

# Award Winning Door to Door Escorted Coach Holidays

Autumn 2021 to Spring 2022



### A WARM WELCOME...

... to Fenn Holidays!



We would like to start by offering a HUGE thank you to you all for the extraordinary levels of support, faith and generosity which you, our valued clients, have shown to us over the past extremely challenging 18 months. Without it, we quite simply would not have been able to resume our successful business, nor protect the jobs of our staff. For this we are sincerely thankful.

Now in our 5th decade as an award winning coach tour operator, we will continue to offer our own brand of super holidays, each operated on board our fleet of luxurious Club Class coaches which offer unrivalled legroom and unsurpassed levels of comfort, service and wonderful memories waiting to be made.

#### Each of our holidays include:

- Travel on board one of our luxury Club Class coaches with unrivalled legroom
- ✓ An experienced, caring and friendly tour crew many of whom have been with us for over 15 years
- ✓ Door to door collection & return
- Total financial security through BCH Bonding your money is safe
- ✔ Quality accommodation in carefully selected hotels
- ✓ Free hot & cold drinks and a selection of snacks
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ A full and varied excursion programme with many entrances included

#### ...and on each of our Continental and Irish holidays:

- ✓ The choice of a boxed breakfast or entrance to the Club Lounge on board P & 0 / Stena ferries
- Sparkling wine and snacks served on all outbound shuttle crossings

#### **Financial Security**

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

Therefore, you will benefit from all rights applying to packages; Fenn Holidays will be fully responsible for the proper performance of the package as a whole.

Additionally, as required by law, Fenn Holidays have protection in place to refund your payments and, where transport is included in the package, to ensure your repatriation in the event that they become insolvent. Fenn Holidays are members of the Bonded Coach Holiday Group, overseen by The Association of Bonded Travel Organisers Trust Limited. This is a government approved consumer protection scheme. This ensures that in relation to the coach package holidays described in this brochure (or website) that a Bond, which may be called upon in the unlikely event of the members Insolvency, protects the clients' monies. Clients are recommended to inspect the current membership certificate at our registered office or alternatively go to **www.bch-uk.org** or telephone **0207 240 3131** to confirm current membership.

Your attention is also drawn to the Bonded Coach Holiday Group Trading Charter that will apply to these coach package holidays.

Details of the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018 can be found at The Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018 (legislation.gov.uk)

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### Each of our stunning Club Class vehicles are equipped with:

- ✓ Just 48 luxurious seats offering unrivalled legroom & comfort
- Reclining seats with seat belts
- ✓ Adjustable footrests
- ✓ Latest air conditioning system and individual climate control
- ✓ A selection of hot & cold drinks and snacks
- ✓ Seat back tables
- Toilet & washroom
- ✓ Overhead lockers
- ✓ Refridgerator



#### Door to door collection

We include free collection from your front door and return you home at the end of your holiday by either taxi or one of our own smart minibuses, what could be more stress free?



Please note: Conditions apply

#### Park & Ride and save up to £25 per person!



We continue to offer our hugely successful 'Park & Ride' option. This

offers the chance to forego our door to door collection service and instead, join here at our premises, thus saving £20 per person on UK holidays and £25 per person on all Continental tours! You can choose to leave your car here at our spacious, secure March premises or, why not get a friend or relative to drop you off? What could be easier?

#### All Inclusive

All holidays marked with this logo include an All Inclusive package as detailed on each itinerary.

#### Free Bar

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All holidays marked with this logo include an a Free Bar as detailed in the inclusion section on each page.

#### New!



Once again, we have created some new and interesting holidays for you to chose from; as always, each destination has been chosen by us for its quality, enjoyment and superb value for money – look out for this logo.

#### Loyalty Bonus



Clients booking 3 or more holidays from this brochure will receive a discount of £15 per person, a fourth booking from this brochure will entitle you to a discount of £20 per person and, upon booking your fifth and subsequent holidays from this brochure you will receive a discount of £25 per person.

#### Efficient, friendly and knowledgable booking staff

Our efficient, friendly and experienced booking staff are here to discuss you holiday arrangements and take care of any special requirements you may have. Simply call us or pop in to our large office to discuss any element of your holiday.



Following the Covid pandemic of 2020 we expect all our customers to adhere to government guidelines at the time of travel. Please note that our insurance policy now includes cover for Covid 19.

### AUTUMN 2021 - SPRING 2022 CALENDAR

Date	Tour	Duration	Page	
Octo	October 2021			
18th	Bournemouth & National Motor Museur	n 5 Days	5	
23rd	A taste of Royal Life in Fife	5 Days	5	
25th	Torquay – The English Riviera	5 Days	6	
Nove	mber 2021			
6th	UK Mystery Weekend	3 Days	24	
8th	Babbacombe Turkey & Tinsel	5 Days	6	
8th	The Heart of England – Malvern & Worcester	5 Days	7	
8th	Snowdonia & North Wales	5 Days	7	
14th	All Inclusive in Fort William	7 Days	8	
16th	Sidmouth Festive Break & Exeter Christmas Market	5 Days	9	
19th	York's St Nicholas Fayre & Castle Howard		9	
19th	Chatsworth dressed for Christmas	3 Days	10	
22nd	Turkey & Tinsel at the Cumberland Hotel Bournemouth	, 5 Days	10	
26th	Bristol & Bath Christmas Markets	3 Days	11	
26th	Ludlow's Medieval Fayre, Birmingham & Blist Hill's Christmas Markets	3 Days	12	
26th	Portsmouth's Victorian Festival	4 Days	11	
26th	Severn Valley Christmas Special	4 Days	14	
29th	Festive Steam in the Lake District	5 Days	12	

#### December 2021

1st	Luxury Rhine Christmas Market Cruise	5 Days	13
3rd	Exmouth Festive Cruise & Exeter	4 Days	14
3rd	Alnwick Christmas Lights & Durham Christmas Festival	4 Days	15
5th	'Christmas' at Holyrood	4 Days	15
10th	Christmas Markets of the Rhur – Dusseldork & Dortmund	4 Days	16
10th	Kew by candlelight & the London Eye	3 Days	16
23rd	Christmas in the Cotswolds	5 Days	17
23rd	Shrewsbury, Ludlow & Ironbridge at Christmas	5 Days	18
23rd	Christmas luxury in Bournemouth	5 Days	19
23rd	A 'Fab' Christmas in Liverpool	5 Days	20
30th	A Caledonian Hogmanay	4 Days	21
30th	New Year celebrations in Hampshire	4 Days	22

#### January 2022

22nd	UK Mystery Weekend	3 Days	24
28th	The Great Fenn Holidays Re-union 2022	4 Days	23

#### February 2022

7th	Banish the Winter Blues –		
	Yorkshire & Lancashire	5 Days	24

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7th	The English Riviera – Babbacombe	5 Days	25
10th	Nice Carnival & the Menton Lemon Festival	8 Days	26
15th	York & The Viking Festival	4 Days	25
19th	UK Mystery Weekend	3 Days	24
21st	Welsh Coast & Country House Party	5 Days	27
26th	An 'All Inclusive Highland Fling' in Inverness	7 Days	28
27th	Valkenburg House Party – Three Countrie	s 5 Days	29
28th	St David's Day in Wales	5 Days	27
28th	St Ives – Cornish Riviera Delights	5 Days	30

#### March 2022

5th	Cream Tea & Choristers	4 Days	30
7th	The Bavarian Forest		
	& Huskies in Germany	7 Days	31
7th	Bournemouth & Beyond	5 Days	33
13th	St Patricks Day in Westport,		
	County Mayo & Connemara	7 Days	32
14th	Torquay & the Devon Riviera	5 Days	33
14th	All Inclusive in the Lake District		
	& Cumbria	5 Days	34
16th	Tuscan Camellias & Villas	9 Days	35
20th	Boats, Trams & Treasures		
	of the Peak District	5 Days	36
21st	'Steam & Cream' Eastbourne		
	& the Bluebell Railway	5 Days	34
22nd	Springtime in Paris on the River Seine	4 Days	37
25th	Mother's Day 'Florimania'		
	at Hampton Court	3 Days	36
26th	UK Mystery Weekend	3 Days	24
27th	Luxury Borders Explorer	5 Days	41
28th	All Inclusive in Newquay	5 Days	38
31st	South Downs, Sussex		
	& Maritime Portsmouth	5 Days	38

#### April 2022

4th	Cathedral, Chateaux & Castles	5 Days	39
7th	Isle of Man – The Treasured Isle	5 Days	40
9th	An 'All Inclusive Highland Fling' in Inverness	7 Days	28
9th	Beautiful Lake Garda & Venice	9 Days	42
9th	The Majesty of the Bernese Oberland	8 Days	43
13th	Dutch Waterways, Keukenhof Gardens & Floriade	5 Days	44
14th	Easter in Scotland – Loch Katrine & Inverary	5 Days	45
18th	Shropshire Highlights	5 Days	39
21st	Evesham Blossom Trail	5 Days	46
24th	Kingdom of Northumbria	5 Days	46
30th	Cork Coastline Delights & Bantry	7 Days	47





### Bournemouth & National Motor Museum Autumn Break

#### Monday 18th to Friday 22nd October

Taking us along the south coast, this tour takes us to the Premier Resort of England, Bournemouth. With many beautiful sights, this tour allows us to discover Salisbury, the fascinating National Motor Museum and of course, the New Forest.

#### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

**Monday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive south to Bournemouth. We make use of the motorways to arrive in Bournemouth at the Durley Dean Hotel where we have time to settle in before dinner.

**Tuesday** This morning we head north to Blandford Forum and through Cranbourne Chase to Shaftesbury, this delightful village with its stone built cottages is best remembered for the Hovis TV adverts that featured the very steep Gold Hill - we make a stop but you don't have to climb the hill!! Now on to famous Salisbury with time for exploration and lunch. Why not visit the 13th century Cathedral, known for having the tallest spire in England. This afternoon we return to the hotel with time at leisure before dinner.

**Wednesday** After breakfast we begin our day with a scenic drive through the picturesque New Forest, Spending time in picturesque Lyndhurst before reaching Beaulieu and the world famous National Motor Museum. We include admission to the museum which includes exhibits from the very early days of motoring to the latest Formula 1 racing cars from Chitty Chitty Bang Bang to Donald Campbell's Bluebird. After a good stay we return to the hotel well in time for dinner

Thursday A morning visit to nearby Poole with its magnificent harbour and Brownsea

Island. We include a circular drive around Sandbanks, the highly fashionable and very expensive location for the well heeled celebrities. The afternoon is free to relax or explore Bournemouth centre

Friday After breakfast we bid farewell to our hosts and make our way home. We arrive in our home areas late afternoon to be greeted by our awaiting taxis.



Entertainment some evenings

✓ Full excursion programme

Entrance to National Motor Museum

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#### INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- Porterage
- Choice of menu

#### **YOUR HOTEL**

#### **Durley Dean**

The 3 star Durley Dean Hotel stands on Bournemouth's West Cliff just a short walk from the cliff top and town centre. Hotel facilities include a leisure club with indoor swimming pool, sauna and gym. All bedrooms are en-suite and have television, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. A lift serves all floors.

### A taste of Royal Life in Fife

#### Saturday 23rd to Wednesday 27th October

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The Royal family have strong connections to Scotland and this tour traces their footsteps as we visit Glamis Castle, the Royal Yacht Britannia and the Palace of Holyrood house, where we also enjoy a sumptuous afternoon tea. Discovery Point, Dundee and a cruise on the Firth of Forth are also included.

#### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

**Saturday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach then north by motorway to north Yorkshire. Then on over the Scottish border, through the Lowther Hills and over the River Forth to reach the Pitbaulchie Hotel late afternoon for tea/coffee and scones then time to settle in before dinner.

**Sunday** Today, we enjoy a guided tour of Glamis Castle, renowned for being Scotland's most beautiful castle. We learn about the castle which is famous for being the legendary setting of Shakespeare's Macbeth, the childhood home of HM Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother. In the afternoon, we have free time for lunch in Dundee before we visit Discovery Point and explore Captain Scott's ship, Discovery, which he sailed to Antarctica.

**Monday** This morning, we make our way to South Queensferry, from where we embark on 90 minute Three Bridges circular cruise of the Firth of Forth. We enjoy magnificent views of the "three bridges" including the world-famous Forth Railway Bridge, the Edinburgh skyline to the south and Fife to the north. In the afternoon, we take a scenic drive along the Fife coast to Kirkcaldy before returning to our hotel **Tuesday** This morning, we visit the Royal Yacht Britannia, the Queen's former floating royal residence for more than 40 years. We explore her five decks and discover where kings and queens, world leaders and celebrities were wined and dined. In the afternoon, we visit the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the Queen's official Scottish residence, where we explore the grand rooms and enjoy a delicious afternoon tea in the historic setting of the Mews Courtyard.

**Wednesday** Our final Scottish breakfast before bidding farewell to our hosts at the hotel, we travel south to Jedburgh then cross into England and through the Cheviot Hills to Newcastle. Using the motorway we to return to our home area late afternoon after a memorable Royal Scottish break.

#### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast accommodation
- Choice of menu
- Porterage

**YOUR HOTEL** 

- Tea and Coffee after dinner
- ✓ 3 Bridges cruise on the River Forth

#### Entrance to Palace of Holyroodhouse and tea

All excursions as listed

Britannia

Admission to Glamis Castle

Admission to the Royal Yacht

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#### **Pitbauchlie House Hotel Dunfermline**

Located on the outskirts of Dunfermline, this 3 star hotel is situated in a quiet location within 3 acres of wooded and landscaped grounds All 53 en suite comfortable bedrooms contain a TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. There is a restaurant, two bars and an informal lounge bar with comfortable seating plus an outside terrace which looks onto the hotel's beautiful gardens. There is no lift but ground floor rooms are available.

Visit our website: **www.fennholidays.co.uk** 



### Torquay - A journey around the English Riviera

#### Monday 25th to Friday 29th October

ENGLAND

A firm favourite with our clients; Torquay in Devon, the heart of the English Riviera, is a popular, stylish resort with a strong Continental atmosphere. It is situated at the heart of 22 miles of unspoilt coastline and enjoys a mild climate. By popular demand, we have returned to the Livermead Cliff Hotel, in our opinion, one of the best hotels in Torquay with simply wonderful views over the sweeping bay.

#### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

Club Class

**Monday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the cross country drive to the English Riviera, to arrive at our hotel with time to settle in before dinner. **Tuesday** After a leisurely full English breakfast we travel up the coast to Powderham Castle. Located in a unique, picturesque setting just outside Exeter, beside the Exe estuary, six hundred years of history are contained within the walls of one of England's oldest family homes. Sir Philip Courtenay began building it in 1391 and it has remained in the same family to this day, currently home to the 18th Earl and Countess of Devon. After a good stay we continue on to Exeter. This delightful place has a rich history and has lots to see including the Cathedral, Maritime Museum and fabulous shopping centre. We return to Torquay and our hotel with time before dinner. **Wednesday** A visit to rugged Dartmoor spending time in Widdecombe of 'Uncle Tom Cobley' fame before a scenic drive through the National Park to the great Maritime

Cobley Tame before a scenic drive through the National Park to the great Maritime centre of Plymouth Sandwiched between the estuaries of the Plym and the Tamar the city has been a naval base since the 16th century and in the 17th century the Pilgrim Fathers sailed from its Sutton Harbour to the New World of America in The Mayflower. Their last glimpses of England would have included much of the present day Barbican – Plymouth's Elizabethan Quarter.

Thursday This morning we enjoy breakfast before travelling to Paignton for our Steam

train journey to Kingswear, then cross the River Dart on a foot passenger ferry to Dartmouth where we board a boat for a circular River Cruise, taking around 1 hour. There will be some free time in Dartmouth before we return to Torquay for dinner.

dinner. Friday We return to our home area after a relaxing break on the English Riviera.



#### INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- Choice of menu
- Porterage

- Entrance to Powderham Castle
- Combined Steam Train & Cruise
- Excursions as listed

#### YOUR HOTEL

#### **Livermead Cliff Hotel**

The superb Livermead Cliff enjoys an unrivalled position at the water's edge with direct private access to the sea and has established itself as one of our favourite hotels. All of the comfortable en-suite bedrooms are well equipped and include tea/coffee making facilities a lift serves all floors.

### The English Riviera -Babbacombe Turkey & Tinsel

#### Monday 8th to Friday 12th November

We are pleased to offer this fun filled pre-Christmas break based in Babbacombe. As an alternative destination to the hustle and bustle of adjacent Torquay, Babbacombe boasts its own promenade and of course the famous Babbacombe Model Village. Our chosen resort offers wonderful views and is also home to the historic Babbacombe Cliff Railway, one of the only original working railways still in existence.

#### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

**Monday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the cross country drive to the English Riviera. Arriving mid-afternoon we are greeted by our hosts in the festive spirit. We start our break with a welcoming tea or coffee and a mince pie, whilst our bags are taken to our rooms. We meet again for dinner this evening.

**Tuesday – Christmas Eve** After breakfast we journey to Exeter with its famous Christmas Market. The market has been running for seven years on Exeter's Cathedral Green and is recognised as one of the best in the UK. A combination of unique location with the stunning backdrop of Exeter Cathedral alongside high quality exhibitors, have established an 'event' which is now an integral part of the city centres festive celebrations and Christmas shopping experience. After plenty of time at leisure, we return to Babbacombe this afternoon for time to relax and explore our resort before our dinner this evening.

Wednesday – Christmas Day This morning we drive to nearby pretty Paignton before taking the scenic ride into the Dartmoor National Park with its heather-covered moorland and deep wooded gorges, beautiful lake-like reservoirs and tumbling rocky rivers. We include entrance to the interesting Dartmoor Prison Museum, to see 'life inside' one of the world's most famous and notorious jails. The museum shows more than 200 years of the prison's turbulent history ranging from the beginning, to the later convict era through to today. After plenty of time to look around we return to our hotel with time to relax before dinner.

**Thursday – New Years Eve** Another fine breakfast before setting of on our excursion through Totnes to delightful Dartmouth, dominated by the enormous Naval College. There will be time to explore before we return to Babbacombe through the rolling landscapes of the South Hams.

**Friday** Following breakfast we return to our home areas after a relaxing pre-Christmas break on the English Riviera.

#### INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- Choice of menu
- Porterage
- Welcome mince pies with tea & coffee on arrival
- Tea & coffee after dinner

#### YOUR HOTEL

#### The Babbacombe Hotel

Entertainment on most evenings

- Christmas gift for each passenger
- Sherry reception & Christmas dinner on one evening
- Entrance to Dartmoor Prison museum
- Full excursion programme

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Our hotel enjoys a seafront location, overlooking the famous Babbacombe Downs with far reaching views across Lyme Bay. All of the bedrooms are en-suite with a TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. The hotel has a lift that serves all floors. Entertainment is provided most evenings. **Seaview upgrades are available** 

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### ENGLAND & WALES CubClass

### The Heart of England -Malvern & Worcester

#### Monday 8th to Friday 12th November

NEW

A sightseeing tour to highlight the festive season and the wonders of the 'Autumn Tints' of the beautiful Malvern Hills and the Wye Valley. We feature the city of Gloucester, as well as Hereford, Worcester and Ross-on-Wye

#### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

**Monday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive to Malvern. We arrive at the fabulous Abbey Hotel late afternoon where tea/coffee and biscuits are served whilst our luggage is taken to our rooms. We have time to settle in before re-grouping for dinner this evening.

**Tuesday** Our day begins with a drive to the delightful old town of Ross-on-Wye for a break. From here we head for the historic Cathedral city of Hereford where we have time for lunch and a look around, before calling at the ancient market town of Ledbury, returning later to the hotel.

**Wednesday** Today we begin with a drive to historic Tewkesbury for a short break. From here we continue to the Cathedral City of Gloucester. Here we visit the Gloucester Docks complex, with shops, cafes and bars, and also home to the National Waterways Museum. There are lots of opportunities for lunch and the afternoon is free for you to explore before we return to Malvern.

Thursday This morning we head for the City of Worcester, We then have time to

explore the city, with its imposing Cathedral well worth a visit. There are lots of opportunities to obtain lunch. In the afternoon we return to Malvern for free time before dinner and our final night.

**Friday** After breakfast we bid farewell to our hosts at the hotel as we make our way home. We arrive in our home area this afternoon to be greeted by our awaiting taxis.

#### INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Porterage
- Choice of menu
- Tea/coffee & biscuits on arrival

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✓ Full excursion programme

#### YOUR HOTEL

#### **Abbey Hotel**

The setting for the ivy clad 4 star Abbey Hotel in Great Malvern is ideally located at the foot of the Malvern Hills, adjoining the fine Benedictine Priory, located in the heart of the town. This hotel is a Fenn Favourite, scoring highly with our guests who are assured of a warm welcome with the highest levels of comfort. All the en-suite bedrooms are furnished to a high standard and include a TV, radio and hairdryer plus a hospitality tray. The hotel is served by a lift.



