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WELCOME TO OUR 2027 HOLIDAY BROCHURE

In 2019 we celebrated 10 years of Crossways Travel, in 2027 we are not far off 20! From small beginnings, we are now able to offer holidays that you cannot find anywhere else. So why not make 2027 the year you come and see why our regular passengers return year after year. With a selection as wide as ours, offering anything from 2-day ABBA and theatre breaks to 13-day tours to Scandinavia or Austria, as well as Christmas and Entertainment breaks, you are sure to find something to catch your eye.

We are a small family run business going into our eighteenth year of operation. It is our aim to offer an experience nothing short of exceptional. Our holidays offer value for money without compromising on standards. We take pride in offering a professional and truly personal service where every customer is important. Many of our customers travel with us every year and tell us that our hard work and determination shines through on all of our tours, making every tour a unique and memorable experience. All our tours have been carefully planned with a varied mix of hotels. We work closely with our suppliers to ensure the highest quality and service that our customers have come to expect.

Reduced prices for children are available on most tours, providing that they share a room with two adults. Please call us to enquire.

24-HOUR PEACE OF MIND

In keeping with our aim to offer you an exceptional service, we believe it is important to have the knowledge that should something go wrong on your holiday, you can easily find someone who can help put things right. Once on tour, you will be provided with a 24-hour on call mobile number. This will be manned by a member of your coach crew at all times. This gives you complete peace of mind that help is available should you require it. Crossways Travel is the only tour operator in the south west to offer this valuable service.

ABOUT OUR TOURS

All of the tours in this brochure feature hotels with ensuite bathrooms and the majority of hotels have lifts to all floors. Most hotel accommodation is on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis (DBB) with a minimum of a three-course evening meal, usually with a choice, unless otherwise stated in the tour description. Most of our hotels are able to accommodate special diets and specific room requests, although these cannot be guaranteed. In each tour description you will find full details of the tour, clearly detailing exactly what is included in the tour price. A £75 per person deposit secures your booking.

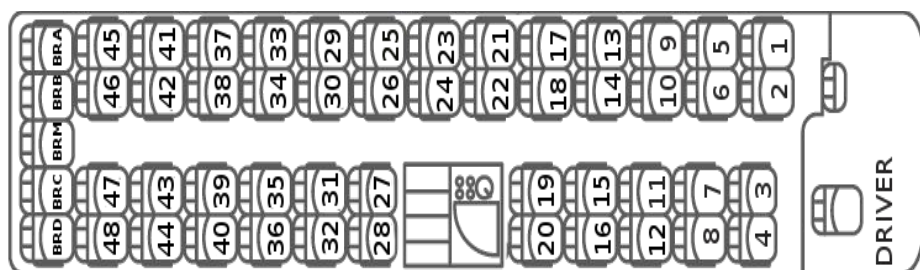
ON BOARD YOUR COACH

We know how important your coach is on your holiday. Rest assured we only use modern executive coaches. All the coaches feature the most up to date safety and comfort devices to ensure you have a safe and comfortable journey and are maintained to the highest possible standards. Our coaches feature reclining seats, climate control, air conditioning, individual reading lights, seatbelts, charging points, WiFi and on board toilet facilities, music system and DVD player. We also provide a host/hostess service on all our tours, offering a refreshment service throughout your tour.

Each tour is crewed by a minimum of two friendly, professional staff, your driver and tour manager, who between them have many years experience of providing a safe and friendly service. Although our coaches are well-equipped, we still recognise the need for our customers to have regular comfort stops.

SEATS ON YOUR TOUR

Seats will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Popular seats usually sell out very fast, so the earlier you book, the better chance you have of getting your choice of seat. All coaches have air cushioned suspension and climate control. This makes a pleasant and comfortable journey for everyone, whether in the front or the rear of the coach.



Please note that the seating plan above is for guidance only as some vehicles have a different seating configuration.

FINANCIAL PROTECTION

Rest assured, your booking is financially secure. In accordance with the Package Travel Regulations all passengers booking with Crossways Travel Ltd are fully protected from the deposit through to the balance of all moneys paid to us in connection with your holiday bookings, including repatriation arising from cancellation or curtailment of your travel arrangements due to the insolvency of Crossways Travel Ltd or its agents. All payments received from our customers are held in a separate trust account, administered by HSBC until your return from your holiday. This is in line with the department of Trade and Industry EEC Directive on Package Holidays and ensures, in the unlikely event of our financial failure, that your money is absolutely safe and you will receive either your holiday or your money back.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

In line with most other independent tour operators, our prices do not include personal travel insurance. We always recommend that you take out adequate travel insurance for any tour. However, it is not a requirement of booking for our UK tours. Valid travel insurance is required on all our European tours. You do not have to use the insurance provider recommended by us.

We are delighted to advise we have now teamed up with a Hampshire Company offering exceptional value Travel Insurance, with no upper age limits and in many cases no health screening requirements. For a Quote Call 02392 419855 and Quote CRO2025 for the best price. Alternatively, use the link on our website - www.crosswaystravel.co.uk/travel-insurance/.



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WHERE TO JOIN YOUR TOUR

We have many local joining points within the area shown on the map and all without any supplements. If none of these suit you, you may want to consider our optional home pick-up service from £40 extra. We can also pick up additionally in Ringwood on tours going east.



HOME PICK-UP

Take the worry out of getting to your pick-up point with our home pick-up option. From £40 extra per person.

You will be collected at your door and taken to your tour coach by car, taxi or minibus and returned to your door at the end of the tour, giving you a stress-free holiday. Our home pick-up option is available from the following post code areas DT1, DT2, DT3, DT4, DT5 and BH20. Home pick-ups may also be available from BH19, DT6 and DT8 postcode areas for an additional charge.

If you would like a home pick-up but you do not live in the post codes listed or you are not sure, please do give us a call on **01305 851697** as we may be able to offer it from your area for a small additional charge. Home pickup option must be booked at the time of booking. Unfortunately we cannot add the home pickup option once travel tickets have been issued.

LOYALTY CARDS

For the benefit of our regular customers we offer a fantastic loyalty card scheme, where you gain stamps when you travel on day excursions and holidays with us. When the card is complete, it is worth £40 off any booking. For more information call our office.

DAY EXCURSIONS

Why not try one of our DAY EXCURSIONS? You can pick up our current day excursion leaflet in your local Tourist Information Centre or local supermarket, call us on 01305 851697 or visit our website at www.crosswaystravel.co.uk.

YOUR OWN PRIVATE GROUP HOLIDAY OR EXCURSION

Over many years we have had the pleasure of arranging lots of holidays for local groups in Dorset and beyond. We can arrange everything from the hotel bookings and attractions to executive coach travel and then give you one simple, value for money price for your members. We can also supply professionally printed fliers for your tour and can even take bookings from your members using our computerised reservation system, if required, making it stress-free for the group organiser. We also offer free places for group organisers subject to minimum numbers.

As with all our tours we would also supply a professional tour manager to accompany the tour to ensure everything goes smoothly. All with the professionalism and personal service for which Crossways Travel have become famous. If you run a local group, why not give us a call and we can come and see you for a no obligation chat.

GROUP DISCOUNTS

If you book a group of 10 or more people on one of our holiday tours or day excursions, we will be delighted to offer your group a substantial discount on our normal price and the group organiser often travels free depending on numbers. Please call us for further details.

ACCESSIBILITY

We welcome everyone and do not discriminate against anyone travelling with us on any of our tours. Our staff will be happy to help as much as possible. We do ask that you are able to board the coach unaided - this ensures that we can safely evacuate you, should the need arise. Before booking your holiday you should be sure that you and your party are both physically and mentally capable of completing the itinerary. Certain attractions used on some of our tours may have limited access which may make access more difficult for people with mobility issues. If you have any concerns we recommend that you should contact the visitor attraction directly to discuss your requirements. Our friendly and helpful office staff are always happy to try to help and chat to you about your needs. We do not operate wheelchair accessible vehicles but are happy to accept walking aids, wheelchairs and small mobility scooters as long as they are booked in with our office at the time of booking.

HOW TO BOOK YOUR HOLIDAY

CALL OUR OFFICE ON 01305 851697

Visit our website on www.crosswaystravel.co.uk and fill in an online enquiry

Or Email us on info@crosswaystravel.co.uk

Or Visit our Travel Office at 6 Herringston Barn, Winterborne Herringston, Dorchester, DT2 9PU
or Speak to your Friendly Tour Manager on board one of our coaches.

A £75 per person deposit secures you a seat.

"ABBA VOYAGE" at London Olympic Park

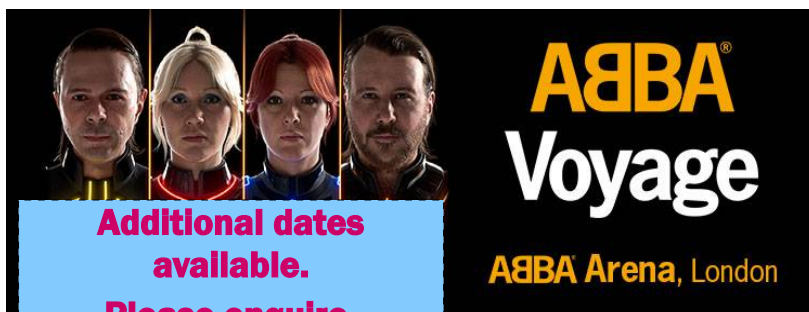
Friday, January 15th 2 Day Tour £289

HIGHLIGHTS:

**"ABBA Voyage" at London Olympic Park
Bluewater Shopping Village**

FRIDAY After our pick ups we travel towards London with a stop en route for a 2-course carvery lunch. We will arrive in our overnight hotel with free time to settle in and get ready for the evening before making our way to London's Olympic Park for the amazing "ABBA Voyage". Blending cutting-edge technology, spectacular lighting, and some of the most beloved songs ever written, ABBA take to the stage in a whole new way. In a stunning, purpose-built arena, one of the most popular groups in history appear as digital avatars in a 'ground-breaking' concert that really 'needs to be seen to be believed'!

SATURDAY Today after a relaxing breakfast, we rejoin our coach and head to Bluewater Shopping Village. Here you can browse over 300 shops all in one place. Bluewater is one of the largest and most innovative shopping centres in Europe, designed in a unique triangular shape with three distinct shopping malls connected by massive flagship department stores. It is built inside a former chalk quarry, surrounded by 50 acres of landscaped lakes and parkland. Later we return to Dorset.



**Additional dates
available.**

Please enquire.

PRICE INCLUDES

**1 night stay at Holiday Inn Brentwood Bed and Breakfast
Seated Ticket to "ABBA Voyage"
Visit to Bluewater Shopping Village
2-course lunch**

Single Supplement - £40

YOUR HOTEL

HOLIDAY INN, BRENTWOOD ***

Holiday Inn® Brentwood hotel boasts free WiFi, 24-hour room service, a Fitness Centre and indoor pool. Welcoming guest rooms with comfy beds and a pillow menu to help you enjoy restful nights. You can start the day with a full English breakfast and meet friends for Starbucks coffee or a glass of wine. All the ensuite bedrooms feature free WiFi, hairdryer, radio, telephone, ironing and tea/coffee making facilities.

This tour additionally picks up in Ringwood.

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL "KURIOS" at ROYAL ALBERT HALL

Sunday, January 24th 2 Day Tour £295

HIGHLIGHTS:

**Cirque Du Soleil
Guildford
London**

SUNDAY Our short break starts with a stop in Guildford to allow you to explore and purchase lunch if desired. We continue to our 4-star hotel with free time to relax before we take you to the fantastic show at the Albert Hall. You can be assured of a fabulous night to remember! OVO is an insect-themed Cirque du Soleil production celebrating the beauty of biodiversity. It follows a bustling, colourful ecosystem of bugs who are thrown into a frenzy when a mysterious egg (Portuguese: ovo) appears. The family-friendly show is packed with death-defying acrobatics, high-energy choreography, and live music.

MONDAY Today after breakfast, we enjoy a leisurely drive into central London with a sightseeing drive viewing some of the main sights. We allow some free time to explore and purchase lunch before returning to Dorset.



PRICE INCLUDES

**1 night stay at Leonardo Hotel Bed and Breakfast
Ticket to Cirque du Soleil
Visit to Guildford
Visit to London**

Single Supplement - £30

YOUR HOTEL

LEONARDO HOTEL, LONDON HEATHROW ****

Located just a five-minute drive from London's Heathrow Airport. Inside, you will find everything you would expect from a stylish, modern hotel, from cool, contemporary decor to comfortably appointed rooms and a spacious restaurant and bar with a charming outdoor terrace. All the ensuite bedrooms feature air-conditioning, complimentary toiletries, free WiFi, flatscreen TV, hairdryer, telephone and tea/coffee making facilities.

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CORNWALL WITH FRIENDS

Monday, January 25th 5 Day Tour £489

HIGHLIGHTS:

Jamaica Inn and Bodmin Jail
Entertainment Each Evening
National Maritime Museum



MONDAY Our holiday gets under way as we join our coach and head to our first stop high on Bodmin Moor. The Jamaica Inn sits bravely on Bodmin Moor and still exudes its legendary charm. We have included a visit to the museum and a hot buffet lunch before continuing on towards our fabulous hotel in Newquay.

TUESDAY Today after breakfast, you have a choice, join us for a full day optional excursion visiting Penzance and Lands End or relax and explore Newquay. £25

WEDNESDAY Today we board our coach and head to Bodmin for a visit to the fabulous Bodmin Jail. Built in 1779, Bodmin Jail reveals the gripping tales of Georgian and Victorian crime and punishment. There will also be free time in Bodmin before we return to the hotel.

THURSDAY After breakfast we rejoin our coach and head to Falmouth, with free time to explore and enjoy Falmouth and an included visit to the National Maritime Museum. Uncover Cornwall's rich maritime heritage.

FRIDAY After breakfast as we make our way back home, we follow the coast and head through North Devon, making a lunch stop in Barnstaple before returning to our drop off points.

PRICE INCLUDES

4 night stay at Kilbirnie Hotel DBB
Entrance to Bodmin Jail and Jamaica Inn Museum
Entrance to National Maritime Museum
Lunch at Jamaica Inn
Visits to Barnstaple, Bodmin and Falmouth
Single Supplement - £NIL
Optional Excursion to Penzance & Lands End - £25

YOUR HOTEL

KILBIRNIE HOTEL, NEWQUAY ***

Overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, the Kilbirnie Hotel features an indoor and outdoor swimming pool, a sauna, a fully equipped fitness suite, and a secluded sun terrace. Fresh local produce and seafood are used to create traditional English cuisine in the on-site restaurant, and a wide variety of wines from the hotel's cellar are also on offer. All the ensuite bedrooms feature free toiletries, hairdryer, TV, WiFi and tea/coffee making facilities.

HISTORIC YORK, LAMBING SEASON AT CANNON HALL FARM, AND THE DALES

Monday, February 22nd 5 Day Tour £499

HIGHLIGHTS:

Queen's Hotel and a Full Day in York
Cannon Hall Farm and Aysgarth Waterfalls
Leyburn, Settle and Hawes

MONDAY Once we have completed our pick ups we drive North towards York. We make suitable comfort stops en route, including a lunch stop, arriving in York late afternoon before our fabulous 3-course evening meal.

TUESDAY Today after breakfast, you have the whole day free to explore York and enjoy its many attractions at your leisure. The hotels location makes the day easy, with only a short walk into the centre of York.

WEDNESDAY Today will be for many the highlight of the tour. We enjoy a full day visit to the fabulous Cannon Hall Farm, as seen on TV in "Springtime on the Farm" and it's lambing season! Cannon Hall Farm is a large, family run farm attraction. Sitting in the rolling Pennine foothills, the farm shop is famous for home produced beef, pork, lamb and a huge variety of sausages. The on site bakery produces award winning pies and delicious artisan bread every morning. Cannon Hall has won many awards as an outstanding attraction.

THURSDAY Today we spend the day exploring some of the most picturesque corners of the Yorkshire Dales. Our journey begins in the charming market town of Settle, before continuing to the iconic Ribbleshead Viaduct - a striking example of Victorian engineering set amid sweeping moorland. In Hawes, the home of Wensleydale cheese, we enjoy time to soak up its lively charm. We then head to Aysgarth to admire its beautiful triple waterfalls and round off our day in the pretty town of Leyburn.

FRIDAY After breakfast we start our journey towards home and retrace our steps to Dorset.



PRICE INCLUDES

4 night stay at Queen's Hotel DBB
Entrance to Cannon Hall Farm
Visit to Aysgarth Waterfalls
Visits to Hawes, Leyburn and Settle
Single Supplement - £99

This tour additionally picks up in Ringwood.

YOUR HOTEL

QUEENS HOTEL, YORK

A warm welcome awaits you at The Queens Hotel situated on the banks of the River Ouse, in the heart of the City of York. Step out of the Hotel into a world of history and explore everything that York has to offer, from medieval times to modern day. All the ensuite bedrooms feature hairdryer, telephone, free WiFi, TV and tea/coffee making facilities.

