

# Fenn Holidays



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DOOR TO DOOR ESCORTED COACH HOLIDAYS

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A WARM WELCOME...

...to Fenn Holidays!



Once again, 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 & O / Stena ferries
- ✓ Sparkling wine and snacks served on all outbound shuttle crossings

#### Financial Security



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](http://www.bch-uk.org) or telephone 0207 240 3131 to confirm current membership.

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

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

#### 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
- ✓ Refrigerator



✓ **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.

✓ **New!**

**NEW!**

Once again, we have created some new and interesting holidays for you to choose 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**

**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 knowledgeable booking staff**

Our efficient, friendly and experienced booking staff are here to discuss your 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.**

# SUMMER 2022 CALENDAR

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<b>April 2022</b>			
18th	Eastbourne & Brighton	5 Days	5
24th	Historic cities of Worcester & Hereford	5 Days	5
25th	The Sparkling Isle of Wight	5 Days	6
25th	Great Little Trains of Snowdonia	5 Days	6
<b>May 2022</b>			
2nd	West Country Rail & Sail	5 Days	7
5th	County Durham Coastal delights & Pennines Beauty	5 Days	7
9th	Grand Tour of Ireland	11 Days	36
9th	Bideford, North Devon & RHS Rosemoor	5 Days	8
9th	Beautiful Peak District	5 Days	8
16th	Somerset Delights	5 Days	9
16th	Bournemouth & the New Forest	5 Days	9
22nd	A Stately Tour of the Peak District	5 Days	10
23rd	Steaming & Cruising the English Riviera, Torquay	5 Days	10
24th	Magical towns & villages of the Tuscan Riviera	10 Days	52/53
27th	Norway – Fjords, Glaciers, Lakes & Mountains	11 Days	58/59
28th	Tyrolean Little Trains	9 Days	42
<b>June 2022</b>			
1st	Scotland's Far North, Orkney & The Castle of Mey	7 Days	24
5th	Castles & Gardens of Scotland's South West	5 Days	25
6th	Spectacular Snowdonia	5 Days	11
12th	Ireland's Hidden Heartlands	7 Days	37
13th	Best of the Lakes	5 Days	11
13th	Kent Coastal delights	5 Days	12
15th	Devon's Floral town, Sidmouth	6 Days	12
19th	Beautiful Northumbria	6 Days	13
19th	Isle of Man – The Treasured Isle	6 Days	14
20th	A Taste of Luxury in Scarborough	5 Days	13
23rd	Scenic Lancashire by Sail & Rail	5 Days	15
25th	Idyllic Lakes of Iseo & Garda	8 Days	51
27th	Cumbrian Adventure & The Settle to Carlisle Railway	5 Days	15
28th	An 'All Inclusive' in the Dolomites	8 Days	54
30th	Scottish Victorian Steam & Rail	6 Days	26
<b>July 2022</b>			
3rd	Dunoon, Argyll & the Isle of Bute	6 Days	27
8th	Tewkesbury Medieval Festival	4 Days	16
10th	North Devon Delights	5 Days	16
11th	Between Devon's Moors	5 Days	17
12th	Shetland - Island of the Vikings	7 Days	28
13th	Tyrolean Mountains & Italian Lakes	11 Days	44/45
18th	Romantic Ribble Valley	5 Days	17
18th	Discovering Yorkshire	5 Days	18
21st	A Taste of Kent	5 Days	18
24th	Heritage of Scotland with a Touch of Luxury	6 Days	29

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24th	Hampshire Highlights including the New Forest & Watercress Line	5 Days	19
30th	Delights of the Dordogne & the Truffle Train	8 Days	49
<b>August 2022</b>			
1st	Liverpool & Port Sunlight	5 Days	19
1st	Kynren - an Epic Tale of England	4 Days	20
8th	The Sparkling Isle of Wight	7 Days	6
8th	Welsh Whisky, The Royal Mint & Brecon Beacons	5 Days	20
9th	Cruising the Danube in style	10 Days	46/47
10th	Perth & Magical Skye	6 Days	30
15th	Steam Trains, Grand Union Canal & Midland Memories	5 Days	21
21st	Edinburgh Tattoo & the Trossachs	4 Days	31
21st	Antrim Coastal Delights & a Beautiful Train Journey	7 Days	38
22nd	Delightful Durham & Beamish	5 Days	21
24th	St Anton Mountain Glory	9 Days	43
27th	Highland Lines	8 Days	32
27th	Rhine & Moselle Cruise	8 Days	50
<b>September 2022</b>			
1st	A taste of Royal Life in Fife	5 Days	33
4th	A Wonderful Hebridean Adventure	8 Days	34
4th	Isle of Man – The Treasured Isle	6 Days	14
4th	The Picturesque 'Heart of Wales'	5 Days	22
12th	Bideford & Rosemoor Gardens	5 Days	8
12th	Eastbourne & Brighton	5 Days	5
12th	Beautiful Peak District	5 Days	8
14th	Grand Tour of Scotland	8 Days	35
18th	Beautiful Northumbria	6 Days	13
18th	Newquay – Cornish Coast & Gardens	6 Days	22
18th	Beautiful Lake Garda & Venice	9 Days	55
24th	Devon's Floral town, Sidmouth	5 Days	12
25th	Adare, Limerick & Dingle – West coast gems	7 Days	39
26th	Somerset Delights	5 Days	9
26th	Alpine Festivals in the Tyrol	9 Days	48
<b>October 2022</b>			
2nd	Spectacular Snowdonia	5 Days	11
3rd	West Country Rail & Sail	5 Days	7
3rd	The Sparkling Isle of Wight	5 Days	6
5th	Cantabria – Green Spain	10 Days	57
10th	Steaming & Cruising the English Riviera, Torquay	5 Days	10
10th	Romantic Ribble Valley	5 Days	17
10th	Taste of Luxury in Scarborough	5 Days	13
15th	The Riviera of Flowers & Monte Carlo – Diano Marina	8 Days	56
17th	Eastbourne & Brighton	5 Days	5
17th	Blackpool Illuminations & The Tower Ballroom	5 Days	23
17th	Best of the Lakes	5 Days	11
24th	The English Riviera, Babbacombe	5 Days	23



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5 DAYS FROM  
**£499**  
APRIL & OCTOBER  
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

5 DAYS FROM  
**£539**  
SEPTEMBER  
£72 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

5 DAYS FROM  
**£529**  
£88 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Eastbourne & Brighton

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd April  
Monday 12th to Friday 16th September  
Monday 17th to Friday 21st October

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'. Noted for its cleanliness, beautiful carpet gardens, the attractive three miles of splendid, flat promenade and, of course, the pier. We feature two contrasting excursions and a train ride to make this a memorable tour.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** Our door to door service takes you to the waiting Club Class coach for the leisurely journey to the south coast. We break our journey with a visit to the stunning landscapes and botanical heritage at Borde Hill Gardens. We continue to Eastbourne, arriving late afternoon at our hotel.

**Tuesday** After breakfast we enjoy an excursion along the Sussex coast to the world's tallest observation tower, the i360, situated in the heart of Brighton's famous seafront at the edge of the historic West Pier. We slowly cruise up the world's first vertical cable car to a height of 450 feet from which we enjoy breath-taking 360 degree views. We spend the remainder of the day in Regency Brighton, renowned for its quirky shops in the famous 'Lanes' and cosmopolitan outlook.

**Wednesday** This morning we have an enjoyable excursion first to lofty Beachy Head for tremendous coastal views 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** This morning we travel inland to the Sheffield Park Gardens, where the game of cricket was first played between two local villages. The internationally renowned parkland and gardens were laid out in the 18th century by Capability Brown. We also include a ride on the Bluebell Railway, a heritage line running from Sheffield Park to East Grinstead and the East and West Sussex border, before returning to our hotel.

**Friday** This morning after breakfast we depart Eastbourne for a scenic morning drive along the Sussex coast on our way to Bateman's, a beautiful Jacobean House which was Rudyard Kipling's family home for over 30 years. After time here we continue our journey, arriving in home areas late afternoon.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Entrance to Sheffield Park Gardens
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Bluebell Railway train journey
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Entrance to Borde Hill Gardens
- ✓ Admission to Bateman's
- ✓ Admission to the Brighton i360
- ✓ Excursions as listed

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Langham Hotel (September tour is based at the 3 Star York House Hotel)

The Langham Hotel family run AA three-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 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 which serves all floors.

## Historic cities of Worcester & Hereford

Sunday 24th to Thursday 28th April

**NEW**

A great new spring tour offers visits to the wonderful scenery of the Heart of England, cruises on two of the country's best known rivers, the Avon and Severn and time to admire the magnificent cathedrals of Worcester and Hereford

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Sunday** From your front door to the waiting coach for the drive to Worcester, spending time in the historic city of Coventry, arriving at the Fownes Hotel with tea/coffee and biscuits served on arrival.

**Monday** Today we make our way through the colourful Vale of Evesham to Shakespeare's Stratford-Upon-Avon, we make a short photo stop at Anne Hathaway's idyllic cottage, before enjoying a 45 minute cruise along the river and taking in the many sights and hearing some of the history. The remainder of the day will be free to do as you please in this lovely town.

**Tuesday** After a leisurely breakfast we have time to explore the historic City of Worcester and enjoy a cruise on the River Severn. Later visit the beautiful Cathedral which houses royal tombs, a crypt and cloisters. Just a few minutes' walk from the hotel you are in the centre of Worcester with loads of places to have lunch or just a snack.

**Wednesday** Our day starts with a drive through Bromyard and Leominster to take in some of the villages of Herefordshire's famed 'Black & White' trail taking in beautiful scenery, inns and timber framed shops. We reach Hereford in time for lunch and time to visit the cathedral home to the rare Mappa Mundi. Our return takes us through the rolling Malvern Hills.

**Thursday** We depart after a leisurely breakfast and make our way home spending time in the heart of Britain's second largest city, Birmingham, with its rejuvenated shopping centre.



### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Tea/coffee & biscuits on arrival
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Cruises on the River Avon & River Severn
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Fownes Hotel

The 3 star Fownes Hotel is ideally situated just a two-minute walk from Worcester city centre. Formerly a Victorian Glove Factory, situated by the Worcester to Birmingham canal, the hotel offers outstanding service and comfort. All bedrooms are en suite and have television, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. The hotel has a lift.



5 DAYS FROM  
**£469**  
APRIL & OCTOBER  
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

7 DAYS FROM  
**£719**  
AUGUST  
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## The Sparkling Isle of Wight

Monday 25th to Friday 29th April (5 Days)  
Monday 8th to Sunday 14th August (7 Days)  
Monday 3rd to Friday 7th October (5 Days)

The popularity of this wonderful, unspoilt isle owes much to its southerly position and mild and sunny climate. Our resort, Sandown, sits in the centre of Sandown bay. It offers sandy beaches which run right the way around the bay. It is also one of the few towns which has retained its pier.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

- Day 1** A leisurely journey from your front door to Portsmouth for the mid afternoon ferry to the Isle of Wight to arrive in Sandown late afternoon with ample time to settle in well before dinner.
- Day 2** A free day to enjoy the delights of our chosen resort, Sandown.
- Day 3** Our first visit today is to the Botanical Gardens at Ventnor – 22 acres of beautiful landscaping. Lunchtime is spent in Godshill, one of the most photographed and prettiest villages on the island, with a wonderful model village.
- Day 4** Today we have a scenic coastal drive travelling via Blackgang to visit the Isle of Wight Pearl Centre, then onto Freshwater with views of the famous Needles before visiting the popular resort of Yarmouth.
- Day 5** We have a morning visit to Arreton Craft Village featuring local skilled artists in their studios. Now on to Ryde where we take a train ride on the wonderful steam hauled Isle of Wight Railway, truly a step back in time. Settle back in beautifully restored Victorian and Edwardian carriages.
- Day 6** This morning we visit the world renowned yachting centre of Cowes. Then to Osborne House, Queen Victoria's magnificent seaside residence. We also visit nearby Whippingham Church where Victoria and Albert were once members of the congregation.
- Day 7** Leaving Sandown after breakfast we board the ferry to the mainland and journey homeward.

**PLEASE NOTE: 5 Day tours less DAY 2 & 4**

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4/6 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Tea/coffee after dinner each evening
- ✓ Entertainment on some evenings
- ✓ Portering
- ✓ Entrance to Osborne House
- ✓ Ride on a Steam Train
- ✓ Entrance to the Botanical Gardens at Ventnor
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Trouville Hotel

The 3 star Trouville Hotel provides the ideal location for a relaxing Isle of Wight holiday, with a beautiful location on Sandown seafront. Each of the en-suite bedrooms is equipped with a television, telephone and hospitality tray and some have stunning sea views. The bars, lounges and dining room all enjoy panoramic sea views, making for the ideal place to relax and a lift serves all floors. For the more active of you, there is an indoor leisure room overlooking the bay that includes four lanes of short mat bowling.



5 DAYS FROM  
**£669**  
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Great Little Trains of Snowdonia

Monday 25th to Friday 29th April

The Great Little Trains of Wales are a very special way of seeing some of the best scenery in the British Isles. All are narrow gauge steam railways, some over 100 years old, and all have in common the charm of steam trains with polished paintwork and brass, most originally served to carry Welsh slate from the quarries to the sea.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

- Monday** From your front door to the waiting coach then through the heart of England to Wales. Our route takes us to Shrewsbury for a lunch stop then on through the beautiful Vale of Llangollen arriving late afternoon at the Royal Victoria Hotel. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served on arrival.
- Tuesday** Our first visit today takes us to the shores of Cardigan Bay and Portmeirion. We visit this unique attraction, setting for the cult TV series 'The Prisoner'. From here we drive to Betws-y-Coed where we have a break with time for lunch. This afternoon we head for Bala and enjoy a ride on the diminutive Bala Lake Railway, returning later to the hotel.
- Wednesday** This morning we join the Llanberis Lake Railway for a delightful ride along the lake shore. We have time to explore and have lunch in Llanberis. For this afternoon we take 'A Majestic Mountain Adventure' and have a ride on the Snowdon Mountain Railway. This world famous little train takes you on a breath taking ride to the top of Snowdon, at 3560 ft (1085m) the highest mountain in England and Wales. The views are stunning and this is not to be missed.
- Thursday** We begin with a ride along the coast road past Conwy, with its mighty castle, to Llandudno Junction. We join the train for a delightful ride along the Vale of Conwy to Blaenau Ffestiniog. Here we catch the Ffestiniog Railway for an exhilarating ride across the mountains, descending to the sea at Porthmadog. We have time to explore and have lunch in Porthmadog before catching the Welsh Highland Railway train which takes us through Beddgelert and all the way to Caernarfon.
- Friday** After a leisurely breakfast we begin our homeward journey. Our route is by way of Colwyn Bay and Chester where we spend time for sightseeing, then motorway back to our home area, arriving late afternoon.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Portering
- ✓ Trip on the Snowdon Mountain Railway
- ✓ Ride on the Ffestiniog Railway
- ✓ Ride on the Welsh Highland Railway
- ✓ Ride on the Bala Lake Railway
- ✓ Ride on the Llanberis Lake Railway
- ✓ Ride on the Vale of Conwy Railway
- ✓ Admission to Portmeirion

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Royal Victoria Hotel

The Royal Victoria Hotel stands in a delightful setting in its own grounds at the foot of Llanberis Pass. Pretty gardens and grounds make it an attractive location, facilities include spacious lounges and bars. All bedrooms are en-suite and have a TV and tea/coffee making facilities. The hotel has a lift.



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5 DAYS FROM **£589** NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## West Country Rail & Sail

Monday 2nd to Friday 6th May  
Monday 3rd to Friday 7th October

After the great success of previous tours, it gives us pleasure to return to the resort of Paignton; occupying a central position in Torbay, it is famous for its white sandy beaches, rocky coves and popular pier. By day there is plenty for all and by night Paignton's seafront comes alive with illuminations and is perfect for an evening stroll. Our super 5 day holiday has lovely scenery and history in abundance, along with a train ride on the South Devon Railway, a cruise on the River Dart and visit to Powderham Castle

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** Our door to door service takes you to the waiting club class coach for the drive west. We travel by way of Swindon and the Vale of White Horse and Bristol, famed for its rich nautical heritage. Our afternoon drive to the West Country sees us arrive at the Redcliffe Hotel Paignton late afternoon.

**Tuesday** Through beautiful Devon countryside to Buckfastleigh with time to visit Buckfast Abbey before transferring to the South Devon railway station. Steam power along the banks of the River Dart to Totnes where we join a 'Red Cruiser' for a sail down river to Dartmouth. After time to explore, sights include Dartmouth Castle, Britannia Royal Naval College, we return to Torbay by coach.

**Wednesday** A morning visit to the city of Exeter with time to explore the modern shopping centre and visit the historic cathedral. Early afternoon we continue to Powderham Castle which dates from 1391 and has been owned by the same family ever since. We include a tour of the castle's majestic rooms and time in the beautiful grounds. We then drive along the Exe Estuary through the resorts of Dawlish and Teignmouth to return to the hotel.

**Thursday** 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 Princetown, 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.

**Friday** A leisurely breakfast before our journey home, returning to our home area late afternoon.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Dart boat cruise
- ✓ Train Ride on South Devon Steam Railway
- ✓ Entrance to Powderham Castle
- ✓ Excursions as listed

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Redcliffe Hotel

The 3 star Redcliffe Hotel is beautifully situated on a promontory dividing two sandy beaches, boasting 400 metre water frontage. Views of the sea and coastline, from elegant Torquay on one side to the quaint fishing port of Brixham on the other, can be enjoyed from all public rooms. Each of the bedrooms is en suite and served by a lift. Facilities include a leisure centre with indoor swimming pool, a large, heated outdoor pool and a putting green.



5 DAYS FROM **£549** £60 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## County Durham Coastal delights & Pennines Beauty

Thursday 5th to Monday 9th May

**NEW**

A new tour for 2022 takes in the beauty of the Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Catherine Cookson country, the Yorkshire Moors and the coastal towns of County Durham including Saltburn, Redcar and South Shields.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Thursday** 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.

**Friday** This morning we head to South Shields, home of the late Catherine Cookson where we are joined by our local tour guide. We drive along the coast road on our way south past Marsden Bay, Whitburn and Seaburn with guided commentary. We finish back in South Shields where we can enjoy lunch, before returning to Darlington for the rest of the afternoon – perhaps visit the indoor market or explore the high street.

**Saturday** Our day starts with a drive to the thriving market town of Northallerton where a visit to the stunning Joe Cornish Gallery is not to be missed. This is a display of absolutely stunning landscape photography of the North of England, then treat yourself at the local branch of Betty's famous tearooms. Next, we head to Saltburn, home to the first pier to be built on the north east coast and the last one remaining, the local fish and chip restaurants are to be recommended. Our final call is a little way along the coast at Redcar, home of the newest pier to be built – this one is vertical!

**Sunday** A day of scenic beauty as we make for the small market town of Stanhope, right on the edge of the Pennines. A stop here allows time to explore, maybe visit the Durham Dales Centre or Lime Tree Gallery. Now on through the rugged terrain of the North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty to the town of Alston, England's highest market town, with a variety of tea rooms and cafes, as well as independent shops, it's an ideal place for a lunch stop. Next we enjoy the natural wild beauty of Teesdale as we descend to popular and historic Barnard Castle for our final visit of the day.

**Monday** 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 County Durham.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Tea/coffee & biscuits on arrival
- ✓ Entertainment one evening
- ✓ Guided tour of Catherine Cookson Country
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### 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.



5 DAYS FROM  
**£649**  
£80 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Bideford, North Devon & RHS Rosemoor

Monday 9th to Friday 15th May  
Monday 12th to Friday 16th September

Join us as we return to Bideford, the ancient port on the glorious North Devon coast; its lanes are lined with quirky little shops, packed with all manner of interesting items and its expansive waterfront and quay are the perfect place to take a stroll. Our itinerary has been carefully put together to show the best of one of this country's most beautiful areas.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for a leisurely drive through the heart of England to the elegant floral town of Cheltenham for a lunch break then by motorway to arrive at our hotel late afternoon.

**Tuesday** A morning at leisure in the lovely old town of Bideford, a must is a visit to the lively Victorian Pannier Market together with the Butcher's Row of small artisan stalls running along the lower level of the Market, there has been a market on the site since 1675. Later we travel along the Torridge Valley, this is 'Tarka the Otter' country, to RHS Rosemoor an enchanting 65 acre garden meticulously maintained and offering visitors delights whatever the season. The garden has its own restaurant and tea room.

**Wednesday** A full day excursion to the glorious scenery of Exmoor and the North Devon coast. Through the heart of Exmoor National Park to Simonsbath then spend time in picturesque Dunster, dominated by its historic castle. Our return is along the spectacular coast road past 'Lorna Doone' country to the twin villages of Lynton and Lynmouth connected by the world famous Cliff Railway.