### Snowdonia & North Wales

#### Monday 8th to Friday 12th November

A great value pre Christmas break in beautiful Snowdonia. We include a drinks & entertainment package along with visits to the Italianate styled village of Portmeirion, the Isle of Anglesey and a tour of the Snowdonia National Park

#### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

**Monday** From your front door to the waiting coach, as we make our way through the heart of England to Shrewsbury for a lunch stop. Refreshed, we continue to the beautiful Vale of Llangollen and follow the River Dee to enter Snowdonia at Capul Curig, arriving at our hotel late afternoon. We enjoy a welcoming tea or coffee whilst our bags are taken to our rooms. Entertainment follows this evening's dinner.

**Tuesday** Today we enjoy a full day tour of the spectacular Snowdonia National Park, via Swallow Falls at Betws-y-Coed and Blaenau Ffestiniog with its slate railway. We head to the coast and the small seaside resort of Porthmadog with time to explore before more mountain scenery as we return to the hotel well in time for dinner and more evening entertainment

**Wednesday** We head south this morning to Traeth Bach and the fascinating and unique Italianate village of Portmeirion, created in the early 20th century by the noted architect William Ellis. The stunning houses and pavilions overlook the sea. Our return to the hotel is late afternoon

**Thursday** This morning we drive the short distance to visit the old town of Caernarfon with its magnificent castle, scene of the Investiture of the Prince of Wales. We enjoy a good stay with admission to the Castle before driving to the pretty Isle of Anglesey for a short stop at Llanfair PG. Later we make our way to Beaumaris Castle - the great unfinished masterpiece before returning to the hotel with time before our farewell dinner and more evening entertainment.

**Friday** After a leisurely breakfast we begin our homeward journey. Our route is by way of Colwyn Bay and the historical city of Chester before joining the motorway back to our home area, arriving late afternoon

#### INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- Porterage
- Choice of menu
- Free bar between 19:00 23:00 each evening
- ✓ Welcome tea/coffee on arrival
- Entertainment each evening
- ✓ Full excursion programme
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#### YOUR HOTEL

#### **Royal Victoria Hotel**

The 3 star Royal Victoria Hotel offers breath-taking views on the edge of the Snowdonia National Park and is cradled between the lakes and the Welsh mountains. All of the bedrooms have an en-suite bath and shower, a TV, hairdryer, telephone and complimentary tea/coffee making facilities. A lift serves all floors.

Entertainment and a free bar is available each evening during 19:00 - 23:00 on selected drinks



### All Inclusive in Fort William

#### Sunday 14th to Saturday 20th November

We are delighted to offer this wonderful scenic tour taking in one of the greatest train journeys anywhere, along the famous West Highland Line to Mallaig. Based in Fort William this tour also offers some of the best Scottish scenery, with a visit to Fort Augustus and Loch Ness. Our 'All Inclusive' package offers complimentary drinks and lunches.

#### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

**Sunday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive north. Making use of the motorways we spend time for lunch in historic Barnard Castle before arriving at our overnight hotel, the Holiday Inn Dumfries, arriving well in time for dinner.

**Monday** After breakfast we cross the border, continuing on our way through Southern Scotland. Passing Glasgow we drive alongside the shores of Loch Lomond and over rugged Rannoch Moor to arrive in Fort William and our 3 star hotel late afternoon to enjoy time to settle in before dinner.

**Tuesday** Today is spent at leisure in Fort William's dramatic setting under the mighty bulk of Ben Nevis, Britain's highest mountain. Why not head into the town and visit the West Highland Museum, which houses a large collection of Jacobite memorabilia or simply sit in a local café and watch the world go by. A light lunch will be available at the hotel. We meet again tonight for dinner.

**Wednesday** This morning we join the Scotrail train on a round trip of 84 miles to Mallaig. Regarded as one of the world's most great rail journeys, we follow in the footsteps of Harry Potter and the Hogwarts Express. From views of mighty Ben Nevis, the memorable journey takes us to Glenfinnan and over the famous 21 arch Horseshoe

viaduct, the picturesque silver sands of Morar to Mallaig, a busy fishing port and also departure point for the ferry to the Isle of Skye. We have time for a look around the town before we catch the return train to Fort William. A packed lunch will be provided. **Thursday** Today we enjoy a spectacular visit to Spean Bridge,





with the Commando Memorial, Loch Garry with stunning views along Glen Moriston to Loch Ness and Fort Augustus, where the Caledonian Canal meets Loch Ness. We have time to explore, maybe visit the Caledonian Canal visitor centre before we return along Loch Lochy to Fort William.

**Friday** Today we bid farewell to our hosts as we drive south to our overnight hotel. We re-cross lonely Rannoch Moor then a lovely wooded drive through 'Rob Roy Country' before passing the Wallace Monument to spend time for lunch and sightseeing in historic Stirling. This afternoon we pass Glasgow and make our way back through the rolling scenery of the Borders to reach our overnight hotel in Dumfries in time for dinner.

**Saturday** Homeward bound by way of the Lake District and Yorkshire with a stop in historic Skipton before arriving in our home areas late afternoon at the end of a scenic Scottish holiday.

#### INCLUSIONS

- 6 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- Porterage
- Choice of menu
- Scotrail journey to Mallaig
- Entertainment on 2 nights
- 3 drinks vouchers each day

### YOUR HOTEL

#### Alexandra Hotel

✓ 2 packed lunches

- ✓ 2 nights entertainment
- ✓ Full excursion programme

✓ 2 soup & sandwich lunches at the

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This 3 star hotel is located in the town centre of Fort William and has been welcoming guests with a friendly atmosphere since Victorian times. They offer comfortable and well equipped en-suite bedrooms, which all have a TV, hairdryer, radio and tea/coffee making facilities. Complimentary WiFi and an open fire features in the hotel's lounge where guest are able to relax. The hotel has a lift.





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#### Tuesday 16th to Saturday 20th November

A great pre Christmas Festive Break in the picturesque resort of Sidmouth situated on the glorious south Devon coast, set between deep red cliffs on the edge of Devon's heathery uplands. Home to beautiful beaches, the town boasts a pleasant, well-kept atmosphere, with stylish eating places and great shopping.

#### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

Tuesday Our door to door service takes you from your home to the waiting Club Class coach for the journey to the South West. We make use of the motorways to arrive at our holiday hotel in Sidmouth, mid afternoon

Wednesday A morning drive to the delightful village and resort of Beer before spending a relaxing afternoon in our holiday home Sidmouth

Thursday A delightful drive through the Otter Valley to Budleigh Salterton, a charming resort overlooked by high cliffs known as the Floors, then on to Exmouth. Devon's oldest seaside resort and one of great naval and historic importance.

Friday We visit popular Tiverton then drive through the Exe Valley to spend time in Devon's capital, Exeter and its wonderful Cristmas Market located in the heart of the city on Cathedral green enjoying the festive labyrinth of winding lanes, lined with Bavarian-style chalets offering global cuisine, pop-up bars, local traders and craftspeople selling unique gifts and decorations – all accompanied by a programme of live entertainment.

Saturday After breakfast we bid farewell to our hotel. Our homeward journey includes glorious Somerset scenery, retracing our outward journey before returning to our home area late afternoon.

#### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- Porterage
- Entertainment on some evenings

#### ✓ Tea & coffee after dinner each evening

- Festive Programme
- Excursions as listed

#### **YOUR HOTEL**

#### **Royal York & Faulkner Hotel**

The 3 star family run Royal York and Faulkner is a firm favourite with our clients. It is ideally situated on the centre of the esplanade overlooking the sea and adjacent to the shopping centre. The well-appointed bedrooms are all en-suite and include a hairdryer, TV, free WiFi, tea/coffee making facilities and all are served by a lift.

# York's St Nicolas Fayre & Castle Howard

#### Friday 19th to Sunday 21st November

Historic York's St Nicolas Fayre is a traditional Christmas celebration with decorated stalls spread out through the delightful cobbled streets and squares. In addition there are various street entertainers such as Morris dancers, jugglers, brass bands and choirs. Our tour also includes a visit to magnificent Castle Howard which will be decorated to celebrate Yuletide.

#### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

**Friday** From your door to the waiting coach for the drive north making a stop the city of Lincoln. On through Yorkshire to reach our hotel near Wetherby late afternoon. We enjoy a cup of tea, whilst the luggage is taken to our rooms and time to relax well before dinner

Saturday Today we visit York and the St Nicolas Fayre. The city comes alive with costumed traders, carol singers and the smell of hot chocolate and roasted chestnuts. The streets are lined with colourful stalls offering Christmas gifts, mulled wines and craft demonstrations. As well as the Christmas Market York has a wealth of attractions including the magnificent Minster, fascinating museums and the famous Shambles with its medieval buildings and narrow cobbled streets.

Sunday Today we visit the beautiful Castle Howard. An 18th century residence that has been home to the Howard family for over 300 years which will be lavishly decorated for Christmas. In rooms lit by fire and candlelight you can marvel at the giant Christmas trees, spectacular display of festive 'twigs', traditional decorations and floral arrangements. Knowledgeable guides are on hand to describe how Yorkshire's finest historic house gets ready for Christmas. Mid afternoon we begin our return to our home area, arriving early evening

#### INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Tea or coffee after dinner each evenina
- Choice of menu

### Entrance to Castle Howard

#### YOUR HOTEL

#### **Mercure Wetherby Hotel**

The 3 star Mercure Wetherby enjoys a peaceful setting close to the historic market town of Wetherby. This modern hotel offers comfortable facilities. All bedrooms are en suite and have tV, telephone, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities.Public rooms include a bar, Brasserie Restaurant and relaxing lounge. The hotel has a lift.

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### Friday 19th to Sunday 21st November

A hugely successful tour for us in previous years. Join us on this super 3 day stay in pretty Derbyshire including a visit to historic Bakewell and the wonderful Chatsworth House dressed in its Christmas finery.

#### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Friday** A morning departure from our home area; we travel via Melton Mowbray with time to visit the busy Farmers Market then on to Derby where we include a visit to the Royal Crown Derby Visitor Centre, home of the world renowned china then have time in the busy city centre the perfect place for lunch and a spot of Christmas shopping! We arrive at our hotel, the 4 star Mickleover Court, late afternoon.

**Saturday** This morning we visit the plague village of Eyam immortalised in the children's nursery rhyme then spend time in historic Bakewell, with its original pudding shops and medieval 5-arched bridge over the river Wye. This afternoon we journey to wonderful Chatsworth House, referred to as the 'Greatest Private Palace in England'. Home to the Duke & Duchess of Devonshire, the house itself is home to grand rooms filled with examples of superb craftsmanship and treasures collected over 5 centuries and is beautifully decorated ready for Christmas, while the famous garden contains spectacular water feature. After plenty of time to explore we return to the Mickleover with time before dinner.

**Sunday** We make a tour of both the Southern Peak and the High Peak driving first to Ashbourne then via Dove Dale and Axe Edge to the spa town of Buxton. Later we drive through pretty Miller's Dale to the 'Cathedral of the Peaks' at Tideswell before returning to our home area



#### INCLUSIONS

Choice of menu

**YOUR HOTEL** 

- 2 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- 🖌 Porterage
- Entrance to Chatsworth House
- Excursions as listed

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### Hallmark Mickleover Court

This great hotel is located close to the city centre of Derby and ensures that all its guests receive the warmest of welcomes and are treated to the ultimate in Derbyshire hospitality. The hotel features a leisure complex with indoor pool, all rooms are ensuite and served by a lift.



### 'Turkey & Tinsel' at the excellent Cumberland Hotel Bournemouth

#### Monday 22nd to Friday 26th November

A quality Turkey & Tinsel themed break in Bournemouth, the Garden City by the sea, decorated in style for Christmas, our tour includes a superb hotel with festive entertainment programme, and visits to Christmas Markets in Salisbury and Winchester. If you're a lover of dazzling displays and Christmas cheer this is the one for you

#### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

**Monday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach, we travel to Bournemouth. Arriving mid afternoon at our hotel, we enjoy a welcoming tea or coffee. We have time to settle in before dinner, which is followed by the first of our nightly entertainment.

**Tuesday** We take a leisurely drive through the New Forest National Park to historic Winchester, one time capital of ancient Wessex, with a magnificent cathedral. Its in the Cathedral's historic Inner Close that we find the super Christmas Market with pretty wooden chalets adorned with interesting, high quality and unique products, many of which cannot be bought on the High Street. We return to the hotel for sherry & Christmas cake. A traditional Christmas Dinner is followed by dancing and entertainment

**Wednesday** A morning drive through Cranborne Chase to the fine city of Salisbury to experience and enjoy the Christmas Market. Similar in style and atmosphere to a German Christmas Market, the event takes place in the town centre with over 75 chalets offering everything from the finest fudge to unique hand-crafted gifts, the market has something for everyone. This evening we have more entertainment following dinner

**Thursday** A relaxing day in Bournemouth explore the ample shopping facilities, take a seafront stroll and visit The Bournemouth Christmas Tree Wonderland an event that speaks for itself. Filled with over a 100 glittering trees and illuminations, the Wonderland event is the perfect opportunity to witness a wealth of various Christmas lights. Later we have an afternoon Tea dance, a cup of tea and Mince pie. This evening a NYE Celebration cocktail party with Bucks Fizz and more entertainment brings the day to a close

**Friday** We enjoy out final morning's breakfast before we make our way home. We arrive in our home areas mid afternoon after a memorable break.

#### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights Dinner bed and breakfast ✓ Porterage accommodation
- Choice of menu
- ✓ Hotel entertainment each evening

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- Full excursion programme
- Tea/coffee after dinner

#### YOUR HOTEL

#### **Cumberland Hotel**

The 4 star Cumberland situated on the prestigious East Cliff of Bournemouth justly deserves its award as the top 4 star hotel in Bournemouth. Each of the stylish ensuite rooms have tea and coffee making facilities. Public rooms include an elegant restaurant and stylish lounge bar and lifts serve all floors. Guests are welcome to use the indoor leisure facilities of the sister hotel situated next door

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### **Bristol & Bath Christmas Markets**

#### Friday 26th to Sunday 28th November

The UNESCO World Heritage city of Bath is fast becoming known as 'the Christmas City'. For one month, the quaint streets and square between the stunning Bath Abbey and the internationally renowned Roman Baths, are transformed into a Christmas shopper's haven. Bristol, home to the Great Western, also boasts a colourful bustling market complete with wooden chalets offering unique gifts, decorations and delicious food

#### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

Friday Departing our home area this morning we take a leisurely drive by way of the delightful Vale of Evesham and historic Tewksbury arriving at our hotel for a welcoming tea or coffee and biscuits with ample time to settle in before this evening's dinner Saturday This morning we leave for Bath and the whole day is free for you to explore the traditional Christmas Market. Traditional wooden chalet stalls will showcase the cream of the city's independent shopkeepers and retailers, offering original handcrafted gifts, decorations, cards, toys and Christmas food and drink. There are lots of opportunities for lunch as you explore the historic city before we leave late afternoon for the hotel.

**Sunday** We leave the hotel after breakfast and head into the city of Bristol for a visit to the German Christmas Market, with quaint wooden chalet-like stalls. Browse the stalls, enjoy the German-themed food and drink like Gluhwein, Bratwurst and Lebkuchen. Relax in the Bavarian Beer garden and enjoy your unique surroundings. Later we leave Bristol for home.



#### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 2 nights dinner bed and Breakfast ✓ Tea & Coffee after dinner accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu

All excursions as listed

#### YOUR HOTEL

#### Signature Best Western Gloucester

The 3 star Hallmark Gloucester is located at Robinswood Hill on the outskirts of Gloucester making it a perfect base for our Festive break. All of the modern bedrooms are equipped with an en-suite bathroom, colour satellite TV, radio, hairdryer, trouser press and direct dial telephone with internet connection, as well as tea and coffee making facilities. The hotel boasts a comprehensive leisure facility with an indoor swimming pool, sauna, Jacuzzi and steam room. Public rooms include a restaurant, relaxing lounge and Bar. As the hotel only has 3 floors there is no lift but ground floor rooms are available upon request.



### Portsmouth Victorian Festival & Southampton's Christmas Market

#### Friday 26th to Monday 29th November

A feast of Christmas Markets, a colourful break taking in Winchester's charming, German themed Christmas Market, the amazing atmosphere of the Victorian Christmas Market in Portsmouth's Historic Dockyard, complete with characters wearing authentic Victorian dress and the lively Christmas Festival in the great port of Southampton

#### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

Friday From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for our drive south. We head directly to Winchester and its super Christmas Market. Inspired by the traditional German markets, Winchester market attracts more than 350,000 visitors each year. The pretty wooden chalets are situated in the Cathedral's historic Inner Close surrounding an open-air real ice rink, and are adorned with interesting, high quality and unique products, many of which cannot be bought on the High Street. Later this afternoon we continue our journey to Southampton and our hotel with time to relax before dinner. Saturday Our next Christmas Market is the Festival in Southampton city centre and consists of alpine themed chalets with traditional German fayre and authentic gifts. Bavarian style musical entertainment is featured and the highlight is the unique 'Flying Santa' show, which sees Santa and his reindeers fly above the market twice during the day

Sunday The highlight of our weekend! Today we visit Portsmouth's Victorian Festival. This wonderful event is set in the atmospheric dockyard surroundings. Here we are magically transported into a Dickensian-style bygone era of beautiful snowy streets and experience a taste of days gone by with a magic lantern show, Victorian dancing, Father Christmas (dressed in green!) and a host of colourful characters including chimney sweeps, suffragettes, wenches, Victorian gentry and Fagin with his gang of pickpockets. A host of unique gifts are available as well as delicious festive food. Monday Homeward bound via the cathedral city of Salisbury and past Stonehenge to arrive in our home area mid afternoon.

✓ Visit to Southampton Christmas

Entrance to the Portsmouth Victorian

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Excursions as listed

#### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 3 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- Choice of menu
- Porterage

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Tea & coffee after dinner each evening

#### **YOUR HOTEL**

#### **The Doubletree Hilton Southampton**

The 4 star Doubletree Hilton Southampton is situated just outside Southampton City Centre. This purpose built hotel offers modern, stylish, en suite bedrooms wellappointed with all the facilities expected of a 4 star hotel. There is a restaurant, bar/lounge and all floors are served by lifts.

# Ludlow Medieval Fayre, Birmingham & Blist's Hill Christmas Markets

#### Friday 26th to Sunday 28th November 2018

After much success last year, we return to Ludlow Medieval Christmas Fayre, said to be the best medieval show in the land, is held in Ludlow's magnificent castle and features over 100 stalls selling seasonal gifts with a medieval nature. There is music, minstrels, merriment and mirth, as well as Knights, Dragons, Giants, Juggler, Dancers, Storytellers and displays. We also include a visit to the popular Birmingham Festive Market - the largest authentic German Christmas Market outside Germany and visit the Victorian town Christmas Market at Blist's Hill.

#### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

Friday Our door to door service takes you to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive directly to Birmingham where we soak up the atmosphere of the festive season at their exciting German market. Later we arrive at the Buckatree Hall hotel for 2 night stay. Upon arrival we enjoy tea/coffee and biscuits followed by time to relax before dinner. **Saturday** This morning we head south for the scenic drive, through Much Wenlock and in the shadow of Wenlock Edge to reach Ludlow for the medieval Christmas Fayre, rightly claimed to be the best in the land with a host of stalls, events and entertainers all in the setting of the towering castle. We remain until late afternoon. The day is yours to explore the Medieval Fayre and the historic town before returning to the hotel for dinner.

Sunday Leaving the hotel after a leisurely breakfast we visit the impressive Ironbridge Gorge where the world's first iron bridge forms the centre of this World Heritage Site then on to Blists Hill Victorian town for time at its Christmas Market. This 52 acre site is a bustling recreation of a Victorian town. Buy curious products in the Chemist, Grocers and Drapers, discover what life was like for a housewife in the cottages, enjoy a drink in the New Inn, a portion of delicious fish and chips, or a bag of old fashioned sweets. Mid afternoon we make our way back to our home area arriving early evening after our enjoyable weekend away.

#### INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- Choice of menu
- Porterage
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Excursions and entrances as listed

#### **YOUR HOTEL**

#### **Buckatree Hall Hotel**

The 3 star Buckatree Hall Hotel is a renowned comfortable country house hotel, with its own mature gardens and private lake, offering a relaxing retreat where you can escape from the pressure of day to day life. Many of the rooms enjoy scenic views of the hotels own lake and gardens, providing a memorable setting in which to relax. All bedrooms are en-suite and have a television and tea/coffee making facilities. This hotel does have a lift.



### **Festive Steam in the Lake District**

#### Monday 29th November to Friday 3rd December

Enjoy a steam train journey on the famous Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway, known locally as La'al Ratty, a visit to Muncaster Castle & Gardens for the full festive experience. A cruise on Windermere and some of England's finest scenery on our Festive break in the Lake District

#### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

Monday From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive north. We travel to Boroughbridge where we enter the Yorkshire Dales, calling at Ripon with its fine cathedral, then on through Wensleydale, the terraced waterfalls at Aysgarth and Sedburgh to reach our hotel. A glass of bubbly or sherry is served pre dinner **Tuesday** A day of scenic delights as we take the lakeside road to Windermere and enjoy a leisurely cruise on England's largest lake before re-joining the coach to visit Beatrix Potter's delightful Hawkshead. After time to explore another scenic drive takes us to Coniston Water, scene of Donald Campbell's ill-fated record attempt, then back to the hotel where we have time to relax before dinner this evening which will be followed by musical entertainment

Wednesday We start the day at the historic Muncaster Castle with a guided tour, then enjoy lunch ahead of the afternoon return journey on the wonderful Ravenglass & Eskdale Steam Railway. From the Lake District coastal town of Ravenglass, travel across the estuary and through the hills to arrive at Dalegarth station, where mulled wine and mince pies await!

