty of the lake scenery that surrounds Enniskillen before arriving at our hotel in Bunrana for our 3 nights stay.

**MONDAY** - Today we start the day with a scenic drive and are joined by a local guide on board the coach who will take us around the Inishowen Peninsula to Malin Head, the northernmost point in Ireland. We then continue to Derry on the banks of the River Foyle, the only completely walled city in Ireland and enjoying its recent status as UK City of Culture. On arrival, we have included a guided walking tour around the city.

**TUESDAY** - This morning we enjoy what Michael Palin described as "one of the most beautiful rail journeys in the world", the train journey from Londonderry to Coleraine. The track runs alongside stunning beaches, through Ireland's longest railway tunnels and past historic landmarks. After we continue to 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 in the visitor centre here. There is a shuttle bus operating to the Causeway (cost not included - approx. £2.00pp return).

**WEDNESDAY** - After breakfast, we travel to our overnight hotel near Wexford; the cornerstone of Ireland's Ancient East, steeped in heritage and rich with history. We arrive in time for your evening meal.

**THURSDAY** - We have an early start from our hotel and travel to Rosslare to join the ferry for our crossing to Pembroke. We have arranged breakfast on board the boat this morning. We then re-board the coach and continue our journey home.

### Our Hotel

For our main hotel for 3 nights, we are staying at the Inishowen Gateway Hotel. A modern hotel with panoramic sea views over Lough Swilly and the fabulous beach. Our overnight hotel on the outward is the Summerhill House Hotel in Enniskerry and on the return overnight hotel we will be staying at the Maldron Hotel Wexford. Dinner, bed and breakfast and is included throughout the tour with breakfast on the last day onboard the ferry.

### Departure Date & Price

Sat 12th September - 6 days - **£619**  
Single room supplement £110



## The Isle of Wight

Sandown - Shanklin - Godshill - Osborne House - 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.

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

**FRIDAY** - 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.

**SATURDAY** - 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 staterooms 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.

**SUNDAY** - A free day today to enjoy your hotel and the resort of Sandown. Perhaps try your luck at the penny arcades on Sandown's famous pier or for the more energetic a coastal walk to the resort of Ventanor.

**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.

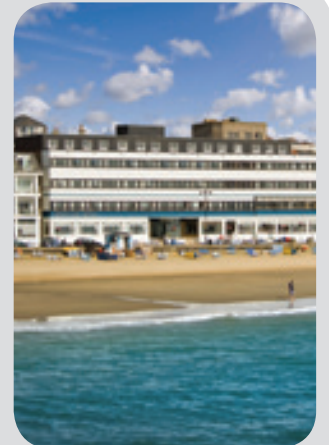
### Our Hotel

We will be based on the island's lovely southeast 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

Thu 18th June - 5 days - **£425**  
Thu 24th September - 5 days - **£440**



## Isles of Scilly

St Mary's - Hugh Town - Island Tour - Boat Trip to Treco with Guide  
- Treco 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.

**THURSDAY** - After a very 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 10 minute walk away - your luggage will be transported to the hotel for you.

**FRIDAY** - Enjoy an introductory guided tour of St Mary's by a 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.

**SATURDAY** - Our local guide joins us today for a boat trip to the Island of Treco. Here we have included a visit to the sub-tropical Treco 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.

**SUNDAY** - 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).

**MONDAY** - 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.

### Your Floating Hotel

We will be staying in 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

Thur 2nd July - 5 days - £799



## 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 a warm Manx welcome.

**THURSDAY** - 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.

**FRIDAY** - 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.

**SATURDAY** - 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. Here, 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.

**SUNDAY** - 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.

**MONDAY** - 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.

### Our Hotel

We will be based on the island's capital, Douglas, at the Rutland Hotel. Enjoying a prime seafront position on the Northern end of Douglas.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

Please note - there are 11 fairly steep steps into the hotel from the roadside. The hotel does have a lift.