ROYAL MARINES FESTIVAL OF MUSIC at ROYAL ALBERT HALL

Saturday, March 13th 2 Day Tour £295

HIGHLIGHTS:

**Mountbatten Festival of Music
Covent Garden**



SATURDAY After our pickups we head to London We include a 2-course lunch en route before heading to our hotel near Heathrow Airport and making our way to the Albert Hall for this evening's incredible show.

SUNDAY Today after a leisurely breakfast we rejoin our coach and head into Central London dropping by Covent Garden. Here you can enjoy a few hours exploring this thriving location, perhaps explore Covent Garden Market, the shops or treat yourself to a special lunch. We leave London mid afternoon.

PRICE INCLUDES

**1 night stay at Leonardo Hotel Bed and Breakfast
Ticket to Mountbatten Festival of Music
Visit to Covent Garden
2-course Lunch
Single Supplement - £30**

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YOUR HOTEL

LEONARDO HOTEL, LONDON HEATHROW ****

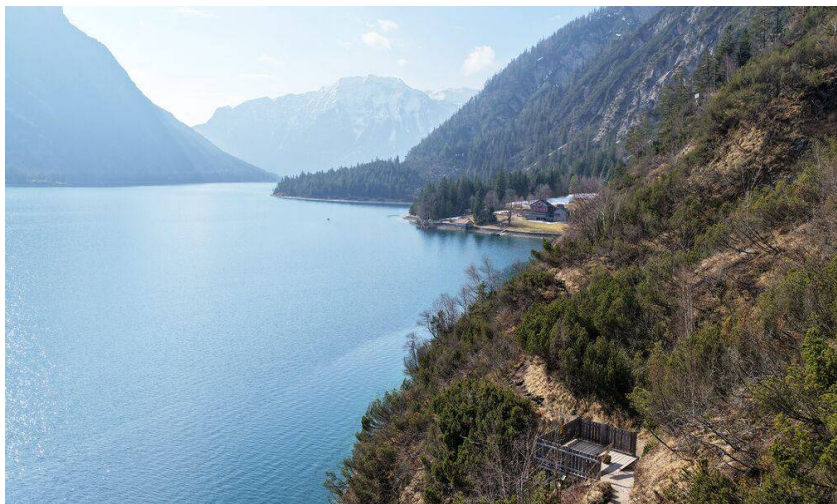
Located just a five-minute drive from London's Heathrow Airport. Inside, you'll find everything you would expect from a stylish, modern hotel, from cool, contemporary decor to comfortably appointed rooms and a spacious restaurant and bar with a charming outdoor terrace. All the en-suite bedrooms feature air-conditioning, complimentary toiletries, free WiFi, flatscreen TV, hairdryer, telephone and tea/coffee making facilities.

SPRINGTIME IN THE INN VALLEY – A GRAND AUSTRIAN ADVENTURE

Sunday, March 21st 8 Day Tour £1395

HIGHLIGHTS:

**Cruise on Lake Achensee
Guided Tour of Innsbruck
Zillertal Railway
Austrian Evening
Igls Card**



SUNDAY Early morning departure for the journey to Folkestone for the Eurotunnel crossing to Calais and continue to your overnight stop in the Metz region.

MONDAY Continue your journey into Austria via the impressive Fern Pass and join the Inn Valley before climbing up to Igls for a 5-night stay at the wonderful Hotel Bon Alpina.

TUESDAY A day at leisure in Igls. Explore the village, take the cable car into the mountains or travel on the local bus to nearby Innsbruck. For those of you wanting a quiet day you can enjoy the swimming pool and courtyard garden. We also include a pass that allows you to travel free on local transport in the area.

WEDNESDAY This morning we head to Mayrhofen. Nestled among the majestic mountains of the Zillertal Alps, Mayrhofen is the third largest holiday village in Tyrol. It belongs to the Zillertal valley and has been a popular destination spot for decades. Here we join the Zillertal Railway to Jenbach. A narrow-gauge railway, about 32km long, the trains are typically painted red and the carriages have large windows built for sightseeing as the route is very scenic. The railway runs along the Ziller Valley passing Alpine villages, farms and meadows and mountain backdrops almost the entire way. On arrival at Jenbach we rejoin our coach and drive to Pertisau, a charming lakeside village in Austria's Tyrol region offering crystal-clear lakes, stunning walks and cosy mountain huts. After some free time to purchase lunch and explore, we join a relaxing cruise on Lake Achensee, taking in the pretty villages, dotted along the shoreline, and beautiful alpine scenery. Afterwards we meet the coach for the return journey to Igls.

THURSDAY Today we travel to nearby Innsbruck, 'Capital of the Tyrol', located on the River Inn and at the foot of the Karwendel Alps. This beautiful city is surrounded by stunning mountain scenery and steeped in history. An included guided walking tour will showcase the city highlights including the Golden Roof, Imperial Palace and Hofkirche. Afterwards enjoy some free time to explore the city at leisure, discover the old quarter with its charming, arcaded streets, stroll along the Maria Theresien Strasse with its bustling shops or climb the Tower of the City for magnificent views of the city.

There will be a traditional Austrian Evening in the hotel on one of the evenings.

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FRIDAY Today we offer an Optional Excursion through the impressive Inn Valley to the vibrant town of Kitzbuhel, one of the most popular and prestigious natural areas in Austria, especially at this time of year. The town is considered a world-class ski centre. Later we visit Rattenburg, medieval charm and modern architecture, glass art at its finest, fantastic views and delicious cakes are the proof: Austria's smallest town is actually really big. Here we also include a visit to a Strudel maker to learn all about how to make the best Apple Strudel. We end the day with a visit to Hall In Tyrol, which was famous for salt production - the salt mine in the Halltal was one of the most flourishing branches til 1967. Salt was transported via the Salt Road to Matrei am Brenner, and was exported to Switzerland, the Black Forest and the area round the River Rhine. In 1303, Hall in Tirol was raised to the status of town. £25

SATURDAY This morning we say goodbye to Igls as we head back through Germany and onto our overnight hotel in Metz.

SUNDAY After breakfast we depart our hotel and head back to Calais for the late afternoon Eurotunnel crossing to Folkestone. Upon arrival we complete our journey to Dorset arriving late evening.



YOUR HOTEL

HOTEL BON ALPINA, IGLS ***

The 3-star Hotel Bon Alpina is In the centre of the Tyrolean village of Igls, which sits on a plateau above Innsbruck surrounded by meadows and forests. The hotel is found beside the village church and a short walk from the shops. Igls retains a distinct village identity, yet Innsbruck can be reached by local bus or tram in around 15 minutes - the bus stop is beside the hotel. The Bon Alpina has a total of 93 guest bedrooms. Off the contemporary reception area are the stylish bar and restaurant. As well as a sauna, steam room and small gym, the hotel has a heated indoor/outdoor pool that opens onto a tranquil courtyard garden and terrace area - a perfect and relaxing corner to enjoy during your day at leisure in Igls. All the ensuite bedrooms feature free WiFi, hairdryer, TV and telephone.
Please note that all twin rooms are Austrian twins (two mattresses pushed together) and this hotel does not offer tea/coffee making facilities.



YOUR HOTEL

HOTEL MERCURE CENTRE, METZ ****

At the Mercure Metz Centre, every detail is tailored for a unique and enjoyable stay. For dining, the Emile and Lola restaurant serves seasonal cuisine crafted from premium local ingredients. Ideally located just steps from the downtown area and the train station, the hotel also offers a welcoming bar for relaxing moments. All the ensuite bedrooms feature free WIFI, hairdryer, TV and tea/coffee making facilities.

PRICE INCLUDES

5 night stay at Hotel Bon Alpina DBB
2 night stay at Hotel Mercure Centre DBB
Cruise on Lake Achensee
Guided walking tour of Innsbruck
Igls Card for use on local transport
Ride on Zillertal Railway
Traditional Austrian Evening
Visit to Pertisau
Welcome drink in Austria

Single Supplement - £199
Optional Excursion to Kitzbuhel, Rattenburg, Hall in Tyrol and a Strudel Maker - £25

This tour additionally picks up In Ringwood.

RAILWAYS AND GARDENS OF SOUTH EAST ENGLAND

Monday, April 5th 5 Day Tour £675

HIGHLIGHTS:

Great Dixter House and Gardens
Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway
Kent and East Sussex Railway
Royal Tunbridge Wells
Bluebell Railway
Tenderden



MONDAY After pick ups we will drive east and head towards Sussex. We will drive to Sheffield Park station where you can visit the Railway museum before embarking on a single train ride to East Grinstead on the Bluebell Railway, the UK's first preserved standard gauge passenger railway. Later we continue to our well appointed hotel, with time to relax before dinner.

TUESDAY Today we enjoy a return journey to Dungeness on board the Romney Hythe and Dymchurch Railway. This line is known as 'Kent's' Mainline in miniature, the world famous one third full size locomotives have powered their way along the 13 1/2 miles of track since 1928. You will have a little free time at Dungeness where you can enjoy a pint at the Pilot Inn, use the facilities of the station and take in the surrounding sea views or imposing Nuclear Power Stations before the return journey to our hotel.

WEDNESDAY Today we enjoy a visit to Great Dixter House and Gardens with some free time before departing to Tenderden. Here you will have time for lunch or visit the Col Stephens Railway Museum. Later we board the train on the Kent and East Sussex Railway for a single journey through the unspoilt Rother Valley to Bodiam.

THURSDAY Why not join us for our optional excursion to Wakehurst. Here you are free to explore more than 500 acres of diverse landscapes including the bog garden and walled gardens with rare and important plants. Known as "Kew in the country," it features diverse landscapes, including woodlands, meadows, and wetlands, alongside the Millennium Seed Bank—the world's largest wild plant seed bank. You will have the whole day to enjoy everything on offer. £35

FRIDAY After breakfast we leave our hotel for the last time. Before we start our journey towards home we visit Royal Tunbridge Wells. A tour to Kent would not be complete without this! After some free time to explore we continue our journey home.

PRICE INCLUDES

4 night stay at Mercure Tunbridge Wells Hotel DBB
Entrance to Great Dixter House and Gardens
Return Journey on the Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway
Ride on the Kent and East Sussex Railway
Ride on the Bluebell Railway
Visits to Dymchurch and Royal Tunbridge Wells
Visit to Tenderden
Single Supplement - £149
Optional Excursion to Wakehurst - £35 (NT Members £20)

MERCURE TUNBRIDGE WELLS HOTEL, PEMBURY ****

The 4-star Tunbridge Wells hotel boasts 84 contemporary guest rooms inside a beautiful 18th century Georgian oast house. Guests are invited to dine in The Mallows restaurant, where they can enjoy an internationally inspired meal in a modern and relaxed environment. Those looking to wind down further can take a drink from the impressive selection in the Oast Bar. All the ensuite bedrooms feature free WiFi, hairdryer, HD TV, telephone and tea/coffee making facilities.

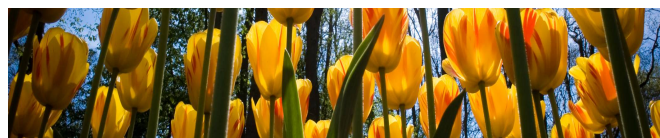
This tour additionally picks up in Ringwood.

DUTCH BULBFIELDS – “GREATEST FLOWERSHOW ON EARTH”

Friday, April 9th 4 Day Tour £749

HIGHLIGHTS:

Keukenhof Gardens
Het Loo Palace and Gardens



FRIDAY After pick ups we head to Dover for our short ferry crossing to Calais and continue to our fabulous historic hotel.

SATURDAY Today we set off for a visit to Het Loo Palace and Gardens. Paleis Het Loo is a 17th-century palace of the House of Orange, now a museum where you can see how its former residents lived and worked. It features exhibitions about the House of Orange and the origins of the Netherlands. You will find a collection of cars and carriages and of course the stunning palace gardens.

SUNDAY Today we have a included a full day visit to Keukenhof Gardens to see the impressive blooms. Originally a simple kitchen garden filled with vegetables and herbs, Keukenhof Gardens has grown to become the world's largest flower garden. Each year it is visited by thousands of people who come to see the six million bulbs bloom. Spilling across various themed gardens and four pavilions, Keukenhof is a natural paradise filled with spectacular flower displays, inspirational gardens, blossoming fruit trees, and unique art installations. Keukenhof is widely known as 'The Greatest Flower Show on Earth'. We will also visit some local bulb sellers so you can purchase local tulip bulbs at a great price if you wish.

MONDAY Today we leave our hotel for the last time and retrace our steps back to Dorset.

PRICE INCLUDES

3 nights at Kontakt Der Kontinenten Hotel DBB
Entrance to Het Loo Palace and Gardens
Entrance to Keukenhof Gardens
Lunch on Board Ferries
Visit to a Local Bulb Seller
Single Supplement - £70

KONTAKT DER KONTINENTEN, UTRECHT ***

A former mission house and monastery, ideally situated near Utrecht and Amersfoort. Over the years the buildings have been transformed into a contemporary hotel, equipped with all modern amenities and facilities as well as a three-star superior hotel classification. All of the ensuite bedrooms are equipped with a TV, hairdryer, telephone and free WiFi. Please note that this hotel does not offer tea/coffee making facilities.

This tour additionally picks up in Ringwood.

EVESHAM BLOSSOM TRAIL

Friday, April 9th 3 Day Tour £385

HIGHLIGHTS:

Guided Tour of Evesham Blossom Trail
Batsford Arboretum



FRIDAY We travel to the charming historic town of Stratford-upon-Avon. The afternoon is free to explore this picturesque town, known for its timber-framed buildings and rich cultural heritage. Take the opportunity to wander its streets, soak up the history and perhaps visit some of the Shakespeare properties.

SATURDAY Today we set off from our hotel and embark on a guided coach tour through the spectacular Evesham Blossom Trail, celebrated for over 40 years as one of spring's greatest wonders. We begin at Evesham Valley Country Park and follow the route through the Vale of Evesham and surrounding areas, where some of the country's most productive horticultural land is alive with breathtaking displays of plum, pear and apple blossom. We stop in the Cotswolds town of Broadway, renowned for one of the longest high streets in England, offering a chance to explore and enjoy lunch.

SUNDAY Today we leave our hotel for a visit to stunning Batsford Arboretum, home to a unique collection of some of the world's most beautiful and rare trees, shrubs and bamboos spread across 60 acres - spectacular Japanese flowering cherries amongst others.

PRICE INCLUDES

2 night stay at Crowne Plaza Stratford-upon-Avon DBB
Entrance to Batsford Arboretum
Guided Tour of Evesham Blossom Trail
Visit to Broadway
Single Supplement - £99

CROWNE PLAZA,

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON ****

A stunning riverside hotel beside the River Avon and just a short walk from the town centre. It has a leisure club with heated pool and sauna, restaurant and bar/lounge. All the ensuite bedrooms feature free WiFi, hairdryer, TV, telephone and tea/coffee making facilities.

TRAMS, TRAINS, AUTOMOBILES IN DERBYSHIRE & PEAK DISTRICT

Monday, April 12th 5 Day Tour £625

HIGHLIGHTS:

Crich Tramway Village
Hotel in Central Buxton
Peak Village
Banbury



MONDAY After our local pick ups we continue towards the Peak District. Before heading to our hotel we enjoy a visit to Peak Village in the village of Rowsley, just a few miles from Chatsworth. In this relaxed and accessible environment, enjoy browsing a blend of well known brands, independent shops and local makers offering a compelling choice in fashion and accessories, home and garden ware, outdoor clothing and equipment. Afterwards we continue to our hotel in Buxton.

TUESDAY Today we offer an optional excursion. We start our day with a visit to The Great British Car Journey Museum. This is a unique museum where you will go on a journey which starts in the early 1920s, when the working family could only dream of owning a car. The journey ends as we venture into the new millennium when most of Britain's great car factories fell silent, overwhelmed by the same process of globalisation which swept away our once proud ship building and aviation industries. This afternoon we head to Chesterfield for a fascinating afternoon. The distinctive Crooked Spire dominates the skyline. Chesterfield is a paradise for shoppers, with its handsome Market Hall and cobbled Market Place, home to one of the largest open-air markets in England. **£30**

WEDNESDAY We start the day with a visit to Leek on market day. A delightful historic market town brimming with unusual architecture and fascinating history, Leek's unspoilt town centre is a relaxing change from modern shopping centres with a refreshing mix of unique independent speciality shops and boutiques, cafés, traditional pubs and craft ale bars. This afternoon we relocate for a visit to Peak Rail. We step aboard a lovingly preserved section of the former Midland Railway line, once connecting Manchester Central and London St Pancras.