Thursday We travel via the medieval village of Cartmel and on to the fascinating Lakeland Motor Museum. Here we see a diverse and unique collection of road transport with some 30,000 exhibits assembled over a period of around 50 years. We return to the hotel and enjoy the afternoon at leisure in Grange over Sands. **Friday** A fine breakfast before bidding farewell to our hosts as we depart for home. We make for Kirkby Lonsdale and on through broad Ribblesdale with its peaks and caverns to reach Skipton where we have time for the bustling market and lunch. Late afternoon we return to our home area after a memorable break among some of England's finest scenery.

#### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Porterage
- Choice of menu
- 2 evening's entertainment
- Excursions and admissions as listed

#### **Cumbria Grand Hotel**

YOUR HOTEL

Set in 20 acres of private gardens and woodlands overlooking Morecambe Bay, the large Victorian 3 star Cumbria Grand enjoys a fabulous location just a short walk from Grange over Sands. All en suite bedrooms are furnished in traditional style. Public rooms include a spacious restaurant, bar and large lounge area. Lift serves all floors

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### Luxury Rhine Christmas Market Cruise

#### Wednesday 1st to Sunday 5th December

It gives us pleasure to offer this wonderful way to experience the famous Christmas Markets of the mighty Rhine. Imagine a holiday which combines the relaxing and peaceful style of a luxury river cruise, with the opportunity to visit some of the most beautiful destinations along the River Rhine – a truly magical waterway overlooked by fairytale castles, vine clad slopes, quaint wine villages and towns, each with its own Christmas Market and an ever changing panorama of scenery.

#### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

**Wednesday** Our door to door services takes you to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive to Folkestone during which a light breakfast is served. Boarding the shuttle, a glass of fizz and snacks set the holiday mood. On through Belgium to Germany and our luxury river cruiser in Cologne. We board our ship late afternoon and settle into our cabins prior to dinner. We set sail tonight for Rudesheim.

Thursday We enjoy breakfast as the ship cruises gently south past the famous Lorely Rock, Boppard and through the spectacular Rhine Gorge to berth in Rudesheim after lunch. This popular wine making town is best known for the 'Drosselgasse, a narrow cobblestone street lined with a host of beautifully decorated wine taverns and courtyards, with a wonderful atmosphere and a lively, colourful Christmas market. Friday We enjoy breakfast as the ship cruises north past the famous Loreley Rock to Koblenz where, after lunch on board, we are free to visit the traditional Koblenz Christmas Market. Located in the historic district, the market offers over 100 stalls with a range of arts, crafts and Christmas decorations, not forgetting the tasty snacks, mulled wine and sweet smelling Christmas cakes. Back on board dinner is served.



**Saturday** This morning we set sail from Koblenz past the old capital Bonn, home of Beethoven and the noted Siebengebirge (Seven Hills) to return to Cologne, arriving just after lunch. Here you can enjoy many of the Christmas markets that the city has to offer. The four largest markets are found at the mighty Cathedral, on the Alter Markt, on the Neumarkt and on the Rudolfplatz with each market offering its own unique specialities. Our final evening's five course Captains Farewell Dinner, is once again served on board.

**Sunday** After breakfast we disembark and make our way back through Germany to Calais and the mid afternoon shuttle train back to the UK. We return to our home area early evening after a truly memorable pre-Christmas break.

#### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights Full Board accommodation
- Porterage
- Welcome reception with sparkling wine
   Daily tea & coffee with biscuits
- Live musical entertainment each evening
   Captains farewell dinner
  - Full excursion programme

#### YOUR RIVER CRUISER

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#### **MS** Arena

This 4 star ship has all the ingredients of an unforgettable river cruise: comfort, style and unfaltering attention to detail. It has everything you could possibly need to enjoy an unforgettable cruising experience, with panoramic windows throughout the ship's Main and Upper Decks to make sure you don't miss any of the stunning river scenery. Dine on exceptionally fresh and delicious dishes in the Panorama Restaurant, then head up for a drink at the Ambassador's Lounge Bar. All of the spacious en suite cabins on board the MS Arena feature outward-facing floor to ceiling panoramic windows with French balconies, There's plenty of space and storage for your belongings, plus air conditioning, TV, telephone, hairdryer and a safe all come as standard.

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### Severn Valley Christmas Special

#### Friday 26th to Monday 29th November

Get in the Christmas mood with a leisurely steam train journey in beautifully restored vintage carriages from Bridgnorth to Highley and back. Our pre Christmas break sees us visit Ironbridge, birthplace of the Industrial Revolution, Birmingham's famed German Christmas Market and historic Shrewsbury

#### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Friday** Our door to door service takes you to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive directly to Birmingham where we soak up the atmosphere of the festive season at their exciting German market. Late afternoon we arrive at our hotel in Telford for a welcoming tea/coffee then time to settle in well before dinner

**Saturday** We visit the iconic Ironbridge then take a scenic drive through Much Wenlock and in the shadow of Wenlock Edge to spend time in Shrewsbury with its packed timber framed black and white buildings amongst narrow alleyways

surrounded by the River Severn **Sunday** Today a leisurely drive to nearby Bridgnorth and the Severn Valley Railway on a magical journey through the beautiful Severn Valley. Relax aboard the festively decorated train, pulled by a magnificent steam engine, while you tuck into a homemade mince pie and hot drink **Monday** A leisurely breakfast before our departure for home, arriving in our home area mid afternoon.



#### INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- Choice of menu
- Porterage

 Tea & coffee after dinner each evening

 Ride on the festive themed Severn Railway

Excursions as listed

#### YOUR HOTEL

#### **Mercure Telford Centre Hotel**

This modern hotel is conveniently located close to shopping, restaurants, bars and the Ironbridge Gorge. All 153 comfortable bedrooms are modern in design and contain a TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. The restaurant is well-sized with plenty of light whilst the bar offers a relaxed setting in which to enjoy a drink, and there are 3 lounge areas. Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, sauna, jacuzzi and gym. Lifts serve all floors.



### Exmouth Festive Cruise & Exeter Christmas Market

#### Friday 3rd to Monday 6th December

A different pre Christmas break as we travel to Devon and the historic city of Exeter which at this time of year hosts one of the country's most popular Christmas Markets. We include a festive cruise on the River Exe and visit to charming Brixham

#### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

**Friday** Our door to door service takes you from your home to the waiting Club Class coach for the journey to the South West. We make use of the motorways to arrive at our city centre hotel in Exeter late afternoon

**Saturday** A leisurely drive along the South Devon coast to spend time in picturesque Brixham later we make our way to Exmouth to join our river cruiser for a relaxing ride along the calm and sheltered waters of the River Exe on a festively decorated boat which has covered and heated lower decks, with cosy blankets, plenty of fresh air and great views on our upper outside deck. You will have a warm welcome with a glass of proper homemade mulled wine and a tasty warmed minced pie to enjoy whilst you sit back and take a breather from the busy Christmas season.

**Sunday** A day at leisure in Exeter. The city has a host of attractions from the magnificent cathedral to the interesting quayside. Located in the heart of the city, Cathedral Green is Exeter's ultimate location for Christmas shoppers and tourists. Enjoy the festive labyrinth of winding lanes, lined with Bavarian-style chalets offering global cuisine, pop-up bars, local traders and craftspeople selling unique gifts and decorations – all accompanied by a programme of live entertainment.

**Monday** Departing for home soon after breakfast allows us to spend time in the great maritime city of Bristol before arriving in our home area late afternoon.

#### INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- 🗸 Porterage
- Tea & coffee after dinner each evening

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- Cruise on the River Exe
- Excursions as listed

#### YOUR HOTEL

#### Mercure Exeter Southgate

The Mercure Exeter Southgate is a contemporary 4-star hotel located in the heart of Exeter. Within walking distance of all main attractions and the city centre,. All bedrooms feature air conditioning, radios, TVs, Wi-Fi, telephones with DDI, irons, coffee/tea making facilities, minibars and hairdryers. Public rooms include a restaurant, Lounge area and Bar. The hotel has a fitness centre, with indoor heated pool, jacuzzi and sauna, and there is an in-house beauty salon. Lifts serve all floors.

#### Call our Booking Hotline: 01354 653329

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### Alnwick Christmas Light Trail & Durham Christmas Festival

Friday 3rd to Monday 6th December

A great value weekend to the North East. We spend time in Newcastle, enjoy a magical moment in Alnwick Castle Gardens as they come to life in a stunning sound and light extravaganza and visit Durham's Christmas Festival with colourful markets and street entertainment

#### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

Friday Our door to door service takes you to join the Club Class coach for the drive north to make a stop for lunch in elegant Harrogate, then on to Newcastle to check into our hotel to enjoy a welcome tea or coffee before time to settle in and dinner. Saturday We have a leisurely morning in Newcastle with a chance to explore the city and the fashionable Quayside where it is possible to board a boat for cruise on the River Tyne, with an interesting commentary. This afternoon we head north to visit magnificent Alnwick castle, home to the family of the Duke of Northumberland and the fabulous gardens which are dazzlingly decorated with sparkling and shimmering illuminations lighting up the gardens, this beautiful after-dark spectacular will leave your senses buzzing and your heart filled with festive cheer.

**Sunday** We drive south to visit Durham one of the first designated World Heritage Sites. This hugely diverse city situated on the banks of the River wear is dominated by its iconic Cathedral and majestic skyline bringing together medieval heritage and modern living. We have timed our visit with the city's wonderful Christmas festival which offers loads of Christmas shopping in 4 markets and seasonal street entertainment throughout the city. We return to the hotel late afternoon. **Monday** A leisurely breakfast before setting off for our return journey. We travel by way of the scenic North York Moors National Park before arriving in our home area mid afternoon.

#### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 3 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- Welcome tea/coffee and pastries on arrival
- Choice of menu

**YOUR HOTEL** 

Porterage

- Tea & coffee after dinner each evening
- Entrance Alnwick Christmas Winter Light Trail
- Visit to Durham Christmas Festival
- Excursions as listed

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#### Holiday Inn Newcastle Gosforth Park

This modern 4 star hotel is located just to the north of Newcastle. All 151 bedrooms are very spacious and bathrooms are modern with good fittings. There is an informal brasserie-style restaurant and a modern bar with comfortable seating. Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, sauna, steam room, Jacuzzi and gym, Ground floor rooms, Lift, Tea/coffee in room



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### Christmas at Holyrood

#### Sunday 5th to Wednesday 8th December

The Queen's official residence in Scotland, the Palace of Holyroodhouse gets a glittering makeover to celebrate the festive season. Marvel at Christmas trees, shimmering decorations, sparkling lights, twinkling velvet garlands, glistening berries and seasonal foliage. Our tour includes time in Edinburgh, a visit to historic Stirling and an excellent 4 star hotel

#### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

Sunday From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach then north by motorway to make a lunch stop in north Yorkshire. Continuing on we enter Scotland at Gretna Green then on through the Lowther Hills and around Glasgow to reach the Westerwood Hotel late afternoon with time to settle in before dinner. Monday A full Scottish breakfast before our first excursion; we drive to Scotland's capital city Edinburgh. En-route we pass the newest landmark in the country, the iconic 'Kelpies' at Falkirk. We travel to the Palace of Holyrood House. It's a magical time of year to explore the historic and state apartments. The festive decorations at the Palace will include a 15-foot high Christmas tree in the Great Gallery, adorned with shimmering decorations and sparkling lights, while the Great Stair leading to the State Apartments will be draped with twinkling velvet garlands, glistening berries and seasonal foliage. Soak up the festive atmosphere and maybe enjoy light refreshments in the Café. Later we spend time in the city before our return to the hotel in time for dinner.

**Tuesday** A day of scenic delights and history as we take a relaxing drive to the glorious Trossachs, a national treasure of Lochs and woodland immortalised by the novels of Sir Walter Scott and visiting a noted Woollen Mill before spending time in Historic Stirling, ancient capital of Scotland and gateway to the Highlands **Wednesday** Our final Scottish breakfast before bidding farewell to our hosts at the Westerwood. We travel south to Gretna then cross into England and by motorway to return to our home area late afternoon after a memorable Scottish break.

#### INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights dinner, bed and breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Tea and Coffee after dinner
- Entrance to Palace of Holyroodhouse

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All excursions as listed

Porterage

Choice of menu

#### YOUR HOTEL

#### Doubletree by Hilton Westerwood Hotel

The award winning stylish 4 star Westerwood Hotel has been a firm favourite with Fenn Holiday clients for many years is located 12 miles from Glasgow in the spectacular Scottish countryside. The hotel boasts a swimming pool, the en-suite rooms are comfortable and stylish, and a welcoming restaurant make the resort the perfect place to unwind, a really superb hotel. There is a lift that serves all floors.

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### Christmas Markets of the Rhur, Düsseldorf and Dortmund

#### Friday 10th to Monday 13th December

Dusseldorf is arguably one of the nicest city's in Germany, handsome and elegant it sits on the banks of the River Rhine, with its 260 cosy pubs and home-brew taverns it is known as 'the longest bar in the world'! Every year Düsseldorf's Christmas market opens its "gingerbread houses" to visitors; two main market areas home wooden stalls laden with an array of craft items, ornaments and gifts line the narrow winding streets. Delicious cinnamon cakes and mulled red wine are part of the season too, not to forget the festively decorated shop windows and the huge outdoor ice rink.

#### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Friday** Our door to door services takes you to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive to Folkestone during which a light breakfast is served. Boarding the shuttle, a glass of fizz and snacks set the holiday mood. On through Belgium to Germany to arrive at our holiday hotel well in time for dinner

**Saturday** A stroll through Düsseldorf with its beautifully illuminated Königsallee is a real treat in the build-up to the festive season. You'll find exclusive, atmospheric Christmas markets in several locations. There's the Art Nouveau-style 'little angel' market in Heinrich-Heine-Strasse. Alternatively, you can browse the traditional stalls in front of the historical town hall, where a local craftsman carves Nativity figures from olive wood.

**Sunday** This morning we drive the short distance to another great city, Dortmund. The Christmas market here is the biggest in Germany, it has over 300 stalls. Its number one attraction is a gigantic Christmas tree which consists of 1,700 individual fir trees, stands 45 metres tall and is adorned with 13,000 lights – the biggest in the world. This giant tree is decorated with thousands of ornaments and lights which bathe the Christmas proceedings in a festive glow

**Monday** We depart Düsseldorf soon after breakfast and retrace our route through Belgium to Calais and the Channel Tunnel complex; there will be time for last minute purchases in the Terminal shops before boarding our late afternoon train to Folkestone. We arrive in our home area mid evening after a weekend of festive spirit

#### INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights Dinner bed & breakfast accommodation
- Buffet breakfasts and dinners
- Tea & coffee after dinner
- Porterage
   All excursions

#### **YOUR HOTEL**

#### Mercure Hotel Düsseldorf Süd

Located just 5 miles from the city centre, the 3 star Mercure Düsseldorf Süd features 121 modern, air-conditioned bedrooms equipped with a TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities, including a pod machine. The bright restaurant serves up regional and international cuisine and there is also a pleasant outdoor terrace area. Guests can relax with a drink in the bar area. Lifts serve all floors.

### Kew by Candlelight & the London Eye

#### Friday 10th to Sunday 12th December

It's the most wonderful time of the year as we return to sparkling Kew Gardens! A dazzling arch leads you to a cascade of glowing silvery shards at the Treetop Walkway. Walk amongst immersive vines as they surprise with changing ribbons of light and wander beneath the branches where mysterious fairy-fire known as Will-o'the-Wisp softly glows. Included is a visit to London, where we take a ride on the London Eye. We take in delightful festive sights as well as visiting the capitals many famous landmarks.

#### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

Friday Our door to door service takes you to the waiting coach for the drive to historic Windsor, where we make a stop. Later, we check in to the hotel for an early dinner before travelling to Kew Gardens for a unique night-time experience. Guided by snowflakes, the new 1 mile trail winds its way through the world famous botanic gardens, in a magical after-dark experience as Kew is lit up using over 1 million lights. Wander between glowing waterside reflections, illuminated fountains and grand glasshouses as Kew's iconic architecture and unique tree canopies are brought to life drenched in Christmas colour. Along the way, gaze at giant light sculptures, bright and luminous, like fireworks frozen in time. Stand amongst twinkling holly bushes and Christmas trees festooned with seasonal cheer as plumes of fire dance to festive music. Saturday After a leisurely breakfast, we travel to Southbank for our ride on the renowned London Eye. Afterwards, stroll through the wooden chalet-style stalls that line the pedestrian promenade beside the Thames. The traditional chalets sell all kinds of gifts, such as hand-crafted trinkets, wooden toys, jewellery, candles, ceramics, clothes and glass ornamental tree decorations. Of course, it's also all about the food and drink but make sure you leave room for dinner back at the hotel this evening. Sunday After breakfast we depart the hotel as we make our way home. Our drive is through the towns and villages of the Chiltern Hills. We arrive late afternoon to be greeted by our awaiting taxis after a memorable break.

#### INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- Porterage
- Choice of menu

YOUR HOTEL

- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Trip on the London Eye
- Entrance to Kew Gardens
- Full excursion programme

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#### **Doubletree by Hilton Woking**

The modern Doubletree by Hilton is located in the centre of Woking a short walk from the High Street. Each bedroom features an en-suite bathroom, TV, tea/coffee making facilities and a hairdryer. Public rooms include a stylish Bar and open plan restaurant. The hotel is served by a lifts.

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### Christmas in the Cotswolds

#### Thursday 23rd to Monday 27th December

One of our most popular Christmas tours. We return to the Cotswolds and the excellent, family run, 4 star Blunsdon House Hotel, set in its own extensive grounds with stunning views over the beautiful Cotswolds. The hotel prides itself on a warm, friendly atmosphere where high standards come as standard.

#### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

**Thursday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the leisurely drive to the Cotswolds. We travel by way of Chipping Norton and pretty Burford where we make a comfort stop then continue on to reach our hotel, the Blunsdon House early afternoon where a tea and mince pie awaits. Tonight we will meet again for dinner before entertainment brings our evening to a close.

**Friday – Christmas Eve** A full English breakfast sets us up for the day before we join the coach for a relaxing drive around the southern Cotswolds. We visit Cirencester and drive along the Golden Valley to Stroud. Climbing over Minchinhampton Common with its many legends, we continue to Avening before returning to the hotel in time for an included buffet lunch. This evening the hotel's managers host a welcome drinks reception with a glass of bubbly followed by dinner and entertainment. This evening there will be midnight communion held at St Leonard's Church, afterwards there will be coffee available on return to the hotel.

**Saturday – Christmas Day** Merry Christmas everybody! A delightful breakfast to start the festivities, followed by a visit from a special guest who comes bearing gifts! Then time to relax and unwrap presents, or perhaps take a stroll around the beautiful grounds before a Christmas lunch is served with a complimentary drink. After lunch we have time to relax and perhaps enjoy the Queen's Speech. A later dinner is followed by entertainment which brings our Christmas Day to a close.

Sunday – Boxing Day After breakfast we enjoy time at leisure. We have lunch in the



hotel before making our way to the pantomime to see Sleeping Beauty. Back at Blunsdon House, we enjoy a Festive Afternoon Tea which is followed by time at leisure before our final evening's dinner, which again is followed by entertainment. **Monday** Another hearty breakfast before we bid a fond farewell to our hosts and depart for home. We spend time in nearby Swindon at the beautifully restored Grade II railway building in the heart of the former Swindon railway works which today houses a massive modern shopping outlet offering huge discounts, lots of cafes and a wonderful steam Museum of the Great Western Railway, where visitors of all ages get to climb aboard famous locomotives, have a go at changing the signals, and be an engine driver. Mid afternoon we return to our home area and waiting taxis at the end of a memorable Christmas holiday.

#### INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights dinner bed & breakfast accommodation
- Porterage
- ✓ Tea/coffee & mince pies on arrival
- Welcome drinks reception
- Christmas Eve Lunch
- Christmas Day Luncheon with a complimentary drink
- Lunch on Boxing Day
- Gift from Father Christmas
- Visit to the Pantomime
- Festive Afternoon Tea on Boxing Day

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- Entertainment each evening
- Visit to the Museum of the Great Western Railway
- ✓ Full excursion programme

#### YOUR HOTEL

#### **Blunsdon House Hotel**

This super 4 star hotel began life as a hunting lodge at the beginning of the 19th century and since then it has undergone many changes to become the welcoming accommodation we find today. Each of the tastefully furnished en suite bedrooms have hairdryer, trouser press, TV, telephone and tea/coffee making facilities and served by a lift. Three bars, each individually named after a family member and with their own character ensure lots of comfortable seating.