**Thursday** This morning we journey to the unique village of Clovelly, heading first to the visitors centre where we begin our experience of the private Clovelly estate. Modelled on a traditional Devon long barn, the award-winning Visitor Centre houses a cafe and souvenir shops so the village remains uncommercialised. Now on to the lovely village itself with its flower strewn cobbled street, clinging to the steep cliff on its descent into the harbour. (As Clovelly is completely traffic free, we have included the cost of a return Landrover transfer). We return to our hotel for an included cream tea.

**Friday** We reluctantly bid farewell to our hosts at the Royal and begin our homeward journey. After stops for refreshments we return to our home area and waiting taxis late afternoon.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Tea or coffee on arrival
- ✓ Cream tea on one afternoon
- ✓ Admission to Clovelly visitor centre and return Land Rover transfer
- ✓ Entrance to RHS Rosemoor
- ✓ Excursions as listed

### YOUR HOTEL



#### The Royal Hotel Bideford

The 3 star Royal is part of the family run Brend Hotels noted for their customer care and attention to detail. Situated at end of the medieval bridge spanning the river Torridge, the Royal offers elegance and comfort. Every room is unique, but each offers the highest level of comfort and luxury with private bathroom, satellite television and tea and coffee making facilities. A large lift serves all floors. Relax in the spacious lounge or the lounge bar.



5 DAYS FROM  
**£599**  
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Beautiful Peak District

Monday 9th to Friday 13th May  
Monday 12th to Friday 16th September

Our luxurious tour covers the beautiful areas in and around the Peak District National Park. Enjoy the variety of magnificent scenery history and heritage throughout the tour between visits to luxurious attractions.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for our journey north. We spend time in delightful Ashbourne at the foot of Dove Dale then on to our luxury holiday home for the next 4 nights. We have tea & coffee then ample time to settle in before dinner this evening.

**Tuesday** We start the day with a scenic journey through the north of the Peak District, passing through Glossop before heading along snake-pass, arguably one of the most scenic routes in England. This takes us to the Ladybower Reservoir before we head towards Castleton where we stop for time to explore and relax – this is also the ideal place to enjoy lunch. This afternoon takes us to the fantastic Lyme Park and its House & Gardens, the backdrop for some of the filming of 'Pride and Prejudice'. Step back in time to the Regency era - a time which saw great rejuvenation for Lyme. Enjoy lavish interiors, try out the billiards table in the Long Gallery or read a book in the library.

**Wednesday** Our first stop this morning is the Astbury Meadow Garden Centre where we can have a look around at the plants, homewares or just enjoy a hot drink in the café. Later, we visit the World of Wedgwood Visitor Centre where you will enjoy Afternoon Tea for lunch! Afterwards, you have time to guide yourself through the museum and factory to see craftsmen at work in Britain's greatest luxury ceramics company, utilising techniques honed over 250 years at Barlaston.

**Thursday** Today we travel through the heart of the Peak District, passing by the quaint villages of Sparrowpit, Tideswell and Baslow, arriving at the market town of Bakewell where you will be able to obtain lunch. Bakewell is the home to the famous Bakewell Tart or Pudding. Here you can enjoy a slice of the original!. Later, we travel to Buxton, a spa town with delightful gardens and magnificent historic buildings. Feel free to explore the spa town and maybe enjoy refreshments and retail therapy.

**Friday** After breakfast we bid farewell to our hosts and make our way home. We stop at Lichfield for lunch before continuing to our home areas mid-afternoon, after an enjoyable luxury break.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Entrance to World of Wedgwood & afternoon tea
- ✓ Entrance to Lyme Park
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Shrigley Hall Hotel

Situated just 15 miles south of Manchester city centre, Shrigley Hall is an impressive manor house in leafy Cheshire countryside. The hotel dates back to 1825 and is set in 262 acres of spectacular countryside with its own golf course. Other facilities include a health club, spa with pool and AA rosette dining. All of the en-suite bedrooms have a hairdryer, TV, telephone and tea/coffee making facilities. A lift serves all floors.





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5 DAYS FROM  
**£589**  
MAY  
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

5 DAYS FROM  
**£639**  
SEPTEMBER  
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Somerset Delights

Monday 16th to Friday 20th May  
Monday 26th to Friday 30th September

**NEW**

Another new tour for 2022 gives the opportunity to discover the coastal delights of Somerset including Exmoor, the West Somerset Railway and the famed Cider. Our base, Minehead is ideal for all these attractions.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for a leisurely drive through the heart of England to the Georgian city of Bath for a lunch break then by motorway to arrive at our hotel late afternoon for tea/coffee and biscuits.

**Tuesday** A morning drive through the Polden Hills to Street, Glastonbury and the delightful little city of Wells. After time to explore we continue to the great resort of Weston-Super-Mare, steeped with Victorian history and dominated by a long stretch of glorious beach, Weston-Super-Mare is the perfect example of all the attractions that coastal Somerset offers.

**Wednesday** Our first stop this morning is the picturesque resort of Lynmouth where we have time to explore the narrow streets and maybe take the cliff railway to the twin village of Lynton. From here we make our way through scenic 'Little Switzerland', as this part of Exmoor is known, to the lovely village of Dunster, with its famous castle and octagonal Yarn Market. We return to the hotel late afternoon.

**Thursday** A morning visit to the famed Sheppy's Cider Farm to see how the potent drink is brewed and of course how it tastes. Our return see us stop at Bishops Lydeard for a scenic train ride on the 23 mile long West Somerset Railway through the heart of the Quantock Hills and unspoilt villages to reach Minehead and the waiting coach.

**Friday** A leisurely breakfast before we reluctantly bid farewell to our hosts at the Northfield and begin our homeward journey. After stops for refreshments we return to our home area and waiting taxis late afternoon.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Portage
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Tea or coffee on arrival
- ✓ Tea or coffee after dinner each evening
- ✓ Ride on the West Somerset Railway
- ✓ Entrance to Sheppy's Cider Farm
- ✓ Excursions as listed

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Northfield Hotel Minehead

The 3 star Northfield Hotel, Minehead is located on the lower slopes of Northhill in nearly 2 acres of landscaped gardens. The hotel provides wonderful views from the coast to the Quantocks, Brendon hills and indeed Exmoor itself. All en-suite rooms have bath or shower, digital TV, tea facilities, complimentary Wi-Fi and bottled water. Public rooms include a bar, lounge and restaurants. An indoor swimming pool and gym is also available and lifts serve all floors.



5 DAYS FROM  
**£519**  
£94 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Bournemouth & the New Forest

Monday 16th to Friday 20th May

A long established favourite destination with our clients, Bournemouth is renowned as one of the more stylish resorts. It boasts spectacular coastal views including the secret Chines which were used by smugglers to conceal their booty in days gone by. The clean, fresh and sophisticated atmosphere really is something else.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach, we travel to Bournemouth, arriving mid afternoon at our hotel, where we enjoy a welcome tea/coffee then time to settle in well before dinner.

**Tuesday** Leaving the hotel we have an excursion to the Isle of Purbeck and Swanage, passing through historic Corfe Castle. There is time to explore Swanage and maybe take a stroll along the seafront, and to have some lunch.

**Wednesday** We have a short drive into Southampton this morning where we visit Sea City, the recently opened museum telling the tragic story of the Titanic and much more about when the city was home to some 23 steamship companies. The centre piece of the exhibition features a scale model of Titanic showing the intricate layout of the vessel. This afternoon we make for Romsey and beautiful Mottisfont House and Garden. Framed by ancient trees, bubbling brooks and rolling lawns, this lovely old house was an 18th century home with a medieval priory at its heart. Enjoy a stroll around the walled garden and afterwards relax in the Kitchen Café. After a full day we return to Bournemouth and our hotel.

**Thursday** This morning we make our way to Lyndhurst- 'Capital' of the New Forest. From here we enjoy a delightful drive through the picturesque villages including Burley, Godshill and Brook. After a leisurely day we return to Bournemouth in time for perhaps a relaxing drink before our final evening's dinner.

**Friday** After breakfast we leave and begin our journey home. Making a stop in the historic city of Salisbury, with its magnificent Cathedral. After time here we continue our journey arriving in our home areas this afternoon.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Portage
- ✓ Entrance to Sea City including the Titanic Exhibition
- ✓ Entrance to Mottisfont House & Gardens
- ✓ Excursions as listed

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Best Western Carlton Hotel

The 4 star Best Western Carlton Hotel in Bournemouth is known as one of the finest hotels in the area. With its charm and richly decorated reception areas and lounges, you can relax in style and comfort. The hotel offers great facilities including sea view lounge, award winning restaurant, Waves Health & Leisure Club and complimentary Wi-Fi in all areas of the hotel. All rooms are en-suite and include tea/coffee making facilities, flat screen TV and Wi-Fi. The hotel does have a lift.



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5 DAYS FROM  
**£579**  
£95 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## A Stately Tour of the Peak District

Sunday 22nd to Thursday 26th May

**NEW**

This great new tour takes us into the heart of the glorious Peak District National Park where we include visits to some of the region's magnificent stately homes, enjoy scenic countryside, including the famous 'Dambuster' Ladybower Reservoir and the historic towns of Buxton and Chesterfield.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Sunday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive north via Lincoln to reach our hotel mid afternoon where we have a welcome tea/coffee whilst our luggage is taken to the rooms.

**Monday** Today we travel to Chatsworth House, the 'Palace of the Peak'. There are many rooms to explore, including the magnificent Painted Hall, State Rooms, Sketch Galleries and beautiful Sculpture Gallery as well as a diverse art collection to admire, in addition to the famous gardens. Later we visit the Chatsworth Farm Shop, in nearby Pilsley. In the afternoon, we visit the popular market town of Chesterfield, dominated by its famous crooked spire. We are free to explore the shops, cafés and market before returning to our hotel for dinner.

**Tuesday** After breakfast, we travel to the thermal spa town of Buxton. Home of Buxton Water and located in the centre of the Peak District, famous Georgian and Victorian architecture as well as stunning ornamental gardens provide the perfect place for some time at leisure. We have free time for lunch here before visiting the charming village of Castleton, known as the "Gem of the Peaks", after which we continue our scenic drive enjoying wonderful views of the Ladybower Reservoir, which, along with the Derwent and Howden reservoirs, was made famous during World War II when it was used by the Dambusters RAF squadron to practice low level flying techniques.

**Wednesday** We begin our morning at the Elizabethan country house of Hardwick Hall which, since its creation in the 1500s by 'Bess of Hardwick', has been contributed to by descendants, craftsmen, farmers, gardeners and more. We discover the stories of Hardwick and enjoy the beautiful landscape. At lunchtime we head to a local pub, the highly recommended Three Horseshoes. We tuck into homemade pie, mash and peas with tea and coffee, before making our way to the Grade I listed building of Renishaw Hall & Gardens. Here, we enjoy a guided tour of the magnificent building, which has been home to the Sitwell family for over 350 years, and entry to the on-site museum.

**Thursday** After a leisurely breakfast we spend time in Sheffield before returning to our home area and waiting taxis mid afternoon

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Entrance Chatsworth House
- ✓ Entrance to Hardwick Hall
- ✓ Entrance to Renishaw Hall & Gardens
- ✓ Pub lunch
- ✓ Excursions as listed

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Mercure Kenwood Hall Hotel, Sheffield

Located just 1 mile from Sheffield city centre and 2 miles from the beautiful Peak District, the 4 star Kenwood Hall Hotel is set in 12 acres of parkland with its own lake and attractive gardens dating back to the 1860s. All en-suite bedrooms are to a good size and contain a TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. The restaurant is light and airy and the bar area offers plenty of comfortable seating. Leisure and spa facilities include a swimming pool, sauna, spa bath, steam room and gym. A lift serves all floors.



5 DAYS FROM  
**£629**  
£40 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Steaming & Cruising the English Riviera, Torquay

Monday 23rd to Friday 27th May

Monday 10th to Friday 14th October

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. Our tour includes a steam train ride on the old coastal line, a cruise along the River Dart and a fabulous cruise around Plymouth harbour.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** Outward journey from your door to the English Riviera, to arrive at our hotel late afternoon.

**Tuesday** Our day begins with a drive to the great maritime city of Plymouth. The city is an extraordinary blend of vibrant modern city and historic seafaring port in a picturesque harbour setting. We have included a 1 hour, harbour cruise with commentary taking us across the Plymouth Sound, flanked by the beautiful Devon and Cornish coasts. We pass Plymouth Hoe, the famous Drakes Island, heading for the river Tamar where the mighty warships and nuclear submarines await! This is followed by time at leisure; the Elizabethan Barbican where Drake, Raleigh and the Pilgrim Fathers weighed anchor is a great attraction.

**Wednesday** Our day begins with a drive to Moretonhampstead and the House of Marbles for a coffee stop. This is a working glass and games factory making an unusual range of traditional games, puzzles, toys, marbles and glassware for many years. Meander round the old kilns and old pottery buildings, browse in the gift shop. From here we make our way to the coast, Teignmouth and delightful Dawlish where we spend time to explore and obtain lunch before our afternoon return to Torquay.

**Thursday** A different mode of transport today! First we take the coach to nearby Paignton to board the Paignton and Dartmouth Railway for a steam train ride along the spectacular Torbay Coast to Kingswear. Here we join the ferry to Dartmouth before taking a circular hour-long cruise along the river and estuary. We have some free time in Dartmouth before the return train from Kingswear to Paignton.

**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
- ✓ Train ride from Paignton to Kingswear and return
- ✓ Cruise on the River Dart
- ✓ Cruise on River Tamar Plymouth
- ✓ Visit to the House of Marbles
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Livermead Cliff Hotel

The three star Best Western Livermead Cliff Hotel, situated on Torquay's water's edge offering stunning sea views, has become a firm favourite with our clients. It is a pleasant level stroll away from the town centre and marina. Hotel facilities include Oceanic Restaurant, Riviera bar, lounge and terrace with beautiful views across Torbay. All bedrooms feature en suite facilities, television, hairdryer, telephone and tea/coffee making facilities. A lift serves all floors



5 DAYS FROM **£679** JUNE £112 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT  
5 DAYS FROM **£649** OCTOBER £96 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Spectacular Snowdonia

Monday 6th to Friday 10th June  
Sunday 2nd to Thursday 6th October

Our great tour of Snowdonia in the heart of North Wales features stunning scenery and incredible attractions from Puffins, hidden gardens, Portmeirion and Caernarfon Castle to the country's longest heritage railway – all in the shadow of Wales's tallest peaks.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Day 1** From your front door to the waiting coach then on through the heart of England to Wales. Our route takes us to Shrewsbury for a lunch stop then on through the beautiful Vale of Llangollen arriving late afternoon at the Celtic Royal Hotel. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served on arrival.

**Day 2** This morning we visit Caernarfon Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, before enjoying a scenic drive to Betws y Coed, North Wales' most popular inland resort. We enjoy time at leisure for lunch here before visiting the nearby Trefriw Woollen Mills where traditional woollen products are made using machines that are over 50 years old. We continue through Snowdonia National Park and return to Caernarfon.

**Day 3** This morning we travel over the Menai Bridge to the Isle of Anglesey and visit one of North Wales' best kept secrets, the hidden gardens of Plas Cadnant. We enjoy exploring the restored gardens at leisure before driving on to nearby Beaumaris with its medieval castle, lovely beach and Victorian pier. In the afternoon we relax on a leisurely 80 minute return boat cruise to Puffin Island

**Day 4** Today we enjoy a ride on the Welsh Highland Railway, the UK's longest heritage railway. Our 2 hour one way journey runs for 25 miles from Caernarfon, past the foot of Snowdon and the picture postcard village of Beddgelert, through the stunning Aberglaslyn Pass, to our destination of Porthmadog. On arrival, we re-join our coach and travel to the nearby unique village of Portmeirion, exploring the lovely terraced gardens, village and shops.

**Day 5** Our homeward journey takes us along Colwyn Bay and past historic Chester to arrive in our home area late afternoon.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Tea/coffee & biscuits on arrival
- ✓ Entrance to Plas Cadnant Gardens
- ✓ Cruise to Puffin Island
- ✓ Entrance to Caernarfon Castle
- ✓ Admission to Portmeirion
- ✓ Ride on the Welsh Highland Railway
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### 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.



5 DAYS FROM **£599** £80 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Best of the Lakes

Monday 13th to Friday 17th June  
Monday 17th to Friday 21st October

The Lake District is without a doubt England's premier area of outstanding natural beauty with a host of fells, lakes and mountains on which to feast your eyes. Our itinerary also includes the famous 'Mountain Goat' minibuses that will take us over the Wrynose & Hardknott Passes, a magnificent scenic route not accessible to large coaches.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** From your front door north 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 Hawes to reach The Riverside Hotel in Kendal late afternoon with plenty of time to settle in before this evening's dinner.

**Tuesday** We climb the rugged Kirkstone Pass, affording outstanding views, to tranquil Ullswater then on to Keswick, a busy market town overlooked by soaring Skiddaw. After free time we return to Kendal by way of Wordsworth's beloved Grasmere and Ambleside with its famous bridge house.

**Wednesday** 'High Adventure'! The 'Mountain Goat' minibuses take us where large coaches cannot go. This is a wonderful day, taking in the mountain passes of the Western Fells – Wrynose Pass, the desolate Duddon Valley, awesome Hardknott Pass and many other delights.

**Thursday** A gentle drive to Newby Bridge and on to Coniston Water, scene of Donald Campbell's ill fated record attempt, then spend time in pretty Hawkshead of Beatrix Potter fame before returning to the hotel early afternoon for time at leisure in our resort.

**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
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Tea & coffee on arrival
- ✓ Tea & coffee after dinner each evening
- ✓ 'Mountain Goat' minibus excursion
- ✓ Excursions as listed

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Riverside Hotel

Overlooking the pretty River Kent in the heart of Kendal, the 3 star Riverside Hotel is perfectly placed for our tour. The hotel has a leisure facility with an indoor heated pool and sauna. The bedrooms are comfortable and tastefully furnished; all are en suite and have tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors.



5 DAYS FROM  
**£569**  
£104 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Kent Coastal delights

Monday 13th to Friday 17th June

**NEW**

Kent's coastal towns and ports have played a significant role in Britain's maritime history over the centuries. Our tour for 2022, based in well known Folkestone, includes visits to some of these delightful resorts and historic Canterbury. The county was on the front line during WW2 and we include a visit to the Battle of Britain Memorial also included is a ride on the small Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** From your front door to the waiting coach for the drive south to Kent. Our first visit is to Broadstairs, a wonderful mixture of Victorian architecture, hidden cobbled squares and sandy beaches. One of Broadstairs' main attractions is Bleak House, with its arched walkway and known as the holiday home of Charles Dickens. Later we spend time in delightful Sandwich, noted for its maze of narrow streets and medieval buildings before continuing south and arriving at the Clifton Hotel late afternoon for a welcoming tea or coffee.

**Tuesday** We enjoy a leisurely breakfast before we depart for historic Canterbury. The city is dominated by the magnificent cathedral, now a World Heritage Site. The city centre is compact and best explored on foot. There's a maze of intriguing side streets with a variety of specialist shops and welcoming cafes to enjoy. Our return to the coast includes a visit to The Battle of Britain Memorial which is located in a peaceful spot, offering views across the Channel. The central statue of a lone pilot is complemented by a memorial wall and replica Spitfire and Hurricane. We return to the hotel late afternoon with time to relax before dinner.

**Wednesday** This morning we visit the picturesque cinque port of Deal with time to explore then return by way of Dover for a free afternoon in Folkestone.

**Thursday** A short drive to Hythe where we board the Romney Hythe and Dymchurch Railway. During WW2 the little railway was requisitioned by the War Department, creating the only miniature armoured train in the world. At New Romney we re-join the coach and continue across Walland Marsh to the lovely Cinque Port of Rye. We have time to explore this busy little town and perhaps visit the weekly market.

**Friday** A leisurely breakfast at the hotel before we bid farewell to our hosts and make our way home. We drive across Kent through picturesque villages to spend time in the popular and historic resort of Whitstable. Mid-afternoon we complete our journey as we arrive on our home areas after a memorable holiday in Kent.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Ride on the Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway
- ✓ Excursions as listed

### YOUR HOTEL

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#### Best Western Clifton Hotel Folkestone

The 3 star Best Western Clifton Hotel occupies a prime location on the famous Leas, looking out over the English Channel. Hotel facilities include traditionally furnished lounge, elegantly styled restaurant and popular bar. All the well appointed en-suite bedrooms have television and tea/coffee making facilities. The hotel has a lift.