THURSDAY Today we visit Crich Tramway Village. You will have the whole day to explore this fabulous visitor attraction. Crich Tramway Village, home to the National Tramway Museum, is a unique open-air museum and heritage attraction that combines a recreated period village with a working tramway allowing visitors to explore tramway history and ride vintage trams.

FRIDAY After breakfast we leave our hotel for the last time. We make one more stop in Historic Banbury. Although Banbury is a small town, it has a good range of shops. Later we start our journey home, arriving late afternoon.

PRICE INCLUDES

4 night stay at Palace Hotel and Spa DBB
Entrance to Crich Tramway Village
Ride on Peak Railway
Visits to Banbury, Leek and Peak Village
Single Supplement - £80
Optional Excursion to Great British Car Journey Museum - £30

PALACE HOTEL AND SPA, BUXTON ****

The Palace Hotel and Spa is located in the spa town of Buxton. Since 1868, the Palace Hotel has been a prominent building in Buxton. Set in five acres of stunning landscaped gardens and an easy walking distance from the town centre. The hotel features a chargeable leisure club with an indoor pool, gym, spa, sauna and steam room. All the ensuite bedrooms feature hairdryer, TV, free WiFi, ironing and tea/coffee making facilities.

This tour additionally picks up in Ringwood.

WATERWAYS OF CHESHIRE AND NORTH WALES

Monday, April 26th 5 Day Tour £549

HIGHLIGHTS:

Llangollen Aqueduct Cruise
Norton Priory Museum and Gardens
River Dee Cruise
Congleton



MONDAY After our local pick ups we continue north towards our well appointed hotel. We make suitable comfort stops en route, including a stop at the historic town of Congleton. The town has a long industrial history, once renowned for textile manufacturing, especially ribbon weaving and cotton mills. Today, that legacy is evident in its architecture and preserved sites.

TUESDAY Today we visit Chester where you will begin with a tranquil 30-minute cruise on the River Dee, including a commentary. The remainder of the morning is at leisure to explore the pretty medieval streets and city walls and have some lunch before departing for Norton Priory Museum and Gardens. Discover the 870 year old priory site, its museum and award-winning walled garden. There will be time to visit the cafe, shop and exhibitions before returning to the hotel.

WEDNESDAY We travel south this morning for a canal cruise through the beautiful Vale of Llangollen and across the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, or 'Stream in the Sky', on a brightly coloured narrow-boat. An interesting commentary gives you an insight into the history of the area and other canals in the UK. Spend time in Llangollen itself, before travelling over the spectacular Horseshoe Pass to the small market town of Ruthin and before returning to the hotel.

THURSDAY Today we travel to Northwich for a journey on the magnificent Anderton Boat Lift (NB: subject to conservation works being completed). Originally built in 1875, the structure lifts passengers aboard the elegant Edwin Clark boat from the River Weaver to the Trent and Mersey Canal high above. A comprehensive visitor centre houses an exhibition focusing on the lift's history together with its control centre, so visitors can get close to the action. We will finish the day in the pleasant market town of Nantwich, before returning to the hotel past the stunning lakes at Ellesmere. £30

FRIDAY After breakfast we leave our hotel for the last time and start our journey towards home, making suitable stops en route.

PRICE INCLUDES

4 night stay at Daresbury Park Hotel DBB
Canal Cruise from Llangollen
Cruise on River Dee
Entrance to Norton Priory Museum and Gardens
Visit to Chester
Visit to Congleton
Visit to Llangollen
Visit to Ruthin
Single Supplement – £80
Optional Excursion to Anderton Boat Lift - £30 (subject to reopening)

YOUR HOTEL

DARESBURY PARK HOTEL, WARRINGTON ****

Daresbury Park Hotel is situated between Runcorn and Warrington a 3-minute drive from the M56 motorway. Guests are welcome to use the health and leisure club and enjoy free WiFi. The restaurant serves a European menu and traditional breakfasts. The Coffee Shop is open daily, perfect for a grab and go coffee or a catch up with friends, non residents are very welcome! The Bar offers light snacks and drinks. All the ensuite bedrooms feature hairdryer, free WiFi, TV and tea/coffee making facilities.

CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW AND KEW GARDENS IN BLOOM

Friday, May 21st 2 Day Tour £375

HIGHLIGHTS:

RHS Chelsea Flower Show
Kew Gardens



RHS
Chelsea
Flower Show



FRIDAY After our pick ups we drive towards London and to The Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew. This is one of the most magical times to visit Kew Gardens, when cherry trees, magnolias, and flowers burst into bloom and fill the air with colour and fragrance. The whole landscape feels alive with new growth, making it a perfect season for photographers and nature lovers alike.

SATURDAY After breakfast today we rejoin our coach and head to Chelsea for the RHS Chelsea Flower Show. Every May the grounds of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea are transformed into a patchwork of show gardens, inspirational small gardens and vibrant plant displays as the most talented of the gardening world gather for the UK's most famous flower show. Set in 11 acres, this is the most prestigious flower show in the country, showcasing all the latest in garden design innovation.

PRICE INCLUDES

1 night stay at Croydon Aerodrome Hotel DBB
Entrance to Chelsea Flower Show
Entrance to Kew Gardens
Single Supplement - £30

YOUR HOTEL

LONDON CROYDON AERODROME HOTEL, CROYDON ****

A historic Art Deco hotel in Croydon with leafy gardens and 24-hour room service is available. Guests can enjoy a range of beverages, light meals and snacks in the relaxing lounge bar, which features a spacious terrace. All the ensuite bedrooms feature a hairdryer, TV, tele

This tour additionally picks up in Ringwood.

DENMARK, SWEDEN AND COPENHAGEN – AN UNFORGETTABLE JOURNEY

Tuesday, May 18th 13 Day Tour £2775

HIGHLIGHTS:

**The Great Belt Bridge
Øresund Bridge
Gothenburg Archipelago Cruise
Copenhagen Cruise
Fredericksborg Castle
Guided Tour of Odense
Guided Tour of Copenhagen
Stauning Whisky
Kongernes Jelling**



TUESDAY After pick ups we drive to Folkestone for the Eurotunnel crossing and continue to Osnabrück for our overnight stay.

WEDNESDAY After breakfast we continue to Aarhus. En route we stop in the German border town of Flensburg - a unique blend of German efficiency and Danish culture and a 'hygge' maritime atmosphere. After some time to get lunch we will continue to Aarhus and our centrally-located hotel.

THURSDAY After all the travelling, we will have a day off from our coach. The day is yours to spend exploring Aarhus - celebrated as the City of Smiles due to its youthful demographic, rich Viking history and compact walkable layout. Explore the Latin Quarter, go for a stroll in the Old Town or visit the Art museum.

FRIDAY This morning we head to Kongernes Jelling. Explore the site where the Danish Kingdom was born. Investigate the ancient monuments and continue exploring inside the Experience Center. From here we will continue to Stauning Whiskey distillery for a guided tour and a cheeky tipple. We will finish the day in Ringkøbing - the oldest town in the area.

SATURDAY Today it is time to say goodbye to Aarhus and head North to Frederikshavn. Frederikshavn has its own very special atmosphere thanks to its maritime history, idyllic setting, and the ferries. The vast number of visitors to the town (around five million a year) have nurtured a shopping mecca, including one of the country's longest pedestrian streets. It also features the World's most northerly palm beach. After time to explore here, we will board our ferry to Gothenburg for our 3-night stay in our centrally located hotel.

SUNDAY Today we offer an Optional Excursion to Läckö Castle. Or alternatively, spend the day exploring Gothenburg under your own steam. If you choose to join us, we will travel North to the shores of Lake Vänern - the largest lake in Sweden - for our visit to Läckö Castle. Läckö Castle, with its impressive facade and beautiful surroundings, is one of Sweden's most well-preserved historic buildings. We will enjoy a guided tour here before giving you time to explore the little garden and the lakeside. **£35**

MONDAY After breakfast we enjoy the highlight of the holiday for some - a cruise through the Gothenburg Archipelago. The boat takes you through the Gothenburg harbour, past the Älvsborg Fortress and down towards the islands of the Gothenburg archipelago. The Gothenburg Archipelago is a stunning collection of islands on Sweden's West Coast. Once we are back on dry land, you will have the rest of the day to explore Gothenburg.

TUESDAY After breakfast we depart our hotel and head South driving along the coast to Helsingborg. Here we will join a ferry for a short journey across to Denmark. Once in Helsingør, we will make our way to Frederiksborg Castle for a guided tour. Frederiksborg Castle is beautifully situated on three small islets in the Castle Lake in Hillerød. After an afternoon to explore here, we will make our way to the next hotel in an exceptional location only a short walk from the beach and the Baltic Sea.

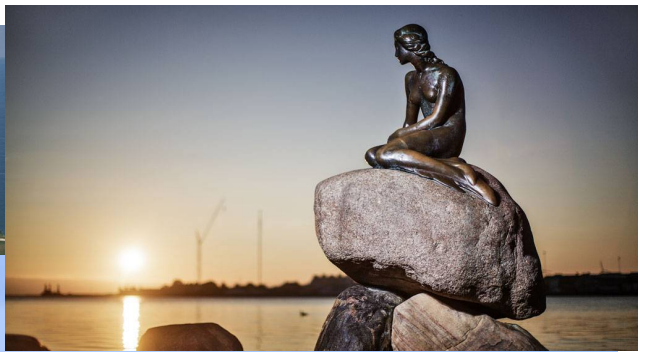
WEDNESDAY After breakfast we make our way to the capital of Denmark - Copenhagen. We will start the day with a guided walking tour helping you to get your bearings before boarding our boat for a cruise on Copenhagen's canals. The rest of the day is yours to explore Copenhagen at leisure.

THURSDAY This morning we will make our way to Odense. To get there we have to cross the Great Belt Bridge which spans 11 miles. Once in Odense, we will treat you to a guided walking tour before giving you time to explore on your own. Odense is Denmark's third largest town and home to the Hans Christian Andersen House.

FRIDAY After a leisurely morning it is time to say farewell to Denmark. We will drive to the iconic Øresund Bridge connecting Copenhagen and Malmö. Once in Sweden, we will visit Lund. Lund is a historic university city in southern Sweden, known for its cobblestone streets, vibrant academic environment, and medieval architecture. After a few hours to explore here, we will make our way to Malmö. It is said that Malmö has more restaurants per head than anywhere else in Sweden. You will have time here to explore and treat yourself to a meal out before we make our way to Trelleborg for our overnight ferry to Travemünde.

SATURDAY After an early breakfast on board our boat, we will start our journey back through Germany to our overnight stop in Holland. En route we will stop in Osnabrück - a charming "City of Peace" renowned for its beautifully preserved medieval Altstadt, the historic 1648 Peace of Westphalia, and its unique distinction as the only major German city situated inside a UNESCO Global Geopark. You will have time to get lunch and have a look around.

SUNDAY Today we make our way to Calais for our ferry across to Dover and back to Dorset.



COMWELL AARHUS DOLCE BY WYNHAM, AARHUS ****

Comwell Aarhus welcomes you to a world of design, quality and well-being with the city's best view of the harbour, forest and beach. A hotel stay in Aarhus welcomes you with endless possibilities for entertainment and unique experiences. The hotel is located at one of the city's most central addresses close to the centre and the station. There is a lift to all floors. All the ensuite bedrooms feature free WiFi, TV, hairdryer, telephone and ironing facilities. Please note that this hotel does not offer tea/coffee making facilities.

HYATT PLACE GOTHENBURG CENTRAL HOTEL, GOTHENBURG ****

Welcome to Hyatt Place Gothenburg Central, ideally situated next to Gothenburg Central Station. Start your day with a delicious breakfast before venturing out to explore nearby attractions like Liseberg Amusement Park, the Opera House, Universeum, and the charming district of Haga, along with excellent shopping and dining options. Stay active in the well-equipped gym or unwind in the sauna overlooking the train tracks. There is a lift to all floors. All the ensuite bedrooms feature free WiFi, TV, hairdryer, telephone, ironing and tea/coffee making facilities.

PRICE INCLUDES

3 night stay at Comwell Aarhus Dolce by Wynham DBB
3 night stay at Comwell Køge Strand DBB
3 night stay at Hyatt Place Gothenburg Central Hotel DBB
1 night stay at Holiday Inn Osnabrück DBB
1 night stay at Postillion Hotel Deventer DBB
1 night stay on the Trelleborg / Travemünde Ferry BB
Guided Canal Cruise in Copenhagen
Guided Cruise of the Gothenburg Archipelago
Guided Tour of Frederiksborg Castle
Guided Tour and Tasting of Stauning Whisky
Guided Walking Tour of Copenhagen
Guided Walking Tour of Odense
Entrance to Kongernes Jelling
Ferry from Frederikshaven to Gothenburg
Ferry from Helsingborg to Helsingør
Visit to Aarhus
Visits to Flensburg and Frederikshavn
Visit to Gothenburg
Visits to Lund and Malmö
Visits to Odense and Osnabrück
Visit to Ringkøbing

Single Supplement - £473

Optional Excursion to Läckö Castle - £35

COMWELL KØGE STRAND, KØGE ****

Comwell Køge Strand is a modern beach hotel overlooking Køge Bay. Here you can enjoy the relaxing atmosphere on the large terrace, side by side with the beautiful nature and wide sandy beach. Just inside you will find newly decorated bar and cosy restaurant in bright rooms facing the water. All the ensuite bedrooms feature free WiFi, TV, hairdryer and telephone. Please note that this hotel does not offer tea/coffee making facilities.

HOLIDAY INN, OSNABRÜCK ****

This 4-star Holiday Inn is conveniently located on the outskirts of Osnabrück. It features a fitness studio and wellness area as well as a restaurant and bar / lobby. There is a lift to all floors. All the ensuite bedrooms feature walk-in showers, free WiFi, TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities.

POSTILLION HOTEL, DEVENTER ***

At Postillion Hotel Deventer you are right in the middle, close to the heart of the beautiful Hanseatic city of Deventer. Just a few steps away, you can stroll along the IJssel to clear your head. All the ensuite bedrooms feature free WiFi, TV, hairdryer, telephone and tea/coffee making facilities.

This tour additionally picks up in Ringwood.

LITTLE TRAINS AND BOATS IN SOUTHERN IRELAND

Sunday, May 30th 7 Days £995

HIGHLIGHTS:

**Dunbrody Famine Ship
Waterford and Suir Valley
Foynes Flying Boat and Maritime Museum
Glonamnoise Cruise
Lartigue Monorail
Shannon Ferry
Waterford Crystal**



SUNDAY Once we have completed our pick ups we head up into Wales for our ferry to Rosslaire. We take the afternoon ferry crossing from Fishguard to Rosslaire, then a short drive to your hotel in Waterford in time for dinner.

MONDAY Today we enjoy a morning visit to the town of New Ross and the Dunbrody Famine Ship, an authentic replica of a 19th century famine ship. See where the captain stood and imagine the sailors climbing the rigging. The Dunbrody Famine Ship is part outdoors so make sure you are wrapped up in cooler weather.

TUESDAY Today we enjoy a guided walking tour of Ireland's oldest city "Waterford" and a guided visit to Waterford Crystal Visitor Centre. You will then have free time to explore the heritage quarter museums and beautiful town.

WEDNESDAY Today we leave Waterford behind us and we enjoy a trip on the Waterford and Suir Valley Railway. This narrow gauge railway runs alongside the river Suir for approximately 40 minutes from Waterford to Kilmeadan. Do not forget your raincoat or woolly scarf as one of the carriages is open air. Experience the beauty of the Suir Valley as you take in the panoramic views of the river, rolling farmland and mountains. We travel via Tipperary and the impressive Rock of Cashel to our next hotel on the outskirts of Ennis.

THURSDAY Today, we head to the Shannon ferry to cross this lovely river and head to Listowel to experience the unusual recreation of the 1888 Lartigue Monorail train. Next, it is on to the Foynes Flying Boat and Maritime Museum where we see the world's only full size B314 replica flying boat from the era 1937-1945. Return to the hotel later this afternoon in time for dinner.

FRIDAY Today we leave our hotel and travel to our overnight hotel near Wexford, en-route we enjoy a 90-minute cruise from Athlone to Clonmacnoise with stunning views as you listen to the local folklore tales and legends. Afterwards the coach will collect us to continue to the heritage village of Adare. Browse the craft shops, cafes or boutiques in this tranquil village. The picturesque thatched cottages are perfect for a souvenir photograph with your friends. We enjoy our overnight stay close to Wexford in position for our morning ferry.

SATURDAY Today, after an early breakfast we head to the ferry port and retrace our steps towards home.

YOUR HOTELS

TREACY'S HOTEL, WATERFORD ***

Treacy's Hotel, Spa and Leisure Centre is set in the picturesque city of Waterford, ideally located just five minutes' walk from St Patrick's cathedral, the Garter Lane Theatre and the Waterford shopping district. This 163 bedroom hotel offers home comfort with all of the hotel essentials. The hotel also benefits from the fully equipped Spirit Leisure Centre, including a 20m swimming pool, Jacuzzi, sauna, steam room and drench shower. Whilst here you will dine at The Crokers Restaurant, where you can enjoy a wide variety of dishes, all created using the finest, fresh ingredients. All the ensuite bedrooms feature a free WiFi, hairdryer, radio, TV, telephone, ironing and tea/coffee making facilities.