### Shrewsbury, Ludlow and Ironbridge Gorge at Christmas

#### Thursday 23rd to Monday 27th December

A new Christmas destination takes us to a beautiful part of England. Along the upper reaches of the River Severn and the borders between England and Wales, the countryside of Shropshire shelters some of the most beautiful landscapes and unspoilt towns that you can imagine. From poetry to iron, inspiration lives on. A.E.Houseman captured its essence in his poems 'A Shropshire Lad' whilst early ironmasters used it to create a graceful bridge that heralded the Industrial Revolution

#### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

Thursday Our door to door service takes you to the waiting coach for the scenic drive through the heart of England to the Wrekin arriving in the afternoon at Buckatree Hall Hotel, our holiday home for the next 4 nights. Join your fellow guests for a welcome cream tea on arrival. Dinner is followed by tea, coffee and mince pies. Friday - Christmas Eve This morning we have a short drive to historic Shrewsbury. Set within a loop of the meandering River Severn in the heart of Shropshire, Shrewsbury is one of England's splendid heritage towns, with over 600 listed buildings. The black & white timber buildings and picturesque cobbled alleyways house a



selection of independent shops, cafes, restaurants & pubs. We enjoy lunch at the excellent Prince Rupert Hotel before making our way back to the hotel for dinner and entertainment. For those wishing to attend Midnight Mass details of church services will be available. Hot chocolate and mince pies will be served on your return. Saturday - Christmas Day Enjoy a leisurely breakfast and open your presents this

morning. Take a stroll and work up an appetite for Christmas Lunch. Listen to the Queens speech followed by tea, coffee, mince pies and Christmas cake. A buffet dinner will be followed by a festive quiz.

Sunday - Boxing Day This morning we have a short drive to scenic Ironbridge, travelling into the gorge and taking a break in Ironbridge village. Take a stroll over the bridge itself and wonder at its amazing construction. We return to the hotel for a light lunch served at midday before leaving for the Oakengates Theatre in Telford and take our seats for the Christmas Pantomime and an afternoon of fun and laughter. Tonight we have a Gala Dinner followed by a final evening of entertainment. Monday After a leisurely breakfast we bid farewell to our hosts and begin our

homeward journey. After suitable stops we arrive in our home area mid afternoon.

#### INCLUSIONS

Choice of menu

- ✓ 4 nights full board accommodation
  - ✓ Visit to the Pantomime
- Welcome cream tea on arrival

Porterage

- Visit to Shrewsbury
- Excursions as listed

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#### **Buckatree Hall Hotel**

**YOUR HOTEL** 

The 3 star Buckatree Hall Hotel is a renowned comfortable country house hotel, with its own mature gardens and private lake, offering a relaxing retreat where you can escape from the pressure of day to day life. Many of the rooms enjoy scenic views of the hotels own lake and gardens, providing a memorable setting in which to relax. All bedrooms are en-suite and have a television and tea/coffee making facilities. This hotel does have a lift.



### **Christmas Luxury in Bournemouth**

#### Thursday 23rd to Monday 27th December

We invite you to join us for Christmas in Bournemouth, often referred to as the Garden City by the sea. Our destination assures us of a wonderful festive atmosphere, created both by the town centres decorations and our super hotel, all in all, the perfect ingredients for a memorable Christmas break.

#### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

**Thursday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach, we travel to Bournemouth. Arriving mid afternoon at our hotel, we enjoy a welcoming glass of sherry and a mince pie. We have time to settle in before dinner, which is followed by the first of our nightly entertainment.

Friday – Christmas Eve A leisurely breakfast is served before we join the coach for a pleasant morning drive into the New Forest, an enchanting expanse of ancient trees, heathland and woodland wildlife, we serve warming brandy coffees on board the coach before returning to our hotel in time for an included lunch. This evening we join the management team for a drinks reception before dinner which is followed by entertainment from a live band. For those returning from midnight mass, boozy hot chocolate will be served.



**Saturday – Christmas Day** Merry Christmas! After a leisurely Bucks Fizz breakfast, spend the morning enjoying the stunning views or take a walk along the seafront to work up an appetite. Traditional Christmas lunch is followed by the Queen's Speech with tea/coffee and Christmas cake. A light buffet will be served this evening followed by more entertainment.

**Sunday – Boxing Day** Our first visit of the day is Romsey, the setting of TV's 'Inspector Wexford' programmes. We return to the hotel for a light buffet lunch before we attend an afternoon performance of the Pantomime Cinderella at the Bournemouth Pavilion theatre. Back at the hotel, a Boxing Day four course dinner will be served followed by dancing and live music to bring our final night to a close. **Monday** We enjoy out final morning's breakfast before we make our way home, arriving in our home areas mid afternoon after a memorable break.

#### INCLUSIONS

Choice of menu

- ✓ 4 nights full board accommodation
- Ticket to the Pantomime
- Hotel entertainment each evening
- ✓ Full excursion programme

#### YOUR HOTEL

Porterage

#### **Cumberland Hotel**

The 4 star Cumberland was voted by our clients last Christmas as one of the best we have ever visited and justly deserves its award as the top 4 star hotel in Bournemouth. Situated on the prestigious East Cliff of Bournemouth, offering spectacular views and a bright, modern interior, the hotel is just a few minutes' walk from the seven miles of golden beaches in Bournemouth and a ten minute walk from the town centre. Each of the en-suite rooms have tea and coffee making facilities and there is a lift that serves all floors. Public rooms include an elegant restaurant and stylish lounge bar. Whilst the hotel does not have an indoor pool, guests are welcome to use the indoor leisure facilities of the sister hotel which is conveniently situated next door.



### A 'Fab' Christmas in Liverpool

#### Thursday 23rd to Monday 27th December

Known for being the hometown of the world famous Beatles our Christmas tour in Liverpool offers a unique experience of the iconic places that inspired the songs of the Fab 4 and celebrate that special time of year. We include a great hotel located in the heart of the city with panoramic views of the Mersey, a guided tour of the renowned city and a traditional Pantomime.

#### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

**Thursday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach as we drive north to Liverpool. We arrive at the Mercure Atlantic Tower Hotel, our home for the next four nights, where tea/coffee and treats are served on arrival whilst the luggage is taken to our rooms. This evening we enjoy pre dinner cocktails and canapes, then after dinner entertainment is provided.

**Friday – Christmas Eve** This morning we are joined by our local guide for a fascinating tour of the city, including places such as Strawberry Feld and Penny Lane made famous by the Beatles, Titanic White Star Line headquarters, the Cathedrals and much more. Afterwards we enjoy free time to explore at leisure, a must is the nearby



Albert Dock recognised by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site, before returning to the hotel to prepare for our Celebration Dinner. This evening we are entertained by the hotel's resident singer. Later mulled wine/hot chocolate and mince pies are served **Saturday – Christmas Day** A relaxing day begins with a Bucks Fizz breakfast then perhaps a gentle waterfront stroll before a 4 course traditional Christmas Lunch. Later listen to the Queen's speech with coffee and Christmas cake. Dinner this evening is a hot/cold buffet after which we enjoy a classic Christmas film with ice cream and popcorn

**Sunday – Boxing Day** This morning our excursion takes us through the Mersey Tunnel to the Wirral. We then make the short journey to the always popular Port Sunlight Village, built by William Hesketh Lever for his factory workers and named after his famous Sunlight soap. We return to the hotel for a light lunch then it's off to the Pantomime for a fun time matinee. This evening our final night's dinner brings our Christmas break to a close

**Monday** After breakfast we bid farewell to our hosts and begin our journey home. Arriving mid-afternoon we are greeted by our awaiting taxis after a delightful festive break.

#### INCLUSIONS

 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation

Christmas Day & Boxing Day

- Choice of menu
  - Porterage
- ✓ Guided coach tour of the city
  - Visit to the Pantomime

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#### YOUR HOTEL

lunches

#### Mercure Liverpool Atlantic Tower Hotel

The 4 star Atlantic Tower Hotel is located opposite the iconic Royal Liver building and within walking distance of some of Liverpool's best attractions including the Albert Dock.. All the bedrooms are spacious, modern and well appointed, some with superb views over the city. Public facilities include the Vu Bar & Terrace and a stylish restaurant. Lifts serve all floors.



### A Caledonian Hogmanay

Thursday 30th December 2021 to Sunday 2nd January 2022

A true Caledonian Hogmanay in the heart of Scotland, 4 star accommodation, genuine hospitality excellent entertainment and excursions in splendid Scottish scenery. We return to the excellent Westerwood hotel, a firm favourite with our clients for many many years

#### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

**Thursday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach then north by motorway to enter Scotland at Gretna Green then on through the Lowther Hills and around Glasgow to reach the Westerwood Hotel for a welcome tea/coffee and



shortbread in the lounge, we have time to settle in before dinner. This evening we have live music in the lounge

**Friday - 'New Years Eve'** A full Scottish breakfast before a visit to Edinburgh, Scotland's capital. En-route we pass the newest landmark in the country, the iconic 'Kelpies' at Falkirk. We include a guided city tour then free time before returning to the hotel for an afternoon tea of sandwiches, cones and cakes. The evening's celebrations start with a pre dinner drink then a 5 course dinner with wine followed by live entertainment with a band and DJ. A piper and a glass of champagne welcomes in the 2022 in time honoured fashion

**Saturday - 'New Years Day'** A later brunch this morning then a scenic tour of the Kilsyth and Fintry Hills to historic Stirling. Back at the hotel this evening there will be an International themed buffet dinner followed by quieter entertainment, a quiz and bingo

**Sunday** We say farewell to Scotland, returning through the scenic Clyde Valley to Gretna Green then over the border and the Pennines before arriving in our home area late afternoon after a memorable Caledonian Hogmanay

#### INCLUSIONS

Choice of menu

- ✓ 3 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- New Year entertainment programme
- Excursion programme

### Porterage

**YOUR HOTEL** 

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**Doubletree by Hilton Westerwood Hotel** The 4 star Westerwood, is situated in 400 acres of lovely parkland nestling at the foot of the Campsie Hills, just a short distance from Glasgow making it an ideal base for our tour. Each of the hotels well appointed rooms has its own private bathroom, hospitality tray, direct dial telephone, satellite TV, trouser press and hairdryer. The hotel also features an elegant restaurant, bar, comfortable lounge for relaxation and an excellent leisure complex with an indoor pool.



### **New Year Celebrations in Hampshire**

#### Thursday 30th December to Sunday 2nd January

Our Festive tour takes us to the excellent Norton Park Hotel to celebrate New Year and welcome in 2022. Our hotel, set in beautiful parkland, is close to the historic city of Winchester once capital of the Kingdom of Wessex and is an ideal base from which to explore the area

#### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

**Thursday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the leisurely drive south to Hampshire and the 4 star Norton Park Hotel. On our arrival, mid afternoon, we will be greeted with tea/coffee and mince pies then time to settle in well before this evening's dinner which is followed by entertainment

**Friday – New Year's Eve** A pleasant countryside drive over Salisbury Plain to Stonehenge and on to Salisbury itself. This wonderful cathedral city dominated by Britain's tallest spire has a beautiful heart, maybe follow the Christmas Tree Trail. Twelve wonderfully decorated Christmas trees will be situated across the city centre, starting at Salisbury Cathedral and finishing at the Market Place, the trail will guide you through the medieval streets of Salisbury. We return to the hotel for time to relax. This evening's celebrations begin with a pre-Dinner glass of fizz then a Gala Dinner followed by musical entertainment to welcome in the New Year in time honoured style.



#### Saturday New Year's Day A

later start perhaps before a visit to historic Winchester another great Cathedral and delightful old streets lined by charming buildings all waiting to be discovered. Our return to the hotel allows free time before our farewell dinner which will be followed by more entertainment

Sunday Homeward bound by way of the Hampshire Downs and the thriving country town of Petersfield. We return to our home area mid afternoon at the end of a relaxing New Year break, hopefully with new resolutions still intact!



#### INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- Porterage
- Choice of menu

🗸 Gala Dinner

- Pre-Dinner glass of Fizz
- ✓ Tea/coffee & mince pies on arrival
- ✓ Full excursion programme

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#### **Norton Park Hotel**

**YOUR HOTEL** 

This delightful hotel is located within 54 acres of parkland, only 12 miles from Winchester. Hotel facilities include an indoor swimming pool, a sauna and gym. All bedrooms are en-suite and have a TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. A lift serves all floors.





### The Great Fenn Holidays Reunion 2022

#### Friday 28th to Monday 31st January

After the chaos and uncertainty of 2020/21, join us as we come together for our famous and fun weekend, the Reunion. This year we travel to Kent for a weekend of entertainment and relaxation as well a visit to the cathedral city of Canterbury, Leeds castle and a cream tea and bingo at our hotel. WE HAVE MISSED YOU!





#### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

Friday We depart our home areas travelling to Kent, arriving late afternoon at the Bridgewood Manor Hotel for our 3 night reunion stay. Tea and coffee is available on arrival which is followed by time before dinner and our evening entertainment. **Saturday** This morning we head to historic Canterbury. The city is dominated by the magnificent Cathedral, now a World Heritage Site and the city centre, being very compact is best explored on foot or by a horse drawn carriage. There is a maze of intriguing side streets with a rich variety of specialist shops and welcoming cafes in which to relax. This evening we enjoy entertainment after dinner.

**Sunday** Today we head to Leeds Castle, known as 'the loveliest castle in the world'. Visitors never forget their first glimpse of Leeds Castle, rising majestically from the moat as it has done for nearly 900. After we head to Rochester for a short break before returning to the hotel for cream tea & bingo before time to relax before our Gala Dinner with entertainment afterwards.

**Monday** After breakfast we return to our home areas, using the motorways areas to be greeted by our awaiting taxis.

#### INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- Porterage
- Choice of menu
- Tea/coffee on arrival
- Entertainment each evening

#### YOUR HOTEL

#### Bridgewood Manor Hotel & Spa This delightful 4 star hotel is renowned for its fine food and service. Hotel facilities

Entrance to Leeds castle

- Cream tea & Bingo
- Gala Dinner one evening
- ✓ Tea & coffee after dinner
- Full excursion programme

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hairdryer telephone, and tea/coffee making facilities. The hotel has a lift.

include the Squires restaurant, an open plan lounge and a relaxing bar. Spa facilities include a gym, a swimming pool and sauna. All of the en-suite bedrooms have a TV,

Club**Class ENGLAND** 



### Banish the Winter Blues, Yorkshire & Lancashire with drinks package

Monday 7th to Friday 11th February

Our winter warmer helps banish the blues as we feature a 2 centre 'drinks inclusive' tour visiting Harrogate, Yorkshire and Blackpool, Lancashire. We spend 2 nights in both locations

#### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive north to spend time in historic York: stroll along the famous 'Shambles', visit the imposing Minster or the fascinating Jorvik Viking Centre. We re-join the coach and arrive at our hotel, The Crown, in Harrogate in time for a welcoming tea/coffee and time to settle in before dinner

**Tuesday** This morning we take a scenic drive to Ripley then to delightful Ripon, a busy market town with a small but impressive cathedral. Our scenic drive continues taking us to Pately Bridge at the foot of Nidderdale before returning to Harrogate and our hotel for a full afternoon tea.

Wednesday A later start before our drive to historic Skipton where we take a relaxing boat cruise on the Leeds & Liverpool Canal we are served tea/coffee as we sit back and relax taking in the countryside views and discovering about the canal's history from a entertaining on board commentary. We have time to discover the busy market and lunch before we continue our drive by way of Clitheroe and Longridge Fell to reach the seaside and our luxury hotel, the Imperial in Blackpool Tea/coffee is served on arrival. This evening a 1940's themed dinner is served followed by a musical sing along **Thursday** A morning to discover the attractions of Britain's premier seaside resort. This afternoon the hotel hosts a Heritage Talk and tour of the hotel before offering a Mayflower Spirit Cocktail

**Friday** We enjoy our final morning's breakfast before we make our way home. Our route takes us through the glorious Peak District and includes Buxton and Bakewell. We arrive in our home area late afternoon after a memorable break.

#### INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast accommodation
- Porterage
- Inclusive drinks package between 6 & 11pm each evening
- Choice of menu

#### YOUR HOTELS

The 3 star+ Crown Hotel The 4 star Imperial Hotel Tea/coffee after dinner

- Skipton Canal Cruise
- Afternoon Tea in Harrogate
- 1940's themed dinner
- Heritage Talk, hotel Tour & Cocktail
   Full excursion programme

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### **Mystery Weekends**

Saturday 6th to Monday 8th November 2021 Saturday 22nd to Monday 24th January 2022 Saturday 19th to Monday 21st February 2022 Saturday 26th to Monday 28th March 2022

We are thrilled to re-introduce these popular, great value Mystery Weekends.

Each of these short breaks includes a stay at a hotel of at least a 3-star standard, many of which offer leisure facilities. We also include a full excursion programme with entrances to places of interest.



#### INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- Choice of menu
- PorterageFull Excursion Programme

### ENGLAND Club Class



### The English Riviera Babbacombe

Monday 7th to Friday 11th February

After the success of our previous tours we are delighted to return to Babbacombe in Devon. As alternative destination to the hustle and bustle of adjacent Torquay, Babbacombe boasts its own promenade and of course the famous Babbacombe Model Village. Situated high above two beaches and a harbour the town offers wonderful views and is also home to the historic Babbacombe Cliff Railway, one of the only original working funicular railways still in existence.

#### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

**Monday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the cross country drive to the English Riviera, to arrive at our hotel for a welcoming tea/coffee and time to settle in before dinner.

**Tuesday** After a leisurely breakfast we enjoy a morning journey to Brixham with its beautiful harbour and maze of narrow, winding streets. Explore the harbour side shops, watch the fishermen, or just watch the world go by. We return to Babbacombe for free time in the afternoon to relax and explore our resort before dinner.

Wednesday A visit to rugged Dartmoor spending time in Widdecombe of 'Uncle Tom Cobley' fame before a scenic drive through the National Park to the great Maritime centre of Plymouth. The city is an extraordinary blend of vibrant modern city and historic seafaring port in a picturesque harbour setting. The Elizabethan Barbican where Drake, Raleigh and the Pilgrim Fathers weighed anchor is a great attraction **Thursday** Another fine breakfast before a morning visit to Teignmouth a real hidden gem then on to the county capital, Exeter, noted for its mighty Norman cathedral, stylish shops and interesting museums. We return to the hotel for time to relax before dinner on our final evening.

**Friday** Following breakfast we return to our home areas after a relaxing break on the English Riviera.

#### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- Choice of menu
- ✓ Welcome tea and coffee on arrival
- Porterage
- Tea and coffee after dinner
- ✓ 99p Bar each evening on selected
- drinks

   Live musical entertainment on 2
- nights

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Excursions as listed

#### YOUR HOTEL

The Babbacombe Hotel

The Babbacombe Hotel enjoys a seafront location, overlooking the famous Babbacombe Downs with far reaching views across Lyme Bay. All of the bedrooms are en-suite and there is a lift that serve all floors. A special feature of our tour is a '99p Bar' each night



### York & the Viking Festival

#### Tuesday 15th to Friday 18th February

Each year the historic city of York celebrates its Viking heritage with a wonderful festival as hundreds of Vikings from all over the world descend on the city for the week-long programme of events, including a magnificent Viking wedding reenactment and musical celebrations, authentic combat displays and performances; Viking feasting, and award winning musicians. Our tour includes ample time in the historic city to enjoy the festival and a tour of the scenic North York Moors National Park

#### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

**Tuesday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the leisurely drive to York. We make a coffee stop in Lincoln, then over the magnificent Humber Bridge to Beverly with its impressive Minster before arriving in York mid-afternoon. We enjoy time to settle in and relax before dinner which includes a glass of wine

**Wednesday** After breakfast we enjoy a full day discovering York. The Viking Festival has a whole series of events and re-enactments taking place in the city throughout the day. In addition, York has much to offer the visitor including the cobbled streets of the Shambles, the magnificent Minster and a host of museums including the National railway Museum, the Castle Museum and the new Chocolate Story. Delve into York's heritage, discover hidden attractions off the beaten track, enjoy a snack or wander in and out of the independent shops – the choice is yours! After a day of exploration we return to the hotel for dinner followed by a Quiz

**Thursday** Today we include a scenic drive through the beautiful countryside of the North Yorkshire Moors. We visit the picturesque towns of Malton and Helmsley, then drive along pretty Bilsdale, set in the Cleveland hills, before descending steep Sutton bank to Thirsk, former residence of Alf Wight writer of the James Herriot books. Back at the hotel we enjoy a pre-dinner Happy Hour

**Friday** A leisurely morning to explore more of the famed city of York and time to take lunch. Early afternoon we commence the return journey to our home area and waiting taxis, arriving late afternoon

#### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 3 nights dinner bed & breakfast accommodation
- Choice of menu
- Porterage

**YOUR HOTEL** 

✓ Glass of wine with dinner on 1st night

**Mercure York Fairfield Manor Hotel** 

### Quiz 1 night Pre-dinner d

- Pre-dinner drinks Happy Hour 1 night
- ✓ Tea/coffee after dinner
- ✓ Full excursion programme

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# Our 4 star hotel enjoys a peaceful setting, less than 4 miles from the historic walled city of York, this elegant Georgian manor house sits amongst extensive lush green grounds. All 89 bedrooms are equipped with TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. Public rooms include a comfortable lounge bar and popular restaurant

Visit our website: www.fennholidays.co.uk



### Nice Carnival & Menton Lemon Festival

#### Thursday 10th to Thursday 17th February

This fabulous holiday has now established itself as a firm favourite with our clients. We return to the dazzling French Riviera for Carnival time and a chance to banish the winter blues. Each year this stunning region, renowned for its sunshine, beautiful beaches and the sparkling blue waters of the Mediterranean, comes alive with music, colour and atmosphere. We include tickets for two great shows, the wonderful Grand Carnival Parade in Nice and the spectacular Lemon Festival, a huge citrus-scented celebration in Menton. Our tour is based in the popular Italian resort of Diano Marina located on the Riviera of Flowers.

#### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

Thursday From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive south to Folkestone during which a light breakfast is served. Boarding the morning train a glass of fizz and snacks set the holiday mood as we make our way to Calais and continue our journey into France to arrive at our overnight hotel, the Mercure, in Dijon Friday Magnificent Alpine scenery as we head for Chambery using the Frejus Tunnel to cross the border into Italy. The delightful River Riparia leads us towards the great city of Turin before we turn south to the coast and our holiday resort of Diano Marina arriving late afternoon. A welcome drink is served before our first evening's dinner. Saturday This morning we travel along the wonderful Corniche road via the delightful hill top village of Eze, affording outstanding views, to Nice, among its many attractions are the old town and port, a beautiful flower market and the Promenade des Anglais forming an impressive sea front along the Mediterranean, fringed with palm trees. This afternoon we have included entrance to the colourful parade which takes place along the Promenade. On floats decorated with the most stunning floral compositions, extravagantly dressed characters throw out mimosas, gerberas, and lilies into the public. We return to the hotel for dinner this evening.

**Sunday** A short drive along the spectacular coast takes us to the beautiful town of Menton, just over the border on the French Riviera. In the harbour, new luxurious yachts replace the old small fishing boats. The town is a glorious maze of pretty streets leading up to the Basilica. In between there are quaint shops, markets, chic shops and street cafes. There will be time to view the amazing giant sculptures made of citrus fruits in the Jardins Bioves. This afternoon we take our seats on the Promenade for the procession as float after float of coloured citrus fruit, music and dancing passes us. **Monday** A day at leisure in the early spring sunshine with time to discover our resort of Diano Marina.

**Tuesday** Today we visit the elegant resort of San Remo where we have free time to explore the old quarter with its maze of alleyways and the sweeping beach front. From here we continue to the ancient medieval village of Dolceaqua. The village tumbles down the olive covered hillside from the 12th century ruins of the castle to the River Nervia. We return to the hotel for sparkling wine and cake. This evening there is a farewell Ligurian dinner.

**Wednesday** We begin our homeward journey by travelling north to Turin and the mighty Alps then into France to Lyon. Our final part of the day's drive is through the world famous vineyards of Burgundy to our overnight hotel in Dijon.

**Thursday** From Burgundy we journey north to Reims then through northern France to Calais for the late afternoon crossing to England. We return to our home area mid evening.

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Menton

A Ligurian dinner with regional

Dancing and music one evening

✓ Tickets for the Lemon Festival in

✓ Tickets to Nice Flower Parade

✓ Full excursion programme

#### INCLUSIONS

 7 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation

#### Porterage

#### At main stay

- Choice of menu with daily salad buffet
- Tea & coffee after dinner
- Welcome Prosecco drink & small hors d'oeuvre on arrival

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### YOUR HOTEL

#### **Torino Hotel**

The family run 4 star Torino enjoys an enviable situation in the heart of Diano Marina's centre, yet just minutes' walk from the promenade and beach. It has a modern welcoming feel with comfortable furnishings, super staff and is noted for its excellent food. All the attractively furnished en-suite bedrooms have air conditioning, satellite TV, safe, telephone and hairdryer. Public areas include an outdoor swimming pool, a bar and a lounge/seating area. Lifts serve all floors.



### Welsh Coast & Country House Party

#### Monday 21st to Friday 25th February

We are pleased to return to the beautiful coast and countryside of West Wales. Our base is the little headland village of Gwbert on Sea, situated close to the market town of Cardigan with spectacular views of the sea and surrounding countryside. From here we take in some of the regions National Park scenery and coastal villages.

#### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive west, making a lunch stop in the historic cathedral city of Worcester. This afternoon we drive through the scenic Cambrian Mountains to Aberystwyth then a coastal drive to reach our holiday hotel late afternoon with tea/coffee and biscuits on arrival. We have time to relax before dinner this evening.

**Tuesday** We collect our packed lunches before visiting nearby Cardigan, a charming little town with Georgian and Victorian houses. We continue with a drive through the delightful Teifi Valley to visit the Welsh National Woollen Museum in the quaintly named Drefach Felindre, once the centre of a thriving woollen industry. The historic Cambrian Mill is a special place with a spellbinding tale to tell. We return to the hotel this afternoon with time before dinner.

**Wednesday** Another scenic drive this morning, along the Pembrokeshire peninsula to Tiny St David's, home of Wales' smallest cathedral. After a short stop we travel along the coastal road to Solva and Newgale before arriving in Haverfordwest. Our return to the hotel is over the gentle Preseli Hills.

**Thursday** Collecting our packed lunches we join the coach for a visit to the popular holiday resort of Tenby, but first making a visit to the Wickedly Welsh Chocolate Factory and shop for an interesting insight into the production of the delightful product and possible tasting of the end result. Our return from Tenby is by way of the Pembrokeshire Heritage Coast.

**Friday** We journey home, with our route taking us along the Vale of Neath and over the 'Heads of the Valley' road to the Wye Valley where we make a lunch stop. Continuing on we join the motorway, arriving in our home areas late afternoon to be greeted by our awaiting taxis after an unforgettable break in Wales.

#### INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- Porterage
- Choice of menu
- ✓ Welcome tea/coffee & biscuits on arrival
- Tea & coffee after dinner
- ✓ Happy Hour between 6pm + 9pm
- Live musical entertainment on one evening
- In house activities on 2 nights
- Packed lunch on 2 days
- Visit to the Welsh National Woollen Museum
- ✓ Visit to Wickedly Welsh Chocolate Factory & Shop

Full excursion programme

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#### YOUR HOTEL Cliff Hotel & Spa

Enjoying a prime seafront location and set in 30 acres of headland overlooking beautiful Cardigan Bay, the Cliff Hotel which has been recently refurbished. Public rooms include a restaurant, quiet lounge, conservatory and two bars. The health spa hosts a salt water hydro spa, steam room, sauna, hot tub and gym. All of the tastefully decorated bedrooms are en-suite with a TV, telephone and tea/coffee making facilities. The hotel has a lift that serves all floors.



### St David's Day in Wales

Monday 28th February to Friday 4th March

St David's Day is a day of parades, concerts and eisteddfodau (festivals of music, language and culture). Flags are flown. The national anthem is sung with extra fervour. Children go to school in traditional Welsh dress, and everyone (well, almost...) proudly pins a daffodil or leek to their lapel. Our tour is based in historic Caernarfon which offers a taste of the celebrations of the Patron Saint of Wales

#### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** From your front door to the waiting coach for the drive to Snowdonia. We spend time in historic Shrewsbury then journey west to cross the border where we soon arrive at our hotel late afternoon. We enjoy a welcoming cup of tea or coffee and Bara Brith whilst our luggage is taken to our rooms.

**Tuesday – St David's Day** We begin our day at the massive Caernarfon castle and the start of the colourful celebrations for the National Day of Wales and St David these include parades, music, entertainment, food and much more. During the day explore the charming town centre and its rich history including the castle that dominates all and has featured in many historic events including the investiture of the present Prince of Wales.

**Wednesday** After breakfast we visit Betwys-Y-Coed before heading to Blaenau Ffestiniog, making a scenic drive through the mountains before descending to Porthmadog where we have time at leisure. Our return is by way of Beddgelert and the Pass of Llanberis, at the foot of Snowdon, we arrive at the hotel with time to relax before dinner.

Thursday A relaxing drive along the lovely Vale of Conwy takes us to Conwy itself

with its mighty castle, town walls and quaint harbour it's the perfect place to spend some time. Now a drive along the Coast road to cross the Menai Straits, viewing Thomas Telford's magnificent bridge, then visit the most famous town in Wales, Llanfair PG. Our last visit is to pretty Beaumaris famed for the romantic ruins of its castle. **Friday** After breakfast we bid farewell to our hosts and make our way home. We arrive in our home areas late afternoon to be greeted by out awaiting taxis.



#### INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- Choice of menu including a traditional Welsh Dinner

✓ Porterage

- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Welsh Choir one evening
- Excursions as listed

#### YOUR HOTEL

#### **Celtic Royal Hotel**

The 3 star Celtic Royal Hotel stands in the centre of Caernarfon, just a short walk from the awesome World Heritage Site that is Caernarfon Castle. Hotel facilities include bar, lounges, split-level restaurant and impressive leisure facilities including an indoor swimming pool. All of the en-suite bedrooms have a TV, telephone and tea/coffee making facilities with all being served by a lift.

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### An 'All Inclusive Highland Fling' in Inverness

Saturday 26th February to Friday 4th March & Saturday 9th to Friday 15th April

NEW

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Join us on this brand new 'All Inclusive Highland Fling' break, based in the very centre of Inverness in the Scottish Highlands, surrounded by Highland history, stunning landscapes including Loch Ness, Wester Ross, the 'Malt Whiskey Trail' and culture in this new millennium city. Our tour includes a free bar from 7 - 10 pm nightly, great Scottish entertainment and the opportunity to sample some delicious Scottish delicacies.

#### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

**Saturday** Our door to door service takes you to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive north through North Yorkshire before crossing the border for our 3 star overnight hotel the Holiday Inn Dumfries in the Scottish Borders.

**Sunday** Superb Scottish scenery as we head north, beside bonny Loch Lomond then over Rannoch Moor to tragic Glen Coe. We spend time in Fort William before driving along the Great Glen and beside Loch Ness to reach our holiday hotel, the Palace, in Inverness in time for afternoon tea. This evening a welcome reception precedes dinner with wine, Scottish entertainment and a complimentary bar from 7 - 10pm.

**Monday** Collecting our packed lunches we set off for a drive to Wester Ross, an area containing some of Scotland's most dramatic and beautiful scenery. We cross the Black Isle, pass lofty Ben Wyvis and Loch Glascarnoch to the waterfall at Corrieshalloch Gorge. We spend time in the fishing port and resort of Ullapool set between the mountains and sea, at the head of Loch Broom. A cream tea awaits us at the hotel, then time to relax before another fine dinner and evening of Scottish entertainment. **Tuesday** Today is spent at leisure in Inverness, explore the 'Capital of the Highlands' before an included soup lunch and afternoon cream tea in the hotel.

Wednesday Our excursion today takes us past the emotive battlefield of Culloden

before joining the malt whisky trail as we drive along the Spey valley, then climb to Scotland's highest village, Tomintoul where we make a stop before driving through magnificent Highland scenery to one of the world famous distilleries for an include tour and a 'wee dram'. Later we spend time in the planned town of Grantownon-Spey before returning to the hotel for our



final afternoon tea and our final night dinner and entertainment.

**Thursday** Our drive south takes us through the rugged Grampian Mountains and Glen Garry to Pitlochry where we make a stop then through the lush farmlands of Perthshire to historic Stirling, Gateway to the Highlands. We drive to the castle then have time for lunch in the lower town. The afternoon sees us pass Glasgow and return to our overnight hotel, in Dumfries.

**Friday** We make a visit to the famous 'Smithy' in Gretna Green, then over the border and south through England to historic Richmond where we make a stop for lunch. This afternoon we return to our home area and waiting taxis arriving early evening at the end of a memorable Scottish adventure.

#### INCLUSIONS

- 6 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- Porterage
- Choice of menu
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- At Palace Hotel
- Complimentary bar between 7pm & 10pm each evening on selected drinks
- Welcome drink reception on first evening
- Wine with dinner each evening
- 2 nights of Scottish entertainment
- ✓ 1 soup lunch at the hotel
- 2 packed lunches
- ✓ A Cream Tea on 4 afternoons
- Distillery visit and tasting
- Full excursion programme

#### YOUR HOTEL

#### **Best Western Inverness Palace Hotel**

Located just a few steps from Inverness' city centre and on the banks of the River Ness, this 3 star hotel dates back to the 1890's and combines the best of the past with the contemporary style of the present. All the en-suite bedrooms have a TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. Hotel facilities include an indoor swimming pool, spa, steam room, sauna, an elegant restaurant, stylish bar and lounge area. There is a lift to all floors.

#### Call our Booking Hotline: 01354 653329



### Valkenburg House Party, Three Countries

#### Sunday 27th February to Thursday 3rd March

Our excellent Continental House Party offers a great opportunity to welcome the lighter days of spring it includes super value and fantastic inclusions. We are based in the Dutch town of Valkenburg situated on the borders with Belgium and Germany. The perfect spot for our Three Countries Tour. We include a canal cruise in Maastricht and a visit to beautiful Monschau.

#### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

**Sunday** Our door to door service takes you to the waiting coach for the drive to Folkestone during which a light breakfast is served. Boarding the morning train a glass of fizz and snacks set the holiday mood. On through Belgium, past Bruges and Brussels to cross the Dutch border and reach our hotel in Valkenburg. We arrive late afternoon for a welcoming Kir Royalle then time to settle in before dinner.

**Monday** Today we have a 'Three Countries' tour. We start by driving through South Limburg towards Aachen, the historic spa and border town in North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany. We then head for Vaals, South Eastern Holland, and visit the Drielandenpunt (Three Countries Point), the highest point in the Netherlands where Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands meet! After free time here for lunch, we drive through Belgium and visit the Netherlands American Cemetery at Margraten.



**Tuesday** A day to nearby Maastricht, one of the oldest cities in Holland and home of Andre Rieu. We can enjoy a 1 hour boat trip on the river Maas, taking the sights of Maastricht, passing through 3 locks before exploring the city at our leisure. Our return to the hotel allows time to prepare for the 'Fancy Dress' evening and dinner. **Wednesday** A morning visit to Monschau, without doubt, one of the most beautiful towns in Germany. It's an idyllic place of narrow steep roofed, half timbered houses and inns clustered along the banks of the small River Rur. We return to Valkenburg for an afternoon at leisure.

**Thursday** After breakfast we make our way back to the shuttle terminal via Brussels and Bruges for the afternoon train back to Folkestone. Our return to our home area is early evening at the end of a memorable break.

#### INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- Choice of menu
- Hot & cold buffet breakfast
- Porterage
- Tea & coffee after dinner
- 1 pre-dinner party
- Live musical entertainment 1 evening
- ✓ Free bar on selected drinks each night from 17.00 – 21.30
- Funny dress one evening
- Free entrance to Casino
- ✓ Full Excursion programme

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#### Hotel Walram

**YOUR HOTEL** 

We are assured of a warm welcome and great time at the 3 star Walram Hotel. The hotel is set in a riverside location just a 2 minute walk from the centre of Valkenburg. All of the comfortably furnished en-suite bedrooms are equipped with a TV and hairdryer. There is a traditional restaurant, a modern bar and an outside terrace. The Walram also offers an indoor swimming pool. A lift serves all floors and a free bar is available on selected drinks each evening.

Visit our website: www.fennholidays.co.uk







Monday 28th February to Friday 4th March

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St lves is a former fishing village situated on the rugged, beautiful coast at St lves Bay. The crystal clear waters, golden beaches and the charm of the quaint old houses and winding alleys have inspired generations of artists and drawn visitors since the arrival of the railway in the 19th century. We include visits to Lands' End & St Michael's Mount

#### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

**Monday** From your front door to the waiting coach then by way of Oxford and Swindon to join the motorway to Devon and Cornwall for a late afternoon arrival in St Ives. Tea and biscuits are served on our arrival whilst our luggage is taken to the rooms **Tuesday** We enjoy a scenic tour of the Lands' End Peninsula. taking a drive along the magnificent Atlantic coast to Britain's most westerly point Lands' End where we include entrance to the attractions, discover the eerie feeling of standing on the edge of the world and enjoy the spectacular scenery and awe inspiring cliff views to the Longships and Wolf Rock Lighthouses. Later we spend time in Penzance the principal town and port of Western Cornwall

**Wednesday** A morning visit to legendary St Michaels Mount the beautiful castle topped isle standing proud in Mount's Bay. Depending upon the prevailing tides we can either stroll across the causeway or take a boat to the harbour. Later we return to Marazion and drive to the quaint old Cornish town of Helpston, famous for its 'Flora Day' and Lizard Point, the most southerly point of the mainland. En-route we pass the famous dish aerials of BT's Goonhilly Earth Station

**Thursday** This morning we drive along Carbis Bay and the coastal road to pretty Portreath before returning to St lves for an afternoon at leisure, perhaps visit the world of fine art at the Tate Gallery and the Barbara Hepworth Museum or just take in the beauty of the busy harbour

**Friday** We bid farewell to our hosts and depart St Ives after breakfast. After making a stop for lunch we arrive back in our home area later afternoon.

#### INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Tea or coffee after dinner
- Entertainment 2 nights
   Entrance to Lands End
- Entrance to St Michaels Mount
- Excursions as listed

#### YOUR HOTEL

#### St Ives Bay

Wonderful views await at the St Ives Bay Hotel thanks to its elevated position above Porthminster Beach. The charming town centre, local train station, beaches and numerous shops and eateries are all within comfortable walking distance. The hotel's comfortable en-suite bedrooms are each equipped with a TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities, and many also boast lovely sea views. The hotel has a restaurant, bar, lounge and terrace offering scenic views across the bay. Live entertainment is provided 2 nights of our stay.

### Cream Tea & Choristers

Saturday 5th to Tuesday 8th March

EARLY BOOKING RECOMMENDED

We return to pretty Wells, taking its name from three springs that emerged near the Bishop's Palace. Home to England's smallest cathedral city, the cathedral is one of the most beautiful in England and has a truly medieval character. The highlight of our visit is an included cream tea before Evensong at the beautiful cathedral. We include visits to Georgian Bath, the Mysterious Mendip Hills and maritime Bristol.

#### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

**Saturday** Our door to door service takes you to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive to the West Country. We spend time in Bristol to discover the maritime heritage of the city which includes the restored 'SS Great Western' and the vibrant chic harbour area. We continue late afternoon to reach our holiday hotel, where we are welcomed with a glass of Bucks Fizz, followed by time to settle in before dinner.

**Sunday** A leisurely breakfast before a morning drive to nearby Cheddar Gorge, a popular tourist destination for centuries, we view the magnificent limestone gorge carved into the southern slopes of the Mendip Hills above the village of Cheddar. The sides of the ravine boast the highest inland cliffs in the country. We return to Wells and its magnificent Cathedral is in time for a delicious cream tea before listening to Evensonq. A later dinner is served at the hotel.

**Monday** This morning we visit Street, one of England's most picturesque villages and Clark's Village Outlet Centre. We spend time to explore before continuing to Sheppy's Cider Centre for an insight into the famed Somerset Scrumpy. Our return to Wells

allows time to relax before our final evening's dinner. **Tuesday** After breakfast we bid farewell to our hosts and begin our journey home. Our route includes time in the beautiful Georgian city of Bath, recognised by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. Early afternoon we drive through the wonderful Cotswolds via noble Cirencester and pretty Bibury. We arrive in our home area late afternoon after a memorable weekend break.



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✓ Cream tea at Wells Cathedral

✓ Full excursion programme

#### INCLUSIONS

- 3 night's dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
  - Evensong at the Cathedral
     Tea & coffee after dinner
- Choice of menu
   Porterage
- ✓ Welcome glass of Bucks Fizz

#### YOUR HOTEL

#### **Best Western Swan Hotel**

The 4 star Best Western Swan Hotel is a 15th century coaching inn which faces the west front of Wells Cathedral. The hotel still features some of the original four poster beds and log fires. The hotel boasts 48 individually designed bedrooms, each include tea and coffee making facilities. This hotel does not have a lift but some ground floor rooms are available on request.

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### The Bavarian Forest & Huskies in Germany

#### Monday 7th to Sunday 13th March

#### NEW

For 2022 we are pleased to offer a new tour to a wonderful part of Germany. Join us for a magical journey through Bavaria's enchanted forest, resplendent in all its winter glory. The Bavarian National Forest Park is Germany's oldest national park forming the border between Bavaria and the Czech Republic. On this spectacular scenic tour we include a visit to a Husky Farm, a treetop walk, a visit to a glass works and a tour of the historic city of Passau on the River Danube.

#### A degree of mobility is required to fully enjoy this tour.

#### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

**Monday** Our door to door service takes you to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive to Folkestone during which a light breakfast is served. Boarding the morning train a glass of sparkling wine and snacks set the holiday mood. On reaching Calais we continue into Belgium to find our overnight hotel, the Post Hotel Liege, with time to settle in before our evening meal.

**Tuesday** After breakfast we continue our journey east through Germany. A scenic drive through the Spessart National Forest takes us to the beautiful city of Wurzburg with time for lunch. Later we reach Bavaria and our holiday destination the charming village of Hohenau and our family run hotel, arriving with ample time to settle in well before dinner.

**Wednesday** We set off this morning for a truly scenic drive through the beautiful wintry countryside of the Bavarian Forest, passing the Großer Arber, the region's highest mountain. Our journey concludes at Bodenmais, where we visit Joska Crystal for a fascinating 20 minute guided tour and glass blowing demonstration. Later in the afternoon we enjoy a horse-drawn sleigh ride, followed by a visit to a skiing hut with sandwiches and live music.