5 DAYS FROM  
**£589**  
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

6 DAYS FROM  
**£729**  
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Devon's Floral town, Sidmouth

Wednesday 15th to Monday 20th June (6 Days)

Saturday 24th to Wednesday 28th September (5 Days)

It gives us great pleasure to return to Sidmouth, a frequent winner of the title 'Britain's Floral Town'; it's quiet, unhurried and unspoilt. This picturesque resort is situated on the glorious south Devon coast, set between deep red cliffs on the edge of Devon's heathery uplands; the town boasts a pleasant, well-kept atmosphere.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Day 1** Our door to door service takes you from your home to the waiting Club Class coach for the journey to the South West. We spend time in the famous maritime city of Bristol then on to Sidmouth arriving at our holiday hotel late afternoon.

**Day 2** A lovely coastal drive today; first to the picturesque fishing village of Beer, then on to Seaton with its famous tram way to Colyton. We take a return journey on the delightful narrow gauge tram through the beautiful Axe Valley before returning along the Jurassic Coast back to Sidmouth.

**Day 3** 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 where we include a cruise on the River Exe.

**Day 4** A day at leisure to explore and discover the delights of Regency Sidmouth.

**Day 5** We visit popular Tiverton then drive through the Exe Valley to spend time in Devon's capital, Exeter. Dominated by its majestic cathedral the city offers a rich heritage with an old port, modern shopping area and historic Guildhall, the perfect place to spend some time.

**Day 6** Our homeward journey includes glorious Somerset scenery, retracing our outward journey before returning to our home area late afternoon.

**Please Note: September tour does not include Day 5.**



### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4/5nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Entertainment on some evenings
- ✓ Tram ride to Colyton
- ✓ Cruise on the River Exe
- ✓ 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 tea/coffee making facilities and all are served by a lift.



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6 DAYS FROM **£599** £75 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Beautiful Northumbria

Sunday 19th to Friday 24th June  
Sunday 18th to Friday 23rd September

Join us on this 6 day tour that is based in the historic city of Newcastle. Northumbria is a tapestry of wonderful sights and attractions with numerous castles and cathedrals, rolling moorlands, intriguing history and quaint villages. We visit some of the best sights and towns that the north east corner of England has to offer including Alnwick Castle & Holy Island.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Sunday** From your front door to the waiting club class coach for the drive to Newcastle where we arrive at the 4 star Millennium Copthorne Hotel mid-afternoon. We are greeted by a welcoming cup of tea or coffee before enjoying time to settle in before dinner.

**Monday** This morning we head for the coast and South Shields, home of the late Catherine Cookson before continuing past Marsden Bay, Whitburn and Seaburn. Here we head inland and drive across to the ancient and historic city of Durham, much acclaimed as a World Heritage Site and dominated by the magnificent Norman Cathedral and Castle, high above the River Wear. Late afternoon we return to the hotel.

**Tuesday** We have a leisurely morning in Newcastle with a chance to explore the city. Later we join the boat at the quayside for a fabulous cruise on the River Tyne, with an interesting commentary. While enjoying our cruise we travel under many of the Tyne bridges before we disembark this afternoon and return to the hotel.

**Wednesday** Today we take the road north past Blyth and Ashington to Amble, Warkworth and historic Alnwick. We visit the magnificent castle which is home to the family of the Duke of Northumberland, dating back to 1309. The castle itself has been featured in many of the Harry Potter films as well as Downton Abbey. The beautifully decorated Alnwick Gardens have many unique features, sculptures and infamous Poison Garden and one of the largest tree houses in the world. After time to look around the castle and gardens we make our way back to hotel for dinner.

**Thursday** Today's excursion sees us travel through the north of Northumberland and cross the causeway to Holy Island and the mysterious Lindisfarne Castle. After time here we return to Bamburgh with its mighty Castle on the beach where we make a stop. Why not visit the majestic Castle or the Grace Darling Museum

**Friday** After breakfast we make use of the motorways to arrive home late afternoon after an unforgettable break in Northumbria.

Please note that the crossing of the causeway to Holy Island is governed by tide times and it may be necessary to make a change to this excursion.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 5 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Entrance to Alnwick Castle & Gardens
- ✓ River Tyne Boat Cruise
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Millennium Copthorne Hotel

The 4 star Copthorne Hotel stands in one of the finest locations in Newcastle, on the banks of the River Tyne and is just a short stroll from the city centre. All of the bedrooms face the river and are all en-suite with a TV and tea/coffee making facilities. A lift serves all floors.



5 DAYS FROM **£729** JUNE £122 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

5 DAYS FROM **£649** OCTOBER £100 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Taste of Luxury in Scarborough

Monday 20th to Friday 24th June  
Monday 10th to Friday 14th October

Spoil yourself on our new tour to Scarborough one of Britain's premier coastal resorts. We include a train ride on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway, a coastal drive and time in historic York itself.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach, we make our way north over the Humber Bridge to Hull, here we have a lunch stop before we re-join the coach and take the scenic road through the Yorkshire Wolds to arrive at the Crown Spa Hotel, Scarborough with time to settle in and relax before dinner.

**Tuesday** A free day to discover the varied attractions of Scarborough. Enjoy the delightful promenade in the attractive Belvedere Gardens, take a short walk across the spa footbridge to the town centre and shops, or the cliff lift down to the golden beaches of the South Bay and the little harbour.

**Wednesday** Today we have a very interesting excursion. Leaving Scarborough we head south to the genteel resort of Filey for a short stay before continuing to the lofty viewpoint of Flamborough Head. Our return includes a visit to the fascinating Scarborough Fair Collection and Vintage Transport Museum which hosts a magnificent working collection of Vintage Cars, Steam Engines, and Vintage Fairground Rides.

**Thursday** This morning we head north following the coast road to Whitby, the famous fishing port which was once the home of Captain James Cook. High above the harbour stands the 7th Century Whitby Abbey, the inspirations for Bram Stoker's Dracula. We have time to wander around the narrow streets and busy harbour side and to obtain lunch before we join the North Yorkshire Moors Railway service taking us over the scenic North Yorkshire Moors through Grosfont and Gothland to Pickering where we re-join the coach for the drive back to the hotel.

**Friday** This morning we leave for a day in the ancient and historic City of York. In York there are lots of things to see and do – The National Railway Museum, The Jorvik Centre, The Castle Museum, stroll around the City Walls, wander around the excellent shops, explore the many quaint little alleyways, and, of course, no visit to York is complete without seeing magnificent York Minster. Late afternoon we return to our home area

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Ride on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway
- ✓ Admission to the Scarborough Fair Collection
- ✓ Excursions as listed

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Crown Spa Hotel

The 4 star Crown Hotel, the finest hotel in Scarborough, is the obvious choice for our 'taste of luxury' tour. The hotel enjoys a commanding position above Scarborough's South Beach, yet is just a short walk from the beach and the town centre. Bedrooms are all en suite with TV and tea/coffee making facilities. The hotel hosts its own swimming pool and modern fitness centre. Guests can relax in the sauna, spa bath or steam room, or try a range of indulgent treatments in the elegant spa salon. There is a lift to all floors.



6 DAYS FROM  
**£829**  
£80 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Isle of Man – The Treasured Isle

Sunday 19th to Friday 24th June  
Sunday 4th to Friday 9th September

**EARLY BOOKING RECOMMENDED**

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. Reminders of the Island's turbulent past abound, Iron Age hill forts, the ruins of Rushden Abbey and the castle at Peel can be seen around the island. The Island's coastline ranges from quiet secluded coves to busy harbours and clean sandy beaches. Our chosen resort is Douglas with a Victorian seafront and long promenades where horse drawn trams still operate.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Sunday** 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.

**Monday** A relaxing morning in Douglas before we join the electric railway to visit Laxey, home 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.

**Tuesday** 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, then St Johns, home of the ancient Manx parliament. Our return includes the lofty South Barrule road.

**Wednesday** 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 overlooked by Bradda Head, returning by the wonderful narrow gauge Isle of Man Railway.

**Thursday** A day at leisure in our chosen resort.

**Friday** 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

- ✓ 5 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Tea & coffee after dinner
- ✓ Ride on the Snaefell Railway
- ✓ Ride on the Manx Electric Railway
- ✓ Ride on the Steam Railway from Port Erin to Douglas
- ✓ Guided Island tour
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### 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.





ENGLAND



5 DAYS FROM **£569** £95 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

5 DAYS FROM **£569** £52 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Scenic Lancashire by Sail & Rail

Thursday 23rd to Monday 27th June

**NEW**

Enjoy discovering lovely Lancashire by steam train and narrow boat on our new North West tour. With visits to Samlesbury Hall and Gawthorpe Hall also included, we find heritage and history around every corner.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Thursday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive to Lancashire arriving at our hotel late afternoon. We are greeted by a welcoming cup of tea or coffee before time to settle in and dinner.

**Friday** We begin our day with a guided tour of Samlesbury Hall, a fabulous half-timbered black and white medieval house built in 1325, used as a family home. After time here we make our way to Riley Green Marina to embark upon a narrow boat cruise along the Leeds Liverpool canal. Our 3 hour round trip passes through delightful countryside including Withnell Fold nature Reserve, past the old Paper Mill and on to the lovely hamlet of Wheelton and Johnsons Hillock Locks before descending and ascending two locks and returning to Riley Green. During our cruise, we enjoy a two course lunch on our spacious, accessible boat, with each table offering panoramic views of the canal.

**Saturday** Today, we travel to Rawtenstall where we step back in time for a nostalgic trip on a steam train along the East Lancashire Railway. Our journey takes us through the beautiful Lancashire countryside to the market town of Bury, where we can browse the world famous Bury market. We return to the hotel where we enjoy a cream tea this afternoon.

**Sunday** This morning, we enjoy a scenic drive through the picturesque Ribble Valley stopping en route at the Oswaldtwistle Mills shopping village and garden centre. This award winning former weaving mill has over 100 retailers under one roof, 5 restaurants, an ice cream parlour, garden centre and even its own wildfowl reserve. We have free time for a spot of browsing and lunch before continuing on our way to Gawthorpe Hall, affectionately known as the "Downton of the North", before returning to the hotel for our final evening's dinner.

**Monday** After breakfast we bid farewell to our hosts as we make our way home. Arriving later this afternoon we are greeted by our awaiting taxis after a delightful break in Lancashire.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Tea/coffee on arrival
- ✓ Tea/coffee after dinner each night
- ✓ 1 glass of wine or soft drink with dinner each night
- ✓ Guided tour of Samlesbury House accommodation
- ✓ Canal cruise with included lunch
- ✓ East Lancashire railway journey (one way)
- ✓ Cream tea at the hotel
- ✓ Entrance to Gawthorpe Hall
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL

★★★★

#### Mercure Dunkenhalgh Hotel Blackburn

The 3 star plus Dunkenhalgh Hotel and Spa was originally a 700 year old country manor house which has been sensitively converted into a modern hotel. Set in extensive landscaped gardens the hotel has retained many original features including an impressive gothic staircase in the entrance hall. All en-suite rooms are a good size and beautifully decorated, all have T.V. hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. Public rooms include an elegant restaurant, bar and an indoor swimming pool and fitness centre. Lift serves all floors.

## Cumbrian Adventure & The Settle to Carlisle Railway

Monday 27th June to Friday 1st July

This tour takes in the highlights of Cumbria, considered to be one of the most beautiful regions of the UK. We take in spectacular scenery on this tour, as well as visiting some fantastic sights. We also include three railway journeys and a visit to Kielder Water, Hexham and Hadrian's Wall.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the scenic drive north to Cumbria. We arrive at our holiday hotel late afternoon, where we are welcomed by tea/coffee and biscuits. We then have plenty of time to settle in before dinner this evening.

**Tuesday** Today we head for Longtown and drive along Liddesdale as we make our way to picturesque Kielder Water and Forest Park. We take a break at the visitor centre before continuing to Bellingham and Hexham, dominated by the Abbey overlooking the market square. This afternoon we return along the path of Hadrian's Wall, which stretched some 76 miles from the Tyne to the Solway.

**Wednesday** This morning we start our first train journey of the day in Carlisle. The line follows the Cumbrian coastline through Maryport and Whitehaven, the stunning sea views stay with us to Ravenglass. Here we join the Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway, 'L'al Ratty' steam train from the coast to the foothills of England's highest mountains, seven miles of steam in the Lake District National Park.

**Thursday** More fantastic scenery today as we make our way into the Yorkshire Dales to Kirkby Lonsdale, where we find the weekly market in full swing. Then we travel on past the immense Ribbleshead Viaduct through charming Horton-in-Ribbleshead to Settle. In the afternoon we take in the most spectacular train journey on a main line railway in the whole of England- the famous Settle to Carlisle line. Towering viaducts, bridges, long deep tunnels, lovingly kept station gardens all help to make this one of the best loved lines in the country. We travel along the whole line back to Carlisle and our hotel for our last evening's dinner.

**Friday** After breakfast we bid farewell to our hosts at the Crown & Mitre Hotel. We head south before reaching our home areas late afternoon.



### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Choice of Menu
- ✓ Cumbria Coast Railway
- ✓ Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway
- ✓ Settle to Carlisle Railway
- ✓ All excursions as listed

### YOUR HOTEL

★★★

#### Crown & Mitre Hotel

The 3 star rated Crown & Mitre Hotel stands in the centre of Carlisle and offers the perfect mix of Edwardian grandeur, beautiful original features including an elegant sweeping staircase plus all modern comforts of home to create a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. Hotel facilities include a swimming pool and Jacuzzi. All bedrooms are en-suite and have a television, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities, a lift serves all floors.



4 DAYS FROM  
**£429**  
£78 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Tewkesbury Medieval Festival

Friday 8th to Monday 11th July

**NEW**

Every summer the historic town of Tewkesbury commemorates the War of the Roses Battle that took place in 1471 with its own festival that sees enthusiasts, re-enactors and traders from all over Europe gather in the town. Tewkesbury is taken back in time with re-enactments, minstrels, jugglers and themed crafts folk showing their skills and products throughout the day. Our 4 day tour includes a superb hotel, visit to Gloucester Quays and of course the Festival

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Friday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive south west to the Cotswolds. We travel by way of Moreton in Marsh and Winchcombe to spend time for lunch and sightseeing in the glorious floral and spa town of Cheltenham. We arrive at Blunsdon House Hotel late afternoon. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served on arrival.

**Saturday** This morning we head to Tewkesbury for its famous Medieval Festival. Tewkesbury Medieval Festival is widely regarded as the biggest free Medieval gathering in Europe with over 2000 re-enactors and traders. Medieval minstrels, jugglers, stilt walkers, friendly dragons, and bears wander around the festival site and there is a varied programme of events. The key experiences of the day will be near the Battlefield, where a re-enactment of the original battle, alongside other interesting events, will be taking place.

**Sunday** Our day takes through the Southern Cotswolds to Minchampton and picturesque Painswick before spending time in historic Gloucester. Visit the modern Quays shopping centre or discover the fascinating historic docks where Victorian warehouses a working dry dock and a Mariners Chapel bear witness to the importance of Britain's most inland port. Our return to the hotel is via 'Royal' Tetbury and Malmesbury.

**Monday** A leisurely breakfast before we depart the hotel for the journey home. We return to our home area mid afternoon.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 3 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Portorage
- ✓ Tea, coffee & biscuits on arrival
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL

★★★★

#### Blunsdon House Hotel

The 4 star Blunsdon House Hotel is a Fenn favourite, set in 30 acres of beautiful Wiltshire countryside. This hotel has an indoor swimming pool and a 9 hole golf course and the back overlooks the stunning Cotswolds. All of the bedrooms are en-suite and have tea and coffee making facilities. The hotel is served by a lift.



5 DAYS FROM  
**£569**  
£119 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## North Devon Delights

Sunday 10th to Thursday 14th July

A 5 day break with excursions to interest everyone. We explore North Devon with visits to interesting attractions including 'Little Switzerland', which combined with our excellent hotel, makes for a very enjoyable break.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Sunday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive south to Devon. We arrive in Barnstaple and at our holiday hotel late afternoon. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be served whilst our luggage is taken to our rooms, then time to settle in before dinner.

**Monday** Today is market day visit the famous Pannier Market and explore the elegant Georgian town at leisure. This afternoon we visit the ancient seaport of Bideford, delightfully set on the banks of the River Torridge. After time for exploration, we return to the hotel with time before this evening's dinner.

**Tuesday** Our first stop this morning is the picturesque resort of Lynmouth where we have time to explore the narrow streets and maybe take the cliff railway to the twin village of Lynton. From here we make our way through scenic 'Little Switzerland', as the region is known, to the lovely village of Dunster with its famous castle and octagonal Yarn Market. We have time in the popular seaside resort of Minehead and our return takes us through Exford and the Exmoor National Park.

**Wednesday** After breakfast we head to the Victorian seaside resort of Ilfracombe, known as the jewel in the North Devon Coast. Discover the quayside and harbour, whitewashed villas, lovely villas and coastal paths as well as its many shops and cafes.

**Thursday** We bid farewell to our hosts as we make our way home. We arrive late afternoon to be greeted by our awaiting taxis.



### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Portorage
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Tea/coffee and biscuits on arrival
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL

★★★

#### The Royal & Fortescue Hotel

The much acclaimed family run hotel is ideally situated in Barnstaple's town centre and was formerly a coaching inn. The hotel offers relaxing lounges with waiter service throughout the day and is noted for its excellent selection of afternoon teas. All of the bedrooms are en-suite and have a TV, telephone, a hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. The hotel has a lift that serves all floors.



5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£579**  
£119 SINGLE  
SUPPLEMENT

## Between Devon's Moors

Monday 11th to Friday 15th July

The county of Devon is unique in the British Isles with two different coastlines, green rolling hills, wild moorland and picture postcard villages. Our tour is based in the historic market town of Tiverton situated on the banks of the pretty River Exe ideally placed to ensure the most from our holiday. We include visits to both Exmoor and Dartmoor, the beautiful coastlines, a ride on the South Devon Railway and a horse drawn barge cruise with cream tea.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** Our door to door service takes you to the waiting club class coach for the drive west. We travel by way of Swindon and the Vale of White Horse to spend time in the city of Bristol, famed for its rich nautical heritage. We view the Clifton suspension bridge on our afternoon drive to Tiverton and our holiday hotel, arriving late afternoon for a welcoming cup of tea.

**Tuesday** A full day excursion to the glorious scenery of Exmoor and the North Devon coast. We drive through the pretty Exe Valley to spend time in picturesque Dunster, dominated by its historic castle. Now on to the noted North Devon resort of Minehead for time to explore.

**Wednesday** We travel to the Jurassic Coast and the timeless resort of Sidmouth. Take a stroll along the picturesque promenade of this Regency seaside town and admire the Georgian and Victorian buildings. We return to Tiverton for an included cruise on a Tiverton Horse Drawn Barge and a delicious cream tea.

**Thursday** A scenic drive through the Dartmoor National Park, used for the filming of the emotive movie 'Warhorse'. We visit the famed village of Widecombe in the Moor then board a steam train of the South Devon Railway at Buckfastleigh for a ride along the former branch line of the Great Western Railway to Totnes, following the course of the stunning River Dart

**Friday** We leave the West Country and head homeward. Our route is via picturesque Castle Combe and Cirencester, where we make a stop for lunch, then on through the glorious Cotswolds to return to our home area and waiting taxis late afternoon.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Tea/coffee on arrival
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Tea or coffee after dinner each evening
- ✓ Horse drawn barge trip with cream tea
- ✓ Ride on the South Devon Steam Railway
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Best western Tiverton Hotel

The modern 3 star Tiverton Hotel is situated in the heart of the Exe Valley but only 10 minutes level walk from the centre of the town. The en-suite bedrooms are equipped with colour TV, telephone, hairdryer, trouser press and tea/coffee making facilities. Tastefully decorated public rooms include a lounge bar and restaurant noted for its good menu choice. There is no lift but ground floor rooms are available

5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£579**  
£80 SINGLE  
SUPPLEMENT

## Romantic Ribble Valley

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd July

Monday 10th to Friday 14th October (No single supplement)

Time appears to have bypassed this historic area, leaving it immersed in rich heritage. We explore the open green land that inspired J.R.R Tolkien's 'Middle Earth'. Surrounded by unspoilt countryside we explore the canals and historic buildings that fill the Ribble Valley.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive north to reach the Foxfields Hotel late afternoon. We have time to settle in before enjoying dinner this evening.

**Tuesday** This morning we are joined by a local guide for our first excursion. We visit the beautiful Browsholme Hall and gardens, laid out in the style of Capability Brown. The Hall was built in 1512 and is the ancestral home of the Parker family, a guided tour is included. This afternoon we have a short drive to Riley Green Marina where we board a canal boat for a relaxing cruise along the canal with included afternoon tea. We make our way back to the hotel late afternoon for dinner.

**Wednesday** Today we have a full day guided tour of Pendle Hill Country an area made famous by the 17th century trial of the Witches of Pendle. The picturesque village of Downham was used for many film locations including Whistle Down the Wind. We visit Barrowford Visitor Centre before spending time in Clitheroe. Our tour continues with a drive through the Britain in Bloom award winning village of Chipping into the Hodder Valley with a break at the riverside tearooms in Slaidburn.