### Departure Date & Price

Thur 16th July - 5 days - £599  
Single room supplement - £60



## Jersey Battle of Flowers

Stay in Jersey - Guided Island Tour in Jersey - Grandstand Tickets for the Parade - Condor Ferries



Jersey is renowned for its dramatic coastal scenery, peaceful green lanes and fields dotted with Jersey cows but at this time of year in the area of Victoria Avenue the cry of "Let Battle Commence" signifies the start of this magnificent floral wonder as all floats start to move at the same time through the streets in all of their colour and splendour.

**WEDNESDAY** - We travel to Poole for our crossing to Jersey. On arrival, you will be transferred to the hotel.

**THURSDAY** - What began over a century ago as a 'one-off' celebration to mark a Royal Coronation has since grown to become not only one of the largest floral carnivals in Europe but a piece of Jersey's history which was in celebration of the Coronation of King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra the Island of Jersey decided to stage a parade on 9th August 1902. We have included grandstand tickets for today's spectacular floral event. You will be collected and returned to the hotel for today's event.

**FRIDAY** - After breakfast, we have included a full day 'Round Island' excursion which includes the beautiful bays of St. Brelade's and St. Ouen's, the Corbiere Lighthouse and charming harbour village of St. Aubin's. We also visit Jersey Pearl, where discount vouchers are provided, before returning to the hotel. This evening we head back to the Flower festival for the "Moonlight Parade" We have included grandstand seating for this evenings entertainment including music and the night-time parade. You will be collected and returned to the hotel for tonight's event.

**SATURDAY** - Today you have a day at leisure in Jersey. Walk via the pretty Howard Davis Park for shopping in central St Helier. Alternatively, take the convenient 'Hop On Hop Off' bus for visits to attractions such as the world-famous Durrell Wildlife Park and the fascinating Jersey War Tunnels telling the story of Jersey's occupation during WWII (local charge applies).

**SUNDAY** - Today we depart Jersey and our return ferry back to Poole and our homeward journey.

Unfortunately, we cannot take our coach to Jersey. We will take you to and from the UK port. In Jersey, 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 for 4 nights at the Merton Hotel in St Saviour. Just a 15 minutes walk to the centre of St Helier via a pretty park. There is a leisure club across the road from the hotel that has swimming pools for your use.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included throughout the tour.



### Departure Date & Price

Wed 12th August - 5 days - **£635**  
Single room supplement - £124

## Guernsey & The Isle of Sark

Stay in Guernsey - Guided Island Tours - Excursion to Sark - Condor Ferries



Join us on one of our most popular tours 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.

**MONDAY** - 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.

**TUESDAY** - Today we have arranged a full day guided tour of the island with a local operator. Explore the beautiful scenery, beaches and lookout 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.

**WEDNESDAY** - 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.

Today may involve a number of steps due to tidal restrictions getting on and off the island.

**THURSDAY** - 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 its facilities in this beautiful location and mild climate.

**FRIDAY** - We depart our hotel for our 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 or take a walk along the beautiful coastal path.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.



### Departure Date & Price

Mon 24th August - 5 days - **£590**  
Single room supplement - £71

## Italian Coast All Inclusive

Euro Tunnel Crossings – Milan – Resort based in Cattolica – Winery Tour – Castles – Coastal boat trip – San Marino – Lake Garda



Discover our new tour this year and journey to the Italian Coast.

Our 'Italian All-Inclusive' samples all the delights of *la dolce vita* on a journey through Le Marche, one of Italy's little-known treasures.

From our beachside resort, take in the stunning cliff-backed bays on a cruise of the Adriatic coast, the romantic glory of Gradara Castle, the enchanting Guerrieri Winery and Farm all accompanied by a daily 24-hour free bar at our hotel.

**FRIDAY** - We travel to Folkestone and our Euro Tunnel crossing to Calais. We then continue to our overnight stop near Metz.

**SATURDAY** - After breakfast, we continue our journey from France through Switzerland and to our overnight stop in Milan - Linate area.