TREACY'S WEST COUNTY HOTEL, ENNIS ***

Situated on the outskirts of Ennis in County Clare, the hotel has 152 refurbished bedrooms, a lift to all floors and leisure facilities including an indoor swimming pool. Entertainment is held regularly in the bar. All the ensuite bedrooms feature free WiFi, hairdryer, radio, TV, telephone, ironing and tea/coffee making facilities.

NEWTOWN PARK HOTEL, WEXFORD ***

From the moment you arrive, you feel it: friendly faces, effortless comfort, and a place that strikes the perfect balance between relaxation, exploration, and genuine Irish hospitality. All the ensuite bedrooms include free WiFi, hairdryer, telephone, TV, ironing and tea / coffee making facilities.

PRICE INCLUDES

**3 night stay at Treacy's Hotel Waterford DBB
2 night stay at Treacy's West County Hotel DBB
1 night stay at Newtown Park Hotel DBB
Cruise from Athlone to Clonmacnoise
Cruise on the Shannon Ferry
Guided Tour of Waterford Crystal Visitor Centre
Entrance to the Foynes Flying Boat and Maritime Museum
Entrance to Dunbrody Famine Ship
Ride on the Lartigue Monorail
Ride on Waterford and Suir Valley Railway
Visit to Adare
Visit to the Rock of Cashel
Visit to New Ross
Visit to Tipperary**

Single Supplement - £150

Please note that as of 2026 all travellers need a valid passport to travel to Ireland.

GUERNSEY AND SARK – AN UNFORGETTABLE JOURNEY

Monday, May 31st 5 Day Tour £995

HIGHLIGHTS:

**Guided Tour of Guernsey
Sausmarez Park
Visit to Sark
Little Chapel**



MONDAY Once we have completed our pick ups we head to Poole Ferry Terminal for our ferry service to Guernsey. On arrival we are met by local coach and transferred, with our luggage to our hotel, with time to settle in before our evening meal.

TUESDAY Today after breakfast we enjoy a full day guided tour of the Island and explore some beautiful scenery, beaches and look out points. We include a visit to the Little Chapel, beautifully decorated with seashells, pebbles and broken china. You will also see Sausmarez Park where you may spot the exotic camellias and magnolias planted by a Guernsey diplomat who served as the British Ambassador to Japan.

WEDNESDAY Today we enjoy a full day excursion to the sleepy Isle of Sark, 50 minutes by boat from Guernsey. Arrival transfer by tractor train to Sark's commercial centre are included, followed by a relaxing 2-hour carriage ride around the island. Time at leisure before the return journey to Guernsey.

THURSDAY Enjoy a day at leisure today. Local buses are available into St Peter Port and other places around the Island.

FRIDAY Today we leave the Island and start our journey towards home.

PRICE INCLUDES

**4 night stay at Peninsula Hotel DBB
Entrance to the Little Chapel
Guided Tour around Guernsey
Ferry over to Sark
Ride on the Tractor Train on Sark
Visit to Sausmarez Park
Single Supplement - £99**

YOUR HOTEL

PENINSULA HOTEL, VALE ****

The Peninsula Hotel sits on a picturesque headland with beautiful views over Grand Havre Bay from the front and the fluffy sands of Port Grat beach to the rear. The hotel caters for all from the relaxing poolside to the surrounding beaches with golden sands complemented with a great range of food and beverage options. The hotel has an outdoor swimming pool and lift. All the ensuite bedrooms feature complimentary toiletries, hairdryer, telephone, TV and tea/coffee making facilities.

WATER, WILDLIFE AND THE KING OF THE NORTH

Monday, June 14th 5 Day Tour £649

HIGHLIGHTS:

**Washington Wetland Centre
Auckland Project
Seaham**



MONDAY Morning departure for the journey to Darlington and the Blackwell Grange Hotel for a 4-night stay.

TUESDAY Today we journey along the coastline to the seaside town of Seaham for a stop and free time to look around. The beach is famous for its colourful sea glass - remains from extensive glass factories. Later we continue to the Washington Wetland Centre where a friendly warden will greet you and take you on a guided tour of the site. It is a chance to see a wide variety of wildlife species that make the River Wear their home and as a special bonus, there are even resident flamingos and otters.

WEDNESDAY Today we offer an Optional Excursion - enjoy a visit to Hartlepool's Historic Quay - a faithful reproduction of an 18th-century seaport portraying the exciting experience of life in the times of Nelson and Trafalgar. The centrepiece is the HMS Trincomalee - Europe's oldest floating warship. You will also find the Museum of Hartlepool and PSS Wingfield Castle all included in your Maritime Experience ticket. £35

THURSDAY Today we enjoy a visit to Bishop Auckland and its many attractions. We travel to Bishop Auckland and Auckland Castle. Enjoy time to explore the castle where state rooms are designed to tell the history and story of the bishops that lived here, whilst the walled garden is worth a visit. You have an all-access pass to the other attractions in the town:- The Spanish Art Gallery, the Faith Museum and Auckland Tower providing 360 degree views of the castle, Bishops Auckland and surrounding area.

FRIDAY After breakfast we depart the hotel and commence the homeward journey with regular comfort stops en route.

PRICE INCLUDES

**4 night stay at Blackwell Grange Hotel DBB
Entrance to Bishop Auckland (All attraction pass)
Guided Tour of Washington Wetland Centre
Visit to Seaham
Single Supplement - £140
Optional Excursion to Hartlepool Historic Quay - £35**

YOUR HOTEL

BLACKWELL GRANGE HOTEL, DARLINGTON ****

The Blackwell Grange Hotel, a magnificent 17th-century mansion, is set in the picturesque County Durham countryside and offers an idyllic and historic escape. The hotel has a lift, bar, restaurant, indoor pool, wellness centre, gym and garden terrace. All the ensuite bedrooms feature TV, telephone, free WiFi, ironing facilities, complimentary toiletries and tea/coffee making facilities.

This tour additionally picks up in Ringwood.

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BBC GARDENERS WORLD LIVE

Saturday, June 19th 2 Day Tour £229

HIGHLIGHTS:
BBC Gardeners World Live
Birmingham



SATURDAY After pick ups we enjoy a journey to the city of Birmingham. You will have free time in the afternoon to explore the city's sights. Later, we will continue to our hotel for an overnight stay. Enjoy dinner with your fellow travellers this evening.

SUNDAY This morning, we travel to the NEC for the BBC Gardeners' World Live event. Established 25 years ago, the BBC Gardeners' World Live show is a delightful celebration of all things gardening, perfect for green thumbs and nature lovers alike. Held each year, this event is a wonderful chance to explore stunning garden displays, pick up tips from expert gardeners such as Monty Don and Alan Titchmarsh, and discover a wide range of plants and gardening tools. Imagine strolling through beautifully designed gardens, where you can gather inspiration for your own outdoor space. There are also informative talks and demonstrations that make gardening easy and enjoyable, regardless of your experience level. It is a splendid opportunity to connect with fellow gardening enthusiasts, enjoy some fresh air, and perhaps even find a new favourite plant or gadget.

PRICE INCLUDES

1 night stay at Bromsgrove Hotel DBB
Entrance to Gardener's World Live
Visit to Birmingham
Single Supplement - £20

YOUR HOTEL

BROMSGROVE HOTEL, BROMSGROVE ****

Set in the charming town of Bromsgrove, Birmingham, this well-appointed property offers excellent spa facilities and modern amenities. With its convenient location and quality accommodation, it provides an ideal base for exploring the surrounding countryside. The hotel also has a swimming pool, steam bath and Jacuzzi. All the ensuite bedrooms feature hairdryer, TV, telephone, free WiFi, ironing and tea/coffee making facilities.

LUXURY HISTORIC LUDLOW AND THE SHROPSHIRE BORDERS

Monday, June 21st 5 Day Tour £699

HIGHLIGHTS:
Tintern Abbey
Hereford Cathedral
Stokesay Castle and Hay-on-Wye



MONDAY After our local pick ups we enjoy a relaxing drive up through the stunning Wye Valley, making a stop at Tintern Abbey with an included entrance. Tintern Abbey is a national icon –still standing in roofless splendour on the banks of the River Wye nearly 500 years since its tragic fall from grace. It was founded in 1131 by Cistercian monks, who were happy to make do with timber buildings at first. Abbot Henry, a reformed robber, was better known for his habit of crying at the altar than for his architectural ambitions. Later we continue to our lovely hotel in picturesque Ludlow.

TUESDAY This morning we visit the Cathedral City of Hereford, home to the magnificent Hereford Cathedral which houses the famous Mappa Mundi and Chained Library. We include a guided tour for you to learn more about this important part of British history. Afterwards enjoy free time to explore the historic centre, riverside walks along the Wye and a range of independent shops and cafes. This afternoon we visit Leominster, known for its black and white buildings, traditional shops and stunning town centre.

WEDNESDAY Today enjoy a full day at leisure in Ludlow, made even more enjoyable as today is Market Day, where the town centre comes alive with stalls selling local produce, crafts and gifts. Dominated by its impressive Norman Castle, Ludlow boasts over 500 listed buildings, many in classic black and white Tudor style. Wander the medieval streets, browse the independent shops, or enjoy a visit to one of the many cafes, overlooking the beautiful River Teme.

THURSDAY Today we enjoy a visit to Church Stretton, a historic market town situated in the heart of the South Shropshire hills on the English/Welsh border known as The Marches. The area is renowned worldwide for its geology, with some of the oldest rock formations in existence. Later we visit Stokesay Castle, one of England's finest and best preserved medieval fortified manor houses, set in the tranquil Shropshire countryside, explore the timber framed gatehouse, great hall and surrounding grounds.

FRIDAY Today we start our journey towards home, making a relaxing stop at Hay-on-Wye, known as the "Town of Books," offers a unique blend of literary culture, stunning landscapes, and vibrant local activities. We arrive home late afternoon.

PRICE INCLUDES

4 night stay at Feathers Hotel DBB
Entrance to Stokesay Castle
Entrance to Tintern Abbey
Guided Tour of Hereford Cathedral
Visits to Church Stretton and Hereford
Visits to Hay-on-Wye and Leominster
Single Supplement - £140

YOUR HOTELS

FEATHERS HOTEL, LUDLOW ****

The beautiful Feathers Hotel with its authentic half-timbered Tudor façade, is a landmark building in the heart of the picturesque market town of Ludlow. This Grade 1 listed property blends timeless historic charm with a warm and luxurious experience - perfect for an unforgettable stay. The hotel is located in Ludlow's main street, close to attractions such as the town's medieval castle and popular racecourse and is one of Shropshire's most characterful hotels. All the ensuite bedrooms feature free WiFi, telephone, hairdryer, television, ironing and tea/coffee making facilities.

A JOURNEY TO THE OUTER HEBRIDES

Friday, June 25th 8 Days £1725

HIGHLIGHTS:

**Isle of Lewis
Isle of Benbecula
Calanais Standing Stones
Dun Carloway Broach
Butt of Lewis
North Uist
South Uist**



FRIDAY After our pick ups we drive north continuing to our first overnight hotel in Scotland at the fabulous Gretna Hall Hotel. We make regular comfort stops as we go to make the journey as relaxing as possible.

SATURDAY After breakfast we continue north, making suitable stops en route. We follow the A9 North towards Inverness and then across to Strathpeffer to get near our morning ferry tomorrow.

SUNDAY After breakfast we head to the ferry terminal and catch the morning ferry to Stornoway, arriving in the afternoon. The hotel is a very short drive and we then have free time to settle into our new stunning surroundings before enjoying evening meal in the islands capital.

MONDAY After breakfast we enjoy a tour of Lewis and its fantastic scenery with a local coach and guide. We start the day by travelling up to the Butt of Lewis to see the lighthouse and some of the oldest rocks in the world. Then we travel to Port of Ness where there is a beautiful beach, harbour, cafe and toilet facilities then down to Gearrannan and an included visit to Blackhouse Village. Then we continue to Dun Carloway Broach and after a stop here, head to Calanais Standing Stones, where there is a new visitor centre which has recently opened. We return via a scenic route to our hotel.

TUESDAY Today we leave our hotel and head to Scalpay Bridge, we make a short stop here to admire the views before we head south travelling on the west coast route, stopping for photos at some of the most beautiful beaches in the UK. Continuing to Leverburgh we pass incredibly diverse scenery. On arrival, we visit St Clement's Church, Rodel, which was built in around 1500. At Leverburgh we join the ferry to Berneray, reputedly one of King Charles III's favourite destinations. Once the ferry arrives in Berneray we travel across North Uist alongside 13 miles of stunning sandy beaches, freshwater lochs and rolling moorland hills before reaching our fabulously located hotel on the Isle of Benbecula.

WEDNESDAY This morning, we are joined by a local guide for a full day tour of stunning South Uist - an island of the Outer Hebrides with crystal clear water and white powder beaches. We pass the ruins of the 18th century Ormacleit Castle towards the Isle of Eriskay, which is linked to South Uist by a stone causeway. This beautiful little island is where Bonnie Prince Charlie first set foot on Scottish soil and is also known for its famous, semi-wild ponies. On our return we visit the Hebridean Jewellery Shop and Workshop.

THURSDAY We leave the hotel after breakfast and head South towards Uist and Lochboisdale for the ferry back to mainland Scotland. Our ferry journey takes 3 ½ hours and arrives in Mallaig. Once we arrive we continue South towards our overnight stop in historic Inveraray.

FRIDAY We leave Inveraray after breakfast and start our journey towards home, taking happy memories of a fabulous experience.

YOUR HOTELS

CALADH INN, STORNOWAY ***

This property is 6 minutes walk from the beach and just half a mile to Stornoway Lewis Ferry Terminal. The restaurant offers both a traditional Scottish dinner and cuisine with an international flavour. The Eleven Bar offers a selection of draught beers, malt whiskeys and wines from around the world. All the ensuite bedrooms include free Wifi, TV, telephone, ironing and tea/coffee making facilities.

DARK ISLAND HOTEL, ISLE OF BENBECULA ***

The Dark Island Hotel is located in Linaclate on the Isle of Benbecula and is renowned for serving fresh tasty local produce. All the ensuite bedrooms include free Wifi, TV, hairdryer and tea /coffee making facilities.

Please note that this hotel does not have a lift.

BEN WYVIS HOTEL, STRATHPEFFER ***

Ben Wyvis Hotel is an excellent choice for travellers visiting Strathpeffer, offering a quiet environment alongside many helpful amenities designed to enhance your stay. All the ensuite bedrooms include free Wifi, TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities.

GRETNA HALL HOTEL, GRETNA GREEN ****

Gretna Hall is part of a local, fourth-generation family business, which has been at the heart of Gretna Green weddings since 1886. Originally built in 1710 as a private manor house, Gretna Hall is set in 10 acres of beautiful gardens; offering all the character of a substantial historical building, with all the comfort you would expect from a contemporary hotel. All the ensuite bedrooms include free Wifi, TV, telephone, hairdryer, ironing and tea /coffee making facilities.

BEST WESTERN INVERARAY INN, INVERARAY ***

Designed by John Adam and opened in 1755, The Inveraray Inn is the oldest and most historic hotel in Inveraray as well as being one of the most iconic hotels on the west coast of Scotland. It occupies an unrivalled location on Inveraray Front Street, overlooking Loch Fyne. Originally built to accommodate officials visiting Inveraray Castle, today the Inveraray Inn offers standards of hospitality that more than live up to its illustrious past. All the ensuite bedrooms include free Wifi, TV, telephone, hairdryer, ironing and tea/coffee making facilities.

PRICE INCLUDES

**2 night stay at Caladh Inn Hotel DBB
2 night stay at Dark Island Hotel DBB
1 night stay at Ben Wyvis Hotel DBB
1 night stay at Gretna Hall Hotel DBB
1 night stay at Inveraray Inn DBB
Entrance to Blackhouse Village
Entrance to Calanais Standing Stones
Guided Tour of the Isle of Lewis
Guided Tour of South Uist
Visit to the Butt of Lewis
Visit to Hebridean Jewellery Shop
Visit to the Isle of Eriskay
Visit to Leverburgh
Visit to the Port of Ness
Visit to Scalpay Bridge
Visit to St Clement's Church
Visit to Stornoway**

Single Supplement - £265

WARNER LITTLECOTE HOUSE AND THE GREAT WEST WAY

Monday, June 28th 5 Day Tour £749

HIGHLIGHTS:

Warner Entertainment Throughout
Cotswold Villages
Milestones and Whitchurch Silk Mill
Stonehenge



MONDAY After our pick ups we drive to Stonehenge, a world renowned prehistoric monument, known for its massive stone circle and rich historical significance. Afterwards we continue to Salisbury. Later we continue to Warner Hotel Littlecote House.