**Thursday** A morning drive along the Ribble Valley then north to the historic city of Lancaster where we visit the Ashton Memorial in Williamson Park to learn of its romantic history then have time to explore in the city centre. Our return drive is through the beautiful but sparsely populated Trough of Bowland arriving at the hotel with time to relax before our final night's dinner.

**Friday** After breakfast we depart for home enjoying a relaxing drive through the wonderful Peak District. We reach our home area to be greeted by our awaiting taxis mid-afternoon.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Visit to the Ashton Memorial
- ✓ Visit to Browsholme Hall & gardens
- ✓ Canal cruise with Afternoon Tea
- ✓ Local guides for 2 days
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### The Foxfields Country Hotel

The 3 star Foxfields Country Hotel is situated near the village of Billington in the beautiful Ribble Valley. Leisure club facilities include a heated indoor swimming pool, sauna and gym. All of the luxurious bedrooms are equipped with en-suite facilities, a TV, and tea/coffee making facilities. The hotel does not have a lift.



5 DAYS FROM  
**£579**  
£90 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Discovering Yorkshire

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd July

We return to the much loved county of Yorkshire. Stretching from Spurn Point to Saltburn-by-the-Sea, this unique coastline boasts a string of gorgeous towns and fishing villages. Included is a scenic guided tour of York and, of course, the famous North Yorkshire Moors Railway.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** From your front door to the Club Class coach for the drive north to York. We arrive at the Queens Hotel this afternoon with time to settle in before dinner.

**Tuesday** Today is 'York in a nutshell', after breakfast we are joined by our guide for a comprehensive morning sightseeing tour of York. This afternoon we enjoy a cruise on the river Ouse with 'Yorkboat', we then have free time in York before meeting for this evening's dinner.

**Wednesday** This morning we leave for a spectacular scenic tour to Whitby and the North Yorkshire Moors National Park. Our first stop is Pickering where we join the North Yorkshire Moors Railway for a ride across the moors as we make our way to the historic seaport of Whitby, with its ruined Abbey atop the cliff. We have time for lunch and to explore the town before returning across Blakey Ridge, offering some of the most spectacular views of the area. From Hutton-le-Hole we continue to Helmsley for a short break before returning to the hotel.

**Thursday** After breakfast we have the morning free for further exploration of the city. Why not visit the Jorvik Centre, The National Railway Museum or walk the City Walls, the list is endless. No visit to York is complete without seeing the magnificent Minster and the surrounding narrow streets and little alleyways, including the famous Shambles. This afternoon we visit Castle Howard, best known for its starring role in 'Brideshead Revisited'. We have time to explore the house and grounds before heading back to the hotel for dinner.

**Friday** After breakfast we bid farewell to Yorkshire and begin our homeward journey.



### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Guided sightseeing tour of York
- ✓ York riverboat cruise
- ✓ North Yorkshire Moors Railway
- ✓ Admission to Castle Howard
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Queens Hotel

A warm welcome awaits you at The Queen's Hotel, which is situated on the banks of the River Ouse, in the heart of the City of York. All of the 78 bedrooms are tastefully decorated with a telephone, free Wi-Fi internet access, en-suite bathrooms with complimentary toiletries, a refreshments tray and a TV. The hotel's lift serves all floors.



5 DAYS FROM  
**£599**  
£100 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## A Taste of Kent

Sunday 21st to Thursday 25th July

Kent is known as the 'Garden of England', so on this tour we endeavour to show you a few of the tastes and products that help to support this claim and enjoy the noted countryside.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Sunday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the journey south. After crossing the River Thames continuing on to our holiday hotel.

**Monday** For our first visit today, we head for Staplehurst and Hush Heath Estate and vineyards. Here we enjoy a guided tour and can learn all aspects of grape-growing before visiting the winery where the production process of still and sparkling wine is explained. We finish with a tutored tasting of three Hush Heath Estate wines and ciders. Leaving the vineyard we have a short drive to the Goudhurst Inn, part of the Hush Heath Estate, for a "Ploughmans Platter" lunch. After our visit we head to Royal Tunbridge Wells. Royal Tunbridge Wells lies in the heart of the beautiful High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The historic spa town has welcomed visitors for over 400 years and has plenty to interest the visitor.

**Tuesday** We begin with a ride to the Shepherd Neame Brewery for a guided 'behind the scenes' tour. Afterwards we have free time for lunch and time to explore the historic town of Faversham nestling between the rural gently sloping Downs and the austere North Kent marshes, Faversham is one of southern England's most charming towns with over 475 listed buildings and a good selection of independent shops.

**Wednesday** This morning we head for the land of mysterious marshes and smugglers. First, we come to New Romney. A Cinque Port since 1155, the Great Storm of 1287 changed the course of the River Rother and made New Romney an inland town. Next, we arrive at Lydd. In the 18th and 19th centuries the town was notorious for the activities of 'owlers' (Local smugglers hooting to each other at dead of night). Have a look at All Saints Church – The Cathedral of the Marsh, which has a soaring 132ft tower, and at 199ft is Kent's longest church, parts of it date back to Roman times. As we head inland spot the tower of St Mildred's Church at Tenterden. Horatio, Lord Nelson's daughter by his mistress Emma Hamilton, was at one time the vicar's wife. Known as the 'Jewel in the Weald' the town makes an ideal place to finish the day.

**Thursday** After breakfast we depart after a relaxing Kentish break and head home stopping off in the City of Rochester with its magnificent Cathedral and historic castle. Take a stroll along High Street and explore the old town and cobbled streets. This afternoon we return to our home area to be greeted by our awaiting taxis.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Hush Heath Estate & Vineyards tour and tasting
- ✓ Ploughman's platter lunch at Hush Heath visitor centre
- ✓ Shepherd Neame Brewery tour & tasting
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Bridgewood Manor Hotel

This delightful hotel offers much character with its ideal location and pretty courtyard. Each of the 100 bedrooms are equipped with en-suite facilities, a TV, internet access, trouser press and ironing facilities, tea/coffee making facilities, hairdryer and a telephone. The hotel has a lift.



ENGLAND



5 DAYS FROM **£559** £100 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Hampshire Highlights including the New Forest & Watercress Line

Sunday 24th to Thursday 28th July

**NEW**

Our new tour offers the opportunity to enjoy the pleasures of Hampshire and its quaint towns. We include visits to Winchester, maritime Portsmouth, the outstanding New Forest, colourful Exbury Gardens and a journey on a vintage railway.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Sunday** 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, we will be greeted with tea/coffee and then time to settle in well before this evening's dinner.

**Monday** This morning we begin with time in the historic town of Winchester. Here we can visit the medieval Cathedral, explore its high street or perhaps the many museums in the town. This afternoon we visit Georgian Alresford, home of Hampshire's historical watercress industry to join the Mid Hants Railway for a one way journey on the Watercress Line to Alton. Later we return to the hotel.

**Tuesday** This morning we head to the town of Lyndhurst, known as the capital of The New Forest since the times of William the Conqueror. Lyndhurst offers a wide range of shops, cosy tea rooms, old world pubs and cafes. Later, we travel to the market town of Lymington, in the south of the New Forest. Here we have a chance to enjoy lunch and spend some time exploring at our own pace. In the afternoon, we continue through the stunning New Forest, arriving at Exbury Gardens, a spectacular 200-acre woodland garden famous for the Rothschild collection of rhododendrons, azaleas and camellias.

**Wednesday** Our day begins with a ride through the South Downs, reaching the market-town of Petersfield where we can enjoy a stop in the heart of the National Park. The town has a variety of local shops, as well as a museum, Psychic Garden and art gallery. Today is also market day. Afterwards, we head to the coast where the rest of the day is yours in the Maritime City of Portsmouth, perhaps visit the Historic Dockyard, home of 'Victory' and 'Mary Rose', or visit the lovely Cathedral.

**Thursday** After breakfast we leave our hotel for the leisurely drive north to arrive in our home area mid afternoon

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Tea/coffee on arrival
- ✓ Ride on the Watercress Line
- ✓ Admission to Exbury Gardens
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Norton Park 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.



5 DAYS FROM **£629** £148 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Liverpool & Port Sunlight

Monday 1st to Friday 5th August

We are delighted to reintroduce this great tour for 2022 which takes us around the famous city of Liverpool. With its unique, unrivalled music heritage this holiday will be unforgettable. We have even included a guided tour of the city.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach as we drive north to Liverpool. We arrive at the Hard Days Night Hotel our home for the next four nights where we have time to settle in before dinner.

**Tuesday** This morning we are joined by our local guide for a fascinating tour of the city, including places made famous by the Beatles, Titanic White Star Line headquarters, the Cathedrals and much more. Afterwards we enjoy free time to explore at leisure before returning to the hotel for dinner.

**Wednesday** Today we journey to Southport, an attractive Victorian seaside resort with pleasant gardens and the elegant Lord Street shops. We have time to explore the town before driving to Chorley to visit the fascinating "Bygone Times", a vast collection of antiques and collectables from across the ages is housed in a converted mill covering four enormous floors.

**Thursday** 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. This is a superb example of how life used to be. We round off the day with a ferry trip across the River Mersey and then return to the hotel for dinner.

**Friday** 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 city break.



© Port Sunlight Museum & Garden Village

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Guided coach tour of the city
- ✓ Bygone Times
- ✓ Port Sunlight guided tour
- ✓ Mersey Ferry ride
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Hard Days Night Hotel, Liverpool

Located at the heart of Liverpool's Beatles Quarter, the 4 star Hard Days Night Hotel is the world's only Beatles inspired hotel. Housed in the magnificent Grade II listed Central Buildings dating back to 1884 the beautifully restored hotel is steeped in history. All the en-suite bedrooms are individually designed and elegantly furnished with specially commissioned Beatles inspired artwork. A lift serves all floors.



4 DAYS FROM  
**£429**  
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Kynren - an Epic Tale of England

Friday 1st to Monday 4th August

**NEW**

**Kynren** – An Epic Tale of England is the UK's 'must see' spectacular outdoor live action show. This colourful event takes place at 11Arches in beautifully landscaped grounds, nestled at the bottom of the escarpment on which Auckland Castle proudly sits in Bishop Auckland.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Friday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive to the north east. En-route we make a stop at the floral town of Harrogate for lunch. This Yorkshire spa town offers a choice of activities from a spot of shopping, to a wander through gardens and plenty of coffee shops. This afternoon we continue towards the city of Newcastle and our holiday Hotel arriving in time for tea/coffee, biscuits and pastries.

**Saturday** A leisurely start to the day before we make our way towards Bishop Auckland and Kynren, arriving with plenty of time to explore before the evening performance Two thousand years of history, myth and legend rush by in 90 minutes as we join young Arthur on his epic quest. Rebellions, wars, magic, majesty, celebration and heartache are vividly brought to ground-shaking life in a dazzling outdoor-theatre spectacular. From Boudicca's battles with the Romans to two world wars, via Vikings, Tudors and the fate of Charles I, Kynren's a spellbinding, family-friendly experience delivering thrills, shocks, tears, laughs, goosebumps and gasps on a truly cinematic scale. The largesite contains all the facilities one expects at such an event and features tiered seating for over 8,000 visitors. Our return to the hotel is late evening.

**Sunday** A later start for today's excursion which sees us take the road to historic Hexham and through the glorious scenery of the Northumberland National Park making a stop at the enormous reservoir, Kielder Water before returning to the hotel late afternoon.

**Monday** Homeward bound, south over the Cleveland Hills and through the North Yorkshire Moors to spend time in popular Helmsley. Now south by motorway to return to our home area arriving late afternoon at the end of a memorable break.



### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 2 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ 1 night lunch, bed & breakfast
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Tea/coffee at dinner
- ✓ Entrance Kynren
- ✓ Excursions as listed

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Holiday Inn Gosforth Park Newcastle

This modern 3 star hotel is located just to the north of Newcastle. All en-suite bedrooms are very spacious, with tea/coffee making facilities and T.V. 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. Lifts serve all floors.



5 DAYS FROM  
**£619**  
£95 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Welsh Whisky, The Royal Mint & Brecon Beacons

Monday 8th to Friday 12th August

Our new tour of South Wales includes visits to some of the region's most popular attractions including Tintern Abbey, the Brecon Beacons Mountain Railway and the Royal Mint, where we have the opportunity to make our own money and strike our own coins.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** Our door to door service takes you to the waiting coach for the leisurely drive through the Heart of England with time for lunch and sightseeing in the historic city of Gloucester. Visit the docks, Britain's most inland port; explore the waterside museums or the wide selection of retail outlets. This afternoon we head south through the Severn Valley to reach our luxury hotel for a welcoming cup of tea or coffee, which is served whilst our luggage is taken to our rooms.

**Tuesday** This morning we enjoy a guided tour of the Royal Mint Experience where we see how metal becomes coins and observe the striking hall. This afternoon we make our way to Cardiff where we have free time before returning to the hotel.

**Wednesday** Today we visit iconic Tintern Abbey, nestled on the pretty banks of the River Wye. We have time to explore the remarkable remains of this once jewel in the monastic crown, founded in 1131 by Cistercian monks. Once a masterpiece of British Gothic architecture its great west front is still breathtaking today and much photographed. We then follow the River Wye to the historic border town of Monmouth where we have time for lunch and explore the many attractions before returning to the hotel for dinner.

**Thursday** After breakfast we embark on a 6 mile train journey on the Brecon Mountain Railway. We journey along before climbing high on the Brecon Beacons. We have time to visit the locomotive workshop before heading to the famous Penderyn Distillery where we enjoy a guided tour and tasting.

**Friday** We bid farewell to our hosts as we make our way home. We start with a tour of the Forest of Dean and the Malvern Hills affording great views of the Severn Valley, making time for lunch in the historic city and county capital Warwick. Continuing on we arrive in our home areas late afternoon.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Tea or coffee after dinner each evening
- ✓ Penderyn Distillery tour & tasting
- ✓ Journey on the Brecon Mountain Railway
- ✓ Entrance to Tintern Abbey
- ✓ Guided experience at the Royal Mint
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Parkway Hotel & Spa

The quality Parkway Hotel & Spa is located just north of Newport about 17 miles from Cardiff, set in its own grounds, surrounded by green parkland. The hotel has 80 tastefully decorated bedrooms (35 rooms on the ground floor) with all containing a TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. The public areas are very spacious, including a bar that features an open fire, where live entertainment takes place at the weekends, and a cosy lounge. The elegant and intimate restaurant serves a great menu and our guests have full use of the extensive leisure facilities which include an indoor swimming pool, gym and sauna.



5 DAYS FROM  
**£549**  
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Steam Trains, Grand Union Canal & Midland Memories

Monday 15th to Friday 19th August

This tour offers a great combination, steam trains, a canal boat trip, the excellent Black Country Museum where we discover the history and heritage of the West Midlands and the fascinating Museum of British Road Transport. As a contrast we feature a beautiful stately home.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for our journey to Warwickshire arriving in the afternoon at the Sketchley Grange Hotel. We enjoy tea/coffee and biscuits on arrival with time to settle in well before dinner.

**Tuesday** Our day begins with a drive south to historic Coventry where we visit the Museum of British Road Transport, with over 400 artefacts and thousands of items of memorabilia from the golden age of cars and cycles. The museum is only five minutes' walk from the world-famous Coventry Cathedral. We have time for lunch here before we head off to Baddesley Clinton House, not far from Warwick. This atmospheric moated house has been a sanctuary since the 15th century; the peaceful gardens, fish pools, romantic lake and walled garden are a delight.

**Wednesday** This morning we make for the little village of Foxton. Here we board 'Vagabond', an elegant motor launch, for a trip on the Grand Union Canal, seeing the Foxton flight of 10 locks, and gently passing through peaceful countryside. At Foxton, there is a canal-side pub where refreshments are available. In the afternoon, we head for the northern outskirts of Leicester where we join the Great Central Railway for a nostalgic steam train ride for 18 miles to Loughborough crossing picturesque Swithland Reservoir on the way.

**Thursday** We ride to Kidderminster and join the Severn Valley Railway for a ride along the valley to Bridgnorth, passing through delightfully restored stations on the way. From here we head for the Black Country Museum in time for lunch. If you're a fan of 'Peaky Blinders', you may recognise the museum as many scenes were filmed here!

**Friday** After breakfast we begin our homeward journey returning to our home area mid afternoon following a relaxing break.



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### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Train ride on Severn valley Railway
- ✓ Foxton Locks canal cruise
- ✓ Black Country Museum
- ✓ Ride on Great Central railway
- ✓ Coventry Transport Museum
- ✓ Baddesley Clinton House
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL

★★★★

#### Sketchley Grange Hotel

The 4 star Sketchley Grange Hotel and Spa is situated on the borders of Leicestershire and Warwickshire. This elegant country house hotel is nestled away in the Heart of England and combines the perfect blend of past and present. Facilities include Spa with indoor swimming pool. All bedrooms are en suite and have television, telephone and tea/coffee making facilities.



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5 DAYS FROM  
**£569**  
£96 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Delightful Durham & Beamish

Monday 22nd to Friday 26th August

The perfect place to have a break, with its rich heritage, Durham was founded over the final resting place of St Cuthbert and its Norman cathedral became a centre of pilgrimage in medieval England. Built on the banks of the River Wear the city grew to be the seat of the 'Prince Bishops' who ruled on behalf of the King. Our five day tour allows us to view many of the wonderful places that County Durham has to offer. This break really does offer a historic feel around County Durham.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive to the north east, making a stop at the floral town of Harrogate for lunch. This Yorkshire spa town offers a choice of activities from a spot of shopping, to a wander through gardens and plenty of coffee shops. This afternoon we continue towards the cathedral city of Durham to arrive at the Radisson hotel where we have time to settle in before this evening's dinner.

**Tuesday** After a leisurely full English breakfast, we travel to nearby Beamish, a world famous open air museum, telling the story of life in north east England during the 1820's, 1900's and 1940's. Take a ride on the Beamish tramway, watch delicious bread, cakes and biscuits being made using traditional Edwardian recipes at Herron's Bakery and try the fish and chips, cooked in coal-fired ranges using beef dripping. After a wonderful day out we return to our hotel for dinner this evening.

**Wednesday** A day at leisure in historic Durham. As our hotel is located near the centre of the city, there is plenty to see and do within a short walk today. Perhaps visit Crook Hall & Gardens, the famous Durham Cathedral or maybe enjoy a river cruise to take in the city from a different angle. There is plenty to keep you busy, or you could just sit by the river and enjoy a drink.

**Thursday** Today we visit the Bowes Museum, the jewel in the heart of the historic market town of Barnard Castle. Housing internationally significant collections of fine and decorative arts, the museum was purpose built in the 19th century by a wealthy businessman and his actress wife. Their romantic story is revealed as we wander around this graceful and elegant Grade I Listed building. Later, we head over the scenic North Pennines with magnificent views over many valleys and peaks. We spend time in the small market town of Stanhope, during our stop you could visit the Durham Dales Centre or the Lime Tree Gallery.

**Friday** After our final breakfast we bid farewell to our hosts at the Durham Radisson Blu and head to the seaside town of Whitby to spend time. After a good stay we continue our journey to return to our home area, arriving late afternoon.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Tea/coffee at dinner
- ✓ Entrance to Beamish
- ✓ Entrance to The Bowes Museum
- ✓ Excursions as listed

### YOUR HOTEL

★★★★

#### Radisson Blu Hotel Durham

Overlooking the River Wear right in the city centre, the 4 star Radisson Blu hotel is in an ideal location to wander into the city for day of exploration. Hotel facilities include indoor swimming pool, sauna and gym. All bedrooms are en suite and have television, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. The hotel has a lift.



5 DAYS FROM  
**£589**  
£40 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## The Picturesque 'Heart of Wales'

Sunday 4th to Thursday 8th September

This tour covers a variety of places for you to enjoy in the 'Heart of Wales'. We feature three superb days out taking in some of the best scenery Wales has to offer, from mountain ranges to the coast. We also include a narrow gauge railway ride and a visit to an historic castle.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Sunday** From your front door to join the Club Class coach for the drive through the Heart of England to Wales arriving in Llandrindod Wells late afternoon with time to relax before dinner.

**Monday** This morning we begin with a drive to the Elan Valley and the Dams Visitor Centre for a short break. We return to Llandrindod Wells in time to obtain lunch in the town before our afternoon outing. Later on, we visit the National Cycle Museum in Llandrindod Wells and journey through the lanes of cycle history and see bicycles from 1818, such as the Hobby Horse, Boneshakers and Penny Farthings, up to the most modern Carbon Fibre machines of today.

**Tuesday** We have a full day excursion to Aberystwyth and the Vale of Rheidol Railway. We catch the morning train along the former Great Western line to Devil's Bridge – this was the last route to operate steam trains for British Rail before private ownership in 1989. A short walk from the terminus brings you to the spectacular Mynach Falls. We take a break at Devil's Bridge and have time for refreshments before we catch the return train to Aberystwyth.