**SUNDAY** - This morning we have a few hours free in the centre of Milan. It is a global capital of fashion and design. Home to the national stock exchange, and known for its high-end restaurants and shops. It has many attractions including The Gothic Duomo di Milano cathedral and the Santa Maria Delle Grazie convent, housing Leonardo da Vinci's mural "The Last Supper". We then re-board the coach and head to our main resort and arrive in Cattolica for the first evening of your all-inclusive fete and our 5-night stay.

**MONDAY** - Today is yours free to enjoy your hotel and resort. Cattolica is a Provence of Rimini and set on the beautiful Adriatic Coast. Once a resting place for traveling pilgrims, Cattolica was also a favourite spot of Lucien Bonaparte, younger brother of Napoleon. It's now a bustling resort with beautiful golden beaches, shops and restaurants and a promenade to stroll along or sit and watch the world go by.

**TUESDAY** - This morning head to the town of Perugia, known for its defensive walls around the historic centre. In the square's centre, Fontana Maggiore is a marble fountain with carvings of biblical scenes and zodiac signs. We have some free time here. The hotel today has provided us with a packed lunch to make the most of our day. After lunch, we head to our next destination. Breathe in the rustic, earthy essence of the spectacular Guerrieri Winery and Farm, a 220-year-old, 207-hectare product of the unique micro-climate found in the hills of Le Marche. Stroll among the experimental vineyards and olive groves surrounded by the sweet scents of the nearby rose and lavender bushes. A guided tour of the wine cellars and their very own olive oil mill is delightfully topped off with a tasting of their signature still, sparkling and dessert wines, as well as extra virgin olive oil and the spirits and honey varieties (honeys and spirits subject to seasonal availability).

**WEDNESDAY** - After breakfast, we head to our Adriatic Coastal Cruise. From the white-pebble, cliff-backed bays along the Adriatic to sloped hill towns and the high-rise mountain ranges of Monti Sibillini, our 1-hour Adriatic Coast Cruise aboard our boat charter that has been run by 3 generations of the local Cevoli family with a wealth of local knowledge and tales. We then head back to our hotel in time for lunch. This afternoon is then yours free to relax at your hotel and eat and drink or perhaps take a stroll around the resort and take a dip in the blue crystal Adriatic water.



**THURSDAY** - We start the day today with a trip to Gradara Castle. Art and legend intertwine at the fairy-tale-like Gradara Castle one of the best-preserved Renaissance sites in Italy, standing at an impressive altitude of 142 meters above sea level. Built between the 11th and 14th century, admire the enthralling architecture and beautiful frescoes telling the legendary love affair between Paolo and Francesca as narrated by the great poet Dante in his highly commended Divine Comedy - Inferno, Canto V. We then head back to the hotel for lunch. This afternoon we head off to the Republic of San Marino. San Marino is a mountainous microstate surrounded by north-central Italy. Among the world's oldest republics, it retains much of its historic architecture. On the slopes of Monte Titano sits the capital, also called San Marino, known for its medieval walled old town and narrow cobblestone streets. The Three Towers, castle-like citadels dating to the 11th century, sit atop Titano's neighbouring peaks.

**FRIDAY** - Sadly we depart this morning with delightful treasures and outstanding Marche memories to our first homeward overnight destination near Milan. We will make a lunch time stop at the resort of Peschiera Del Garda on the Southernmost tip of Lake Garda.

**SATURDAY** - This morning we depart Milan and travel back through to France and our overnight stop near Metz.

**SUNDAY** - After breakfast we make our way to Calais and our return Euro Tunnel crossing back to Folkestone and our homeward journey.



### Our Hotels

We will be staying overnight on the outward journey and return journey in France at the Novotel Metz Centre. We will also be staying overnight on the outward and return journey in Italy at the Crowne Plaza Milan- Linate. Board basis for both hotels being bed, breakfast and evening meal (please note that twin rooms on the overnight hotels will consist of a double bed + sofa bed).