**Thursday** Passau is known as the "city of three rivers" due to its unique position as the point at which the three rivers of the Danube, Inn and IIz meet, and this morning we enjoy a 75 minute guided walking tour of this colourful city, once an important trading centre. In the afternoon, we spend time at leisure exploring the Baroque Old Town which was designed by Italian architects in the 17th century. Main attractions include St Stephen's Cathedral, which houses the largest cathedral organ in the world, and the numerous churches and museums set around the picturesque squares, romantic lanes and enchanting riverfront promenades. Back at our hotel, in the evening we enjoy a magical torch-lit walk with mulled wine through the village with our hotel guide.

**Friday** We pay a visit to a husky farm this morning, where we have a guided tour to learn about the lives of these remarkable, hardy dogs. We enjoy a warming drink at the farm, before heading off for a stunning guided walk through the treetops at the spectacular Treetop Walk in the village of Neuschönau on the edge of the Bavarian Forest. This accessible step-free attraction provides unique access to the treetops of the Bavarian Forest along its walking platforms to the impressive gigantic observation tower, from where we can enjoy magnificent views.

**Saturday** We begin our homeward journey, bidding farewell to our hosts and heading back through Germany retracing the route of our outward journey to arrive at our hotel in Liege late afternoon

**Sunday** We return through Belgium, viewing some of the sights of the capital city, Brussels, before reaching Calais for the early afternoon train. We reach our home area and waiting taxis early evening.

#### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 6 nights dinner bed & breakfast accommodation
- Porterage & welcome drink of schnapps
- Choice of main course
- Guided tour of Husky Farm & hot drink
- 🖌 Horse-drawn sleigh ride
- Torch-lit walk with mulled wine on 1 day

Visit to a skiing hut with snacks &

- Guided walking tour of Passau
- ✓ Guided walk at the Bavarian Forest Treetop Walk

**★★**★+

Visit to Joska Crystal

live music

Full excursion programme

#### YOUR HOTEL

#### **Hotel Hohenauer Hof**

Located in the very centre of the charming Bavarian village of Hohenau, the family run Hohenauer Hof offers easy access to the Bavarian Forest. All 80 bedrooms have balconies, offering views over the village and surrounding countryside, and are equipped with TVs, hairdryers & tea/coffee making facilities. The Hohenauer Hof's cosy restaurant serves fresh dishes, ranging from light bites to traditional meals. Guests can enjoy the hotel's leisure facilities, including an indoor pool and sauna. Lifts serve all floors.



### St Patrick's Day in Westport, County Mayo & Connemara

#### Sunday 13th to Saturday 19th March

St Patrick's Day is celebrated all over the world but what better way is there than to join the festivities in the Emerald Isle itself, even more so in the delightful little town of Westport, County Mayo, which nestles beneath Cro Patrick, Ireland's holy mountain, and at the mouth of Clew Bay 'The Bay of 1000 Islands'.

#### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

**Sunday** Our door to door service collects you early morning, taking you to the waiting Club Class coach for the cross country drive to Holyhead, during which a light breakfast is served. Relax and enjoy the hospitality of the club lounge on the ferry crossing. On arrival in Dublin we begin the journey inland to Mullingar and our overnight hotel, the Bloomfield House.

**Monday** Today's journey takes us across the heart of Ireland, travelling by way of Longford before making a lunch stop at Carrick on Shannon. Feeling refreshed we continue by way of Castlebar and on to Westport arriving at our hotel late afternoon. Tea/coffee is served on our arrival.

**Tuesday** A full day tour into magical Connemara, a scenic drive to Leenane on Killary Harbour to Kylemore Abbey, home of an order of Benedictine Nuns set at the foot of the Twelve Pins Mountains. We continue through the breathtaking scenery of the Connemara National Park to Clifden, a charming town overlooking the Atlantic. Now

by Maam Cross and Joyce Country, the setting for the John Wayne film 'The Quiet Man', before returning to our hotel late afternoon.

Wednesday This morning we visit Foxford Woollen Mills, where we tour the mill and experience 19th century life in western Ireland. Later we drive to Achill Island with a tour along the spectacular 'Atlantic Drive' offering wonderful views out to sea and across golden beaches and coastal scenery. Our return affords views of Clew's Bay and its many islands.



**Thursday - St Patricks Day** A day at leisure to partake in the hugely popular St Patrick's Day celebrations. The memorable event starts with colourful themed floats and bands that make their way through the streets of Westport, one of Ireland's most photogenic towns, while the pubs and bars are alive with traditional music. A memorable and jolly experience for all. Later at the hotel dinner is followed by more live music

**Friday** A later start this morning leaving the west coast we head for Dublin via Athlone reaching the capital early afternoon. We enjoy a short sightseeing tour and free time before checking in to our overnight hotel, the Glenroyal in nearby Maynooth, well in time for dinner

**Saturday** We drive to the Dublin port where we join the morning ferry for the sailing to Holyhead enjoying breakfast on board.

✓ Tour of Foxford Woollen Mill

Entrance to Club Lounge on outward

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Visit to Kylemore Abbey

sailing

#### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 6 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- Choice of menu
- Porterage
- Tea/coffee after dinner at each hotel
  Full excursion programme
- Entertainment on St Patricks Day

#### YOUR HOTEL

#### Westport Woods Hotel & Spa

Nestled in a 300-year-old wood, just outside the town of Westport with its shops, cafés and restaurants, the 4-star Westport Woods Hotel & Spa is a welcoming hotel with a large reception and lobby area. The bedrooms feature earthy colours to create a peaceful, relaxing environment and are equipped with a TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. The modern restaurant has lovely views of the surrounding woodland and there's a stylish bar with plenty of comfortable seating. Leisure facilities include a swimming pool, Jacuzzi, steam room, sauna and gym.



### **Bournemouth & Beyond**

#### Monday 7th to Friday 11th March

Renowned as one of our more stylish resorts, Bournemouth boasts spectacular coastal views including the secret Chines which were used by smugglers to conceal their beauty in days gone by; it is clean, fresh and sophisticated, yet remains quite unspoilt in spite of its popularity. We include a visit to the wonderful Compton Acres, the New Forest.

#### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

**Monday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the leisurely journey to the South Coast arriving at the Marsham Court Hotel mid afternoon for tea & biscuits with time to explore or simply settle in and relax before dinner is served. **Tuesday** Our first visit of the day is Romsey, the setting of TV's 'Inspector Wexford' programmes. After spending time here we continue on the Winchester, the ancient Saxon Capital of England and lovely place to spend time with its busy little centre, full of olde worlde character.

**Wednesday** A morning visit to Dorchester, the county town of Dorset, with its busy weekly market. The afternoon is spent at Compton Acres, voted one of the finest gardens in Europe taking its visitor on a fascinating journey through the gardens of the world. It is of late Victorian mixed style design with seven distinct gardens to wander around and enjoy. We return to Bournemouth by way of Poole with its lovely natural harbour.

**Thursday** A scenic drive through the delightful New Forest we view the charming thatched cottages of Brockenhurst and Lyndhurst before spending time in historic Salisbury, known as 'The City in the Countryside' and famous for its Cathedral Spire.

Friday We depart our hotel after breakfast for

mid afternoon.after a delightful Spring break

the homeward journey, arriving in our home area



#### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- Choice of menu
- Porterage

- Tea & coffee after dinner
- Entertainment some evenings
- Entrance to Compton Acres
- Excursions as listed

#### YOUR HOTEL

#### **Marsham Court Hotel**

We return once again to the 3 star Marsham Court Hotel, situated on the East Cliff with magnificent views yet centrally located a few minutes' walk from the pier. Many of the en-suite bedrooms have sea view and balcony, and all have satellite T.V., telephone, radio, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. A lift serves all floors. The hotel also offers a restaurant and a bar and lounge that opens on to a terrace overlooking the sea. For the energetic there is an outdoor swimming pool and games room, entertainment is offered some evenings during our stay.



### Torquay & Devon Riviera

#### Monday 14th to Friday 18th March

Torquay, a traditional yet thriving seaside town set on Devon's English Riviera coast, is known as the heart of the English Riviera. With its iconic palm trees, busy harbour, international marina, sandy beach and wonderful array of continental styled cafes, the scene is set for the perfect Devon seaside holiday. Our tour includes visits to Paignton, Totnes, Dartmoor and Plymouth with nightly entertainment in the hotel.

#### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

**Monday** From your front door to the Club Class coach for the drive south to Devon. Arriving late afternoon we enjoy time to relax before dinner, which will be followed by the first evening of our entertainment programme.

**Tuesday** Our first visit today is to Paignton, Torquay's neighbour and one of the brightest jewels in the English Riviera's crown. Explore the harbour and sheltered coves or enjoy a stroll along the promenade. This afternoon we head to the port of Brixham, with its quaint narrow streets heading up from the waterfront. This quintessential English harbour enjoys a colourful and vibrant feel all year round, making it an ideal place for us to explore. Why not take a wander down to the harbour, here you will find a replica of the Golden Hind, Sir Frances Drake's ship. After time to watch the many boats heading across the bay to Torquay and beyond, we return to the hotel with time to relax before dinner and this evening's entertainment.

**Wednesday** This morning we head for rugged Dartmoor passing through the little town of Moretonhampstead spending time in Widdecombe of 'Uncle Tom Cobley' fame before climbing the lonely road over the centre of the moor to the village of Princeton, home to the foreboding Dartmoor Prison, then descend to historic Plymouth. The historic seafaring port enjoys a picturesque harbour setting. The Elizabethan Barbican where Drake, Raleigh and the Pilgrim Fathers weighed anchor is a great attraction. A direct route returns us to the hotel

**Thursday** After another fine breakfast we make our way to the lovely town of Totnes with its variety of shops and historic buildings. We have time here before making our way to Dartmouth with its River Dart which is busy with boats of all shapes and sizes. We have time for lunch and exploration before we return to the hotel this afternoon for our final evening's dinner and entertainment.

**Friday** After breakfast we bid farewell to our hosts and make our way home. We arrive in our home areas late afternoon after a delightful holiday in Devon.

#### INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- Porterage
- Choice of menu
- Entertainment each evening
- Full excursion programme

#### YOUR HOTEL Headland Hotel

The 3 star Headland Hotel, another Fenn Holiday favourite, is set majestically overlooking Meadfoot Beach and the sea. Originally built for the Romanoff's, the Russian Royal family, the hotels facilities include a sauna, 2 bars and is set in 2 acres of glorious grounds. All of the bedrooms are en-suite and have a TV and tea/coffee making facilities. A lift serves most floors.

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### All Inclusive in the Lake District & Cumbria

Monday 14th to Friday 18th March

NEW

England's Lake District need little introduction with Lake Windermere, mint cake and Ullswater being some of its most popular attractions. As a contrast, the rugged moorlands and fells are equally attractive in their own way. This new holiday offers beautiful scenery and an 'all inclusive' package with entertainment on 2 evenings.

#### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive north. We make a stop in elegant Harrogate then enjoy impressive Yorkshire Dales scenery as we travel to Cumbria. Arriving mid-afternoon we have time to settle in before dinner this evening.

**Tuesday** After breakfast we collect our packed lunches and travel via the shores of nearby Windermere to Beatrix Potter's delightful Hawkshead. After time to explore another scenic drive takes us to Coniston Water, scene of Donald Campbell's ill-fated record attempt, then back to the hotel where we have time to relax before dinner this evening which will be followed by musical entertainment

**Wednesday** We travel via the medieval village of Cartmel and on to the fascinating Lakeland Motor Museum. Here we see a diverse and unique collection of road transport with some 30,000 exhibits assembled over a period of around 50 years. We return to the hotel for a light lunch and enjoy the afternoon at leisure in Grange over Sands.

**Thursday** Our destination today is Keswick for its weekly market day. Wander around the variety of stalls, shops, cafes and tea rooms whilst enjoying views of Skiddaw Mountain. A packed lunch is provided today and this afternoon we take a break in delightful Grasmere, a pretty village noted for its association with the great Lakeland poet William Wordsworth, before our return to the hotel. This evening dinner is followed by more entertainment

**Friday** A fine breakfast before bidding farewell to our hosts as we depart for home. We make for Kirkby Lonsdale and on through broad Ribblesdale with its peaks and caverns to reach Skipton where we have time for the bustling market and lunch. Late afternoon we return to our home area after a memorable break among some of England's finest scenery.

#### INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- Choice of menu
- Tea& coffee after dinner
- Porterage
- 3 packed lunches
- Complimentary drinks voucher each day

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- A light lunch at the hotel
- 2 evening's entertainment
- Entrance to Lakeland Motor Museum
- Excursions as listed

YOUR HOTEL

#### **Cumbria Grand Hotel**

The 3 star Cumbria Grand Hotel is located just a 3 minute walk from the beach in Grange over Sands and is set in 25 acres of gardens and woodlands. The hotel itself has retained its Victorian grandeur yet still provides every modern amenity and overlooks Morecambe Bay. All of the 124 en-suite bedrooms have a TV, hairdryer, telephone and tea/coffee making facilities. There is a comfortable lounge and bar and the hotel has a lift that serve all floors.



### Eastbourne & Bluebell Railway 'Steam & Cream'

#### Monday 21st to Friday 25th March

Popular Eastbourne is a lovely, elegant seaside town sheltered by the rolling expanse of the South Downs and the towering cliffs of Beachy Head. It enjoys a remarkably mild and sunny climate, therefore earning its reputation as the 'Suntrap of the South', even at this time of year, if we're lucky! Noted for its cleanliness, beautiful carpet gardens, the attractive three miles of splendid, flat promenade and, of course, the pier.

#### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

**Monday** From your front door to the Club Class coach for the drive south to Eastbourne. Arriving mid-afternoon we have time to relax before dinner. **Tuesday** Today we travel to beautiful Regency Brighton where we have time to explore the wonderful architecture including breathtaking Brighton Pavilion and the Crescent plus the pier and of course the marvellous shopping centre. Later after time for lunch and a good stay we travel via the South Downs to Sheffield Park and enjoy a 'chug' on the Bluebell Railway with an included Cream Tea.

**Wednesday** This morning we have an enjoyable excursion first to lofty Beachy Head then through the lovely Cuckmere Valley villages, including East Dean, the very charming village of Alfriston where we spend some time, before returning to Eastbourne for an afternoon at leisure.

Thursday Our final day excursion takes us east through Hastings to Rye with its cobbled streets, quaint buildings and famous Thursday market. Our return is through the Rother Levels to spend time in historic Battle scene of the 1066 battle that changed the course of English history

**Friday** We depart mid-morning for the leisurely journey back through Kent via Tenterden and Biddenden to our home area, arriving midafternoon.



✓ Tea/coffee after dinner

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#### INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
  - Live entertainment on 3 evenings
     Cream tea on the Bluebell Railway
- Choice of menu
   Porterage
- Full excursion programme

#### YOUR HOTEL

#### Langham Hotel

The Langham Hotel family run AA four-star hotel with an excellent location on the seafront of Eastbourne looking across the bay towards the Pier. It is just a short walk to the pier, town and amenities with a bus stop directly opposite the hotel providing services running along the coast and into town. The Langham Hotel has been awarded an AA Rosette for Fine Dining for the past 9 years in a row. All of the 77 en-suite bedrooms have a TV, hairdryer, telephone, hospitality tray and Wi-Fi. The hotel has a lift that serves all floors.

Call our Booking Hotline: 01354 653329



### Tuscan Camellias & Villas

#### Wednesday 16th to Thursday 24th March

NEW

An exciting new tour takes us to stunning, sun drenched Tuscany; the Italian region rich in both history and wonderful architecture, considered to be one of the most beautiful parts of Europe. Our base is the charming town of Montecatini Terme and our fabulous itinerary includes a visit to the "Ancient Camellias of Lucchesia". With medieval architecture, the Tuscan landscape and the first warm breezes of the season make the journey to the gardens, a must for those who enjoy this vibrant bloom. This, along with an authentic Italian cookery class including lunch, entrance to stunning villas and a visit's to some of the region's most beautiful places, make for a wonderful spring holiday.

#### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

**Wednesday** Our door to door service takes you to the waiting coach for the drive to Folkestone. We board the morning shuttle train to Calais, during which a glass of fizz and snacks are served. Through France to Reims and on to our overnight hotel in Dijon for dinner.

**Thursday** The finest Alpine scenery to Chamonix then through the Mont Blanc Tunnel and along the grand Aosta Valley to Genoa. Along the scenic Riviera coast to reach Tuscany and our hotel in Montecatini Terme early evening.

**Friday** This morning we visit a local 'agriturismo' where we will have a short introduction to the tasty world of Italian cuisine. We will gain some experience in the art of making homemade pasta and prepare a typical Tuscan dish. After a Tuscan lunch, the afternoon is spent at leisure in our resort, which is famous for famous for its thermal waters and is one of the largest 'spa towns' in Italy.

**Saturday** One of the highlights of our tour! Today we are joined by a guide and head first to Sant'Andrea di Compito – a charming village, which in March changes into a colourful flowery paradise. Here we can admire the oldest types of camellias in Italy. We visit Villa Orsi with its breathtaking garden. Now on to Villa Torrigiani in Lucca, a luxurious 16th-century Tuscan Baroque style building, with blossoming gardens filled with camellias and pools. Inspired by Versailles the palace like villa has an impressive Flora Garden-Theatre, with grottos and spectacular working water features. After a wonderful day we return to our hotel with time to relax before dinner.

**Sunday** Today we use a different mode of transport, travelling by train to Florence, the art and cultural metropolis of Tuscany. The cathedral of Florence dominates the cityscape and together with the Campanile and the Baptistery forms one of the most magnificent collections of art anywhere on the planet. The austerity and the beauty of the city, the pride and the consistency of the Florentines is manifested in a unique way in the Palazzo Vecchio. We visit the interesting sights of the historic district accompanied by a local guide. Later admire the jewellery shops on the Ponte Vecchio or enjoy an Italian espresso before we return to the hotel with time at leisure before

dinner. **Monday** Another full day of guided visits. Our first destination is Volterra, a former Etruscan settlement is located on a rise with a splendid view of the surroundings. Next, we travel to beautiful San Gimignano, known as the "city of beautiful towers". It had

72 towers in its heyday. Now 14 remain, and, rising above Tuscany's Elsa Valley, they

make the town look like a mediaeval dreamscape. During our stay, take in the fresco-

covered Collegiate Church, the Civic Museum. We return to Monticatini with time to relax before dinner.

**Tuesday** This morning we visit the medieval village of Vinci, the birthplace of its most famous son, Leonardo da Vinci. We spend time at leisure to explore Vinci, why not visit the Museum of Leonardo and admire the models, which were constructed in accordance with Leonardo's own drawings. Later we continue to the beautiful village of Lari, exquisitely located in the hills of Pisa surrounding by cypresses, olive groves and vineyards. We then visit the village's own pasta factory, owned and run by the Martelli family since 1926, which produces and exports pasta worldwide. Back at the hotel we enjoy our final evening in Italy.

**Wednessday** This morning we bid farewell to our hosts in Montecantini and begin the journey back to Dijon. We travel back through northern Italy and the alpine peaks via Chamonix at the foot of Mont Blanc then the French Savoy to Macon and the Saone valley, home of the finest Burgundy vineyards. We reach our overnight hotel in Dijon well in time for dinner

**Thursday** From Dijon we journey north to Reims then through northern France to Calais for the late afternoon shuttle train to Folkestone. We return to our home area mid evening.

#### INCLUSIONS

- 8 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- Porterage
- At resort hotel:
- Choice of menu on most evenings
- 'Pasta Party' dinner with salad buffet, wine & water on 1 evening
- 4 course traditional dinner on 1 evening
- Tea or coffee after dinner
- Cooking class in local farmhouse including lunch

- ✓ Guided tour of Sant'Andrea di Compito Camellias
   ✓ Full day tour guide with entrances to
- Villa Orsi & Villa Torrigiani Guided walking tours of Volterra &
- San Gimignano Return train to and guided walking
- tour of Florence
- Full day tour guide for Vinci and Lari

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- Visit to a pasta factory
- Full excursion programme

#### **YOUR HOTEL**

#### Hotel Adua & Regina di Saba

The 4 star Hotel Adua & Regina di Saba is a noted hotel in Montecatini Terme. Recently renovated, it is elegant and charming and located close to the Spa and to the Shopping centre. The hotel has been owned by the same family for 3 generations and features comfortable, well furnished en-suite bedrooms with a hairdryer, a telephone, a TV, air conditioning, minibar and a safe. Other facilities include an elegant lounge, bar and restaurant and in indoor/outdoor swimming pool. A lift serves all floors.