**Wednesday** Our day begins with a ride north to Welshpool for a break and chance to explore before we visit the magnificent Powis Castle and Garden, laid out under influence of Italian and French style, the famous garden has original statues, orangery and aviary on the terraces. Perched on a rock above the garden terraces, the medieval castle contains one of the finest collections of paintings and furniture in Wales. Finally, today we take a break in Knighton before passing Glog Hill on our return to the hotel.

**Thursday** After breakfast we leave Wales and head for home by way of the cathedral city of Worcester. Late afternoon we arrive in our home areas where we are greeted by our awaiting taxis.



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### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Ride on Vale of Rheidol Railway
- ✓ Entrance to Powis Castle
- ✓ National Cycle Museum
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### The Metropole Hotel

Located in the historic spa town of Llandrindod Wells, in the 'Heart of Wales' this beautiful town with its Victorian canopied streets make the perfect base for this tour. Hotel facilities include a spacious lounge, an indoor swimming pool, a sauna, steam room, whirlpool and a gym. All of the en-suite bedrooms have TV, telephone, a hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. The hotel has 2 lifts which serve all floors.



6 DAYS FROM  
**£789**  
£116 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Newquay – Cornish Coast & Gardens

Sunday 18th to Friday 23rd September

Join us as we travel to Newquay, one of Britain's most outstanding resorts, reputed to have the finest coastline and beaches in Europe. This very attractive and popular resort enjoys a host of facilities, including a busy and picturesque harbour and a lively town centre. We include visits to the famous Treliassick Garden and Prideaux Place, along with a relaxing cruise to lovely Falmouth.

**PLEASE NOTE:** It is crucial that all passengers have a reasonable amount of mobility to enjoy the excursions.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Sunday** Our door to door service takes you to the waiting Club Class coach as we travel south. We then travel by way of Oxford and Swindon arriving in Newquay late afternoon with time to settle in before dinner.

**Monday** A full day tour of the picturesque Atlantic coast visiting St Ives with its charming harbours and cobbled streets and is famous for its collection of art galleries including the Tate. This afternoon we journey on to the busy port and market town of Penzance to spend time before returning to Newquay and our hotel with time to relax before dinner.

**Tuesday** A visit to the wonderful Treliassick Gardens, where tender subtropical plants thrive in sheltered glades. Located at the head of the Fal Estuary, the tiered garden takes full advantage of stunning views of Falmouth Harbour and the wide waterway known as the Carrick Road. Later we enjoy a boat cruise to Falmouth and have time here to wander around before making our way back to the hotel for dinner.

**Wednesday** After breakfast we make our way to Padstow, a charming working fishing port surrounded by glorious sandy beaches at the head of the Camel River. This afternoon we visit Prideaux Place, a magnificent Elizabethan Manor House perched above Padstow's busy harbour, we have a guided tour of the house and explore the beautiful gardens. We return to Newquay with time to relax before dinner.

**Thursday** A leisurely ride to the cathedral city of Truro with this afternoon spent at leisure back in our resort.

**Friday** We depart Newquay after breakfast and begin our journey home. Using the motorways we arrive in our home areas late afternoon.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 5 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Welcome tea/coffee
- ✓ Tea/coffee after dinner
- ✓ In-house activity such as bingo or quiz on 1 night
- ✓ Live musical entertainment on 2 nights
- ✓ Entrance to Treliassick Gardens
- ✓ Entrance to Prideaux Place and gardens
- ✓ Boat cruise to Falmouth
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Esplanade Hotel

Overlooking Fistral Beach with stunning Atlantic views, the Esplanade Hotel has an indoor swimming pool, a spa bath and a sauna. Fresh, local produce can be enjoyed in the hotel's Ocean View Restaurant. 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. A lift serves all floors.



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5 DAYS FROM **£549** £100 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Blackpool Illuminations & The Tower Ballroom

Monday 17th to Friday 21st October

This must be the best known and liveliest seaside resort of them all. The Pleasure Beach, the clanking trams, celebrated theatres and the iconic Blackpool Tower, and at this time of year the fabulous illuminations. Started in 1879 this is claimed as the 'Greatest free Light Show in the world' stretching over 6 miles and containing over 1 million bulbs. Our great value 5 day break offers all this and more, a tour of the beautiful Lake District and an afternoon Tea Dance at the fabulous Tower Ballroom.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach to take a leisurely drive to Blackpool; heading first for the Peak District where we make a stop for lunch. Coaching on we take the scenic road over the Cat & Fiddle pass to arrive at our destination mid-afternoon.

**Tuesday** Time to explore Blackpool, why not take a tram ride along the Promenade, stroll along the Golden Mile or climb/ride to the top of Blackpool Tower. This afternoon we visit the Tower Ballroom for afternoon tea and the chance to dance your way around the famous ballroom. After dinner we include a coach ride through the incredible Illuminations, a truly magnificent display.

**Wednesday** This morning we visit to the well-known Fleetwood Market before a pleasant drive through the Wyre Valley to historic Lancaster. We return to the hotel with time to relax before dinner.

**Thursday** A full day to the Lake District, England's premier area of outstanding natural beauty. We make for Windermere for time in the lakeside town of Bowness and include a cruise on the lake to Ambleside where the coach will be waiting to take us pretty Hawkshead of Beatrix Potter fame for a short stay before returning to the hotel for dinner.

**Friday** Breakfast is served then it's time to bid farewell to our hosts as we set off on our homeward journey, driving across the Pennines, England's backbone, to arrive in our home area mid afternoon

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Welcome tea or coffee on arrival
- ✓ Tea or coffee after dinner
- ✓ Tour of the Illuminations
- ✓ Afternoon Tea Dance at the Tower Ballroom
- ✓ Boat ride on Windermere
- ✓ Excursions as listed

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Imperial Blackpool Hotel

The 4 star Imperial is a grand Victorian building located a few minutes from the beach and overlooks Blackpool's North Pier. It boasts an elegant bar, a restaurant and plenty of lounge areas. Each of the en-suite bedrooms is well equipped and includes a flat-screen TV, Wi-Fi, a hairdryer, telephone and tea/coffee making facilities. The hotel is served by two lifts.



5 DAYS FROM **£419** £20 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## The English Riviera, Babbacombe

Monday 24th to Friday 28th October

After the success of our previous tour 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 Babbacombe offer 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 before we return to Babbacombe for free time in the afternoon to relax and explore our resort before dinner.

**Wednesday** This morning we drive to nearby pretty Paignton to spend time 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. There are many artefacts and documents on show, allowing visitors to form opinions on prison life. The museum shows more than 200 years of the prison's turbulent history ranging from the beginning, when Dartmoor was a Prisoner of War Depot for French and American prisoners of war, 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** This morning we make our way to Buckfastleigh a small village nestling on the edge of Dartmoor where we find the small tranquil refuge of Buckfast Abbey, home to a community of Benedictine monks. Later we board the South Devon Railway for a steam train ride through some of Devon's most beautiful countryside, hugging the river Dart, to Totnes. Rejoining the coach we continue to delightful Dartmouth for time to explore before we return to Babbacombe 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
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Welcome tea and coffee on arrival
- ✓ Tea and coffee after dinner
- ✓ Entrance to Dartmoor Prison museum
- ✓ Train ride on South Devon Railway
- ✓ 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.



7 DAYS FROM  
**£929**  
£100 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Scotland's Far North, Orkney & The Castle of Mey

Wednesday 1st to Tuesday 7th June

**NEW HOTELS**

For 2022, we are happy to return to this beautiful part of Scotland. Her Majesty the Queen Mother left her precious Castle of Mey to the people of Scotland when she died in April 2002. Our scenic holiday includes a visit to the House and Garden, combined with a fascinating tour of northern Scotland. We also spend a day on the Orkney Islands, vivid scenery an intriguing mix of Scottish and Scandinavian influences and home to some of Scotland's most fascinating antiquities make for a memorable tour.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Wednesday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the journey north via Scotch Corner, Gretna Green and Perthshire. We arrive at our overnight hotel, the welcoming 3 star Fishers, set in the centre of the popular tourist town of Pitlochry, late afternoon, tea and coffee is served whilst the cases are taken to our rooms.

**Thursday** After breakfast we continue northwards through increasingly lovely scenery via the Pass of Killiecrankie and the Grampian Mountains to Inverness. We have time for lunch in the 'Capital of the Highlands' Inverness. In the afternoon we continue north crossing the Black Isle and Dornoch Firth then drive along the coast past mighty Dunrobin Castle to arrive at Thurso's 3 star Pentland Hotel where we spend the next two nights.

**Friday** Today we drive to Gills Bay where we board the Pentland ferry as foot passengers. At St. Margaret's Hope we meet a local guide and coach for our tour of Orkney, during which we visit the World Heritage Sites of Skara Brae, Skaill House Viking Centre, Ring of Brodgar and Scapa Flow. We stop for lunch in Kirkwall with the opportunity to view St Magnus Cathedral before returning to St. Margaret's Hope for the late afternoon ferry to Gills Bay.

**Saturday** Another fine breakfast before a full day of spectacular scenery as we visit the late Queen Mother's favourite property, the remote Castle of Mey with its 'Secret Garden'. Queen Elizabeth The Queens Mother owned the property from 1952 until 1996 when she gifted it to the Trust. The castle was built between 1566 and 1572 and overlooks the magnificent Orkney Islands. After our morning visit we then enjoy a stunning drive along the North Coast 500, Scotland's answer to route 66 and one of the most beautiful coastal touring routes in the world. We pass beautiful deserted beaches and inlets to arrive in Durness. Here we turn south and make our way through the spectacular North West Highlands via Laxford Bridge, Scourie, Loch Assynt to Ullapool to arrive at our overnight hotel at the Royal Hotel. We have time to settle in before dinner this evening.

**Sunday** A full day of dramatic Wester Ross scenery as we travel via the waterfall at Corrieshalloch Gorge then skirt the shores of lovely Loch Maree, stopping for photos, to the pretty harbour village of Gairloch, we visit Inverewe Gardens where we include a light lunch before time to explore this wonderful collection of exotic plants (despite being further north than Moscow)! The Walled Garden features specimens from around the world and if lucky, you may spot some of the wildlife - otters, pine martens, seals and red deer are all local residents. Our return is by way of spectacular Gruinard Bay and Little Loch Broom to Ullapool.



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**Monday** Leaving Ullapool we head along Loch Broom and through Wester Ross, first to Muir of Ord then Beaulieu. At Drumnadrochit we meet magnificent Loch Ness and include a visit to the interesting Loch Ness Exhibition. We take the loch side road to Fort William then on through tragic Glen Coe and over lonely Rannoch Moor to Loch Lomond and our overnight hotel, the 3 star Winrock in Drymen.

**Tuesday** We return through Strathclyde making a stop at the border town of Gretna Green before crossing the Pennines to make a lunch stop in historic Richmond. This afternoon we use the A1 to return to our home area and waiting taxis, after a memorable holiday enjoying the best of Scotland's finest scenery.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 6 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Orkney tour with local guide & admissions
- ✓ Entrance to Castle of Mey House & Gardens
- ✓ Entrance to Loch Ness Exhibition
- ✓ Tour and tasting at a whiskey distillery
- ✓ Excursions as listed

### YOUR HOTELS



Our tour includes four different hotels all of high quality and all offering the same standard of service and hospitality. A separate leaflet is available from our office containing comprehensive details of each hotel.





5 DAYS FROM **£629** £92 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

# Castles & Gardens of Scotland's South West

Sunday 5th to Thursday 9th June

**NEW**

Another new tour takes us to the South west corner of Scotland, an area of outstanding natural beauty and a rich history. This corner of Scotland is missed by most visitors on their rush north to the Highlands, a huge loss for them. We include some of the many gardens and castles and impressive coastal drives.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Sunday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the journey north through Yorkshire making a stop at historic Barnard Castle This afternoon we cross the Pennines then over the Scottish border to reach our hotel, late afternoon, where we have time to settle in before dinner.

**Monday** This morning a scenic drive to the heart of the glorious Galloway Forest Park to visit the Loch Clatteringshaws Visitor Centre. More wonderful scenery as we head to Threave Garden & House, a garden for all seasons, landscaped beauty and a haven for wildlife. Stroll through the secret garden, rockery and walled garden with the 19th-century House as its backdrop. Next we spend time in the historic harbour town of Kirkcudbright overlooked by its ruined castle. The town was a magnet for Scottish artists in the late 19th century, including Robbie Burns and is now known as The Artists' Town.

**Tuesday** Our day takes us along the eastern shore of Loch Ryan and make a stop at the amazing 'Electric Brae' before spending time in the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum; a celebration of the early life and the enduring legacy of Scotland's national poet and home to 5,000 Burns artefacts including his handwritten manuscripts. This afternoon we visit Culzean Castle & Country Park, with 40 buildings and secret follies in this rambling estate, including the magnificent cliff-top castle to explore as well as the Swan Pond, flamboyant formal gardens and fruit-filled glasshouses.

**Wednesday** A morning visit to Portpatrick, a pretty town of pastel-coloured houses with its own harbour and breath-taking views towards Ireland. Later, we visit the Magnificent Castle Kennedy Gardens which are among the most famous in Scotland. The gardens host 75 acres of spectacularly designed loch-side landscape, a romantic garden paradise with quite literally something for everyone to enjoy. After returning to Stranraer, you could wander the town before dinner later this evening.

**Thursday** Homeward bound via Shap Fell and the beautiful Lake District. We make a stop at the K Village Heritage Centre then travel by way of the Yorkshire Dales and Ribblesdale to historic Skipton where we make a stop with time for lunch before returning to our home area late afternoon.



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### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Entrance to Castle Kennedy Gardens
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Admission to Culzean Castle & Gardens
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Tea & coffee after dinner
- ✓ Entrance to Robbie Burns Birthplace Museum
- ✓ Full excursion programme
- ✓ Entrance to Threave House & Gardens

### YOUR HOTEL



#### North West Castle Hotel, Stranraer

Overlooking Loch Ryan and Stranraer Harbour the 3 star North West Castle Hotel is an imposing family owned and run hotel for more than fifty years, 'The Castle' itself, was formerly the home of Sir John Ross, who was once a famous Arctic explorer. The hotel hosts 72 en-suite bedrooms bar, restaurant and leisure facilities including swimming pool, sauna, spa bath, gym and its very own indoor curling rink.



6 DAYS FROM  
**£799**  
£108 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Scottish Victorian Steam & Rail

Thursday 30th June to Tuesday 5th July

A great themed tour to Scotland's best known and most popular region, Loch Lomond and the Trossachs. We include boat cruises on Loch Lomond and Loch Katrina, a ride on the Falkirk Wheel, a train ride & cream tea on the Bo'ness & Kinneal Railway and a train ride from Glasgow to Oban. Our base is the village of Drymen at the southern end of Loch Lomond.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Thursday** Our door to door service takes you to the waiting Club Class coach journey north from our home area via Scotch Corner, Gretna Green and Glasgow to reach our hotel late afternoon. A welcome drinks reception precedes dinner this evening which is followed by entertainment.

**Friday** A full Scottish breakfast before we enjoy wonderful Highland scenery on our drive along the Forth Valley then past Scotland's only lake at Menteith to Rob Roy country and Callander where we spend some time. Then on into the heart of the glorious Trossachs to Loch Katrine for a soup and sandwich lunch before boarding the steam ship Sir Walter Scott for a 2 hour cruise on the beautiful loch. Our return is by way of the Queen Elizabeth Forest Park and Aberfoyle. Dinner is followed by an evening of entertainment.

**Saturday** Another interesting day lies ahead as we drive beside Campsie Fell and the Kilsyth Hills to Falkirk where we include a breathtaking ride on the amazing Falkirk Wheel, the world's first and only rotating boat lift. Later we continue to Bo'ness on the shores of the mighty Forth of Firth for our next adventure. Here we board the Bo'ness & Kinneal Railway for a ride in carriages dating from the 1950's hauled by steam engines along the shoreline from Bo'ness, where buildings have been built to replicate a period station, to Manuel. During our ride we enjoy a delicious cream tea. Back at the hotel dinner is again followed by more entertainment.

**Sunday** A morning visit to the 'Queen of Lochs', Loch Lomond, we include a scenic drive before returning to the hotel for an afternoon cream tea then time to relax before our evening's dinner.

**Monday** The last train journey of our tour sees us travel to Glasgow where we board the Scotrail service to the port of Oban. This ride takes us along the Firth of Clyde, beside Lochs Gare, Long and Lomond then over the Pass of Brander to Oban enjoying magnificent Scottish scenery each and every mile a truly magical experience. After time in the famed port the coach returns us to the hotel by way of Inverary and Loch Fyne another memorable journey.

**Tuesday** 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.

**Please Note:** The order of the days our excursions operate may be subject to alteration.



### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 5 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Welcome drinks reception
- ✓ Evening entertainment on 2 nights
- ✓ Tea or coffee after dinner each evening
- ✓ Cruise Loch Katrine
- ✓ Soup & sandwich lunch at Loch Katrine
- ✓ Boat ride on the Falkirk Wheel
- ✓ Ride and cream tea on the Bo'ness Railway
- ✓ Scotrail train Glasgow to Oban
- ✓ Afternoon cream tea at the hotel
- ✓ Excursions as listed

### YOUR HOTEL



#### The Winnock Hotel

The 3 star Winnock Hotel is located in the centre of the attractive village of Drymen and has proven popular with our clients for many years. The hotel, although fully modernised in terms of facilities, has retained its 17th century charm with original log fires, beamed ceilings and a warm welcome. All bedrooms are en-suite with colour T.V., telephone and tea/coffee making facilities. There is no lift but the hotel is on two floors only.



6 DAYS FROM **£669** £75 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

# Dunoon, Argyll & the Isle of Bute

Sunday 3rd to Friday 8th July

For 2022 it gives us pleasure to return to Dunoon. Nestling on the shores of the Firth of Clyde, Dunoon is perfect for those who favour a quiet relaxing holiday, strolling along the promenade watching the ever changing scene on the Firth, or taking in the marvellous scenery of the Cowal Peninsula, Argyll Highlands and the Island of Bute.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Sunday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the journey north through Yorkshire making a stop at historic Barnard Castle This afternoon we enjoy a scenic drive through glorious Teesdale to England's highest market town, Alston then cross the Scottish border to reach our overnight hotel where we have time to settle in before dinner.

**Monday** After a leisurely breakfast we continue our tour experiencing superb Scottish coastal and mountain scenery as we drive along the Solway coast then through rugged Galloway making a stop at the amazing 'Electric Brae' before spending time in the home of Rabbie Burns, Ayr. More excellent coastal scenery this afternoon on our way to Gourrock and the ferry over to Dunoon, arriving at the Argyll Hotel late afternoon

**Tuesday** A morning drive around the shores of Holy Loch to Ardentinnay then over the Forest Road to visit the world famous Botanical Gardens at Benmore, its collection of flowering trees and shrubs is unsurpassed. Visitors are welcomed by an impressive avenue of Giant Redwoods, arguably one of the finest entrances to any botanic garden in the world. Established in 1863, these majestic giants now stand over 50 metres high.

**Wednesday** This morning we travel to the historic lovely little white-washed town of Inverary, on Loch Fyne. Here we step back in time three centuries and pay a visit to the remarkable, unique and fascinating Inverary Castle, the ancestral home of the Duke of Argyll. This beautiful castle may look familiar as it featured in Downton Abbey as Duneagle Castle. We have time to explore the town and obtain lunch before we make our way back to Dunoon.

**Thursday** Using the short ferry crossing we spend a day exploring the Isle of Bute. The roads around the Kyles of Bute tower over the water and offer super views over lochs, hills and islands. In the main town Rothesay we include a visit to the magnificent Mount Stuart house and gardens. Home of the Earls of Bute the house is a feat of Victorian engineering with an impressive list of firsts including the first home in the world to have an indoor swimming pool and the first to be built with electric light and central heating. The gardens are home to a spectacular collection of native and exotic plants and flowers

**Friday** We bid farewell to Scotland and head south to Penrith then over the Pennines to historic Richmond where we make a stop for lunch. This afternoon we return to our home area and waiting taxis, arriving late afternoon after a relaxing break.



### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 5 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Return ferry crossings
- ✓ Admission to Mount Stuart House
- ✓ Admission to Inverary Castle
- ✓ Entrance to Benmore Botanical Gardens
- ✓ Hotel entertainment one evening
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Best Western Argyll Hotel

The 3 star Argyll Hotel, with its majestic views of the River Clyde, is located in the very heart of Dunoon. Each of the well appointed en-suite bedrooms has satellite television, radio, tea/coffee making facilities, telephones and hairdryers. There is a lift to all floors. Public rooms include two restaurants and a relaxing lounge bar



7 DAYS FROM  
**£1249**  
£240 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Shetland - Island of the Vikings

Tuesday 12th to Monday 18th July

**NEW**

A wonderful cruise and tour to the northern isles of Shetland – enjoy the breathtaking natural unspoilt beauty and tranquillity of these unique islands. We will not only be greeted with the warmest of welcomes but also with some of Scotland's most dramatic scenery. Follow in the footsteps of the Vikings, as we marvel at the mysterious standing stones and ancient villages, steeped in Nordic culture. Explore the most fantastic land and seascapes, which are bound to take your breath away.