TUESDAY Today, after breakfast we enjoy a drive into the Royal County of Berkshire, part of the Great West Way and a guided visit to Whitchurch Silk Mill. The Mill is built on Frog Island, around which the River Test and its tributary flow. The crystal clear waters have provided the Mill with power for over 200 years, by driving a cast iron waterwheel, which was made in the 1890s. Later we head to Milestones Museum, from cobbled streets to a seaside pier and everything between, this is a real museum of living history.

WEDNESDAY Today we offer an optional excursion visiting Marlborough on market day. The high street, one of the widest in the UK, is lined on both sides with characterful old buildings housing an array of high quality shops. In the afternoon we continue to Swindon designer outlet. Grab yourself a bargain. £25

THURSDAY Today we head off into the Cotswolds. The largest National Landscape in England, the southern section of the Cotswolds falls within the Great West Way. We stop in Broadway, Burton-on-the-Water and end the day with a stop at Cirencester, known as the capital of the Cotswolds. It is a historic market town in the heart of the region. Cirencester's medieval prosperity as a wool town is reflected in its charming streets, honey-coloured stone buildings, and rich architectural heritage.

FRIDAY After breakfast we leave our hotel after a fabulous stay and on our return journey we visit Bradford-on-Avon. Sitting along the River Avon and Kennet and Avon canal, the market town of Bradford-on-Avon is the ideal location to stop and relax along the Great West Way. Later we return to our drop offs.

YOUR HOTEL

WARNER LITTLECOTE HOUSE, HUNGERFORD ****

Soak up the history and character of this magnificent mansion with stories spanning thousands of years. In its various guises Littlecote House has hosted occupying Romans and a Civil War army and it is where Henry VIII met Jane Seymour. Entertainment - Nightly spellbinding performances from vocalists, bands, and comics to choreographed and costumed shows. All of the ensuite bedrooms are equipped with a telephone, TV, hairdryer, free WiFi, ironing and tea/coffee making facilities.

PRICE INCLUDES

4 night stay at Warner Littlecote House DBB
Guided Tour to Whitchurch Silk Mill
Entrances to Milestones Museum and Stonehenge
Visits to Broadway, Burton-on-the-Water and Bradford-on-Avon
Visits to Cirencester and Salisbury
Single Supplement - £160
Luxury Room Upgrade - £60
Optional Excursion to Marlborough & Swindon Designer Outlet - £25

ARTS, CRAFTS AND ANTIQUES IN AND AROUND SURREY

Monday, July 12th 5 Day Tour £599

HIGHLIGHTS:

Rural Life Living Museum
Antiques Warehouse
Red House
Watts Gallery



MONDAY After our pick ups we head up into Surrey and enjoy a visit the the Rural Life Living Museum featuring historic buildings, exhibitions on rural life, and antique equipment all set in beautiful surroundings.

TUESDAY After breakfast we head to the family home of William Morris - Red House - the centre of the Pre-Raphaelite circle. This afternoon we visit Gravesend, a place of history and legend that rises on the North Downs on the banks of the river Thames. A place rich with community, culture and connections. It is one of Kent's best kept secrets.

WEDNESDAY Today we enjoy a visit to Watts Gallery. Whether you are an art lover or culture vulture, Watts Gallery's 18-acre site has something for everyone. Included in your visit will be Watts Gallery, Limnerslease Artists Home, Sculpture Gallery, Watts Cemetery Chapel, Contemporary Gallery and the stunning grounds. This afternoon we head to the Antiques Warehouse in Farnham.

THURSDAY Today we offer an optional excursion into London with a visit to Greenwich Market, full of Arts, Crafts and Antiques. £20

FRIDAY After breakfast we leave our hotel for the last time and head to the lovely town of Petworth, a beautiful market town in West Sussex, with cobbled streets, plenty of independent shops and an impressive number of antique stores, giving it a truly historic feel.

PRICE INCLUDES

4 night stay at Croydon Aerodrome Hotel DBB
Entrances to Red House and Rural Life Living Museum
Entrance to Watts Gallery
Visit to Antiques Warehouse
Visits to Gravesend and Petworth
Single Supplement - £99
Optional Excursion to Greenwich Market - £20

YOUR HOTEL

LONDON CROYDON AERODROME HOTEL, CROYDON ****

A historic Art Deco hotel in Croydon with leafy gardens and 24-hour room service. Guests can enjoy a range of beverages, light meals and snacks in the relaxing lounge bar, which features a spacious terrace. All the ensuite bedrooms feature a hairdryer, TV, telephone, free WiFi, ironing and tea/coffee making facilities.

This tour additionally picks up in Ringwood.

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS OF SOUTHERN BELGIUM AND ARDENNES

Friday, July 16th 6 Day Tour £1149

HIGHLIGHTS:

1815 Museum, Panorama and Lion Mount
Three Valleys Steam Railway and Cruise on River Meuse
Steam Railway Museum and Durbuy Topiary Park
Wellington Museum
Hougoumont Farm



FRIDAY After our pick ups we drive to Dover for our short ferry crossing to Calais. On arrival in Calais we continue through France into Belgium and to Bastogne and our fabulous hotel, located right in the heart of the town.

SATURDAY Today we enjoy a morning visit to stunning Durbuy with its stone houses and cobbled streets, clifftop views over the town and Ourthe River Valley, the half-timbered Halle au Blé and nearby, Confiturerie Saint-Amour produces artisan jams. We also include a visit to the impressive Topiary Park. In the afternoon we visit La Roche-en-Ardenne - a pretty historic town with a ruined castle, picturesque bridges, cobblestone streets and cliff faces on the banks of the River Ourthe.

SUNDAY A morning journey on the famous Three Valleys Steam Railway, travelling to Treignes. On arrival, we visit the excellent Steam Railway Museum which houses trains spanning over 130 years. Go back in time onboard an authentic steam train and travel through the Three Valleys with their incredible landscapes. Starting from Mariembourg, the train goes via Nismes, Olloy-sur-Viroin and Vierves-sur-Viroin to reach Treignes, the last station before the French border where the railway museum is located. In the afternoon we enjoy a relaxing cruise on the River Meuse from Dinant to Freÿr.

MONDAY Today we offer an optional excursion to the pretty town of Lessines - a small town located in the province of Hainaut in Belgium. Later we enjoy a fabulous guided tour of the medieval Hospital of our Lady of the Rose. Gain an amazing insight into the history of medicine at one of Europe's oldest hospitals. £35

TUESDAY Today focuses on the Battle of Waterloo with a morning visit to the Memorial 1815 Museum, Panorama and Lion Mount. One of the best new museums at Waterloo is the fantastic new underground Visitor Centre adjacent to the Panorama. After time for lunch in Waterloo town visit the Wellington Museum and Hougoumont Farm.

WEDNESDAY Today, after breakfast we start our journey towards home. En route we stop for some of those all important Belgium Chocolates before returning to Calais and onto the ferry for our return.

PRICE INCLUDES

5 night stay at Melba Hotel DBB
Cruise on the River Meuse
Entrance to Durbuy Topiary Park and Hougoumont Farm
Entrance to Memorial 1815 Museum, Panorama and Lion Mount
Entrance to the Steam Railway Museum and Wellington Museum
Ride on the Three Valleys Steam Railway
Visit to a Chocolate Shop
Visits to Durbuy, La Roche-en-Ardenne and Waterloo
Single Supplement - £99
Optional Excursion to Lessines and Hospital of Our Lady of the Rose - £35

This tour additionally picks up in Ringwood.

YOUR HOTEL

MELBA HOTEL, BASTOGNE ****

Ideally situated in the centre of Bastogne (Arden) in a pleasant and residential area, the Hotel Melba offers you absolute quietness, so that your stay is very pleasant. On top of the setting you will receive comfort from a world-international hotel and efficient service. Private carpark, lift facilities for disabled persons, fitness room, sauna, solarium and a seminar room is at the customers' disposal. Bastogne, Nuts-city, Paris-en-Ardenne, is a dynamic town with 300 shops even open on Sunday. All the ensuite bedrooms feature a flat screen TV, hairdryer, radio, free WiFi, ironing and tea/coffee making facilities.

FESTIVAL OF QUILTS - Birmingham NEC

Friday, July 30th 3 Day Tour £299

HIGHLIGHTS:

2 DAYS at the Festival of Quilts
Guided Tour of Forge Hill Needle Museum



FRIDAY After pick ups we make our way North with a visit to Forge Mill Needle Museum and enjoy a guided tour. This historic site illustrates the rich heritage of the needle and fishing tackle industries. Models and recreated scenes provide a vivid illustration of how needles were once made, and how Redditch once produced 90% of the world's needles.

SATURDAY After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the NEC in Birmingham for a full day at the Festival of Quilts Show.

SUNDAY After breakfast we return to the NEC for another day visiting the Festival of Quilts Show. We leave here late afternoon and return to our drop off points.

PRICE INCLUDES

2 night stay at Ibis Coventry South DBB
(2-course dinners)
2 Days at the Festival of Quilts
Guided Tour of Forge Mill Needle Museum
Single Supplement - £30

YOUR HOTEL

IBIS COVENTRY SOUTH, COVENTRY

Situated in a peaceful green setting in Whitley, just south of Coventry city centre, ibis Coventry South offers a comfortable stay with all the essentials. Enjoy delicious meals at the restaurant, and a hearty breakfast each morning. Located only a 15-minute drive to Birmingham NEC. All the ensuite bedrooms feature a hairdryer, TV, free WiFi and tea/coffee making facilities.

ACROSS THE SEA TO THE ISLES OF SCILLY

Sunday, August 1st 6 Day Tour £1499

HIGHLIGHTS:

Isles of Scilly
Guided Tour of St Marys
Tresco Abbey Garden
Tintagel and Tresco



SUNDAY After pick ups we start our journey towards Cornwall making a stop en route around lunch time in beautiful Tintagel before continuing onto our overnight hotel in the Bodmin area.

MONDAY After an early breakfast we will take you into Penzance where we join our ferry to the Isles of Scilly. Your luggage will be transported to the hotel, but you need to be able to walk 15 mins from the ferry to the hotel on arrival and get your own luggage onto the ferry. The rest of the day is yours to explore. Your tour manager will be available for any information or advice.

TUESDAY After breakfast today we join a local guided excursion with an introductory tour of St Marys to help you learn more about this incredible island. Later we return to the hotel with time to relax before dinner.

WEDNESDAY After breakfast today we will all enjoy a fabulous boat trip to Tresco. Once here we have included a visit to the beautiful Tresco Abbey Garden. A perennial Kew without the glass, Tresco Abbey Garden is home to some 20,000 plants from more than 80 countries, flourishing just 28 miles off the coast of Cornwall.

TONIGHT IS CHEF'S DAY OFF - THIS GIVES YOU A CHANCE TO GO AND ENJOY A MEAL OUT.

THURSDAY After a leisurely breakfast the day is yours to explore the island on your own.

FRIDAY Today we sadly leave the hotel and the island for the final time and start our journey home. We rejoin the ferry early afternoon and return to Penzance, then rejoin our coach. We will also stop on our journey home to enable you to purchase food if you wish. This tour will arrive home very late evening.

PRICE INCLUDES

3 night stay at Bell Rock Hotel DBB
1 night stay at Bell Rock Hotel Bed and Breakfast
1 night stay at Holiday Inn Express DBB
Entrance to Tresco Abbey Garden
Guided Tour of St Marys
Return Ferry from Penzance to the Isles of Scilly
Visits to Tintagel and Tresco
Single Supplement - £99

YOUR HOTELS

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS, BODMIN ***

Situated in the centre of Cornwall, Holiday Inn Express @ Bodmin is the perfect place to explore the beautiful coastal scenery. Enjoy a smart, comfortable stay at this contemporary hotel. All the ensuite bedrooms have a telephone, TV, hairdryer, free WiFi, ironing and tea/coffee making facilities.

BELL ROCK HOTEL, ISLES OF SCILLY

For over 100 years Bell Rock Hotel has welcomed guests to the most southerly hotel in England, in a relaxed informal atmosphere. The hotel is in a central, level and quiet position. Porthcressa and town beaches are within 100 yards and the harbour is a short walk. The hotel also boasts an indoor pool, bar lounge and a dining room. All the ensuite bedrooms have a telephone, TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities.

Please note that this hotel does not have a lift.

DISCOVER AGATHA CHRISTIE ON THE ENGLISH RIVIERA

Monday, August 16th 5 Day Tour £649

HIGHLIGHTS:

Ugbrooke House and Greenway House
Guided Tour of Torquay
Dartmouth Steam Train

LOOKING FOR MORE

Agatha Christie?

MONDAY After our pick ups we drive into Devon and enjoy a private visit to Ugbrooke House and gardens. It was at Ugbrooke House, a grand mansion in Chudleigh, that Agatha Christie met Lieutenant Archibald Christie. Later we continue to our hotel.

TUESDAY Today, after breakfast we meet our guide. We head into central Torquay where you enjoy a short relaxed walking tour around the harbour area. Then we rejoin our coach with our guide and enjoy a drive to some of the popular locations including Agatha memorial bench and statue, the Pavilion, Torquay Pier and the hospital and pharmacy where she worked during WW1. We then head to Kents Cavern and enjoy a private tour of the caves ending with a delicious Devon Cream Tea.

WEDNESDAY Today we enjoy a visit to Greenway House. This relaxed and atmospheric house is set in the 1950s, when Agatha and her family would spend summers and Christmases here with friends.

THURSDAY Today we offer an Optional Excursion with a visit to Dartington Estate, a beautiful and historic destination with stunning gardens. One place known to Agatha Christie is Dartington Hall, a magnificent Tudor mansion on the doorstep of Totnes. We end the day with a fabulous scenic drive across Dartmoor. £25

FRIDAY After breakfast we leave our hotel for the last time and enjoy a scenic steam railway journey and ferry boat into Dartmouth. After some free time to explore we rejoin our coach and head towards home.

PRICE INCLUDES

4 night stay at Esplanade Hotel DBB
Entrance to Greenway House and Ugbrooke House
Entrance to Kent's Cavern with a Cream Tea
Guided Tour of Torquay
Visit to Dartmouth
Single Supplement - £NIL
Optional Excursion to Dartington Estate and Dartmoor - £25

YOUR HOTEL

ESPLANADE HOTEL, PAIGNTON ***

Constructed in the classic English seaside style, its architectural details like the grand facade and large windows offer a sense of timelessness, transporting guests to a world of history and charm. The Esplanade Hotel Paignton is one of the most renowned and well-regarded hotels in the area. All the ensuite bedrooms feature free WiFi, hairdryer, TV and tea/coffee making facilities.

HIGHLAND PIPES AND THE ROYAL EDINBURGH TATTOO

Sunday, August 22nd 5 Day Tour £775

HIGHLIGHTS:

**Edinburgh Tattoo
National Piping Museum
Edinburgh and Glasgow
Stirling**



SUNDAY After our local pick ups we start our journey towards Scotland, making regular comfort stops en route and with a full hostess refreshment service on board. Arriving at our hotel in time for evening meal.

MONDAY This morning after breakfast we enjoy a visit to cosmopolitan Glasgow, Scotland's second city. Take in the main sights, hit the shops or discover the rich history and heritage of this fascinating city. This afternoon we visit the Museum of Piping at The National Piping Centre to explore 300 years of Scotland's musical history, and try the bagpipes for yourself. Enjoy fascinating films on the history, culture and music of the bagpipe and enjoy a whistle stop video-tour of our Piping Live! music festival.

TUESDAY After an early lunch we make our way to Edinburgh, Scotland's magnificent capital for some time at leisure. Later we take our seat for the superb Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, acclaimed by many as the most spectacular show in the world. It is a unique and memorable celebration of music, dance and pageantry.

WEDNESDAY After a relaxed start, we travel to Stirling, one of Scotland's most historic cities. Explore its charming streets, take in the views, and perhaps visit the magnificent Stirling Castle (entry not included), a key site in Scotland's royal and military history.

THURSDAY Today we start our journey home, making regular stops as we head back into Dorset.

PRICE INCLUDES

**4 night stay at Best Western Hilcroft Hotel DBB
Entrance to the National Piping Museum
Ticket to Edinburgh Tattoo
Visit to Edinburgh
Visit to Glasgow
Visit to Stirling**

Single Supplement - £199

YOUR HOTEL

**BEST WESTERN HILCROFT HOTEL,
WHITBURN *****

Ideally located in West Lothian. The Hilcroft Hotel is close to Livingston, at the midway point between Glasgow and Edinburgh. You will be within easy reach of Edinburgh. All the ensuite rooms have complimentary toiletries, hairdryer, telephone, TV, free WiFi, ironing and tea/coffee making facilities.

Please note that this hotel does not have a lift, but ground floor rooms are available on request.