# Boats, Trams & Treasures of the Peak District

#### Sunday 20th to Thursday 24th March

NEW

The Peak District is known and loved by many for its breath-taking views, bustling market towns and pretty villages. From the high, moorland plateaus in the north, to the steep-sided, deep dales and rolling green hills in the south of the area, Our new tour offers this and more, a relaxing canal cruise through the Derwent Valley, a visit to Crich Tramway Village and a pudding making experience at the Old Original Bakewell Pudding Shop

#### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

Sunday From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the leisurely drive north. Travelling via Rutland Water and Melton Mowbray we spend time in the city of Robin Hood', Nottingham, before arriving at our hotel, the 4 star Mickleover Court, mid afternoon. Tea & Coffee is served whilst the luggage is taken to our rooms Monday We begin our day in Cromford where we board a narrow boat for a return cruise through the picturesque Derwent Valley then have free time in Matlock. This afternoon we visit Arkwright's Cromford Mill, afforded World Heritage Status by UNESCO as the world's first water powered Cotton Mill. After a guided tour of both Mill and village and time for refreshments we return to our hotel late afternoon Tuesday Peak District scenery at its finest today as we head for Ashbourne, famous for its gingerbread, then glorious Dovedale and Axe Edge to spend time in the elegant spa town of Buxton. Later we drive through pretty Miller's Dale to the 'Cathedral of the Peaks' at Tideswell then to Ladybower reservoir, used by the RAF as practice for the Dam Busters, to reach pretty little Castleton set amidst dramatic scenery close to caves, caverns and the Blue John mines. Later we visit the plague village of Eyam immortalised in the children's nursery rhyme before returning to the hotel Wednesday This morning we enjoy a pudding making experience at the Old Original Bakewell Pudding Shop in pretty Bakewell where we assemble our own original Bakewell Pudding to take home. This afternoon we visit the superb National Tramway Museum. The authentic village scenes transport you back in time, with cobbled streets and the gentle rumble of passing trams. The Tramway Street hosts many period features such as shops, ice cream parlour, tea rooms and more. Catch a lovely restored tram for a ride down the street and out into the Derbyshire countryside - our tickets include unlimited rides.

**Thursday** Our journey home includes a visit to the famous Denby Pottery centre before returning to our home area mid afternoon

#### INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- Choice of menu
- Tea or coffee after dinner each evening
- Guided tour of Arkwright's Cromford Mill
- Cromford Canal Cruise
- Entrance to Crich Tramway Museum
- Pudding Making Experience in Bakewell
- ✓ Full excursion programme

#### **YOUR HOTEL**

#### Hallmark Mickleover Court Hotel

This modern hotel offers stylish and contemporary accommodation, all rooms include free WiFi and a satellite TV, a private bathroom with a hairdryer and some rooms have a balcony. Hotel facilities include a bar, restaurant, indoor swimming pool, gym, sauna, steam room, spa bath and whirlpool! The hotel is served by a lift.



### Mother's Day – Florimania at Hampton Court

#### Friday 25th to Sunday 27th March

**NEW** 

Spoil the most important lady in your life. Want to treat your mum to a day out rather than the usual box of chocolates? Then join us on this special weekend break that includes time in Royal Windsor, leisure time in our capital city, London and a memorable visit to Florimania at Hampton Court Palace

#### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

**Friday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive south to Royal Windsor. We will have time to explore the town, visit the magnificent castle or take a relaxing cruise on the River Thames. Late afternoon we check into our hotel with ample time to relax before dinner.

**Saturday** Today we visit Florimania at Hampton Court Palace, a great Mother's Day event to attend as it's perfect for mums who love horticulture, appreciate the artistry of floral arrangements and love historical castles and palaces. After enjoying the floral extravaganza inside the palace visitors can step outside to enjoy 65 acres of world-famous gardens. See King William III's formal gardens with its iconic conical yew trees, explore the daffodil-filled 'wilderness', and wind your way through the palace's labyrinthine maze. There are Flower arranging demonstrations and plenty of refreshment facilities to enjoy. In addition to this natural beauty you can explore the ornate staterooms and hidden courtyards of King Henry VIII favourite residence **Sunday** A fine breakfast before joining the coach for the easy drive into London. We include a short sightseeing tour of the principal landmarks then free time to explore at leisure. Our homeward journey sees us arriving late afternoon at the end of a memorable time



#### INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- Porterage
- Choice of menu

**YOUR HOTEL** 

- ✓ Tea/coffee after dinner
- Entrance to Hampton Court Palace & Florimania
- Full excursion programme

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#### **Doubletree by Hilton Woking**

The modern Doubletree by Hilton is located in the centre of Woking a short walk from the High Street. Each bedroom features an en-suite bathroom, TV, tea/coffee making facilities and a hairdryer. Public rooms include a stylish Bar and open plan restaurant. The hotel is served by a lifts.

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# Springtime in Paris on the River Seine

## Tuesday 22nd to Friday 25th March

One of the stars of our recent programmes, we are thrilled to offer this lovely cruise once again. The romantic city of Paris is the Capital of Capitals, for there's no city quite like Paris, it's fascinating, it's beautiful and it's dazzling. The many sights to see include the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, the Sacre Coeur, Notre Dame and the Champs Elysees but the real essence of Paris is captured by the River Seine. Our accommodation is aboard the MS Botticelli a River Cruise Ship moored close to the Eiffel Tower

### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

**Tuesday** Our door to door services takes you to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive to Folkestone during which a light breakfast is served. Boarding the shuttle, a glass of fizz and snacks set the holiday mood On arrival in France we continue our drive south to arrive in Paris late afternoon. On arrival at the MS Botticelli we are welcomed aboard by the crew, then plenty of time to settle into cabins before dinner followed by a Evening show.

**Wednesday** Following breakfast we include a coach tour of the city. We will see many of the famous landmarks including The Louvre, Notre Dame, Arc de Triomphe and the



Champs Elysees. We return to the ship for lunch. The afternoon is free to do whatever you wish, the coach will be available for transfers to the centre for those who want to explore further on their own. Others may choose to relax on board and enjoy the ships facilities. This evening, dinner is followed by music for dancing and, depending on water levels, we may cruise to the business district of La Defense, travelling through the Suresnes Lock before returning to our mooring for the night.

**Thursday** We enjoy breakfast on board before departing by coach for a guided visit to old Montmartre. The Basilica of Sacre Coeur is amazing and affords wonderful panoramic views of the city. Lunch on board is followed by a leisurely afternoon. This evening we enjoy a wonderful Gala Dinner followed by a cruise through Paris at night. The city and Eiffel Tower seem even more beautiful when illuminated particularly from our vantage point on the Seine.

**Friday** Following breakfast we disembark and travel north to spend time in Amiens with its magnificent Gothic Cathedral, the world's largest. Later we continue our drive Calais for the afternoon shuttle train back to the UK. We return to our home area early evening after a truly memorable Parisian break

Evening with music for dancing
Guide tour of Montmartre

Tour of Paris

Excursions as listed

## INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 3 nights full board accommodation
- Porterage
- Evening Show on board
- ✓ Gala Dinner with Paris by night cruise

## YOUR RIVER CRUISER

#### **MS Botticelli**

Operated by the river cruise specialists CroisiEurope, the MS Botticelli is a Prestige, 2 deck ship offering a welcoming and refined atmosphere. All the spacious, comfortable en-suite cabins are located above water level, have twin or double beds, satellite TV, radio, hairdryer and safe. Facilities include a lounge bar with dance floor, bar, dining room, large sundeck with deckchairs and a gift shop





# 'All Inclusive' in Newquay

## Monday 28th March to Friday 1st April

After the success of the TV series, Poldark, the county of Cornwall, setting for the programme, has seen a large increase in visitors. Our visit to Newguay offers beautiful scenery and some of the locations used in the filming plus an 'All Inclusive' package. We include entrances to the fabulous Eden Project and scenic coastal drive.

### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

Monday From your front door to the waiting coach to join the motorway, travelling to Cornwall for a late afternoon arrival in Newquay. We have time to settle in before this evening's dinner with entertainment to follow. Don't forget, a free bar on selected bands is available from 6 – 9pm each evening.

Tuesday A morning visit to the Cornish capital, Truro, with its distinctive and attractive cathedral. We return to the hotel for a light lunch then take an afternoon drive to the popular coastal resorts of Perranporth and St Agnes. Dinner this evening is once again followed by entertainment.

Wednesday Today we collect our packed lunch then set off for the incredible Eden Project, a global garden spread over 25 acres, all under the cover of two enormous domes and are the largest of their type in the world. We make a visit to Charlestown a picturesque harbour complete with tall ships where many of the scenes from the drama series were filmed. We return to our hotel with time to relax before dinner which will be followed by entertainment.

Thursday We make our way to Padstow, a busy fishing port but today best known as the home of TV chef and restauranteur Rick Stein. We return to the hotel for a one course hot buffet lunch, an afternoon at leisure, with a lovely cream tea. Our final evening's dinner is followed by more entertainment.

Friday We depart Newquay after a leisurely breakfast for the journey home. Using the motorways we arrive in our home areas late afternoon.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights full board accommodation
- Porterage
- Choice of menu
- ✓ Tea & coffee after dinner
- Packed lunch on 1 day
- 2 light buffet lunches
- Cream Tea on one afternoon
- ✓ 3 course Cornish themed dinner on 1 evening
- Entertainment each evening
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- ✓ Free Bar each evening 6 9 pm on selected brands
- Entrance to the Eden Project
- ✓ Full excursion programme

## **YOUR HOTEL**

#### **Esplanade Hotel**

Situated in a guiet location, this hotel offers superb coastal views over Fistral beach. Each of the en-suite bedrooms is equipped with a television, hairdryer and hospitality tray, while the spacious lounge, bar and restaurant all offer wonderful views. Comprehensive leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool. Our stay includes nightly entertainment and a free bar each evening on selected drinks. The hotel is served by a lift.



Thursday 31st March to Monday 4th April

**NEW** 

A brand new tour for 2022 We spend this week surrounded by the stunning landscape of the South Downs, Sussex and Portsmouth. Enjoying time in quaint market towns, historic cities and looking over the surrounding area from the sky, as well as a chance for cream tea.

#### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

Thursday Our door to door service takes you to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive south to Hampshire. Arriving late afternoon, we enjoy tea or coffee and biscuits followed by time to settle in before dinner.

Friday This morning we drive east, venturing into the South Downs National Park. We pass the famous Goodwood House, as we make our way through the town of Midhurst. Heading west we enjoy views of the beautiful woodlands and open grassy plains of the National Park. We reach the quaint market town of Petersfield, where we make a lunch stop. This afternoon, we visit Stansted Park Garden Centre where we have a chance to explore the variety of flowers and gifts. We return to the hotel for time to relax before dinner.

Saturday Our day takes us east to the cathedral city of Chichester. At the heart of the city lies the Tudor Market Cross and Norman Cathedral surrounded by a host of independent shops, restaurants, pavement cafes and a number of galleries. This afternoon we then visit Bognor Regis for a short time, be sure to visit the towns many parks and gardens, or just relax at one of the towns cafes or public houses. The town also hosts a delightful promenade and a small pier. After time to discover this picturesque seaside resort we make our way back to our hotel.

Sunday After breakfast, we make the short drive to Portsmouth, arriving at the Emirates Spinnaker Tower. This stunning 170 metre icon of the South Coast and Britain's best viewing tower offers breath-taking panoramic views of Portsmouth's harbour and skyline. The rest of the day is yours to explore, perhaps visit the Historic Dockyard, home of 'Victory' and 'Mary Rose', visit the lovely cathedral or just relax and watch the ships come and go.

Monday After breakfast we bid farewell to Hampshire and begin our homeward journey.

### INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- cream tea
- Porterage
- Entrance to the Spinnaker Tower &
- ✓ Full excursion programme
- Choice of menu

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## **YOUR HOTEL** Langstone Hotel

This stunningly individualistic hotel is situated on the south coast between Portsmouth and Chichester, overlooking picturesque Langstone Water. Hotel facilities include a leisure club with a swimming pool, sauna and Jacuzzi. All of the bedrooms are en-suite with a TV, radio, telephone, hairdryer and hospitality tray. A lift serves all floors.

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## Cathedral, Chateaux & Castles

Monday 4th to Friday 8th April

NEW

County Durham, the 'Land of the Prince Bishops' is a region rich in history, culture and outstanding natural beauty. The glorious Durham Dales offer a nice contrast to the splendour of Bowes Museum, the nostalgia of Beamish Museum and the magnificent Durham Cathedral.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive to Northumbria, arriving late afternoon at the Blackwell Grange Hotel. Tea/coffee and biscuits are served on arrival which is followed by time to settle in before this evening's dinner.

**Tuesday** Leaving after breakfast we begin our day with a drive to the market town of Barnard Castle. Known as 'Barny' to the locals, we have time to explore the town and obtain lunch. You can see where Dickens immortalised 'Dothboys Hall', take a look at Cromwell's refuge, browse round the antique shops or visit the castle itself, high above the Tees. We then visit Bowes Museum, just outside the town. This is one of County Durham's biggest surprises. Housed in a majestic French-style chateau, the Museum opened in 1892 and will amaze you with its superb collection including the amazing and beautiful Silver Swan.

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

**Thursday** This morning we travel to the ancient and historic City of Durham, acclaimed as a World Heritage Site and dominated by the magnificent Norman Cathedral and Castle, high above the River Wear. We have the day to explore the city with its labyrinth of little streets and alleyways, or you may fancy a stroll by the river. **Friday** After breakfast we enjoy a scenic drive through the North Yorks Moors National Park before descending steep Sutton bank to join and make use of the motorways on our drive south, arriving in our home areas late afternoon after an unforgettable break in Northumbria.

### INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- Porterage
- Choice of menu
- Tea/coffee & biscuits on arrival

## YOUR HOTEL

Admission to Bowes Museum
Admission to Beamish Open-Air

- Museum
- Full excursion programme

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### **Blackwell Grange Hotel**

The Blackwell Grange Hotel is a beautiful 17th century mansion that is peacefully situated in nine acres of its own grounds. The building commenced in 1693 and was completed in 1717 and the hotel was a private home until 1953. Hotel facilities include a leisure club with heated indoor swimming pool, spa and sauna. All of the 108 spacious en-suite bedrooms feature a TV, radio, telephone, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities.



ENGLAND Club Club Class

# Shropshire Highlights

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd April

Along the upper reaches of the River Severn and the borders between England and Wales, the countryside of Shropshire shelters some of the most beautiful landscapes and unspoilt towns that you can imagine. The essence of the county is captured by A E Houseman in his lovely poems of 'A Shropshire Lad'

### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

Monday From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive west. We spend time in historic Coventry before arriving at our hotel mid afternoon.Tea/Coffee & biscuits served on arrival with time to relax before dinner this evening **Tuesday** Today we drive down the picturesque Wenlock Edge, off the beaten track towards historic Ludlow, with its castle and an endless array of listed buildings. Here we have time to obtain lunch and explore before we make our way back. Our return takes us through delightful Shropshire countryside to Bridgnorth and the hotel. **Wednesday**Our first visit today is to 'where Shropshire meets Wales', the vibrant market town of Oswestry where you can hear welsh and English voices mingling side by side in the recently voted "coolest place to live in England". Today is market day, with both indoor and outdoor markets to browse. In the afternoon its Shrewsbury that catches our attention packed with timber framed black and white buildings amongst narrow alleyways surrounded by the River Severn. We include a relaxing river cruise

during our stay

**Thursday** We visit the impressive Ironbridge Gorge where the world's first iron bridge forms the centre of this World Heritage Site. After a break here in Ironbridge village we make our way to Blists Hill Victorian town. This 52 acre site is a bustling recreation of a Victorian town. Buy curious products in the Chemist, Grocers and Drapers, discover what life was like for a housewife in the cottages, enjoy a drink in the New Inn, a portion of delicious fish and chips, or a bag of old fashioned sweets.

**Friday** After breakfast we head for home. First we travel to Cosford to visit the RAF museum, home to over 70 aircraft, warplanes and missiles. The Cold War exhibition with its interactive kiosks gives us a chance to see what life was like behind the Iron Curtain. Early afternoon we join the motorway for the cross country drive to return to our home area and waiting taxis

### INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights dinner bed and breakfast accommodation
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Entertainment 2 nights

Porterage

**YOUR HOTEL** 

- ✓ Museum of the Gorge
- Entrance to Blists Hill Victorian town
- Shrewsbury Boat Cruise
- Full excursion programme

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## Buckatree Hall Hotel

The 3 star Buckatree Hall Hotel is a renowned comfortable country house hotel, with its own mature gardens and private lake, offering a relaxing retreat where you can escape from the pressure of day to day life. Many of the rooms enjoy scenic views of the hotels own lake and gardens, providing a memorable setting in which to relax. All bedrooms are en-suite and have a television and tea/coffee making facilities. This hotel does have a lift.



# Isle of Man – The Treasured Isle

## Thursday 7th to Monday 11th April

Once again, it gives us pleasure to offer our hugely popular Isle of Man holiday. The Isle of Man is an ancient Viking Kingdom which has never been part of the U.K and who's well known three legged emblem originates from a symbol used on 10th century coins. Our chosen resort is Douglas with a Victorian seafront and long promenades where horse drawn trams still operate. This very popular holiday is not to be missed!

### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

**Thursday** Our door to door service takes you from your home to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive to Heysham. We board the afternoon ferry to Douglas arriving at our seafront hotel, the Empress, early evening in time for dinner. **Friday** A relaxing morning in Douglas before we join the railway to visit Laxey, home



## EARLY BOOKING RECOMMENDED

✓ Ride on the Manx Electric Railway

Ride on the IOM Railway from Port

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Erin to Douglas

Guided Island tour

✓ Full excursion programme

of 'Lady Isabella' the world's largest working waterwheel and an icon of the Island's mining history. Later we take a ride on the Snaefell Mountain Railway affording wonderful views from the summit.

**Saturday** We are joined by a local guide for a full day tour around the island. We visit Ramsey then Bride, final resting place of the great comedian and Manx resident, Norman Wisdom, before spending time in Peel with its small harbour and ancient castle. After time here we make our way to St Johns, home of the ancient Manx parliament. Our return includes the lofty South Barrule road.

**Sunday** A full day tour to the south of the Island crossing the Fairy Bridge to Castletown, the ancient capital, then the viewpoint at the Calf of Man before time in the popular Edwardian resort Port Erin which is overlooked by Bradda Head. We return to Douglas by the wonderful narrow gauge Isle of Man Railway.

**Monday** After an early breakfast we board the morning ferry from Douglas to Heysham. With suitable stops we return to our home area and waiting taxis late afternoon.

### INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- Choice of menu
- Porterage
- Ride on the Snaefell Railway

# YOUR HOTEL

### The Empress Hotel

The 3 star Empress Hotel is ideally located overlooking Douglas Bay, there is a large conservatory which offers fantastic panoramic views. Hotel facilities include a gym, sauna and steam room for guests to use. All of the en-suite bedrooms have tea/coffee making facilities with some of the rooms offering sea views. There is a lift to all floors.

## Call our Booking Hotline: 01354 653329



# The Luxury Border Explorer, Edinburgh & Scott's Abbotsford

### Sunday 27th to Thursday 31st March

A fantastic tour to the southern gateway to Scotland. The Borders region stretches from the rolling hills in the west to the secluded coves and fishing villages of the dramatic Berwickshire Coastline in the east. The area's turbulent history created its present day attributes of strong traditions and interesting heritage sites, including the famous abbeys at Melrose, Jedburgh and Dryburgh. We include visits to Edinburgh, New Lanark World Heritage site and Sir Walter Scott's Abbotsford House.

### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

**Sunday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the scenic drive to Scotland. On reaching the border at Gretna we continue north passing Moffat to arrive in Peebles and our hotel, where we enjoy tea or coffee and cake. We have time to settle in before dinner which will be followed by entertainment.

**Monday** After breakfast we drive to the New Lanark World Heritage Site. We discover the fascinating history of the impressive cotton mill village, New Lanark and the life and times of mill manager and social pioneer Robert Owen. Enter the spirit world and travel back in time on a dark ride. Be taken on a mesmerizing journey of discovery by the ghost of mill girl Annie McLeod who magically appears and tells her story of life in New Lanark in 1820. We return to the hotel to enjoy a Gin tasting in the hotel's very

own 1881 Distillery. Dinner this evening is followed by a 'Movie Night'.

**Tuesday** This morning we take a delightful drive following the course of the River Tweed to Selkirk then on to Melrose for a visit to Abbotsford, the magnificent house and gardens built at the foot of the Eildon Hills by Scotland's most famous author, Sir Walter Scott. We are joined by an informative guide for a tour of the house which is a treasure trove of artefacts and



memorabilia of the great man's life, the tour ends in the garden. We later drive to Scott's View, a delightful vista of the River Tweed, Eildon Hills and the estate. Back at the hotel a 'tea and scones' awaits. Dinner is followed by a 'Quiz Night' **Wednesday** After breakfast we depart for a full day visit to the capital city, Edinburgh. We include a guided tour of both the 'New& Old towns' including Holyrood and the Royal Mile Later we spend time in the city centre to explore at your leisure before returning to the hotel for a farewell drinks reception, dinner and evening entertainment

**Thursday** After breakfast we bid farewell to our hosts and make our way home, spending time in historic Richmond before arriving in our home area late afternoon to be greeted by our awaiting taxis.

### INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- Choice of menu
- Porterage
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Entertainment each evening
- A Gin-Tasting experience at the hotel
- Entrance to New Lanark World Heritage Site
- Entrance to Abbotsford House & Gardens
- Tea & scones one afternoon at the hotel

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✓ Full excursion programme

## YOUR HOTEL

#### **Peebles Hydro Hotel**

The 4 star Peebles Hydro Hotel is an ideal base, standing on the site of a 19th century water cures hydro. This charming hotel has comfortable accommodation and stunning views across the beautiful Tweed Valley. Each of the bedrooms are ensuite and well equipped with a TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. Public facilities include a leisure centre with an indoor swimming pool. A lift serves most floors.