#### MAIN RESORT HOTEL CATTOLICA

The Hotel Major is situated in the heart of Cattolica on the exclusive pedestrian zone, just a short distance from the sea, which is only 100 metres away and in a quiet and extremely pleasant traffic-free zone, making it the ideal place for a relaxing holiday. During your stay, you have use of 1 beach umbrella + 2 beach beds per room on the equipped beach near the hotel. Board basis -Full board to include Dinner, Buffet or Packed Lunch and International Buffet Breakfast +24-hour open bar: unlimited soft drinks, draft beer and draft red and white wines.



### Departure Date & Prices

Fri 29th May - 10 days - **£1180**  
Single room supplement - £225

## 5\* Paris & Normandy Cruise

MS Jane Austen - Excursions - Rouen - Cote Fleurie - Vernon - Paris - Montmatre & Sacre-Coeur - Light Show on River Seine



FROM  
£1530

Something very new for us this year as we venture away from the well-trodden tourist paths and travel to the lesser-known territories of Northern France with its beautiful regions of Normandy, Picardy and the Île-de-France. Explore the beauty spots that inspired Monet and Van Gogh, cruise along the Seine and Oise rivers and prepare yourself for an unforgettable rendezvous with the “City of Love!” Join us aboard the MS Jane Austen, considered “a floating premium hotel”, with an all-inclusive offer of free-flowing drinks all day, Mini-bar in the room refilled each day with bottled water, soft drinks, beer and sparkling wine.

**TUESDAY** - We travel to Dover for our ferry crossing to Calais. We then head straight to Paris where we board our ship the MS Jane Austen.

**WEDNESDAY** - On our first trip aboard the MS Jane Austen, we travel towards Les Andelys. We can sit back and take in the panoramic sights of the rolling hilltops that lie across this French commune. Dominated by Château Gaillard, a medieval castle that peaks 300 feet above Les Andelys will definitely be the one to look out for. Described, ‘seriously beautiful,’ by Van Gogh himself, we embark on our first excursion on this culture trip. Shadow the footsteps of Vincent Van Gogh at Château d’Auvers-sur-Oise at this picturesque destination. We get to follow the trail of Van Gogh’s finest art including a visit to the famous Church of Auvers-sur-Oise and finally, where he was put to rest in 1890.

**THURSDAY** - We Today we reach the capital city of Normandy, Rouen. Recognised as one of the most prosperous cities of medieval Europe we weave through this vibrant city that holds creative minds and a storied past. Known for its antique landmarks, the Gros-Horloge clock is one to look out for. We have included a city tour here to get the most from your visit.

**FRIDAY** - The next excursion of your tour is a trip to the Côte Fleurie region, travelling along to Honfleur, Deauville and a Calvados Distillery. We glide through the city as you set sights upon the Flower Coast. Be mesmerised by the hues of colour spread across an array of buildings that overlook Honfleur’s main port. Continuing on, we head through Deauville to the Calvados Distillery, a family-run business that has seen 5 generations of the Boulard family.



**SATURDAY** - Today we are in Caudebec. With the focus on the Caudebec-en-Caux riverside, journey under the Brotonne bridge and see the sights of the Notre Dame Church as it arches over the districts of France. See the delightful sights of Caudebec as quaint gardens and houses surround the peaceful waterway.

**SUNDAY** - Onwards towards Vernon. Lined with half-timbered estates and countryside châteaux, the little town of Vernon is webbed with dainty buildings. As we start on our included city tour, the inescapable presence of Claude Monet resonates throughout the town. Vernon, immortalised by the artist, screams historical curiosities. Hidden within the depths of Vernon lies Giverny's Garden. Having painted some of his finest work here, Monet's Gardens is a secret worth finding (entrance not included). We then continue to Paris.