**PLEASE NOTE:** It is crucial that all passengers have a reasonable amount of mobility to enjoy the excursions.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Tuesday** Our door to door service takes you the waiting luxury Club Class coach for the journey north via Scotch Corner, Gretna Green and Perthshire. We arrive at our overnight 3 star hotel in Perthshire, late afternoon, tea/coffees are served whilst the cases are taken to our rooms.

**Wednesday** A leisurely breakfast before we continue our tour north through glorious Scottish scenery and over the Spittal of Glenshee to Royal Deeside then follow the course of the river to the Granite City, Aberdeen. Here we board the Northlink overnight sailing to Lerwick with dinner served on board.

**Thursday** We arrive in Lerwick this morning, whilst enjoying a leisurely breakfast. Today we have a full day guided tour of the Northern Isles, Yell and Unst. We use short ferry crossings to both islands. During our tour we visit Old Haa Museum, Muckle Flugga, the most northerly tip of the UK and Skidbladner a replica Viking Long Ship, enjoy a light lunch and see beautiful beaches. We check into the Shetland Hotel late afternoon.

**Friday** Our tour today is of the South & West Mainland stopping at St Ninians, a stunning beach, Europe's largest and most complex archaeological sites, Viking Jarlsof, the Croft House Museum and view magnificent cliff scenery and seabird colonies. After an included lunch we have a photo stop with Shetland Ponies in the Tingwall Valley before arriving in Scalloway, former capital of the Shetlands, with its 15th cent castle and wealth of local island exhibitions, history and folklore.

**Saturday** To Voe & Brae, a spectacular series of sea stacks then visit the Tangwick Haa Museum. After lunch we tour the Shetland Jewellery Nordic Workshop, a scenic drive via Wormdale Viewpoint back to Lerwick allows us free time in the port before boarding the Northlink ferry for our overnight sailing to Aberdeen. Once again dinner is served on board this evening

**Sunday** After breakfast we disembark in Aberdeen and take the coastal road passing sandy St Cyrus Beach, Arbroath, famous for its 'Smokies', then cross the mighty River Tay to the Kingdom of Fife with a stop at the famed golf and university town of St Andrews. More coastal delights, the fishing villages of Crail and St Monans before reaching our overnight hotel in Dunfermline arriving with plenty of time to settle in well before dinner.

**Monday** Homeward bound, we use the new Forth Bridge to reach Edinburgh then on through the border country before making a lunch stop in Jedburgh. Into England and down the east coast we return to our home area early evening after a memorable holiday to Scotland's beautiful far north islands

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 2 night dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation on board the ferry in 2 berth en-suite cabins
- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation with choice of menu in hotels
- ✓ 1 light lunch
- ✓ Guided tours of Shetland
- ✓ Entrance to all attractions as listed including Jarlshof Settlement, Scalloway Castle & Museum and Gott Farm
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL

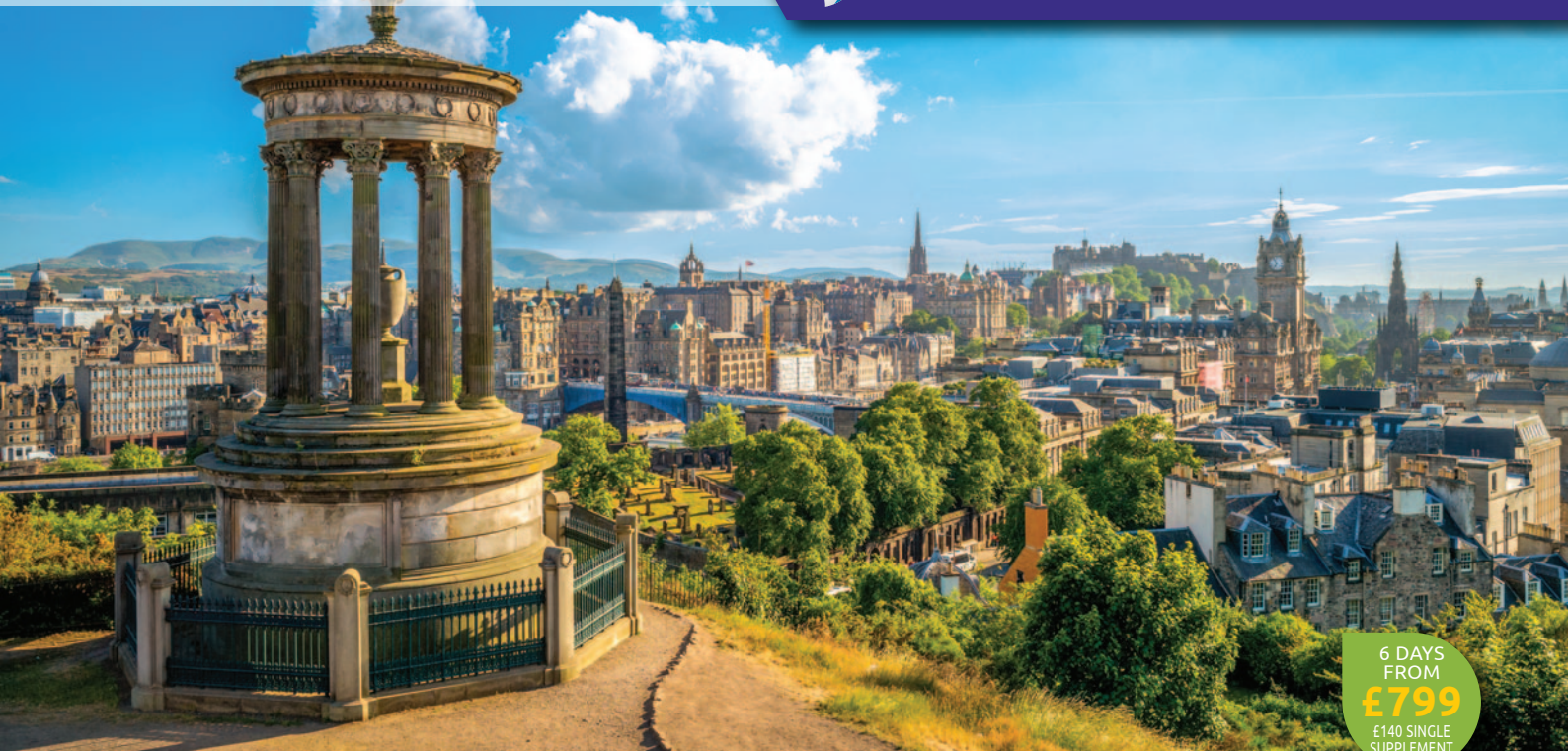


#### Shetland Hotel Lerwick

The 3 star Shetland Hotel is situated close to the ferry terminal with commanding views overlooking the bay and a short walk from the town centre. Modern rooms with en suite bathrooms feature free Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs, DVD players, and tea and coffee making facilities and some have bay views. The Shetland has a restaurant, with beautiful views, a lounge bar and a lift.

#### Northlink Ferries

All of the Northlink fleet are equipped with bars - serving a good selection of draught beers, continental lagers, wines and spirits along with teas, coffees and tasty snacks. A pleasant restaurant and a shop offering a wide range of products, including books, magazines, maps and guide books, travel requisites, and a deli counter featuring local produce. Each of the 2 berth cabins are furnished with en-suite shower and toilet, hairdryer and telephone. The ship is served by a lift.



6 DAYS FROM **£799** £140 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Heritage of Scotland with a Touch of Luxury

Sunday 24th to Friday 29th July

An exciting tour for 2022, encompassing a rich variety of attractions ranging from the amazing Falkirk Wheel to a time-warp village, not forgetting a day in Scotland's fabulous city, Edinburgh, and the ancient Royal capital Stirling, lots to see and do – all combining as the Heritage of Scotland.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Sunday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach then north by motorway to North Yorkshire and then a scenic drive to our overnight hotel, the Holiday Inn, located in the historic county town of Dumfries.

**Monday** A full Scottish breakfast before continuing our drive north, we take the road through Nithdale, famous for its association with Robbie Burns, then over the glorious Menck Pass to spend time in Scotland's largest city, Glasgow. This afternoon we complete our journey to arrive at the Hilton hotel in Dunblane mid afternoon.

**Tuesday** After breakfast, we enjoy a relaxing morning around the hotel before we take a short drive into historic Stirling. Standing on a high plug of volcanic rock at the head of the Old Town, the castle is well worth a visit and the attractions include The Great Hall, Chapel Royal, Great Kitchens and the stunning Renaissance Royal Palace. Nearby is the Church of the Holy Rude, worth a look if only for the magnificent stained glass. We return to the hotel for dinner.

**Wednesday** Our day begins with a drive across the Kincardine Bridge to visit the village of Culross. Here is the nearest thing to a 16th century time capsule you will find anywhere in Scotland. It is as though much of the core of the village was simply frozen in time. The village is now in the care of the National Trust of Scotland, time to wander around this 'wee gem'. From here we continue on our way across the iconic Forth Road Bridge to Falkirk. Here we take a ride on the newly restored Falkirk Wheel, which is used to transport canal boats from one level to another, this is now a superb feat of engineering and is a fascinating experience.

**Thursday** This morning we follow the River Forth past the site of the emotive Battle of Bannockburn to Edinburgh. We include a short tour of both the New & Old towns seeing many of the famous landmarks before time at leisure in the vibrant city. With so much to see and do, why not visit the Castle, explore Holyrood Palace which stands at the end of The Royal Mile or take a wander down Princes Street with its quality shops and lovely gardens. Later we return to Dunblane for our final evening's dinner.

**Friday** Our final Scottish breakfast before bidding farewell to our hosts at the Dunblane Hilton Hotel. We travel south to Gretna then cross into England and by motorway to return to our home area late afternoon after a memorable Scottish Heritage break.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 5 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Portage
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Tea/coffee after dinner
- ✓ A ride on the Falkirk Wheel
- ✓ Tour of Edinburgh
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Doubletree by Hilton Dunblane Hydro Hotel

The stunning Doubletree by Hilton Dunblane is one of Scotland's most famous hotels. It is a beautifully restored Victorian property set in 10 acres of private grounds, offering breath-taking views of the Trossachs. All bedrooms are en-suite and include a TV and all the modern-day facilities you would expect from a hotel of this standard. The hotel features a leisure centre which include a swimming pool, sauna, steam room and whirlpool. The hotel boasts a stylish restaurant and a lift.



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6 DAYS  
FROM  
**£759**  
£48 SINGLE  
SUPPLEMENT

## Perth & Magical Skye

Wednesday 10th to Monday 15th August

This exciting twin centred tour begins in the heart of beautiful Perthshire. We feature breath-taking Glenshee, the romance and legend of Royal Deeside before moving on to the legendary landscape of the Isle of Skye.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Wednesday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive north to Scotland. Crossing the border we arrive in Perthshire late afternoon where we have time to settle in at our hotel before dinner.

**Thursday** Our day begins with a ride over the mountains to Glen Clunie and Braemar, setting for the Highland Games. We have a short break here before heading along Deeside with views of Balmoral Castle to arrive in Crathie. The towns little church is where the Royal Family worship when visiting Balmoral. After time to wander around we make our way to Ballater with time for lunch and exploration. We retrace our steps to beautiful Spittal of Glenshee for our final stop before returning at the hotel late afternoon.

**Friday** We enjoy a spectacular sightseeing today. West from Perth along the shore of Loch Earn to Rob Roy country. Now through stunning Highland scenery, The road climbs over the bleak expanse of Rannoch Moor and drops down between the steep sides of magical Glencoe. Amazing mountains such as the Three Sisters loom on either side, with river scenery at the bottom of the glen, we spend time for lunch in popular Fort William. This afternoon we pass Ben Nevis towards the breathtakingly beautiful Eilean Donan Castle. Situated on an island at the point where three great sea lochs meet, and surrounded by majestic scenery. The final leg of our journey is across the famous Skye Bridge to the Isle of Skye where we will be staying for the next two nights.

**Saturday** Today we make our way to the North West corner of Skye and visit the famous Dunvegan Castle & Gardens. Built on a rocky outcrop on the shores of Loch Dunvegan (once entirely encircled by the sea) Dunvegan is the oldest continuously inhabited castle in Scotland and has been the ancestral home of the Chiefs of Clan MacLeod for 800 years. Within its stately halls are priceless heirlooms, some of which originate from medieval times. We can then stroll through the formal round garden, stand and admire the many rhododendrons, numerous in their variety and marvel at this jewel in Skye's crown before boarding our coach for a scenic drive up the Trotternish Peninsula, home to the Old Man of Storr, before returning to our hotel via the picturesque harbour town of Portree.

**Sunday** This morning we bid farewell to the Isle of Skye and make our way past the Five Sisters and Loch Cluanie to spend time in Fort Augustus at the southern end of Loch Ness we spend time for lunch and perhaps a glimpse of the Loch's most famous resident, Nessie! This afternoon we head for the Grampian Mountains and a Highland distillery to discover the secrets of the golden spirit and have a 'wee dram'. We visit the famed 'Queen's View' on pretty Loch Tummel before arriving in the popular resort of Pitlochry for a welcome tea/coffee at our overnight hotel.

**Monday** We bid farewell to our hosts before beginning 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

- ✓ 5 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Portage
- ✓ Tea and coffee each night after dinner
- ✓ Entrance to Dunvegan Castle and gardens
- ✓ Full excursion programme
- ✓ Visit to whisky distillery

### YOUR HOTELS



#### Salutation Hotel

Located in the heart of Perth, this hotel is reputed to be one of the oldest hotels in Scotland and has been welcoming guests since 1699. Offering traditional hospitality, the hotel also has a restaurant and two bars. All 84 of the en-suite bedrooms have a television, hairdryer, telephone and tea/coffee making facilities. The hotel has a lift.

#### Dunollie Hotel

The 3 star Dunollie Hotel is set by the serene waterside of Broadford Bay at the foot of the mountains that lead to the famous Cuillin Hills. All of the spacious bedrooms are en-suite and have tea and coffee making facilities. Public rooms include a comfortable bar and relaxing lounge. There is no lift but ground floor rooms are available.



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4 DAYS FROM **£549** £89 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

# Edinburgh Tattoo & the Trossachs

Sunday 21st to Wednesday 24th August

We are delighted to return to Edinburgh once again for the famous Edinburgh Tattoo. Each year's Tattoo is very much a 'global gathering', showcasing the talents of musicians and performers from every corner of the globe. In addition to this, the Tattoo has been televised in more than 40 countries. An annual television audience of 100 million watches the coverage worldwide. This is not to be missed.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Sunday** From your front door to the Club Class coach for the drive to Gretna Green. Not just famous for weddings, the Blacksmith's Shop has been designed to offer a combination of culture, heritage, shopping and traditional Scottish fayre. We continue to the Westerwood Hotel with time to relax before dinner.

**Monday** After breakfast, we travel to Stirling which boasts the finest concentration of historic building in Scotland. Look out for the beautifully preserved medieval and renaissance churches and mansions, including the Argyll's Lodging. There is also the splendour of Stirling Castle. Later we take a scenic drive through the glorious Trossachs visiting Callander, Loch Katrine and Aberfoyle before returning to the hotel for dinner.

**Tuesday** With the morning at leisure we enjoy lunch at the hotel before we make our way to Edinburgh where we enjoy a tour of both the 'Old & New towns' then have time at leisure before making our way to the magnificent Edinburgh Castle for the spectacular tattoo. After the performance we make a late return to the hotel.

**Wednesday** A later breakfast before we bid farewell to our hosts mid morning and make our way home where we are greeted by our awaiting taxis after a fabulous and colourful visit to Scotland.



### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 2 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ 1 lunch, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Tea and coffee after dinner
- ✓ Entrance to Edinburgh Tattoo

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Hilton by Doubletree, Westerwood Hotel

This much acclaimed hotel is located between Glasgow and Edinburgh and set in acres of spectacular grounds, with stunning views over the 18 hole golf course towards the magnificent Campsie Hills. The hotel has a large leisure club with magnificent swimming pool and gym, a relaxing spa, fantastic bars, restaurants and not forgetting the 18 hole golf course. All bedrooms have tea/coffee making facilities, an iron or trouser press and TV. Lifts serve all floors.





8 DAYS FROM  
**£1149**  
£140 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Highland Lines

Saturday 27th August to Saturday 3rd September

Back by popular demand, we offer the chance to combine a memorable coach holiday with a leisurely look at some of Scotland's finest scenery by rail. We include journey's on board the "Kyle of Lochalsh", the "Highland Lines" and a ride on the "Jacobite Express - Road to the Isles", described as one of the greatest railway journeys of the world with outstanding scenery all the way. Based in the Highlands village of Kingussie, this is a tour not to be missed!

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Saturday** Our door to door service takes you to the waiting coach for the drive north from our home area through North Yorkshire to our overnight hotel in the historic town of Dumfries, arriving late afternoon.

**Sunday** Superb Scottish scenery today as we head north to the Highlands, through Lockerbie to Glasgow. We make a stop in a pretty Luss on the shores of Loch Lomond then by way of lonely Rannoch Moor and emotive Glen Coe to make a stop for lunch in the popular resort of Fort William. This afternoon we pass Ben Nevis and more Highland scenery before reaching our holiday hotel in Kingussie well in time for dinner.

**Monday** This morning we make our way through Aviemore, where we make a short break, before heading into the beautiful Glenmore Forest Park on our way to Cairngorms. Twice the size of the Lake District, the Cairngorms National Park has more mountains, forest paths, rivers, lochs and wildlife hotspots than you can possibly imagine. Here we have the opportunity, weather permitting, to take a ride on the fantastic Cairngorm Mountain Railway, taking us to the top in just 8 minutes. Why not have a delicious lunch in the Panoramic Restaurant and admire the superb views. This afternoon we ride on the Strathspey Railway from Aviemore to Boat of Garten and Broomhill, or 'Glenbogle' as views of the hit BBC series Monarch of the Glen may recognise it as. As well as some spectacular views of the mountains, you will also be treated to scenes of heather fields, moors, forestry and more as you travel along the River Spey.

**Tuesday** After a full Scottish breakfast we depart by coach through the beautiful Scottish Highlands to Kyle of Lochalsh. This land of castles, hills and lochs is the gateway to the Isle of Skye which can be viewed across the water. The town's shoreline stretches far to the east beyond the pier and carries the railways station. After a little time to explore, we meet at the station and join our train for the journey along the Kyle Line to Inverness. The Kyle Line is one of the world's most scenic rail journeys. The view from the windows are worth the fare alone, but no matter where you are along its 80 miles, historic Scotland is only a few metres away. We re-join our coach in Inverness and return to the hotel for dinner.

**Wednesday** Today we travel south west along the shore of Loch Laggan and through Glen Spean to Fort William, the largest town in the Highlands and lies in the shadow of Ben Nevis. Here we enjoy another train journey, this time by steam train on the famous 'JACOBITE' along the celebrated West Highland Line to Mallaig. Described as the

greatest railway journey in the world, this 84 mile round trip takes you past a list of impressive extremes. This spectacular line passes hidden lochs and inlets, silver sands, and crosses the magnificent 100ft-high Glenfinnan viaduct, famous as the first mass concrete viaduct ever built in the world, now more notable for appearing in several of the Harry Potter films. Mallaig is a major fishing port and we have time to wander around the harbour and explore before we catch the train for the return journey to Fort William, where we re-join the coach for our ride back to Kingussie and our hotel.

**Thursday** A short stroll brings us to Kingussie station where we catch the train to Inverness. The line takes us through spectacular scenery over the lines summit at Slochd before descending into the Highland Capital, Inverness where we have some time to wander around the quay, partake in some retail therapy or just sit and watch the world go by. We return to the hotel for our final evening's dinner.

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

**Saturday** Homeward bound, we make a stop 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.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 7 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Tea and coffee with dinner
- ✓ Single journey from Kyle of Lochalsh to Inverness
- ✓ Return journey from Fort William to Mallaig
- ✓ Return journey Strathspey Railways
- ✓ Return journey from Kingussie to Inverness
- ✓ Excursions as listed

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Duke of Gordon Hotel

The 3 star Duke of Gordon Hotel is situated in the heart of the Scottish Highlands, one of the last truly unspoilt parts of the world. The hotel looks out across the picturesque Spey Valley to Ruthven Barracks. Each of the en-suite bedrooms is tastefully furnished and equipped with a flat screen TV and hospitality tray. Public rooms at the hotel include a cosy bar and oak panelled lounge with an open log fire and a welcoming restaurant. The hotel is served by a lift.