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## **Beautiful Lake Garda & Venice**

## Saturday 9th to Sunday 17th April

Nestling at the edge of the magnificent Dolomite Mountains, Lake Garda enjoys a lively, warm, Mediterranean climate and the base for our holiday is the lovely resort of Riva de Garda. The historic town of Riva is a Mediterranean oasis where olive trees and palms thrive as well as stretching along the crescent-shaped shore, extending to the Sarca plain and to the foothills of Mount Brione, which separates it from Torbole.

### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

**Saturday** Our door to door service takes you to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive south for the crossing to France. Upon arrival we travel through France to reach our overnight hotel in Forbach in time for dinner.

**Sunday** After breakfast we continue through Germany into Austria, where we cross the scenic Fern Pass then on past Innsbruck and over the Brenner Pass to reach Lake Garda and our holiday resort, Riva del Garda and the Savoy Palace, our home for the next 6 nights.

**Monday** Today is spent at leisure in Riva to familiarise ourselves with our beautiful resort. This afternoon, tea and cakes will be available at the hotel. We later re-group for dinner.

**Tuesday** A full day enjoying the best of Lake Garda. Taking the coach we drive down the east shore of the lake to the charming fortified town of Peschiera, with its pretty harbour and busy weekly market, where we spend some time before continuing to the broad southern end of the lake for time in picturesque Sirmione a popular suntrap having the ancient Scaligeri Castle as its main attraction.

Wednesday Today, a full day visit to Venice, allowing us time to enjoy the fascinating

attractions in perhaps the most romantic city in the world. Making our way to the centre by waterbus. We have free time to discover the sights such as the Basilica of St Marks, Doges Palace and of course the Bridge of Sighs. Later we return to the hotel.

**Thursday** Delightful views of Lake Garda as we drive down the eastern shore to visit the city of Verona with its wealth of pink-hued



buildings, perfectly preserved Roman amphitheatre and piazzas. For romantics a visit to Juliet's house is a must.

**Friday** This morning we use a different mode of transport for our excursion when we board a lake cruiser for the visits to Limone, the picturesque village that clings to the steep side of the lakes west shore and takes its name from the lemon, then cross the lake to historic Malcesine with its picturesque harbour and narrow cobbled streets. We return to the hotel mid afternoon. The rest of the day is spent at leisure in our resort. **Saturday** We head back through Austria, retracing our outward route into France to reach our overnight hotel in Forbach.

**Sunday** Continuing our homeward journey we make our way to Calais tunnel crossing to Folkestone. We arrive in our home areas this evening to be greeted by our awaiting taxis.

✓ Afternoon tea. coffee & cakes

✓ Boat to Limone & Malcesine

return (includes all taxes)

Full excursion programme

✓ Waterbus transfer to Venice &

each day

### INCLUSIONS

- 8 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- PorterageAt Resort Hotel:
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- ✓ 4 course evening meals with choice of menu
- Gala dinner with live music on one evening

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## YOUR HOTEL Hotel Savoy Palace

The 4 star Hotel Savoy Palace is located in a quiet position with a breath-taking mountain backdrop, just metres from the historic centre of Riva del Garda and 150 metres from the lake itself. Each of the spacious, light infused bedrooms are ensuite with a balcony, TV, radio, telephone, safe, hairdryer and air-conditioning. The hotel has a sauna, Jacuzzi, a heated indoor pool and an outdoor pool. The hotel holds a live piano bar two nights a week and is served by two lifts.

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## The Majesty of the Bernese Oberland

## Saturday 9th to Saturday 16th April

The Bernese Oberland is probably the most scenic part of Switzerland with its snow capped peaks and bright sparkling lakes. Our chosen resort is Grindelwald a charming village in a breathtakingly spectacular setting surrounded by a beautiful backdrop of mountains and nestling at the foot of the mighty Eiger. We include visits to the Swiss capital Bern, a cruise on Lake Thun and a visit to a woodcarver

### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

Saturday Our door to door service takes you to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive to Folkestone during which a light breakfast is served. Boarding the mid morning train a glass of fizz and snacks sets the holiday mood. On through France past Laon, 'The Crowned Mountain' to our overnight hotel, the 3 star Mercure, on the outskirts of the Garden City Reims

Sunday Departing after breakfast, we continue our journey through France, westwards past emotive Verdun and over the Vosges Mountains, then through the broad Rhine Valley past Strasbourg and Colmar. This afternoon we enter Switzerland at Basle then pass Berne to climb to the unspoilt village of Grindelwald, arriving late afternoon. Monday A day at leisure in our Alpine home. Explore the many attractions of

Grindelwald. A must is a ride on Europe's longest chair lift, the First. The views from the chairlift here are quite breathtaking with the majestic peaks of the Bernese Oberland including the Eiger, Jungfrau and Monch arrayed before us

Tuesday A full day visit to the Swiss capital Bern. Set on sharp horseshoe bend of the River Aare. With its narrow cobbled streets, noted fountains and wonderful old buildings including the magnificent Confederation Parliament, the city is best explored

on foot. The symbol of the city is a bear and we include time at the famous Bear Pit to see the residents!

Wednesday A morning visit to Meiringen a pretty town surrounded by snow-capped peaks and famed for Sherlock Holmes demise with his arch rival Moriarty at nearby Reichenbach Falls. We return along Lake Brienz and visit one of the



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world famous woodcarvers for a demonstration by skilled craftsmen before spending time in bustling Interlaken set, as the name implies, between Lakes Brienz and Thun. We take to the water for a cruise from Interlaken to Spiez then re-join the coach to take us back to the hotel

**Thursday** This morning, we make our way to the Schilthorn, travelling through the Lauterbrunnen landscape, famous for its magnificent, thundering waterfalls, gigantic rock faces, mountain peaks, secluded valleys and alpine meadows. There will be an opportunity to take a ride on the spectacular Schilthorn cable car in Stechelberg, which will transport us to an altitude of 2,970 metres to the 'James Bond Mountain'. Once at the summit, the most impressive 360 degree panoramic view of the Swiss Alps will greet us! This is an expensive ride but truly memorable!

Friday Leaving our Alpine resort we cross the gentle Brunig Pass towards Lucerne then on to the French border at Basle. We visit a picturesque Alsace wine village before passing Strasbourg on our way back to our overnight hotel, the Novotel at Metz Saturday A buffet breakfast before heading north to make a refreshment stop in beautiful Arras. Early afternoon we return to Calais for the afternoon train to Folkestone. We arrive in our home area mid evening.

## INCLUSIONS

7 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation

Excursions as listed

Porterage

## **YOUR HOTEL**

### **Derby Hotel**

Steeped in history the 3 star Derby, located at the centre of the village close to all the shops and cafés, combines tradition with a modern lifestyle. The hotel is bright and stylish with all modern en-suite bedrooms having traditional wooden furniture and equipped with a TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. There is an informal restaurant and a traditional welcoming bar plus an outside terrace offering outstanding views of the mountains. The Derby also has a lift and a sauna

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## Dutch Waterways, Keukenhof Gardens & Fabulous Floriade

## Wednesday 13th to Sunday 17th April

The unique and unmissable International Horticultural Expo, Floriade, is held every 10 years and 2022 is the next event where 40 countries will showcase their flowers, plants, vegetables and fruits. We combine this fabulous event with our ever popular Dutch waterways Cruise, a visit to the wonderfully vibrant Keukenhof Gardens and time Amsterdam

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Wednesday** Our door to door service takes you to the waiting coach for the drive to Folkestone during which a light breakfast is served. Boarding the morning train a glass of fizz and snacks set the holiday mood. Arriving in Calais we travel through Belgium and into Holland to arrive in Alkmaar late afternoon where we join our River Cruiser, the MS Esmerelda and settle into our cabins.

**Thursday** Early this morning the ship left its berth for our cruise through the magnificent and colourful Dutch Bulb fields. We spend a relaxing day afloat watching the wonderful displays and enjoying the facilities and hospitality of the ship as we make for the bustling port of Hoorn. Hoorn is best known as the birthplace of the explorer Willem Schouten (who named the famous Cape Horn after his home town). Why not explore the splendid 17th century merchant houses and warehouses that line the waterfront along with the huge variety of ships, boats and yachts in the harbour. **Friday** After breakfast we join the coach for a visit to the beautiful gardens at Keukenhof. After plenty of time to marvel at the wonderful displays of brightly coloured flowers we journey back to the ship which is now berthed in Zaandam with time to relax before dinner and our evening entertainment

**Saturday** This morning we make our way to Almere to spend the day at the stunning Floriade Expo. This beautiful event only happens once every 10 years, so we're treated to a truly spectacular day out. The theme of 2022's Floriade is Growing Green Cities, so

we explore the creative, green and sustainable solutions needed to make our cities more fun, liveable and sustainable. Floriade is truly a treat for the senses; we enjoy the scents, tastes and colours of fabulous flowers, plants, vegetables and fruit as we discover 40 inspiring country presentations, as well



as conferences, tasting sessions and a vibrant cultural and arts programme. Other highlights include the magnificent Arboretum, containing an alphabetically organised tree and plant encyclopaedia that we can wander through, and the fantastic 850m cable car journey, which transports us between the north and south of the Floriade park with fabulous views below! This evening on board we enjoy the 'Captain's Farewell Dinner'.

**Sunday** A final breakfast on our cruiser before we disembark and retrace the steps of our outward journey to Calais for the mid-afternoon the shuttle train to Folkestone. We arrive back in our home area early evening after a memorable Dutch waterways cruise.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights Full Board accommodation
- 🖌 Porterage
- ✓ Welcome cocktail
- Daily morning coffee
- ✓ Daily afternoon tea & biscuit
- Tea & coffee after evening meals each day
- Live entertainment on 2 nights
- Midnight snacks daily
- Captains farewell dinner with a small gift for each lady
- Entrance to Keukenhof Gardens

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- Entrance to Floriade
- ✓ Full excursion programme

## YOUR RIVER CRUISER

#### **MS Esmerelda**

The Esmerelda is a modern, comfortable vessel. Each of the passenger cabins are situated on the main and upper passenger decks, attractively decorated and equipped with a telephone, TV, mini-safe, en-suite bathroom. Located on the upper deck you will find the reception area and an attractive Old-Dutch lounge. The tastefully decorated restaurant is situated on the main deck. Both of these decks can be reached by a passenger lift and a stair lift goes up to the sun-deck. The entire boat is air conditioned.

Sailings can be altered by the discretion of the Esmerelda's management and will be confirmed by the ship's Captain.



# Easter in Scotland - Loch Katrine and Inverary

## Thursday 14th to Monday 18th April

What better way to spend Easter than staying in a first class Scottish hotel, enjoy scenic tours to Inverary and visit the castle home of Clan Campbell, the Trossachs, a Scottish Natural treasure and take a cruise on the beautiful Loch Katrine.

### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

**Thursday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach then north by motorway to make a lunch stop in north Yorkshire. Continuing on we enter Scotland at Gretna Green then on through the Lowther Hills and around Glasgow to reach the Westerwood Hotel late afternoon with time to settle in before dinner.

**Friday** Our excursion takes us to Rob Roy country, spending time in Callander with its many associations with the Scottish Robin Hood, then into the heart of the Trossachs a heavily forested region made world famous by the great author Sir Walter Scott in his novel 'Lady of the Lake' where we enjoy a scenic cruise on Loch Katrine. Our return to the hotel is in time for Hot Cross buns and tea/coffee



**Saturday** A day of magnificent Highland scenery. we drive along the Western shore of Loch Lomond stopping in the pretty village of Luss then on to Tarbet and a glorious drive over 'Rest & be Thankful' to Loch Fyne and Inverary, home of the Dukes of Argyll whose castle we visit. We return to the hotel well in time for dinner. A memorable last night in Scotland

**Sunday** An Easter egg for everybody then a morning visit to the newest landmark in the country, the iconic 'Kelpies' at Falkirk and the Falkirk Wheel, set in their own park. We return to the hotel for a 3 course Easter lunch followed by a relaxing afternoon. This evening a light buffet dinner will be available

Easter lunch

Admission to Inverary Castle

Cruise on Loch Katrine

Full excursion programme

**Monday** A full Scottish breakfast sets us up for our return journey. We travel to Glasgow and through Strathclyde stopping at Gretna Green, before crossing the border. Now south to return to our home area and waiting taxis early evening.

## INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- Choice of menu
- Tea or coffee after dinner each evening
- Hot Cross buns on Good Friday

## YOUR HOTEL

### Doubletree by Hilton Westerwood Hotel

The award winning stylish 4 star Westerwood Hotel has been a firm favourite with Fenn Holiday clients for many years is located 12 miles from Glasgow in the spectacular Scottish countryside. The hotel boasts a swimming pool, the en-suite rooms are comfortable and stylish, and a welcoming restaurant make the resort the perfect place to unwind, a really superb hotel. There is a lift that serves all floors.

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# **Evesham Blossom Trail**

### Thursday 21st to Monday 25th April

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The roadsides along the Vale of Evesham explode into life with the pale pink tones of the cherry and apple blossom. We will be joined by a local Blossom trail quide to get the most of the day. We include a first class hotel and visits to the Forest of Dean, the Wye Valley, Georgian Cheltenham and the Cotswolds

### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

Thursday From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive to Gloucestershire. We arrive at our hotel mid-afternoon for a welcoming tea/coffee and biscuits which is followed by time to relax before dinner.

Friday Today we take in the glorious blossoms of the Vale of Evesham our local guide will ensure we get the most from our day which will of course include stops for refreshments

Saturday This morning we spend time in the historic Cathedral City of Gloucester with much to see including the fascinating waterways museum at the restored Quays. Joining the coach sees us climb steep Cooper Hill to the pretty village of Painswick then on through the Slad valley to spend time in elegant Cheltenham, famous for its fine architecture and renowned Lady's College. From here we head back to the hotel with time to relax before dinner

Sunday A relaxing day tour to the delightful Wye Valley stopping in Ross on Wye and historic Monmouth. Our return is through the Forest of Dean one of the most ancient

royal forest in Britain and forming the border between Wales and England We include a stop at the viewpoint for Symonds Yat, the noted beauty spot on a narrow loop of the River Wye. Monday After breakfast we bid farewell to our hosts and make our way home. Our route takes us to Roman Cirencester then picture postcard Bibury and Burford before returning to our home area late afternoon to be greeted by our waiting taxis



### INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- Porterage
- Choice of menu
- Tea and coffee after dinner

- Guided tour of the Evesham
- Blossom Trail

Full excursion programme

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## **YOUR HOTEL**

### Mercure Bowden Hall Hotel

The Mercure Bowden Hall Hotel is located at Upton St Leonards, on the outskirts of Gloucester and surrounded by beautiful gardens. This classically styled hotel has Regency décor and charming public rooms. All the en suite bedrooms are tastefully decorated and have a television and all of the facilities one would expect from a hotel of this standard. Public rooms include a bar, restaurant and relaxing lounge. The hotel has a lift.



# **Kingdom of Northumbria**

## Sunday 24th to Thursday 28th April

We are delighted to return to Northumbria, visiting some of the best sights and towns of this delightful North east corner of England. Northumbria is a tapestry of wonderful sights and attractions with numerous castles and cathedrals, rolling moorlands, quaint towns and villages, intriguing history and spectacular scenery.

### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

Sunday Our door to door service takes you from your front door to the waiting Club Class coach. We head north to make a stop for lunch in the delightful floral spa town of Harrogate. This afternoon we continue our journey to the northeast arriving at the delightful White Swan hotel late afternoon.

Monday Today we enjoy time at leisure in our chosen resort of Alnwick. We include admission to the beautiful Alnwick Gardens, offering much to discover including water sculptures, the Grand Cascade and the infamous Poison Garden. Dubbed the 'Windsor of the North,' Alnwick Castle is the second largest inhabited castle in the country and has been home to the Duke of Northumberland's family, the Percy's, for over 700 years. The castle has featured in a number of films, including appearing as Hogwarts School in Harry Potter films. We return to the hotel for dinner.

Tuesday We journey along the Northumberland coast, passing through Alnmouth, Warkworth and Woodhorn heading towards the city of Newcastle. Here we enjoy a visit to the Great North Museum, with its wide range of cultural and historical displays from the region, as well as a planetarium and life size T-Rex dinosaur skeleton. Later enjoy free time in the city, visit Northumberland Street with its many shops, catch a sightseeing bus or wander down to the guayside and see some of the iconic Tyne bridges. After a good stay we make our back to the hotel for dinner.

Wednesday Today's excursion takes us across the causeway to Holy Island and the mysterious Lindisfarne Castle. Later, we visit Bamburgh for time at leisure, maybe explore the majestic castle on the beach or the Grace Darling museum.

Thursday After a leisurely breakfast we leave and begin our journey home, arriving back in our home area late afternoon after a delightful Northumbrian break.

### INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- Porterage
- Choice of menu
- Admission to Alnwick Gardens
- Entrance to Great North Museum

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✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL

### The White Swan

Set in the heart of the historic market town of Alnwick, the White Swan is a charming 300 year old coaching inn that blends its unique heritage with superb accommodation. The hotel is probably best known for its Olympic Dining Suite which features the magnificent panelling, mirrors and stained-glass windows from the Titanic's sister ship. All bedrooms are ensuite and have a television, telephone, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. Although the hotel does not have a lift, some ground floor rooms are available on request.



## **Cork Coastline Delights & Bantry**

## Saturday 30th April to Friday 6th May

After the success of previous holidays to Bantry, it gives us pleasure to return to this busy little market town and fishing port, overlooking its own bay, the perfect location for discovering a part of Ireland that is still unspoilt by tourism. There are rugged mountains and small villages but the greatest delight must surely be the beautiful and unspoilt coastline of County Cork. We include visits to Mizen Head Station and the Queenstown Story & Titanic Exhibition

### **YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY**

**Saturday** Departing your home area early morning to join the waiting club class coach for the cross country drive to South Wales and the port of Pembroke for the sailing to Rosslare, where you can relax in the club lounge. Disembarking in Ireland we drive the short distance to our overnight hotel, the Talbot, in Wexford.

**Sunday** After breakfast we visit Waterford Crystal before continuing on via Dungarvan Harbour to spend time in the historic seaside town and fishing port of Youghal, once the home of Sir Walter Raleigh, on the pretty Blackwater Estuary. This afternoon we follow the lovely River Bandon to reach Bantry and our holiday hotel late afternoon. **Monday** This morning we visit Mizen Head Signal Station, built to save lives off the treacherous rocks at Ireland's most south-westerly point. We include admission to the award winning Maritime Museum and Heritage Attraction, with its spectacular location on high cliffs with swirling Atlantic Ocean tides. We return to the hotel where we have the rest of the day at leisure before we meet for dinner this evening.

**Tuesday** A day of scenic delights as we discover the magnificent Beara Peninsula. We round the head of Bantry Bay to picturesque Glengariff then between sparkling sea and the rugged peaks of the Caha Mountains to Dursey Island at the tip. Next we travel along the north coast with views of Kenmare Bay and the Iveragh Peninsula. We spend time in Kenmare itself before returning by way of the scenic Healey Pass to Bantry.

**Wednesday** A full day excursion along the beautiful coastline of South Cork. We travel by way of Skibbereen and Clonakilty enjoying spectacular sea views along the Wild Atlantic Way. We visit the Lusitania Memorial at the Head of Kinsale viewpoint



to spend time in Kinsale, a historic port and popular resort often referred to as the 'Food Capital of Ireland' before our return to Bantry.

**Thursday** We bid farewell to our hosts at the Maritime Hotel before a morning departure from Bantry. We make a stop at Cobh, which was the last port for the RMS Titanic to anchor and the port where RMS Lusitanian survivors and victims were landed. Today it is home to the fascinating Queenstown Story and Titanic Exhibition at the Cobh Interpretative Centre telling the history of emigration of the Great Hunger from 1845 up to the great Liners in the 1950's. This afternoon we make our way back to Wexford and our overnight hotel, the Talbot,.

**Friday** An early breakfast before joining the morning ferry to Pembroke. We return to our home areas travelling across Wales and into the midlands before arriving in our home areas mid evening.

### INCLUSIONS

- 6 nights dinner bed and breakfast accommodation
- Choice of menu
- Porterage
- Live musical entertainment on two nights at Maritime Hotel
- Entrance to Mizen Head Signal Station
  Entrance to the Queenstewn St
- Entrance to the Queenstown Story and Titanic Exhibition

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Excursions as listed

## YOUR HOTEL

### **Maritime Hotel**

This excellent 4 star hotel was built in 2007, overlooking Bantry Bay and offers the finest accommodation in the area. All of the spacious en-suite bedrooms are elegantly furnished in a modern style and offer satellite TV, telephone, iron and ironing board, hairdryer, safe and hospitality tray. The Maritime bar is a great place to relax whilst the Ocean Restaurant offers great Irish food. Hotel facilities include an impressive leisure centre with an indoor swimming pool, Jacuzzi, sauna and gym. Another Fenn Holidays favourite.

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