**MONDAY** - Paris. Our last excursion leads us through the rich sights of the French capital. Immerse yourself in the French feeling as you marvel at architectural wonders including the Louvre and the Sacre Couer, see the imposing Eiffel Tower stretch up above you and inhale the smell of fresh croissants as you stroll down the Champs-Élysées. Overflowing with world-famous buildings, monuments and gardens, the French ambience will leave you both content and fulfilled. Again we have arranged a city tour including visits to Montmartre and Sacre-Coeur.

End your trip by an illuminating light show on the River Seine. On this fine evening, watch Paris light up as it brightens land and water alike.

**TUESDAY** - This morning we wave goodbye to Paris as we disembark after breakfast and travel by coach to Calais for our return crossing and onward journey home.

*The above itinerary and listed excursions are subject to change at anytime. We will advise you of any changes as they happen. This trip will be escorted but excursions by coach will be provided by a local company and guide.*

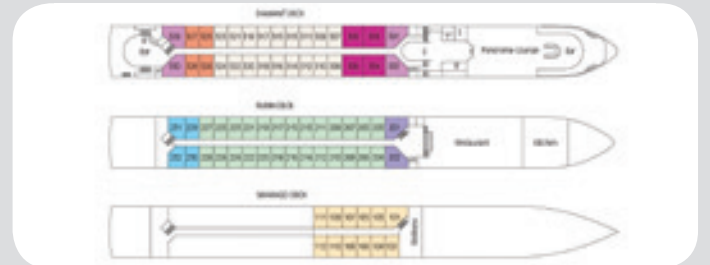
### Our Ship - MS Jane Austen - Viva Cruises

#### CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Light-filled cabins with an elegant interior and fully-stocked mini bar
- Gourmet restaurants and bar with international food and quality drinks
- Exclusive beauty products from Rituals or Crabtree & Evelyn
- Putting green and plunge pool on Sun Deck - available 24 hours
- Fitness centre, sauna, steam bath and special rain shower
- Onboard souvenir shop and hairdresser
- Laundry Service
- Onboard entertainment includes enrichment lectures, piano music nightly, in-room movies, culinary demos, local entertainment and "themed" fun
- WLAN included

#### CRUISE: FULL BOARD INCLUDING:

- Multi-course gourmet menus for breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks
- Exquisite non-alcoholic drinks (mineral water, soft drinks, juices, various coffees, tea, cocoa) from 10:00 hrs to 00:00 hrs
- High-quality alcoholic drinks - sparkling wine, Aperol, house wines (white, rose and red), selected beers and long drinks, cocktail of the day from 10:00 hrs to 00:00 hrs
- Cakes and pastries served with tea and coffee in the afternoon
- Free minibar in each cabin (re-filled each morning by housekeeping)
- Nespresso machine in each cabin (2 free capsules per person per day)



### Departure Date & Prices

**Tue 6th October - 8 days**

*Please note cabins for sole use are very limited and sole occupancy charges do vary even on same cabin types.*

- Emerald Deck Cabins: Outside Cabin/window – twin / double - £1530pp**  
Single occupancy cabin supplements from £345.00 - £860.00
- Ruby Deck Cabins: Outside cabin / French balcony - twin/double - £1850pp**  
Single occupancy cabin supplements from £441.00 - £1100.00
- Diamond Deck Cabins: Outside cabin / French balcony - twin/double - £1950pp**  
Single occupancy cabin supplements from £471.00 - £1180.00

## Dutch Rail & Sail

Volendam - Eurotunnel Crossings - Amsterdam Canal Cruise -  
Steam Tram Ride - Boat Trip



FROM  
£499

Let us whisk you away with a tour to Holland including traditional houses, canals, a steam tram ride and a full day in the beautiful city of Amsterdam. We are based in one of Holland's most picturesque towns, Volendam, a mixture of houses, canals, a harbour and draw bridges.

**MONDAY** - We travel to Folkestone for our Eurotunnel crossing to Calais, then continue through France and Belgium into Holland, to our hotel in Volendam.