SUMMER SPECIAL DISNEYLAND® PARIS

Sunday, August 29th 4 Day Tour FROM £549

HIGHLIGHTS:

3 DAYS of UNLIMITED park tickets



SUNDAY After pick ups we join the Dover to Calais ferry for a journey to France and onwards to our hotel in the Disney Resort on a bed and breakfast basis. If you wish we can arrange a half board supplement to include your evening meals (please ask us for details). There are plenty of good restaurants within the park at which to purchase evening meals. Your park pass will be valid to use straight away so why not go and enjoy this evenings fireworks in the park.

Bed and Breakfast only

MONDAY / TUESDAY After our continental breakfast buffet you have 2 days free to explore the two parks. There are rides for all ages, shows to watch, shops to browse and restaurants, all set out around four magical lands. Look out for the Disney characters as they wander around the park. There is also the famous Disney Parade each day. Don't forget to visit the Walt Disney Studios Park - immerse yourself in the never ending and always fascinating world of movies and television.

WEDNESDAY After breakfast we join our coach and head back through France for our return journey to Calais and to our drop offs.

PRICE INCLUDES

**3 night stay at Disney's Hotel Santa Fe® Bed and Breakfast
3 days of Unlimited Park Tickets and Shuttle Passes**

**Final price depends on the number of people sharing a room.
Half Board Standard Upgrade – Adults £105 Children £72**

YOUR HOTEL

DISNEY'S HOTEL SANTA FE®

This is a themed hotel only a 10-minute walk or a short shuttle ride (included) from the Parks. All the ensuite rooms have a hairdryer, radio, telephone, TV and free WiFi. Please note that all rooms will have two double beds. This hotel does not offer tea/coffee making facilities.

This tour additionally picks up in Ringwood.

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A WILD ADVENTURE IN THE HIGHLANDS

Sunday, September 19th 9 Day Tour £1595

HIGHLIGHTS:

**Falkirk Wheel
Cruise on the Moray Firth
Cairngorm Mountain Railway
Wildlife talk in Cairngorm
Rothiemurcus Estate
Falconry Display**



SUNDAY After our pick ups we start our journey north, making suitable comfort stops en route arriving at our overnight hotel.

MONDAY Today, after breakfast, we continue north making a stop at the Falkirk Wheel. As the world's only rotating boat lift, it has become a popular tourist attraction since opening in 2002. The wheel lifts boats 115 feet into the air between Scotland's Forth and Clyde and Union canals, and visitors can experience it in action on a 60-minute journey across both waterways. Later we continue our journey to our well positioned hotel in Kingussie.

TUESDAY After breakfast today we enjoy a scenic drive along the total length of the Whisky Trail. It is the most recognised region in the world for whisky production with 9 working distilleries. Time free in Nairn, renowned for its white sandy beaches, before continuing along the Moray Firth, to join "The Spirit" for a cruise into the Firth for an effortless voyage around picturesque Inverness and Beaulie Firth. Experience the serene beauty of the Scottish Highlands from a new perspective. Venture under the Kessock Bridge into the Inverness Firth, and get those binoculars ready as you head towards popular dolphin watching spots.

WEDNESDAY Today we enjoy a slow-paced morning before heading to the foot of the Cairngorm mountains to enjoy a breathtaking trip on Scotland's only funicular railway, the highest in the UK, reaching the Ptarmigan building at over 1,097m above sea level. A light lunch has been arranged whilst enjoying the breathtaking scenery, followed by a wildlife talk with one of the centre's experienced rangers. Afterwards, we head to Boat of Garten to spot some of the area's most famous birds, the Ospreys. A wildlife ranger will provide an update on the Ospreys' activity. There's every chance of watching the birds feed their young from either a webcam or viewing the Osprey nest through provided binoculars. The centre is in an ancient pine forest with signed level forest walks with plenty of other birdlife and red squirrels to see.

THURSDAY Today we leave our coach behind and travel on the local train for a day in Inverness, known as the "Capital of the Highlands", offering a rich blend of history, stunning landscapes, and unique shopping and attractions, making it a must-visit destination in Scotland.

FRIDAY Today we offer an optional excursion, where we explore one of the most popular and well known products in Scotland. We start the day with a visit to Dean's Shortbread Factory, Dean's is a five-star tourist attraction that includes a fabulous Gift Shop and Bistro with an area to view the factory. Later we continue to Stonehaven. Stonehaven's picturesque harbour is lined with cafés, seafood restaurants and ice cream parlours, offering a perfect spot to soak up local culture and coastal charm. Set along Aberdeenshire's stunning coastline, Stonehaven blends dramatic history, vibrant harbour life and a scenic coastline. **£25**

SATURDAY Saving the best day until last, we make the short journey to Rothiemurchus. Situated at the heart of the Cairngorms National Park, we present a unique blend of stunning landscapes, Scottish wildlife, and locally sourced Scottish crafts. Firstly, meet the estate's resident Highland cows whilst enjoying a detailed commentary by an expert ranger. Feed the local deer and tour the estate on board our coach before disembarking for a fabulous included hearty highland lunch. The day is completed with a thrilling and in-depth 90-minute falconry display with expert handlers. Finish the day browsing the local produce in the farm shop before leaving this unique estate.

SUNDAY After breakfast today we start to retrace our steps South. En route we make a stop at the Kelpies. These magnificent equine sculptures, standing proudly at 30 metres tall, embody the power and grace of Scotland's rich heritage. Discover the intricate details, the marvellous feat of engineering and the symbolism that lies within. Marvel at the sheer size and majestic presence of these iconic landmarks, standing as guardians of the land. After some free time to explore and purchase lunch we continue to our overnight hotel in Gretna Green.

MONDAY After breakfast, we make a stop at the Gretna Green Blacksmiths Shop for those last minute souvenirs before continuing our journey towards home, arriving back in Dorset early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES

**6 night stay at the Duke of Gordon Hotel DBB
2 night stay at the Gretna Green Hotel DBB
Cruise on the Falkirk Wheel
Cruise on the Moray Firth
Falconry Display
Ride on the Cairngorm Mountain Railway
Return train ride from Kingussie to Inverness
Visit to Boat of Garten
Visit to Gretna Blacksmith Shop
Visit to Kelpies
Visit to Nairn
Visit to Rothiemurchus Estate with Lunch
Wildlife Talk and Lunch in the Cairngorms
Single Supplement - £265
Optional Excursion to Dean's Factory & Stonehaven - £25**

YOUR HOTELS

GRETNA HALL HOTEL, GRETN GREEN ****

Gretna Hall is part of a local, fourth-generation family business, which has been at the heart of Gretna Green weddings since 1886. Originally built in 1710 as a private manor house, Gretna Hall is set in 10 acres of beautiful gardens; offering all the character of a substantial historical building, with all the comfort you would expect from a contemporary hotel. All the ensuite bedrooms include free Wifi, TV, telephone, hairdryer, ironing and tea /coffee making facilities.

DUKE OF GORDON HOTEL, KINGUSSIE ***

The Duke of Gordon Hotel is situated in the town of Kingussie in the heart of the Cairngorm National Park. The hotel is a traditional style Highland Hotel offering the comfort of a country house but with modern amenities. The hotel was used as a filming location for the BBC Series 'Monarch of the Glen' from 2000 to 2005. All the ensuite bedrooms have a free Wifi, telephone, TV, hairdryer, ironing and tea/coffee making facilities.

RHS MALVERN AUTUMN SHOW

Friday, September 24th 3 Day Tour FROM £349

HIGHLIGHTS:
2 DAYS at RHS Malvern Show
Hereford

FRIDAY After our pick ups we head North following the scenic route through the Wye Valley in search of some Autumn Colours. We stop at Hereford, where you will have the chance to purchase lunch or enjoy exploring this small but beautiful cathedral city. Later we head to our hotel and settle in before enjoying our 3 course evening meal.

SATURDAY Today we set off to Malvern Show ground for the first of two days at the RHS Malvern Show. Returning to our hotel later to relax and enjoy dinner.

SUNDAY Today we leave our hotel for the last time and again head to the show ground for our second visit to the show. We leave here late afternoon and return to our drop offs mid evening.



PRICE INCLUDES

2 night stay at Bromsgrove Hotel DBB
2 days at RHS Malvern Show
Visit to Hereford

Single Supplement - £40

YOUR HOTEL

BROMSGROVE HOTEL, BROMSGROVE ****

Set in the charming town of Bromsgrove, Birmingham, this well-appointed property offers excellent spa facilities and modern amenities. With its convenient location and quality accommodation, it provides an ideal base for exploring the surrounding countryside. The hotel also has a swimming pool, steam bath and Jacuzzi. All the ensuite bedrooms feature hairdryer, TV, telephone, free WiFi, ironing and tea/coffee making facilities.

HISTORIC FOOTSTEPS IN THE CITY OF YORK

Monday, September 27th 5 Day Tour £625

HIGHLIGHTS:
Well-located Queens Hotel
Back by Popular Demand
3 Day York Pass

MONDAY After pick ups we journey to York with regular comfort stops en route arriving in time for dinner.

TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY Enjoy two/ three whole days exploring York with your included York Pass. These tickets include - a boat trip, Golden Tours Sightseeing Buses, York City Sightseeing Buses, Barley Hall, Cliffords Tower, Dig, Fairfax House, Goddards, Historical Gems Tour, Jorvik Viking Centre, Merchant Hall, Road Train to National Railway Museum, Stump Cross Caverns, The Bar Convent, The Hilt, The Roman Bath Museum, York Dungeon, Treasurer's House, Van Gogh Experience, York Army Museum, York Castle Museum, York Cocoa Works, York Cold War Bunker, York Minster, York Chocolate Story, Yorkshire Museum and lots more.

THURSDAY Today the choice is yours. You can either spend another day exploring York with your pass or join us for an optional excursion to Castle Howard, a Baroque masterpiece shaped by history, Castle Howard is one of Britain's most celebrated houses, set within a landscape of unparalleled beauty. **£20**

FRIDAY After breakfast we start our journey towards home and retrace our steps to Dorset.



PRICE INCLUDES

4 night stay at Queens Hotel DBB
3 Day York Pass

Single Supplement - £99
Optional Excursion to Castle Howard - £20

YOUR HOTEL

QUEENS HOTEL, YORK

A warm welcome awaits you at The Queen's Hotel situated on the banks of the River Ouse, in the heart of the City of York. Step out of the Hotel into a world of history and explore everything that York has to offer, from Viking times to modern day. All the ensuite bedrooms feature hairdryer, telephone, free WiFi, TV and tea/coffee making facilities.

This tour additionally picks up In Ringwood.

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HISTORIC PROPERTIES IN THE PEAK DISTRICT

Monday, October 4th 5 Day Tour £649

HIGHLIGHTS:

Chatsworth House and Wightwick Manor
Berrington Hall and Kedleston Hall
Mason Mills



GAMES AVAILABLE EACH EVENING

MONDAY After our pick ups we drive north and start our day with a visit to Wightwick Manor and Gardens (NT), a house designed in the 'Old English' style by Midlands architect Edward Ould and built for his parents. A Victorian half-timbered manor house which was home of the Mander family with a world-class art collection, Morris and Co. interiors and gardens designed by Thomas Mawson.

TUESDAY We start with a visit to Chatsworth House, with the majestic house, 105-acre garden, farmyard and acres of parkland to explore; Chatsworth offers the opportunity to make memories that will last a lifetime. We end the day with a visit to Bakewell - a picturesque market town that crosses the River Wye in the heart of the Peak District National Park.

WEDNESDAY Today the choice is yours. Either relax and explore Buxton or join us for an optional excursion to visit to the Heights of Abraham by cable car, where we also visit 2 caverns, a view point and exhibition. Afterwards we will enjoy a scenic drive through some of the spectacular Peak District National Park, including Snake Pass. £40

THURSDAY After breakfast we rejoin our coach and drive to Kedleston Hall (NT), a stunning 18th-century mansion with Adam interiors, colonial history and vast parkland. In the afternoon we relocate for a fascinating visit to Masson Mills - Sir Richard Arkwright's 1783 water powered cotton spinning mill built on the banks of the River Derwent at Matlock Bath, this is the northern gateway to the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site.

FRIDAY Today we start our journey home and en route enjoy a visit to Berrington Hall, a neoclassical mansion by Henry Holland set in 'Capability' Brown's final landscape and gardens. We return to our drop offs early evening.

NT MEMBERS DISCOUNT £55

PRICE INCLUDES

4 night stay at Palace Hotel DBB
Entrances to Berrington Hall and Chatsworth House
Entrances to Kedleston Hall to Wightwick Manor
Guided Tour of Masson Mills
Visit to Bakewell

Single Supplement - £80

Optional Excursion to Heights of Abraham - £40

YOUR HOTEL

PALACE HOTEL AND SPA, BUXTON ****

The Palace Hotel and Spa is located in the spa town of Buxton. Since 1868, the Palace Hotel has been a prominent building in Buxton, set in five acres of stunning landscaped gardens and in easy walking distance of the town centre. The hotel features a chargeable leisure club with an indoor pool, gym, spa, sauna and steam room. All the ensuite bedrooms feature hairdryer, TV, free WiFi, ironing and tea/coffee making facilities.

This tour additionally picks up in Ringwood.

STORIES OF WW2 AT BLETCHLEY PARK AND THE IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM

Saturday, October 16th 2 Day Tour £299

HIGHLIGHTS:

Bletchley Park with a Guided Tour
Imperial War Museum

SATURDAY After our pick ups we head around London to the Imperial War Museum, Duxford. As you explore the preserved airfield and buildings - many unchanged since the Second World War - you will be walking in the footsteps of the men and women who served here. Inside every hangar and exhibition, you will discover iconic aircraft, see historic objects from their collections and uncover hundreds of personal stories of the many lives impacted by conflict. Later we head to our hotel and enjoy our evening meal.

SUNDAY Today we set off for the highlight of the trip and start the day with a 1 hour guided tour of Bletchley Park, followed by free time to explore at leisure. Discover the incredible achievements of Britain's World War Two Codebreakers, in the place where it all happened. Later we start our journey towards home, after an interesting and enjoyable weekend.



YOUR HOTEL

HOLIDAY INN, MILTON KEYNES ***

Holiday Inn Milton Keynes Central features a spacious open lobby serving Starbucks, Marco's New York Italian Restaurant and Spirit Health Club with indoor pool. The hotel is ideally located opposite the centre:mk and Midsummer Place shopping centres. All the ensuite bedrooms feature free WiFi, hairdryer, telephone, ironing and tea/coffee making facilities.

PRICE INCLUDES

1 night stay at Holiday Inn Milton Keynes DBB
Guided Tour of Bletchley Park
Entrance to Imperial War Museum

Single Supplement - £30

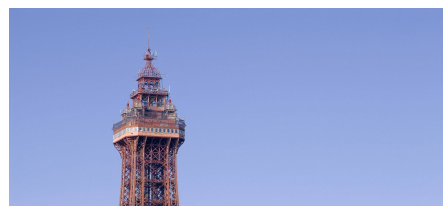
This tour additionally picks up in Ringwood.

BLACKPOOL TOWER AND ILLUMINATIONS SEASIDE SPECIAL

Monday, October 18th 5 Day Tour £549

HIGHLIGHTS:

Blackpool Illuminations
Blackpool Tower Ballroom
Blackpool Tower Circus
Blackpool Tower Top



MONDAY After our local pick ups we head north towards Blackpool, making suitable stops en route, including a stop where you are able to purchase lunch if you wish. We arrive in Blackpool after our relaxing journey, with time to settle in before our evening meal and entertainment.

TUESDAY After breakfast we rejoin our coach and enjoy a morning visit to Fleetwood Market. Fleetwood Market is a bustling hub of commerce and community. Dating back to the 19th century, the market has a rich history and has evolved into a vibrant space that reflects the character of the town. With its distinctive facade and Victorian architecture, Fleetwood Market exudes a sense of tradition. The market hosts a diverse array of stalls, offering everything from fresh produce and local delicacies to handmade crafts and vintage treasures. Visitors can explore the maze of stalls, discovering unique items and engaging with friendly vendors. This afternoon we enjoy free time to explore Blackpool. This evening after dinner we enjoy a drive through the magical illuminations.

WEDNESDAY Today we offer an optional excursion to the beautiful Lake District. We call first at the picturesque market town of Kendal, with its cobbled streets, historic buildings and bridges. There's plenty to discover here, including Kendal Castle, where you can enjoy a bird's eye view of the town. Next, we head to popular Bowness-on-Windermere for the chance to experience the town's delightful setting and admire the stunning views of Lake Windermere. You will also have the option of joining a cruise on Lake Windermere if you wish (not included). **£22**

THURSDAY Today we enjoy free time in Blackpool with an included visit to the Blackpool Tower. We include admission to Tower Top, Tower Circus and the Ballroom.

FRIDAY After breakfast our wonderful Blackpool holiday comes towards an end as we make our way back to Dorset.