5 DAYS FROM **£699** £105 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

# A taste of Royal Life in Fife

Thursday 1st to Monday 5th September

The Royal family have strong connections to Scotland and this tour traces their footsteps as we visit Glamis Castle, Hopetoun House, 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

**Thursday** 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.

**Friday** 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.

**Saturday** 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 travel to Hopetoun House, referred to as Scotland's finest stately home, we explore this remarkable house and admire the majestic grounds with magnificent views across the Firth of Forth before returning to our hotel.

**Sunday** 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.

**Monday** 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.



© Royal Yacht Britannia - Marco Millar

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Tea and Coffee after dinner
- ✓ 3 Bridges cruise on the River Forth
- ✓ Admission to Glamis Castle
- ✓ Visit to Hopetoun House
- ✓ Admission to the Royal Yacht Britannia
- ✓ Entrance to Palace of Holyrood house and tea
- ✓ All excursions as listed

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Pitbaulchie 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.





8 DAYS FROM  
**£1049**  
£147 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## A Wonderful Hebridean Adventure

Sunday 4th to Sunday 11th September

For 2022, we offer a new leisurely Hebridean tour based in Stornoway, providing plenty of time to take in the unique Island lifestyle, culture as well as discovering many memorable and amazing untouched areas which can only be found in the Outer Hebrides. We include 2 nights in Onich on the shores of Loch Linnhe for tours of Scotland's wonderful west coast.

**PLEASE NOTE:** It is crucial that all passengers have a reasonable amount of mobility to enjoy the excursions.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Sunday** Our door to door service takes you to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive via North Yorkshire and the Pennines to Scotland and our 3 star overnight in the Scottish Borders. There will be time to relax before our dinner this evening.

**Monday** Superb Scottish scenery today as we head north to the Highlands, through Lockerbie to Glasgow. We make a stop in a pretty Luss on the shores of Loch Lomond then by way of lonely Rannoch Moor and spend time in emotive Glen Coe to reach our welcoming hotel, the 3 star Onich on the shores of Loch Linnhe, well in time for dinner.

**Tuesday** Our first days touring is a fabulous circular drive taking us west over Loch Linnhe by small ferry and into the magnificent coast and countryside of Moidart and Sunart. We pass beautiful Loch Sunart before joining the 'Road to the Isles' We visit the Jacobite monument at Glenfinnan and enjoy a 'wee dram' at a distillery in Fort William before spending time in Fort William itself then returning to the hotel.

**Wednesday** We travel through the spectacular Scottish Highlands towards the Kyle of Lochalsh and the Isle of Skye, providing a photo opportunity en route at the beautiful Eilean Donan Castle. Situated on an island at the point where three sea lochs meet, Eilean Donan is one of the most iconic images of Scotland. From the Kyle of Lochalsh, we will cross the magnificent Skye road bridge onto the Isle of Skye itself and enjoy the scenic drive past the dramatic Cuillin Hills and through the island's capital, Portree. We will then arrive at the port of Uig from which we take the afternoon ferry to the Isle of Harris and on to our hotel in Stornoway

**Thursday** A full day tour of the Isle of Lewis and enjoy a tour of the island's fantastic scenery. Lewis is one of the largest and well-populated of the Western Isles, although it remains refreshingly unspoilt and uncrowded. Home to some of the most important seabird colonies in the UK, the Isle of Lewis is a haven for all forms of wildlife. During our circular tour of the island, we will visit Carloway Broch, an ancient Iron Age fortification and an included visit to the Calanais Visitor Centre where we will be able to see the Callanish Standing Stones, one of the best preserved Megalithic sites in the whole of Scotland. We will also visit Gèarrannan Blackhouse Village and step back in time as we experience the way of life in a typical crofting township of the 19th Century.

**Friday** Another memorable scenic day as we visit the south of Lewis and the Isle of Harris, which offers incredible diversity in its landscapes, from inhospitable rocky shore in the east to the golden sandy beaches in the west. On arrival, we will visit St Clement's Church, Rodel, which was built in around 1500 by the MacLeods of Dunvegan and Harris. The Isle of Harris is linked by road to the Isle of Lewis and on the drive we pass some of the most dramatic coastal scenery in the whole of the UK. We visit the Isle of Scalpay and admire its lovely waterfront villages

**Saturday** This morning we enjoy free time to relax and explore the town of Stornoway, the largest town on the Western Isles, with a chance to snap up a last minute bargain in one of the Harris Tweed shops. This afternoon we make the crossing to Ullapool and drive through wonderful mountain scenery to reach our overnight hotel in the Spey Valley

**Sunday** We depart after breakfast and journey south to arrive back in our home areas early evening at the end of a wonderful Hebridean adventure.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 7 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Tea or coffee after dinner
- ✓ Distillery visit & Tasting
- ✓ Guided tours of Harris & Lewis
- ✓ Entrance to Callanish Standing Stones Visitor Centre
- ✓ Entrance to Gèarrannan Blackhouse Village
- ✓ Full Excursion programme

### YOUR HOTELS



#### Onich Hotel

The 3 star family run Onich hotel enjoys a superb location with extensive gardens leading down to a private beach on the shoreline of Loch Linnhe. All en-suite bedrooms have TV, telephone and tea/coffee making facilities, some have superb loch views The Lochside Bar and restaurant offer a relaxed dining experience.

#### Caladh Inn Hotel Stornoway

The 3 star Caladh Inn is conveniently situated a short walk from Stornoway town centre, all the refurbished en-suite bedrooms have free wifi, coffee and tea making facilities and TV. The hotel is proud of its excellent reputation for warm Hebridean hospitality, it has a bar and restaurant and a lift serves all floors.



8 DAYS FROM **£989** £97 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

# Grand Tour of Scotland

Wednesday 14th to Wednesday 21st September

**NEW**

Our super Scottish Grand Tour provides the ultimate Scottish experience and the very best that the Scottish mainland has to offer, from wonderful Edinburgh to the mystical banks of Loch Ness, along with the stunning scenery of the Highlands and the Cairngorms!

## YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Wednesday** Our door to door service takes you to the waiting Club Class coach journey north from our home area via Scotch Corner, Gretna Green and Glasgow to reach our hotel late afternoon. A welcome drinks reception precedes dinner this evening which is followed by entertainment.

**Thursday** We travel to the capital city of Scotland today to spend time at leisure exploring its many attractions, such as magnificent Edinburgh Castle perched atop an extinct volcano, the Palace of Holyroodhouse, a favourite residence of the monarchy, the Scotch Whisky Experience on the Royal Mile close to the castle and the Royal Yacht Britannia moored in Leith Docks.

**Friday** This morning we set off north via Loch Lomond to Fort William, in the shadow of magnificent Ben Nevis. We spend time in this famous town before continuing on our highland adventure, heading to the mystical shores of Loch Ness, home of the fabled monster Nessie. We stop at the Loch Ness Exhibition near Urquhart Castle for a comfort break and photos before continuing our journey northwards through the spectacular scenery of Wester Ross to our highland home for the next 3 nights, Ullapool.

**Saturday** We enjoy a day at leisure in the picturesque fishing town of Ullapool, gateway to the Northern Highlands, nestled on the shores of Loch Broom. The natural beauty of this area has to be seen to be believed and the attractions in this quaint village include the Ullapool museum or one of the many boat trips offering tours around the surrounding waters (individual bookings in advance advised).

**Sunday** A full day of dramatic Wester Ross scenery as we travel via the waterfall at Corrieshalloch Gorge then skirt the shores of lovely Loch Maree, stopping for photos, to the pretty harbour village of Gairloch, we visit Inverewe Gardens where we include a light lunch before time to explore this wonderful collection of exotic plants (despite being further north than Moscow)! The Walled Garden features specimens from around the world and if lucky, you may spot some of the wildlife - otters, pine martens, seals and red deer are all local residents. Our return is by way of spectacular Gruinard Bay and Little Loch Broom to Ullapool.

**Monday** Today, we depart Ullapool and head south again making our first stop at the wonderful Falls of Shin and Visitor Centre, one of the best known sights in the area. Although not particularly high the falls have great power and salmon can often be seen attempting to leap them in the summer. We then move south to Inverness, where we spend some time at leisure exploring before continuing our journey through the Cairngorms National Park to our home for the next two nights, picturesque Pitlochry.

**Tuesday** We enjoy our final day in splendid Perthshire with a morning visit to the Black Watch Castle & Museum in Perth, where we enjoy a 30 minute tour and coffee. Located on one of Perth's most beautiful parks, the North Inch, the museum castle dates back to the 1600s and tells the story of Scotland's elite military regiment. We have free time for lunch here or in Perth city, before we head to magnificent Scone Palace, once the crowning place of the kings of Scotland, which we explore at leisure.

**Wednesday** We return through Strathclyde making a stop at the border town of Gretna Green before crossing the Pennines to make a lunch stop in historic Richmond. This afternoon we use the A1 to return to our home area and waiting taxis, after a memorable holiday enjoying the best of Scotland's finest scenery.



## INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 7 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Portorage
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Tea and coffee with dinner
- ✓ Guided tour of Edinburgh
- ✓ Entrance to Loch Ness Exhibition
- ✓ Entrance & light lunch at Inverewe Gardens
- ✓ Entrance & coffee at the Black Watch Museum
- ✓ Entrance to Glamis Castle
- ✓ Entertainment some evenings
- ✓ Excursions as listed

## YOUR HOTELS



**We will be using 3 hotels:**

The 3 star Winnock Hotel, Drymen

The 3 star Royal Hotel, Ullapool

The 3 star Fishers Hotel, Pitlochry

**Please call our office for hotel information sheet.**



11 DAYS FROM  
**£1399**  
£249 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Grand Tour of Ireland

Monday 5th to Thursday 19th May

A fantastic 11 day voyage of discovery around the fascinating and beautiful Emerald Isle. With ancient myths and legends to uncover, amazing landscapes to explore and locals who will be more than happy to reveal hidden gems. Ireland is a truly wonderful holiday destination and our superb itinerary is designed to show this unique land at its very best.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** Our door to door service takes you to the waiting Club Class coach for the cross country drive to Holyhead, during our journey a light breakfast is served. In Holyhead we board the cruise ferry Ulysses, the size of which is impressive, for the crossing to Dublin, we include entrance to the Club Lounge making the crossing more enjoyable and relaxing. On arrival in the Republic we drive the short distance to our first hotel, in Dublin, for our dinner, bed & breakfast stay.

**Tuesday** After a full Irish breakfast we begin our day with a guided tour of Dublin. Included in the many sights are Trinity College, St Patricks Cathedral, O'Connell Street and time in the famed Guinness Store. Later there will be time at leisure to explore the range of shops in O'Connell Street and Grafton Street and the vast number of cafes and bars, each with a special welcoming atmosphere. This afternoon we make the journey north, passing Dundalk and Newry, to reach our second hotel of the tour, the 3 star Belfast Loughshore Hotel, Carrickfergus where we enjoy tea & coffee, then time to settle in before dinner.

**Wednesday** Today we discover Belfast, a compact buzzing city with so much to offer. We include an interesting city tour then visit the 'Titanic Quarter' dominated by Samson & Goliath, two huge cranes from the old Harland & Wolff shipyards. The Titanic Experience is fascinating with the story of the ship told through nine galleries with state of the art exhibitions. The story continues into the aftermath of the sinking through to the discovery of the wreck. We visit the huge Dry Dock and Pump House for a guided insight into the construction of Titanic and her White Star sister ships. Later there will be free time in the city before returning to our hotel.

**Thursday** This morning we depart Carrickfergus for the journey to Donegal. We travel via the magnificent Glens of Antrim, a drive that takes us to Glengariff with its towering high cliffs and waterfalls and Cushendal, a picturesque village with brightly coloured houses then on to the stunning Giants Causeway. First we visit the interesting visitors centre to investigate the legend of Finn McCool, here we watch a short, informative film to learn more about how the fabulous causeway came to be before taking a minibus down to the Causeway itself. Later we continue our journey, arriving at the 4 star Great Northern Hotel in Bundoran late afternoon. There will be time to relax and settle in before dinner this evening.

**Friday** Today we enjoy the town of Bundoran. The town is a popular seaside resort and is a world renowned surfing area listed as one of the World's top Surf Towns. Here there will be free time to explore before returning to the hotel for dinner, followed by musical entertainment.

**Saturday** Today we bid farewell to Bundoran and continue our grand tour of Ireland to Dromoland. We take the coastal road to Sligo home of Ireland's greatest poet, W B Yeats then beside the Ox Mountains to spend time in Westport, one of Ireland's most beautiful towns and voted the best place to live in Ireland. After time for lunch and sightseeing we continue through wonderful scenery to ford like Killary Harbour then through the beautiful Connemara National Park surrounded by magnificent mountains as we drive to historic Galway and onto Dromoland, reaching out hotel the 3 star Inn at Dromoland late afternoon.

**Sunday** After a full Irish breakfast, we make a visit to the spectacular Cliffs of Mohr, Europe's highest, towering over 700ft above the Atlantic Ocean, the views are amazing. After a good stay we continue on to Bunratty Castle and Folk Park. The castle is the most complete and authentic medieval fortress in Ireland whilst the Folk Park offers a fascinating insight into life in rural Ireland over a century ago with scenes re-enacted. Farmhouses, village shops, and streets are recreated and furnished as they would have appeared at that time, from the poorest one roomed dwelling to Bunratty House a fine example of a Georgian residence for the gentry.

**Monday** After a full Irish breakfast we leave Dromoland and begin the journey to Killarney, enjoying a day of wonderful scenery. En-route we visit the picturesque village of Adare, considered the prettiest village in Ireland where the streets are lined by original thatched cottages dating back hundreds of years. Our first visit is to the charming town of Tralee, for a short visit, before continuing around the beautiful Dingle Peninsular. The roads are lined by fuschia hedges and the Atlantic views as we travel round rugged Slea Head are unforgettable. We include time in Dingle before the continuing on to the 3 star Gleneagles Hotel, where we enjoy dinner and live Irish music.

**Tuesday** Today we enjoy a full day excursion around the 'Ring of Kerry' with its rugged Atlantic coastline and majestic mountains. This must surely be one of Europe's finest scenic areas. We will visit Killorglin, Cahirseevin and Waterville making a lunch stop at a traditional pub, with breathtaking views, before returning over Molls Gap to Killarney. Our return allows time to maybe enjoy a 'Jaunting Cart' ride around the town with a memorable commentary from the driver.

**Wednesday** A leisurely breakfast before our drive along the south coast. From Killarney we head for Blarney Castle and the world famous 'Blarney Stone', time for the energetic to 'Kiss the Stone' while others enjoy a coffee. Now on through Cork and past Cobh Harbour to picturesque Youghal, a busy port and resort on the River Blackwater, the ideal place to make time for lunch. This afternoon we continue to Waterford where we have time to explore the oldest city in Ireland, founded by Vikings in 914 AD, before checking into our 4 star hotel, the Talbot Wexford.

**Thursday** This morning we complete our Ireland tour as we begin the homeward journey, leaving Wexford to catch the morning ferry from Rosslare to Pembroke. On arrival in Wales we begin the final leg of our journey travelling through Wales and the Midlands, to arrive in our home area in the early evening.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 10 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Guided tour of Dublin
- ✓ Guided tour of Belfast
- ✓ Admission to Titanic Experience
- ✓ Admission to the Giant's Causeway
- ✓ Admission to Cliffs of Mohr Visitor Centre
- ✓ Admission to Bunratty Castle & Folk Park
- ✓ Excursions as listed

### YOUR HOTELS



Our tour includes six different hotels all of 3 and 4 star quality and all offering the same high standard of service and hospitality. A separate leaflet is available from our office containing comprehensive details of each individual hotel.



7 DAYS FROM **£869** £60 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

# Ireland's Hidden Heartlands

Sunday 12th to Saturday 18th June

We explore the beauty of 'Ireland's Hidden Heartlands', County Clare and County Tipperary on this tour based at the excellent 4 star Lakeside Hotel & Leisure Centre which sits on the banks of the majestic River Shannon. Highlights include a cruise on the River Shannon and beautiful Lough Derg. Visits to Bunratty Castle & Folk Park

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Sunday** 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 Maldron, in Wexford.

**Monday** Our cross country journey begins soon after breakfast as we head for Kilkenny. Considered second only to Dublin in popularity and attractions for visitors, Kilkenny is a county town set on the banks of the River Nore dating from the 6th century. In the north of the town is St Canice's Cathedral, one of the finest in Ireland, and to the south is the imposing castle set in its own extensive gardens. Between the two lie the busy, narrow, winding streets of the old town lined by handsome Georgian terraced houses and brightly painted shops. After a good stay we continue by way of North Tipperary to arrive to a warm welcome at our friendly hotel which includes tea/coffee and smoked salmon on brown bread.

**Tuesday** Today we have a scenic drive around 'The Ring of Loch Derg'. This is the largest and one of the most beautiful lakes on the River Shannon. We explore this enchanting drive along the country roads that hug the lakes shoreline and pass villages such as Portroe and Portuma before returning by way of Mountshannon and Scarriff. This evening dinner is followed by live music in the hotel.

**Wednesday** This morning a short stroll takes us to the home of Kilaloe River Cruise where we board a purpose built passenger boat for a relaxing cruise on the River Shannon and Lough Derg before Spending time in Killaloe & Ballina, two little towns, separated by an ancient stone bridge which joins the counties of Clare and Tipperary, and each with little shops, cafes and riverside walks and bars.

**Thursday** A full day excursion takes us to the famed country music town of Ennis which features a characterful and picturesque town centre with narrow winding streets. We have time to explore before visiting 15th century Bunratty Castle the most complete and authentic castle in Ireland. After a 30 minute tour we visit the Folk Park. Set in 26 acres the impressive Folk Park is a reconstruction of the homes and environment of Ireland of over a century ago. Rural farmhouses, village shops and streets are recreated and furnished as they would have appeared at that time according to their social standing, from the poorest one roomed dwelling to Bunratty House a fine example of a Georgian residence for the gentry. On our last evening at the hotel we enjoy dinner and a special Irish night.

**Friday** Today, we bid farewell to our hosts and make our way back to Wexford. We pass through Tipperary, the county town made famous by the song and home of hand cut crystal, en-route to Cahir an ancient village on the bank of the River Suir with one of the largest castles in Ireland, then Cashel with its national monument, one of Irelands most visited sites. This afternoon we drive along the Suir Valley to Waterford and on to our overnight hotel, the 3 star Maldron in Wexford.

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



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### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 6 nights dinner bed and breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Admission to Bunratty Castle
- ✓ Live musical entertainment on two nights at Lakeside Hotel
- ✓ River Cruise
- ✓ Excursions as listed

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Lakeside Hotel Ballina

The 4 star Lakeside Hotel & Leisure Centre sits on the banks of the majestic River Shannon with stunning views of the twin heritage towns of Ballina in Co. Tipperary and Killaloe in Co. Clare. All the tastefully furnished bedrooms are en-suite and have an iron and ironing board, mini safe, hairdryer and tea and coffee making facilities. Public rooms include a noted restaurant and O'Hara's bar. There is a comprehensive leisure complex complete with a large indoor pool.





7 DAYS FROM  
**£899**  
£100 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Antrim Coastal Delights & a Beautiful Train Journey

Sunday 21st to Saturday 27th August

Due to popular demand, it gives us pleasure to return to the unspoilt beauty of County Antrim a gem on Ireland's north east coast. Our tour explores the breathtaking coastline, visits the magical Giants Causeway, and offers a taste of Ireland at Bushmills Distillery plus a ride on a train described as one of the world's most beautiful train journeys. Our base is Coleraine, perfect for discovering the many natural and historic wonders. We include overnight stops in Lancashire.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Sunday** Our door to door service takes you to the Club Class coach for the drive north through the lovely Peak District, arriving at our overnight 3 star hotel in Preston late afternoon for a welcoming tea/coffee. A glass of wine is served with dinner this evening.

**Monday** A relaxing drive past the Lake District and through Dumfries and Galloway, along the beautiful Solway coast to the ferry port at Stranraer for the early afternoon ferry crossing to Northern Ireland's capital city, Belfast. We reach our hotel on the Antrim coast late afternoon for tea and coffee.

**Tuesday** This morning we enjoy a train journey described by Michael Palin as being one of the most beautiful train journeys in the world. En-route from Coleraine to Londonderry the track runs alongside one of the sands of one of the most unspoilt beaches in Ireland whilst on the other side of the track, we pass the cliffs of Downhill and the impressive Binevenagh Mountains. On arrival in the historic city of Londonderry, we enjoy a guided tour followed by time at leisure before returning to our hotel for dinner this evening.