**TUESDAY** - This morning we head to Enkhuizen and start our day with a boat trip to Medemblik with coffee and apple pie served on board. Arriving in Medemblik the oldest city in West-Friesland there will be time to explore and get refreshments before a journey on the steam tram to Hoorn. We then rejoin the coach and return to Volendam where you have the rest of the day free.

**WEDNESDAY** - After breakfast, we depart for our full day in Amsterdam. On arrival, we have included a sightseeing canal cruise to orientate yourself around the city. You are then free to continue your exploration of Amsterdam at your own pace perhaps taking in the Royal Palace, 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, admire the 17th-century merchant houses and the floating flower market or just relax at a canal-side cafe and watch the world go by.

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

## Thursford Christmas

Norwich - Thursford Christmas Spectacular -  
Festive Boat Trip on Norfolk Broads Cambridge



FROM  
£365

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 Cambridgeshire where we enjoy a visit to the romantic University City of Cambridge on the banks of the River Cam. You will have free time here to discover the city's medieval centre, admire the magnificent architecture of the famous University buildings, visit one of the many museums or browse the excellent bookshops and independent shops for Christmas presents.

**DAY 2** - After breakfast, you have for a free morning to explore the city of Norwich 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 the 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

Our hotel is the Art Hotel Spaander, an extraordinary hotel which has a collection of 1500 art pieces. Located a few minutes from the old fishing port and surrounded by shops, cafés and restaurants.

Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.



### Departure Date & Price

Mon 26th October - 4 days - £499  
Single room supplement - £102

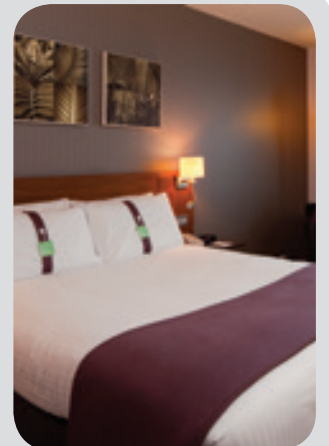
### Our Hotel

We will be staying at the Holiday Inn Norwich City overlooking Carrow Road Stadium. The hotel is only 10 minutes drive from the centre of Norwich and its many attractions.

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

### Departure Date & Price

Sun 15th November - 3 days - £365  
Fri 4th December - 3 days - £365  
Single room supplement - £50



## A Pre-Festive Cornish Break

Penzance - St Ives - Falmouth - Truro - Exeter -  
Festive Dinners, entertainment and a free bar.



Start off the festive season with a festive treat to our hotel in Newquay.

Why not capture the fun and excitement of the Christmas holidays early, without any of the planning or hard work? Sit back and be taken care of and let us get you in the mood for the forthcoming festive holidays.

**MONDAY (CHRISTMAS EVE)** - We travel to Cornwall and our hotel The Esplanade in Newquay where you have time to settle in before where we are treated to a sherry reception before our evening meal and entertainment.

**TUESDAY (CHRISTMAS DAY)** - 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 soak up the 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. Dinner this evening is a full traditional Christmas Day dinner with all of the trimmings followed by live entertainment and bingo.

**WEDNESDAY (BOXING DAY)** - A free day for you to enjoy the hotel's facilities and the resort of Newquay. This afternoon the hotel is showing a festive film with mince pies before the evening's dinner and live entertainment.

**THURSDAY (NEW YEAR'S EVE)** - This morning we enjoy a visit to the maritime town of Falmouth, renowned for its lovely sandy beaches and the third-largest natural harbour in the world. In the narrow streets of the bustling town centre you'll find a wide selection of shops for a bit of Christmas shopping, art galleries, charming cafés, restaurants and ancient inns. After we continue to Truro. Perhaps explore the lively squares and cobbled Georgian streets with their diverse mix of shops, admire the City's fine architecture or visit the world famous Cathedral, Royal Cornwall Museum and Gallery.

**FRIDAY** - We depart the hotel after breakfast and head to the city of Exeter where you are able to do some serious Christmas shopping before 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 and a free bar between 18.00-21.00 hours. Sea view rooms are available at a supplement.