PRICE INCLUDES

4 night stay at the Imperial Hotel DBB
Drive through the Blackpool Illuminations
Entrance to Blackpool Tower Ballroom
Entrance to Blackpool Tower Circus
Entrance to Blackpool Tower Top
Single Supplement - £80
Optional Excursion to the Lake District - £22

YOUR HOTEL

IMPERIAL HOTEL, BLACKPOOL ****

The 4-star Imperial Hotel Blackpool dominates the North Promenade and was one of the first hotels the Victorians built in the new seaside resort of Blackpool. Everything Blackpool has to offer is right on your doorstep and it's a great base for exploring the surrounding region. All the ensuite bedrooms feature complimentary toiletries, hairdryer, telephone, TV, ironing and tea/coffee making facilities.

LUXURY WINDSOR WITH WARNER HOTELS

Monday, November 1st 3 Day Tour £449

HIGHLIGHTS:

2 Days to Explore Windsor
or Enjoy Warner Facilities
Winchester

MONDAY After our pick ups we head to Winchester for a relaxing lunch stop. A city steeped in history, Winchester is England's ancient capital and former seat of King Alfred the Great. With world class attractions and architecture including a magnificent college, award-winning pubs and restaurants and a tempting array of independent shops. This culturally rich medieval city is surrounded by idyllic Hampshire villages and the fabulous rolling countryside of the South Downs National Park. After some time exploring we head towards Windsor and check into the fabulous Runnymede Hotel by Warner. If you like luxury then you are in for a treat!

TUESDAY After breakfast you have the whole day to do exactly as you please. Perhaps enjoy some of the Hotel activities or take a trip into Windsor. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to help and give advice should you require anything.

WEDNESDAY After breakfast its another day of leisure to do exactly as you please. Our coach will return to collect you for your return journey late afternoon.

This tour additionally picks up in Ringwood.

YOUR HOTEL

WARNER RUNNYMEDE BY THAMES, EGHAM ****

From à la carte sophistication at Brasserie32 and buffet favourites at Market Kitchen for breakfast and dinner, to all-day dining and small plates perfect for sharing, flexible dining options work around you and let you enjoy every bite your way. Unwind in the award-winning spa with indoor pool, bubble pool, sauna, steam room, and outdoor pool. Experience the sophisticated atmosphere and renowned service exclusive to The Runnymede by Warner Hotels. All of the ensuite bedrooms are equipped with a TV, hairdryer, free WiFi, ironing and tea/coffee making facilities.



PRICE INCLUDES

2 night stay at Runnymede on Thames DBB
2 days to enjoy Warner Facilities
Shuttle Buses into Windsor
Visit to Winchester
Single Supplement - £60
Twin Room Upgrade - £50

A WETHERSPOONS ROAD TRIP ACROSS NORTH WALES

Monday, November 15th 5 Day Tour £665

HIGHLIGHTS:

Visit 10 Fabulous Historic Wetherspoons Buildings with guided historic talks in many and a £75 gift card to spend. Christmas Entertainment in the hotel.



MONDAY After our pick ups we head north and enjoy the first of our Wetherspoon's visits at Leominster and the "Dukes Head", purpose built as Leominster's main post office and telephone exchange. Later we continue to Wales with one more stop, this time in Ellesmere Port, enjoying a visit to "The Wheatsheaf", another fabulous very grand Wetherspoon's.

TUESDAY After breakfast we join our coach for a day of exploration. We start with a visit to Bangor and to the "Black Bull Inn", a former Roman Catholic church and adjoining priest House. Later we continue to Llandudno with some free time and enjoy a visit to the fabulous "Palladium", one of Wetherspoon's most iconic pubs. This pub is the former Palladium cinema, built in 1920 on the site of the Market Hall.

This evening join our Tour Manager for a stroll to the local Wetherspoon's in Caernarfon, "Tafarn Y Porth", a former supermarket built in the late 1960's.

WEDNESDAY Our journey starts with a spectacular drive along the North Wales Coast Road to Ruthin and a visit to the historic Wetherspoon's "Castle Hotel", a fine Georgian building. Later we continue to Newtown and a visit to Wetherspoon's "The Black Boy". This stunning grade II listed three-storey building is a 17th century timber-framed lobby-entry house. Next it is across to Aberystwyth and a visit to "Yr Hen Orsaf" ('old station'). Now onto our last visit of the day. We travel through the spectacular Snowdonia National Park to Pwllheli and a visit to Wetherspoons "Pen Cob". The premises are named Pen Cob from their location by The Cob.

THURSDAY Today we offer an optional excursion exploring 2 more fabulous buildings or why not spend the day exploring Caernarfon. Our excursion takes us along the North Coast of Wales. Our first visit is "The Sussex" followed by a little time to explore Rhyl. The Sussex was originally a 19th-century chapel. This was rebuilt as the Comrades Club in 1949. Next it is on to Colwyn Bay and a visit to the "Picture House". This pub is the former Princess cinema. **£25**

FRIDAY We leave our hotel for the last time but we have just enough time to squeeze in one last Wetherspoon's visit before setting off for home. We start our day with a visit to Wrexham and the "Elihu Yale", named after the founder of Yale University, who lies buried in Wrexham churchyard. We return to our drop offs early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES

4 night stay at Celtic Royal Hotel DBB

Visits to "Black Bull Inn" and Bangor, "Castle Hotel" and Ruthin

Visits to "Dukes Head" and Leominster, "Elihu Yale" & Wrexham

Visits to "Palladium" and Llandudno, "Pen Cob" and Pwllheli

Visits to "The Black Boy" and Newtown

Visits to "The Wheatsheaf" and Ellesmere Port

Visits to "Yr Hen Orsa" and Aberystwyth, "Tafarn Y Porth"

Wetherspoon's Gift Card worth £75

Single Supplement - £99

Optional Excursion to Rhyl and Colwyn Bay - £25

YOUR HOTEL

CELTIC ROYAL HOTEL, CAERNARFON ****

Steeped in tradition and royal history, the Celtic Royal Hotel is the hub of Caernarfon. Feel like a local with doorstep access to the charming landscapes of North Wales, Anglesey and Eryri (Snowdonia) National Park. Behind its historic facade, the splendour of a royal story can be found. In 1832, Princess Victoria (soon to be Queen Victoria) and her mother stayed within the hotel's very walls, earning it its deserved regal title. The hotel also has extensive leisure facilities including a swimming pool, hydrotherapy pool, sauna, steam room and gym. All the ensuite bedrooms feature free WiFi, hairdryer, TV, telephone, ironing and tea/coffee making facilities.

THURSFORD SPECTACULAR AND ENCHANTED JOURNEY OF LIGHT

Monday, November 29th 4 Day Tour £539

HIGHLIGHTS:

**Thursford Spectacular
Enchanted Journey of Light
Cambridge and Norwich**



MONDAY After our pick ups we head towards Norfolk, making a relaxing lunch stop in the historic City of Cambridge.

TUESDAY After breakfast today we enjoy a few hours of relaxation before rejoining our coach and heading to Thursford for the fabulous Christmas Spectacular Show. We also include time afterwards for you to visit the Enchanted Journey of Light before heading back to our hotel for dinner.

WEDNESDAY After breakfast we spend some time at leisure in the charming city of Norwich. One of the most complete medieval cities in the country, Norwich is steeped in history and atmosphere, with winding lanes lined with period buildings, an imposing Norman cathedral, which boasts the second tallest spire in England, castle and museum.

THURSDAY Today we leave our hotel and return back to Dorset, with suitable comfort stops en route.

YOUR HOTEL

SPROWSTON MANOR HOTEL, NORWICH ****

Sprowston Manor Hotel, Golf and Country Club welcomes you to Norwich, with an idyllic countryside location. The hotel is housed within a stately 16th-century English manor and features the perfect blend of historic elegance and contemporary comfort. Enjoy delicious, locally sourced fare in the restaurant, pamper yourself at the on-site spa or cool off after in the heated indoor pool. All the ensuite bedrooms feature complimentary toiletries, free WiFi, flatscreen TV, hairdryer, telephone, ironing and tea / coffee making facilities.

PRICE INCLUDES

3 night stay at Sprowston Manor DBB

Entrance to the Enchanted Journey of Light

Ticket to Thursford Spectacular

Visits to Cambridge and Norwich

Single Supplement - £99

This tour additionally picks up in Ringwood.

FEELING FESTIVE ON THE RHINE

Sunday, December 12th 5 Days £995

HIGHLIGHTS:

Hotel in the middle of
Rüdesheim Christmas Market
Train Journey from Koblenz to Rüdesheim
Boppard and Mainz
Wiesbaden



SUNDAY After our early morning pick ups we drive towards our Channel crossing and journey into Germany to our well appointed hotel in Rüdesheim. We make regular comfort stops en route.

MONDAY After a leisurely breakfast you have the whole day to explore the beautiful town of Rüdesheim and enjoy the fabulous Christmas Market. Make sure you try some of the local wine in the many bars and restaurants in the town or if you wish to explore further afield why not jump on the train, with the railway station being close by.

TUESDAY After breakfast we take the scenic journey along the River Rhine to the historic Spa Town of Wiesbaden and enjoy the twinkling Christmas market stalls in the bustling town square, browse the crafts, gifts and try some of the wonderful seasonal foods and local wines. In the afternoon we enjoy a short visit to Mainz, known for its old town and timbered houses.

WEDNESDAY Today we offer an optional excursion through the Mosel Valley to Cochem, a lovely town whose foremost sight is the large Reichsburg Castle, rising high above the town. While Cochem, with its historic half-timbered houses and majestic Imperial Castle, is a true eye-catcher all year round, its residents go to great lengths just before Christmas to transform the town into an atmospheric winter fairy tale. £25

THURSDAY After breakfast we enjoy an excursion through the Rhine Valley to Boppard, the “Pearl” of the Rhine. Boppard is famous for its beautiful Rhine promenade and is situated in the valley of the Loreley. From Boppard we head to Koblenz to enjoy this famous Christmas Market. The festive stalls spread through the town in various locations and offer a good selection of gifts, arts and crafts, decorations, sweet treats, wine and food. Our return journey takes us on a spectacular train journey back to Rüdesheim.

FRIDAY Today, after breakfast we start our journey home, en route we make a stop at Aachen and enjoy a short visit to the Lindt chocolate factory shop and also the local biscuit factory shop - here you can get yourselves some gifts at factory prices. We then retrace our steps and continue home.

PRICE INCLUDES

5 night stay at Hotel Lindenwirt DBB
Train Journey from Koblenz to Rüdesheim
Visit to Boppard
Visit to Koblenz
Visit to Lindt Factory Shop
Visit to Mainz
Visit to Wiesbaden
Single Supplement - £125
Optional Excursion to Cochem - £25

YOUR HOTELS

HOTEL LINDENWIRT, RÜDESHEIM ***

Hotel Lindenwirt is situated right in the middle of Rüdesheim in the middle of the Christmas Market. It does not get much more Christmassy than this. Timber-framed buildings with carved gazebos, open galleries overlooking the lovely courtyard, and the old lime tree create a unique backdrop for your holiday. All the ensuite bedrooms include telephone, free WiFi, hairdryer and TV. Please be aware that this hotel does not offer tea/coffee making facilities.

This tour additionally picks up in Ringwood.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL

Sunday, December 19th 2 Day Tour £329

HIGHLIGHTS:

Carols at Royal Albert Hall
Oxford Street Shopping / Museums

SUNDAY After pickups we head towards London for our lovely 2-course Christmas lunch. We will then continue to our well-positioned hotel to settle in before making our way to the Royal Albert Hall for a fabulous evening full of Christmas cheer and carols.

MONDAY After breakfast today we rejoin our coach and take you into central London, with 2 drop offs. One for the V & A, Natural History and Science Museums and another for shopping in central London. We leave London late afternoon to return to our drop offs.



PRICE INCLUDES

1 night stay at Leonardo Hotel BB
Ticket to Carols at Royal Albert Hall
Visit to Oxford Street
2-Course Lunch
Single Supplement - £45

This tour additionally picks up in Ringwood.

YOUR HOTEL

LEONARDO HOTEL, LONDON HEATHROW ****

Located just a five-minute drive from London's Heathrow Airport. Inside, you'll find everything you would expect from a stylish, modern hotel, from cool, contemporary decor to comfortably appointed rooms and a spacious restaurant and bar with a charming outdoor terrace. There is also a fitness suite should you feel the need to work out. All the ensuite bedrooms feature air-conditioning, complimentary toiletries, free WiFi, flatscreen TV, hairdryer, telephone and tea/coffee making facilities.

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RELAXING CHRISTMAS IN THE LAKES

Wednesday, December 22nd 6 Day Tour £995

HIGHLIGHTS:

**Full Board and Festive Entertainment Throughout
Whitehaven and Bowness
Leighton Hall**



WEDNESDAY After our pick ups we make our way north towards the lakes with an afternoon stop en route for included tea and cakes. We arrive at our hotel before our evening meal.

THURSDAY After breakfast we join our coach for a wonderful visit to Leighton Hall, a much loved family home and the centre of an agricultural estate since mediaeval times. The hall will look stunning all decked for Christmas! Afterwards we enjoy a wonderful included light lunch with tea and coffee. This afternoon we will visit the award winning Barton Grange Garden Centre, well known for its fabulous Christmas collection. Later we head back to our hotel to relax before enjoying a glass of bubbly and our dinner and evening entertainment.

FRIDAY (CHRISTMAS EVE) After breakfast enjoy a relaxing morning exploring the hotel garden before enjoying a light lunch. This afternoon we rejoin our coach and enjoy a drive along the coast to Whitehaven. Built on shipping and mining, both industries have now declined, but Whitehaven is never-the-less an attractive town. We return to our hotel for our evening meal and entertainment. An opportunity to visit a local church for Midnight Mass will be available this evening.

SATURDAY (CHRISTMAS DAY) Merry Christmas ! Enjoy a hearty breakfast. A glass of Bucks Fizz will be served with a visit from the man in red! Traditional Christmas luncheon with all the trimmings, will be served from the carvery. Relax in the lounge and enjoy tea/coffee and Christmas cake and see HM the King's Christmas message. Dinner this evening is a relaxed chilled buffet in the restaurant, then coffee in the lounge, followed by tonight's entertainment.

SUNDAY (BOXING DAY) Enjoy a delicious breakfast. Perhaps take a relaxing stroll into Grange-Over-Sands along the prom. Be sure to be back at the hotel for a light 2-course lunch though! This afternoon we will offer a short afternoon drive along Lake Windermere to Bowness. We enjoy a little free time here with time to enjoy views of Lake Windermere before returning to the hotel. Dinner tonight will be followed by coffee served in the lounge, followed by entertainment.

MONDAY After breakfast we start our journey home. We include a stop at a pub for an included lunch en route.

PRICE INCLUDES

**3 night stay at Cumbria Grand Hotel Full Board
2 night stay at Cumbria Grand Hotel DBB
Guided Tour and lunch at Leighton Hall
Visits to Barton Grange Garden Centre and Bowness
Visits to Midnight Mass and Whitehaven
2-course lunch
Single Supplement - £199**

YOUR HOTEL

FULL BOARD

CUMBRIA GRAND HOTEL, GRANGE-OVER-SANDS ***

Set within the Lake District National Park, the Cumbria Grand Hotel is the ideal base to go and explore one of the most beautiful parts of England and the UK. Set in 20 acres of private gardens and woodlands and overlooking Morecambe Bay, you will receive a warm and friendly welcome. All the ensuite bedrooms feature a TV, hairdryer, telephone, complimentary toiletries, free WiFi and tea/coffee making facilities.



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To keep the costs down and enhance your holiday experience, Simply Coach Holidays has very few pickups. We pick up in Bere Regis, Blandford, Bridport, Dorchester, Poole, Sherborne, Wareham, Weymouth, Wimborne and Yeovil. Tours heading east will additionally pick up in Ringwood. Please note that we do not operate home pickups on Simply Holidays.

Hotels

The hotels we use for our tours vary in star ratings, all rooms are en suite, most have lifts, tea and coffee making facilities, TV and provide a hearty 3-course evening meal (plated or buffet) and an English breakfast and have been chosen for their location and value for money. If you have any additional requirements or need a special diet we are able to advise the hotel on your behalf, although these requests will be solely at the discretion of the hotel.

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A Relaxing Weekend in Tenby – 4 Day Tour

Departing Friday, February 26th £385

About The Tour

Join us for a fabulous long weekend staying at the Cliffe Norton Hotel on Tenby Seafront just a short walk to the town centre. On this exceptional value break we have included entertainment each evening, tea and coffee with your evening meal and even a glass of wine each night with dinner. Widely considered one of the UK's best seaside towns, the picture-perfect harbour town of Tenby boasts award-winning golden sand beaches, a rich history, colourful architecture and family-friendly charm. There's something magical about watching the sunrise on a beach as yet untouched by the crowds.



FRIDAY 26/02/27 – After our pick ups we start our journey towards Tenby, making suitable comfort stops en route. Before arriving in Tenby, we stop at historic Carmarthen. You will have free time to enjoy the indoor markets and town centre. Later we continue to Tenby and our hotel with time to relax before we enjoy our evening meal and entertainment.

SATURDAY 27/02/27 – After a leisurely breakfast we enjoy a relaxing day for you to explore beautiful Tenby. Its pastel coloured buildings, narrow cobbled streets, fortified medieval walls and shimmering bays give it an atmosphere reminiscent of the Mediterranean. The town boasts four beaches, beautiful gardens, an intriguing museum, a leisure centre and a collection of outstanding restaurants and welcoming pubs. This evening we once again enjoy entertainment after dinner.

SUNDAY 28/02/27 – After breakfast why not enjoy another relaxing day exploring Tenby or join us for an optional excursion visiting Haverfordwest and St Davids - we travel first to bustling Haverfordwest, an attractive and historic county town in Pembrokeshire. We then continue to St Davids, Britain's smallest cathedral city.

OPTIONAL EXCURSION £16

MONDAY 01/03/27 – After breakfast we start our journey towards home with a stop at beautiful Porthcawl. A rocky promontory separates the golf course from the main part of the town including the harbour and the expansive sandy beach to the east behind which lies a fairground with a variety of rides and amusements.

THE CLIFFE NORTON HOTEL, TENBY

The Cliffe Norton Hotel occupies a prime position on the North Beach affording uninterrupted views across the bay, and is just a short walk from the town centre. It is possible to upgrade to a room with a seaview to witness the lively landscape that Tenby has to offer. All ensuite bedrooms have tea/coffee making facilities, hairdryer and Freeview TV with radio channels.

EXTRA'S

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £50

OPTIONAL EXCURSION £16

Portmeirion and the Great Little Trains of North Wales – 5 Day Tour

Departing Monday, May 10th £499

About The Tour

Discover the historic railways of North Wales on this fantastic five-day break, where the lovely Welsh scenery and endless panoramas of the Snowdonia National Park create spectacular and memorable journeys. We are based in Llandudno, the 'Queen of the Welsh Resorts', and enjoy a visit to the unique, Italianate village of Portmeirion. Just imagine hearing the faint lapping of waves and admiring brightly coloured cottages and domed buildings, as you head to an authentic *gelateria*... no, you're not in Italy, this is Wales!



MONDAY 10/05/27 – After our local pick ups we head towards North Wales with suitable stops en route. We make a stop en route at beautiful Shrewsbury, embraced by a loop on the River Severn, Shrewsbury is a market town that wins people over with its Tudor houses, Medieval castle and idyllic riverside park. The watery barrier of the Severn has helped Shrewsbury hang onto more than 600 historic buildings, as well as its "Shuts", which are sequestered little passageways. Charles Darwin was born in Shrewsbury and you can see the very church in which he was baptised. We arrive at our hotel in Llandudno with time to relax before our evening meal.

TUESDAY 11/05/27 – We travel to Caernarfon, a charming town with a thriving harbour located on the eastern shore of the Menai Straits. The main landmark of Caernarfon is the mighty castle ordered by Edward I in the 13th century which is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In the afternoon we board the Welsh Highland Railway and enjoy a picturesque trip to the quaint village of Beddgelert, admiring the awe-inspiring scenery of the Snowdonia National Park on the way. Stunning coastlines, ancient woodlands, towering mountains, sparkling rivers and historic castles create an enchanting and memorable journey.

WEDNESDAY 12/05/27 – Today we explore stunning Portmeirion. Architect Sir Clough Williams-Ellis designed and built the Italianate village of Portmeirion after being inspired by visits to the Mediterranean. Its unique atmosphere has seen it featured on camera many times, most famously in the 1960s TV series "The Prisoner". Enjoy browsing the cluster of historic cottages and iconic architecture, admire the glorious views, and indulge in ice-cream in the authentic Italian-style gelateria during our time here. We then travel to the harbour town of Porthmadog to catch the Ffestiniog Railway to the slate-quarrying town of Blaenau. The train climbs over 700 feet from sea level into the mountains through tranquil pastures, magnificent forests, lakes and waterfalls.

THURSDAY 13/05/27 – Today we offer an Optional Excursion to beautiful Llangollen. Our optional excursion takes us to the banks of the River Dee and the picturesque little town of Llangollen. Enjoy a stroll along the Victorian Promenade, which lines the banks of the river, visit the quirky boutiques and independent shops, or stand on top of the bridge and spend a few moments watching the water flowing beneath you. Castell Dinas Bran perched on top of the hill also provides stunning vistas overlooking the town. **OPTIONAL EXCURSION £20**

FRIDAY 14/05/27 – Today we start our journey home with suitable comfort stops en route, including time to purchase lunch if required, arriving home early evening.

THE GRAND HOTEL, LLANDUDNO

The Grand Hotel Llandudno is a magnificent Victorian building and a prominent feature of the wonderfully conserved and famous Llandudno North Shore Promenade. Nestled at the foot of the Great Orme, and offering fabulous views across the spectacular bay and sea front, this is certainly a hotel which offers that particular holiday feeling. The hotel keeps its charm through beautiful décor. Its entrance exudes grandeur and allows guests to take a step back in time with its vintage ambiance. The dining room has spectacular views, overlooking Llandudno's bay, and serves a delicious carvery, as well as a good selection for vegetarians and other choices. The hotel offers a number of lovely, fully equipped rooms, with comfortable beds, refreshment trays and private bathrooms. The hotel is an Entertainment Plus Hotel and as such offers things to do all day long, including activities, bingo, live shows etc... All of the ensuite bedrooms are equipped with a TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities.

EXTRA'S

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £60

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Puffins on the Farne Islands & Northumberland Coast – 5 Day Tour

Departing Monday, June 7th £599

About The Tour

The Farne Islands - an internationally important National Nature Reserve off the Northumberland coast - are home to around 200,000 seabirds, including puffins, Arctic terns, guillemots and kittiwakes. Scattered a couple of miles off the coast of Seahouses, this cluster of islands was declared by Sir David Attenborough as his favourite place to see nature in the UK. Around 23 different varieties of birds can be spotted here, including colourful puffins who reunite with the same mate each year. This tour includes visits to this beautiful island, along with an optional excursion to Holy Island and visits to Tynemouth and the seaside resort of Whitley Bay.

MONDAY 07/06/27 – After completing our pick ups we travel North, making suitable comfort stops en route. Your hostess will help make the journey relaxing by offering an at seat refreshment service during the journey. We arrive in Newcastle, and our hotel in time to relax and settle in before our evening meal.

TUESDAY 08/06/27 – After breakfast we enjoy a short day excursion visiting Tynemouth. This village is a popular place for people from far and wide to come for a variety of reasons. It is steeped in history, has some fabulous attractions, great shopping and a vibrant nightlife. A perfect destination for a day trip, the charming village has something to offer everyone. The dramatic Tynemouth Priory & Castle dominates the headland. The site dates back centuries and is the burial place of Saints and Kings of the old Kingdom of Northumbria. Later we head to Whitley Bay. The seaside town of Whitley Bay provides the perfect outing with arcades, mini golf, as well as award-winning ice cream and fish and chips. The famous Spanish City is now open too! St Mary's Lighthouse is one of the borough's main attractions, having stood as a beacon along the coastline since 1898. It features a nature reserve and wetland habitat and often seals can be spotted lying on the rocks. The Lighthouse also marks the finish line of the popular North Tyneside 10k Road Race.

WEDNESDAY 09/06/27 – After breakfast today we offer an optional excursion following the coast and crossing to Holy Island (Lindisfarne). In 635AD Saint Aiden came from Iona and chose to found his monastery on the island Lindisfarne. From here the Christian message flourished throughout the world. Lindisfarne is internationally famous both for its medieval religious heritage and also its more recent picturesque 16th century castle. These, together with most of the community, are located on the Southern part of the island - the main focus for tourists and holidaymakers. Many are also attracted by the peace and tranquillity which pervades the Island and the remote Northern conservation area, with more than its fair share of quiet beaches and unique natural history. **OPTIONAL EXCURSION £25**

THURSDAY 10/06/27 – After breakfast we rejoin our coach and head to the village of Seahouses, joining a ferry boat to The Farne Islands. Each year, thousands of Farne islands puffins land here in the hopes of making little puffins with a mate. They show off that colourful beak, scoot into their burrows and lay eggs. When you finally land on the island you can get up close and stand mere inches away from them. It's a magical experience that even David Attenborough loves to see 'magnificent nature'. As well as seabirds, there is other wildlife including dolphins and grey seals.

NOTE – All Farne Islands landings are made at the Skippers discretion and are not guaranteed. If we are unable to land you at this island, the trip will become a non-landing bird watching trip to view the cliff nesting birds and the seals.

FRIDAY 11/06/27 – After breakfast we sadly start our journey towards home, arriving back mid evening.



GRAND HOTEL GOSFORTH PARK HOTEL, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE

Formerly a Marriott hotel, the Gosforth Park welcomes you to the North East of England with stylish rooms and a vast assortment of first-rate amenities. Pamper yourself during your visit with a massage or beauty treatment at the signature spa, keep fit and focused at the on-site gym or enjoy a refreshing swim in the heated pool. All the ensuite bedrooms feature a hairdryer, TV, free WiFi, telephone, ironing and tea/coffee making facilities.

EXTRA'S

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £99

OPTIONAL EXCURSION £25

This tour picks up additionally at Ringwood.

London for Less – 4 Day Tour

Departing Friday, August 6th £325

About The Tour

Join us for a relaxing "do what you want" weekend in London. Staying close to Camden with easy access to London Buses and the London Underground network spend time exploring some of the famous landmarks of London, do a bit of shopping or catch a top show. We include full hot and cold buffet breakfast each day enabling you to enjoy eating out in the evening, with plenty of great restaurants close by.

FRIDAY 06/08/27 – After completing our pick ups we head directly to London and to our hotel to give you maximum time in the capital. Your Tour Manager will be on hand throughout your stay to assist with any help or information you require.

SATURDAY 07/08/27 – MONDAY 09/08/27 – Plenty of time over the next few days to do your own thing. The coach leaves for our journey home on Monday afternoon, arriving home early evening.

This tour is bed and breakfast only.

BRITANNIA HAMSTEAD HOTEL, LONDON

This charming London hotel is situated within walking distance of Hampstead Village and its designer shops, continental café bars, restaurants, Roundhouse Music Venue, Chalk Farm Underground Station and the famous Primrose Hill. Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the hotel. Reception is available 24-hour. All the ensuite bedrooms feature free WiFi, hairdryer, telephone, ironing and tea/coffee making facilities.

EXTRA'S

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £90

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Departing Monday, September 6th £499

About The Tour

Join us on this exceptional value city break exploring Liverpool. We provide you with all the tools to explore this iconic city, a centrally located hotel with dinner, bed and breakfast, a 3-Day City Explorer Hop on and off Sightseeing Bus Ticket to enable you to get around the City (picking up right outside our hotel), a Beatles guided bus tour and even a boat trip on the Mersey. We also offer an optional excursion to Port Sunlight and Chester.

MONDAY 06/09/27 – After our pick ups we travel North towards Liverpool, making suitable comfort stops en route, arriving in our hotel in time to relax before dinner.

TUESDAY 07/09/27 – WEDNESDAY 08/09/27 – After breakfast the day is yours to explore as you wish. You may want to visit one of the many museums or perhaps the Beatles Story or The Royal Liver Building or Liverpool Football Stadium or may be you just want to relax and do a spot of shopping or visit the docks. With so much to do, the choice is yours ...

THURSDAY 09/09/27 – After breakfast we offer an Optional Excursion. We cross the Mersey and visit the Wirral Peninsula. Quieter than the hustle and bustle of the city, we first visit Port Sunlight, a pretty garden village built in the 19th century to house local soap factory workers, and today, a quaint and charming place to explore. We include entrance to the Museum and Worker Cottage. This afternoon we visit the historic cathedral city of Chester. You will have free time to view the historic centre and stroll the ancient streets. **OPTIONAL EXCURSION £25**

FRIDAY 10/09/27 – After breakfast we sadly start our journey home, making suitable comfort stops as we journey South.



ADELPHI HOTEL, LIVERPOOL

The Adelphi Hotel is a stunning Edwardian style Hotel in Central Liverpool. The grand building is rich in history and is just 3 minutes walk from Liverpool Lime Street and is close to many Liverpool attractions. The hotel offers two restaurants, residents bar and Wave Bar. The Adelphi originally opened in 1862 and has been re-built three times, narrowly missed being bombed in World War II and was a flagship property for passengers travelling overseas on ocean liners, including the Titanic. Over the years, the Adelphi has hosted the great and good including Winston Churchill, Harold Wilson, Frank Sinatra, Judy Garland and Bob Dylan, to mention just a few. All the ensuite bedrooms feature a hairdryer, TV, telephone, free WiFi and tea/coffee making facilities.

EXTRA'S

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £80

OPTIONAL EXCURSION £25

Carols In the Cave – 5 Day Tour

Departing Monday, December 6th £549

About The Tour

Join us on our Festive Christmas themed break on the English Riviera with themed meals and entertainment each evening. The highlight of the tour will be an evening visit to Kents Cavern where we enjoy Carols In The Caves with a local choir followed by a short guided tour of the caves and ending with mulled wine and mince pies. We also include an exciting range of day trips around the local area.

MONDAY 06/12/27 – After our pick ups we travel west into Devon, stopping at the House of Marbles, makers and purveyors of a world famous range of glass marbles, board games, classic toys, puzzles, pastimes & decorative accessories for the home and garden. They have been designing, making and selling fun and entertaining products since 1973, when the founder began making board games in his workshops to sell at local craft fairs. Later we continue to our hotel with time to relax before our evening meal.

TUESDAY 07/12/27 – After breakfast this morning we enjoy a morning excursion to Brixham. Perched on the southern edge of Tor Bay, Brixham is a vibrant and historic fishing town that combines working harbour energy with seaside charm. Known for its colourful cottages, bustling waterfront, and deep-rooted maritime history, Brixham offers a refreshing blend of tradition, culture, and natural beauty. Whether you are drawn by its dramatic coastal views, the lure of fresh seafood, or the friendly, down-to-earth atmosphere, Brixham is a town that feels both authentic and welcoming. We return to the hotel and enjoy the afternoon exploring Paignton. This evening we rejoin our coach and head to Kents Cavern for what may well be the highlight of your holiday. Begin your festive journey by enjoying the beautiful harmonies of a local choir performing timeless Christmas carols within the prehistoric cave. Then, guided by candlelight, embark on a charming tour through the cavern's enchanting passages, joining together to sing your favourite carols, amidst the spectacular underground formations. Finally, relax in the cosy café where the festivities continue. Savour a warm included glass of mulled wine and delicious mince pies as the singer entertains you with more heart-warming Christmas tunes. We return to the hotel for a late evening meal afterwards.

WEDNESDAY 08/12/27 – After breakfast today we offer an optional excursion heading into Plymouth, Britain's Ocean City, where stunning coastal views, rich history, and vibrant culture await at every turn. Discover a city brimming with exciting attractions, diverse shopping, memorable entertainment, and world-class events, all ready to make your stay an adventure. Or why not head to the Piazza in the city centre and browse the Christmas market to your heart's content. More than 50 traders from across the Southwest will be selling their wares in traditional wooden cabins, festooned with fairy lights. **OPTIONAL EXCURSION £20**

THURSDAY 09/12/27 – After breakfast we enjoy a day exploring Dartmoor and a visit to Tavistock. Dartmoor is a rugged 954-square-kilometre gem known for its stunning landscapes, from rolling hills to ancient granite tors like Haytor and Hound Tor, each offering sweeping views and a window into its rich geology. Tavistock is the only town in Devon to hold world heritage status. The vibrancy and uniqueness of Tavistock is undeniable with a range of beautiful local independent shops which are a far cry from today's typical high street. Not to be overlooked is the famous pannier market or the award-winning farmers' market. It is truly a shoppers paradise.

FRIDAY 10/12/27 – After breakfast we sadly start our journey home, making a stop in the city of Exeter on our return.



ESPLANADE HOTEL, PAIGNTON

The Esplanade Hotel Paignton is a treasure of the English Riviera, situated along the picturesque coastline of Paignton. Established in the Victorian era, this enduring landmark has seen the ebb and flow of time, embodying an era of elegance and grandeur. Constructed in the classic English seaside style, its architectural details like the grand facade and large windows offer a sense of timelessness, transporting guests to a world of history and charm. The Esplanade Hotel Paignton is one of the most renowned and well-regarded hotels in the area. All the ensuite bedrooms feature a free WiFi, hairdryer, TV, telephone and tea/coffee making facilities.

EXTRA'S

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT £NIL

OPTIONAL EXCURSION £25



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