### Departure Date & Price

Mon 30th November - 5 days - **£399**  
Single room supplement - £60



## Christmas in a Carlisle

Staying in Central Carlisle - Pantomime included - Lake District  
Scenic Tour - Festive entertainment and feasts



Escape all the hassle of a Christmas at home where the thought of preparing another Christmas dinner fills you with dread, escape from it all on this fantastic fun-filled holiday to a city central hotel in the heart of Carlisle and let someone else do all the hard work! With a programme of food and entertainment and a scenic drive to the Northern Lakes and villages of the Lake District and of course the time-old tradition with a visit to the local pantomime.

**WEDNESDAY** - We travel to our hotel in Carlisle with plenty of time on arrival to settle into your hotel before our evening meal followed by the evening's entertainment.

**THURSDAY (CHRISTMAS EVE)** - This morning you have a free morning to explore Carlisle at your own pace. The hotel is opposite the train station and has easy access to all of the city's sights including the magnificent Cathedral with its programme of festive events and the shops for any last-minute shopping. This afternoon the hotel serves you a cream tea. Before dinner this evening there is a drinks reception and followed after dinner with live entertainment.

**FRIDAY (CHRISTMAS DAY - MERRY CHRISTMAS)** - A day to relax and enjoy the festivities laid on for you at the hotel. You start with a Bucks Fizz breakfast and then a traditional Christmas lunch is served followed by the Queen's speech. This evening you have a buffet style evening meal followed by entertainment.

**SATURDAY (BOXING DAY)** - After a leisurely breakfast we embark on our scenic drive to the Northern Lakes edge of Ullswater and then onto the town of Keswick before continuing to Cockermouth before returning to the hotel and a mini afternoon tea before we head to the theatre for our performance of this year's pantomime. This evening's dinner is followed by live entertainment.

**SUNDAY** - Sadly we depart the hotel this morning and make our way back home.

### Our Hotel

We will be staying at the Hallmark Carlisle Hotel right in the centre of Carlisle. Dinner, bed and breakfast is included.

### Departure Date & Price

Wed 23rd December - 5 days - **£699**  
Single room supplement - £80



## Christmas in a Country Manor retreat

Staying in Letchworth - Windsor - St Albans- Pantomime Included - Cambridge - Oxford - Festive Entertainment and Feasts



If the thought of preparing another Christmas dinner at home fills you with dread, then why not escape from it all on this fantastic fun-filled holiday to a stunning country retreat in Letchworth Garden City and let someone else do all the hard work! With visits to the beautiful cities of Cambridge and Oxford as well as the time-old tradition with a visit to the local pantomime.

**WEDNESDAY** - We travel to Royal Windsor with a lunchtime visit here before we continue to our hotel in Hertfordshire. We are treated to tea/coffee and biscuits on arrival. You have time to settle into your hotel before pre-dinner drinks reception and evening meal followed by the evening's entertainment.

**THURSDAY (CHRISTMAS EVE)** - This morning we visit Cambridge where you will have time to perhaps visit some of the city's sights or wander around the shopping area for last minute presents. We then return to our hotel where you are treated to tea & cakes. This evening starts with Christmas carols prior to dinner and live entertainment.

**FRIDAY (CHRISTMAS DAY)** - A day to relax and enjoy the festivities laid on for you at the hotel. A traditional Christmas lunch is served followed by the Queen's speech with tea/coffee and cake. This evening you have a buffet style evening meal followed by entertainment.

**SATURDAY (BOXING DAY)** - After a leisurely breakfast we embark on our trip into St Alban's. You have some free time before we head to the theatre for our performance of this year's pantomime. This evening gala dinner is followed by live entertainment.

**SUNDAY** - Sadly we depart the hotel this morning and travel to Oxford. We have free time here to explore or perhaps visit the shops for some bargains before we continue with our journey home.

### 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

Wed 23rd December - 5 Days - £699  
Single room supplement £80





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