**Wednesday** We experience stunning scenery this morning as we drive along the coast to make a tour and 'tasting' at Bushmills Distillery, the oldest in Ireland. Then on to the spectacular Giants Causeway, with time in the Visitors Centre to investigate the legend of Finn McCool before taking a minibus down to the Causeway itself. We include time in Portrush before our return to the hotel. Dinner is followed by live entertainment this evening.

**Thursday** A morning visit to one of Northern Ireland's oldest and most beautiful estates, Glenarm Castle. We explore the beautiful walled garden in its incomparable setting by the sea. This afternoon we enjoy the magnificent Glens of Antrim. Our return to the hotel takes us to Glengarriff with its towering hills cliffs and waterfalls, Cushendall, a picturesque village with bright coloured houses, then on to the

stupendous cliffs at Fair Head before seeing the popular resort of Ballycastle. Seen over the Sound are Rathlin Island and the Mull of Kintyre. Back at the hotel we enjoy a food and drink demonstration.

**Friday** A leisurely breakfast before we drive to Belfast for the midday ferry to Stranraer. From here we travel to our overnight hotel, with time to settle in before dinner.

**Saturday** A leisurely breakfast before setting off for our drive home. We travel by way of the Midlands to arrive in or home area mid afternoon at the end of a memorable holiday amidst Ireland's finest scenery.



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### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 6 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Tea & coffee after dinner each evening
- ✓ Entrance to 'The Giants Causeway'
- ✓ Entrance to Bushmills Whiskey with a tasting
- ✓ Train ride from Coleraine to Derry
- ✓ Guided tour of Derry
- ✓ Live music one evening
- ✓ Entrance to Glenarm Castle Walled Gardens
- ✓ Food & drink demonstration
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### The Lodge Hotel

Ideally situated on the edge of Coleraine, the family run Lodge Hotel offers the personal touch. All of the en-suite bedrooms are comfortable and traditional in style and with tea/coffee making facilities. Public rooms include a bar, restaurants and lounge and the hotel has a lift.



7 DAYS FROM **£889** £166 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

# Adare, Limerick & Dingle – West coast gems

Sunday 25th September to Saturday 1st October

Join us as we visit the west coast of Ireland and the lovely Counties of Limerick and Clare. Our tour is based in Adare is regarded as being Ireland's prettiest and most picturesque village. The streets are lined with original thatched cottages survived for hundreds of years. Some of the cottages are kept as local restaurants and Arts & Crafts shops, but many are still privately owned. We include visits to Europe's highest cliffs at Mohr, Foynes Flying Boat Museum and Bunratty Castle & Folk Park.

## YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Sunday** Our door to door service takes you to the waiting Club Class coach for the cross country drive to Holyhead, during our journey a light breakfast is served. In Holyhead we board the cruise ferry Ulysses, the size of which is impressive, for the crossing to Dublin, we include entrance to the Club Lounge making the crossing more enjoyable and relaxing. On arrival in the Republic we drive the short distance to our 3 star overnight hotel, the Aspect Hotel Park West in Dublin.

**Monday** Journey towards Limerick via the ancient town of Birr with its famous castle, then follow the beautiful Lough Derg drive to Killaloe. Free time in Limerick before continuing to pretty Adare late afternoon. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served upon our arrival then time to settle in well before dinner.

**Tuesday** A full day starting with a visit to the Foynes Flying Boat Museum, which recalls the era from 1939 to 1945 when Foynes was the centre for air traffic between the U.S. and Europe. During our guided tour we have to sample an Irish coffee! We continue with a ferry crossing of the mighty Shannon and follow the coastline to the spectacular Cliffs of Mohr where we spend time before returning to our hotel with time to relax before dinner.

**Wednesday** Today's first port of call is to the historic county town of Ennis famed for its music. Coaching a little further we reach Bunratty Castle, the most complete and authentic medieval fortress in Ireland. Built in 1425 it was restored in 1954 to its former medieval splendour and now contains mainly 15th and 16th century furnishings, tapestries, and works of art which capture the mood of those times. We include entrance to the Bunratty Folk Park and tea with scones, here we experience a living reconstruction of the homes and environment of Ireland of over a century ago. Rural farmhouses, village shops and streets are recreated and furnished as they would have appeared at that time according to their social standing, from the poorest one

roomed dwelling to Bunratty House a fine example of a Georgian residence for the gentry. We allow plenty of time to explore before returning to our hotel.

**Thursday** Another day of wonderful scenery. Our first visit is to the charming town of Tralee, for a short visit, before continuing around the beautiful Dingle Peninsular. The roads are lined by fuchsia hedges and the Atlantic views as we round rugged Sleat Head are unforgettable. We include time in Dingle before our return to Adare.

**Friday** We depart Adare after a leisurely breakfast for Dublin. We enjoy a city tour then time at leisure in the capital city before checking in to our overnight hotel, the Aspect Park West.

**Saturday** We return to Dublin port for the early ferry back to Wales. This morning's breakfast is taken on board the crossing. Using the motorway we travel through Cheshire and the Midlands to arrive in our home area mid-evening.

## INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 6 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Tea/coffee after dinner each evening
- ✓ Musical entertainment on one evening
- ✓ Entrance to the Cliffs of Moher
- ✓ Entrance to Foynes Flying Boat Museum with Irish coffee
- ✓ Entrance to Bunratty Castle and Folk Park with tea & scones
- ✓ Excursions as listed

## YOUR HOTEL



### Woodlands House Hotel

The 3 star highly impressive, modern Woodlands House Hotel is set in 44 acres of land on the edge of the village. Each of the tastefully furnished bedrooms are spacious and bright. All have en-suite bathrooms, direct dial telephone, TV with satellite channels, trouser press and tea and coffee making facilities. The hotel boasts an impressive restaurant, bars and comprehensive leisure centre. Although there is no lift, the hotel is spread across just 2 floors with many rooms on the ground floor.



8 DAYS FROM  
**£1199**  
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT FROM £150

## Guernsey by Air

Please Note: Prices differ for each departure

Saturday 28th May to Saturday 4th June  
Saturday 13th to Saturday 20th August

**PLEASE NOTE:** The required deposit is £100 per person  
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It gives us pleasure to return to the beautiful island of Guernsey, a heady mix of stunning scenery and the best of contemporary living. Guernsey is the second largest of the Channel Islands, making the perfect holiday destination with miles of golden beaches, breathtaking cliff walks, fascinating history and bustling harbours, some of which are thought to be the prettiest in Europe. Guernsey really is a special place, a thriving community that welcomes its visitors with open arms and leaves a lasting impression on all who set foot on its soil.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Current Photographic Identification is now necessary for airport check-ins.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Day 1** You will be collected from your door and escorted by Fenn Holidays to Norwich airport for a supervised check-in for your flight to Guernsey. Upon arrival you will be greeted by a resort representative, who will hand out welcome packs and travel with you to your hotel.

**Days 2 to 7** During your holiday we have arranged a half day tour of Guernsey plus a visit to the beautiful Island of Herm with lunch at the Mermaid Tavern, a tranquil clean environment with unspoilt beaches, known as the 'Jewel of the Channel Islands'. It really is a paradise island.

**Day 8** At the end of your holiday you will be met and transferred from the hotel to the airport for your return flight to Norwich where we will be waiting to collect you and take you to your home areas.



### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 7 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Flights from/to Norwich
- ✓ Half day tour of Guernsey
- ✓ Day to Herm Island with lunch at the Mermaid Tavern
- ✓ Escorted airport transfers/check-in/arrivals

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Best Western Moores Hotel

The 3 star BW Moores Hotel is situated in Guernsey's scenic St. Peter Port, right in the heart of the town. The great location means there are plenty of shops, cafes and offices on the doorstep. St. Peter Port is a super resort, boasting unforgettable scenery and views, and, arguably, one of the prettiest harbours you'll ever lay your eyes on! The hotel, an impressive 18th century building that has been run by the same family for over 60 years, boasts many original period features with a delightful ceiling, cornices and fireplace in the lounge. Each of the 46 bedrooms all are en suite and have LCD TV, radio alarm, hairdryer, telephone and tea/coffee facilities. Although the Moores does not have its own swimming pool, hotel residents are welcome to use the indoor pool at the sister hotels: Hotel de Havelet or the indoor pool and well equipped gym at Les Rocquettes Hotel, both situated in St Peter Port.







JERSEY



8 DAYS FROM **£779**

## Jersey by Air

Please Note: Prices differ for each departure date and hotel and single supplements may apply.

- Saturday 7th to Saturday 14th May
- Saturday 9th to Saturday 16th July
- Saturday 13th to Saturday 20th August
- Saturday 3rd to Saturday 10th September

**PLEASE NOTE:** The required deposit is £100 per person  
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If gives us pleasure to offer, once again, our popular holidays to Jersey - the Pearl of the English Channel. Situated just 14 miles from the French Coast, it is a fascinating blend of old and new, British, yet with a strong continental influence and is an ideal holiday destination. Rich in natural beauty and history, Jersey offers picturesque fishing harbours and coves, medieval castles, endless cliff top walks and the beautiful gardens of Howard Davis or Coronation Park. With reduced duty on drinks, cigarettes and perfumes and no V.A.T., it's a shopper's paradise!

**PLEASE NOTE:** Current Photographic Identification is now necessary for airport check-ins.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Day 1** You will be collected from your door and escorted by Fenn Holidays to Norwich airport for a supervised check-in for your flight to Jersey. Upon arrival you will be greeted by a resort representative, who will advise you of your hotel transfer.

**Days 2 to 7** During your stay on Jersey we have arranged a full day island tour and a 3 consecutive day bus ticket. Should you wish to travel to France a valid passport is compulsory.

**Day 8** At the end of your holiday you be transferred from the hotel to the airport where a rep will assist you with check in before your return flight to Norwich where we will be waiting to collect you and take you to your home areas.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 7 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Flights from/to Norwich Airport with 1 piece of luggage weighing 20kgs
- ✓ Escorted airport transfers/check-in/arrivals
- ✓ Full Day Island Tour
- ✓ 3 consecutive day bus ticket
- ✓ Daily representative at hotels

### YOUR HOTELS

We offer you the choice of two different hotels:

#### Norfolk Hotel ★★

The Norfolk is a family owned and run 2 star hotel. We offer great value for money providing the essentials you need as a comfortable base to explore the beautiful Island of Jersey. The Norfolk takes pride in offering all that one would expect from a 2 star hotel, plus a few nice extras. Of course, all rooms have en-suite bathroom facilities, flat screen TVs, hairdryers and tea & coffee facilities. The hotel also benefits from a lovely heated, outdoor pool. Situated just a few minutes walk from St. Helier's town centre, the Havre des Pas beach and the beautiful Howard Davis Park, The Norfolk makes an ideal base.

#### Westhill Country Hotel ★★★

Set in 5 acres of beautifully landscaped gardens on the outskirts of St Helier and only a five minutes' drive from the town centre. The hotel boasts a restaurant, 2 bars, 2 heated pools, hot-tub spa and pool. The Westhill also offers a complimentary shuttle bus service to St Helier up to 5 times a day. All of the bedrooms have en-suite facilities with a TV, radio, hairdryer, telephone and a hospitality tray. The Westhill Hotel does not have a lift but some ground floor rooms are available (accessed by some steps).





9 DAYS FROM  
**£1069**  
£129 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Tyrolean Little Trains

Saturday 28th May to Sunday 5th June

One of our most popular destinations, the Tyrol is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful landers of Austria, renowned for its majestic mountain peaks, picturesque valleys and lush green meadows, along with picture postcard villages. Our tour is based in the charming little village of Kirchberg, an ideal location, well positioned in the heart of the Kitzbuhler Alps. We include rides on two narrow gauge trains, a visit to the mighty Grossglockner and a visit to beautiful Zell am See.

### 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 set the holiday mood. On through Belgium to Germany and our overnight hotel.

**Sunday** A fine buffet breakfast before departing for Austria. Travelling through Germany we cross the Rhine at Karlsruhe and pass Stuttgart and Munich. Ahead we see the Alps and after crossing the border near the Wild Kaiser Mountains we reach Kirchberg and our holiday hotel in time for dinner.

**Monday** A restful day in our resort, make use of the hotels excellent leisure facilities or enjoy a ride on the nearby cable car.

**Tuesday** A day of natural wonder that takes us first over the Thurn Pass to the beautiful lake at Zell am Zee where we spend time to explore the narrow streets of the old market town then board the Pinzgauer Lokalbahn for a scenic journey trundling through the Pinzgau Valley passing magnificent mountains en-route to Krimml and Europe's highest waterfall at Krimml, where the water cascades over 3 stages and falls more than 1200ft.

**Wednesday** The scenic highlight of our tour, as we take the spectacular Grossglockner road. This magnificently engineered highway runs from nearby Bruck to Heiligenblut and offers us views over mountain peaks and glaciers, a truly memorable journey, climbing to a height of over 8,000 feet we reach the base of Austria's highest mountain – the Grossglockner at 12,460ft.

**Thursday** Our next train ride as we make for Jenbach in the Inn Valley and join the Achenseebahn, Europe's oldest cog railway which is still steam operated. Puffing through steep sections we climb out of the valley to Seespitz where we re-join our coach for the short drive to Pertisau a pretty village on the shores of Lake Achen. Our return takes us to the Tyrol's smallest town, colourful Rattenberg and a visit to Kisslinger Kristal glass blowing factory.

**Friday** A morning visit to the world famous resort of Kitzbuhl. This picturesque old world town, nestles between the Kitzbuhler Horn and the Hahnenkamm and has a delightful pedestrianised centre with a wealth of cafes and interesting shops, perfect for a last minute souvenirs. We return to the hotel for an included lunch and relaxing afternoon.

**Saturday** We leave Kirchberg for our homeward journey. Through Bavaria possibly making a stop in Ulm, home of the world's tallest cathedral, built on the banks of the River Danub, then by way of the Black Forest to reach our overnight hotel in Germany.

**Sunday** After a fine buffet breakfast we depart for Brussels then Calais for the late afternoon shuttle to Folkestone. We return to our home area and waiting taxis arriving early evening.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 8 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Coffee and cake one afternoon
- ✓ At resort hotel:
- ✓ Choice of menu & salad buffet
- ✓ Welcome drink
- ✓ 2 free drinks at dinner each evening
- ✓ Packed lunches or light lunch in the hotel
- ✓ One night barbecue dinner in the garden
- ✓ Ride on the Achensee Railway
- ✓ Ride on the Pinzgauer Railway
- ✓ Entrance to Kisslinger Kristal
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Hotel Zentral

The superb family run 4 star Zentral is located in the centre of Kirchberg as its name suggests; the hotel is renowned for its warm welcome and comfort, recent extensions have made it even better!! Each of the en-suite bedrooms is equipped with a telephone, satellite TV, a safety-box and a hair dryer. Most rooms have a balcony and many have views of the surrounding mountains. Other facilities at the hotel include a sun terrace, restaurant, bar, games room and a comprehensive wellness area. The hotel is served by two lifts. We include a drinks package and daily packed lunch or light lunch in the hotel.

9 DAYS  
FROM  
**£899**  
£99 SINGLE  
SUPPLEMENT

## St Anton Mountain Glory

Wednesday 24th August to Thursday 1st September

One of our long established, firm favourites! Spectacular Alpine scenery, genuine and warm hospitality at a crossroads, where history and culture blend hand-in-hand have made the Austrian Tyrol one of the most attractive destinations in the world. St Anton is a popular Tyrolean resort set amidst gentle wooded slopes against the beautiful backdrop of the majestic Arlberg Mountains. There are shops, cafes and a network of cable cars and chair lifts providing easy access to the surrounding peaks.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Wednesday** 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 set the holiday mood, then on through France to our overnight hotel located on the French/German border.

**Thursday** Over the Vosges Mountains and through the lovely Alsace region to Strasbourg where we cross the mighty Rhine. We enjoy a relaxing drive through the scenic Black Forest to spend time in the delightful lakeside town of Titisee. This afternoon we drive along the shores of Lake Constance to reach Austria and St Anton and the Hotel Arlberg late afternoon.

**Friday** A free day to explore St Anton. Make use of the Guest Summer Card which allows a complimentary return ride on a cable car plus other benefits, explore the town or make use of the hotel's leisure facilities.

**Saturday** We cross the gentle Arlberg Pass to Bludenz where we make a visit to the Suchard Chocolate factory for samples of the famous Milka Chocolate, before climbing through the beautiful Walsertal to Damuls. We continue over the scenic Hochtannberg to picturesque Lech, a favourite resort of the late Princess Diana. With its beautifully decorated buildings and river flowing through the centre it's the perfect place to take lunch and a stroll. Late afternoon we return to St Anton via the galleried road of the Flexen Pass.

**Sunday** A drive along the broad Inn Valley to Mosen and the 'Peace Bell' before spending time in Seefeld a year round resort with a fine pedestrianised centre. Later we include a tour one of the great Baroque treasures of Austria, Stams Abbey. The interior of the church is truly magnificent with beautiful ceiling frescos, stucco work, and amazing wrought-iron screens.

**Monday** Mountain scenery at its best today with our visit to the Kaunertal and its fabulous glacier road climbing past a beautiful reservoir then via a series of hairpin bends to over 9000ft above sea level where year round skiing takes place. At the top

it's possible to take a chair lift offering unrivalled views of the snow capped mountains and glaciers. Later we spend time in busy Landeck on the River Inn.

**Tuesday** A morning visit to the former capital of the neighbouring state, the Vorarlberg and the Historic small city of Feldkirch, explore the arcaded Market square and the noted Cathedral. We return to St Anton for an afternoon at leisure.

**Wednesday** We leave St Anton and make our way through Lichtenstein, travelling beside Lake Zurich in Switzerland to reach France and the Alsace. We spend time for lunch in one of the beautiful wine producing villages before crossing the Vosges Mountains and return to our overnight hotel.

**Thursday** After breakfast we continue our homeward journey through the Forest of Argonne, heading for the wonderful champagne and cathedral city of Reims. Later we continue our drive to Calais for the afternoon shuttle to Folkestone. We arrive in our home area early evening.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 8 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Welcome drink
- ✓ Portage
- ✓ Farmer's buffet evening
- ✓ Entrance to Stams
- ✓ Free use of leisure facilities
- ✓ St. Anton Summer Card
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Hotel Arlberg

The 4 star Arlberg, under the personal supervision of its resident proprietors the Ennemoser family, has been affording a warm welcome to our groups for 35 years and in our opinion is one of the best hotels in St. Anton. All rooms have private facilities, hairdryer, TV and radio. The hotel has comfortable spacious lounges, bar and restaurants. We offer a four course dinner with salad bar and of course a buffet breakfast. To help you relax there is a leisure facility complete with indoor pool, sauna and solarium and free use of bicycles. A lift serves all floors.



## Tyrolean Mountains & Italian Lakes

Wednesday 13th to Saturday 23rd July

A fabulous new tour for 2022 combining two of the most scenic parts of the Continent, the majestic mountains and glaciers of the Austrian Tyrol and the beautiful lakes of Northern Italy. Making this tour perfect is the choice of two outstanding hotels, firm favourites of our clients the Arlberg in St Anton and the Astoria in Stresa.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Wednesday** 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 fizz and snacks sets the holiday mood, then on through France to our overnight hotel, on the French/German border.

**Thursday** Over the Vosges Mountains and through the distinctive Alsace to Strasbourg where we cross the mighty Rhine. A relaxing drive through the scenic Black Forest to spend time in the delightful lakeside town of Titisee. This afternoon we drive along the shores of Lake Constance to reach Austria and St Anton, arriving at the Hotel Arlberg late afternoon.

**Friday** A day to explore St Anton. Make use of the Guest Summer Card which allows a complimentary return ride on a cable car, explore the town or make use of the hotel's leisure facilities.

**Saturday** Today we drive along the broad Inn Valley to Mosern and the 'Peace Bell' before spending time in Seefeld, a year round resort with a fine pedestrianised centre. Later we include a tour one of the great Baroque treasures of Austria, Stams Abbey. The interior of the church is truly magnificent with beautiful ceiling frescos, stucco work, and amazing wrought-iron screens.

**Sunday** Mountain scenery at its very best today with our visit to the Kaunertal and its fabulous glacier road climbing past a beautiful reservoir then via a series of hairpin bends to over 9000ft above sea level where year round skiing takes place. At the top, it's possible to take a chair lift offering unrivalled views of the snow-capped mountains and glaciers. Later we spend time in busy Landeck on the River Inn before returning to the hotel for dinner.

**Monday** Today we drive south to our next holiday centre, Stresa in Italy. We take the valley road to Feldkirch and the River Rhine. We drive through the tiny principality of Lichtenstein en-route to the awesome Mala Gorge where the River Rhine has forced its way through the surrounding mountains, a must for photographs. Now over the scenic San Bernardino Pass to spend time in fashionable Locarno set at the head of Lake Maggiore. Later we take the lakeside road affording wonderful views of lake, villages and mountains, arriving at our next hotel, the Astoria in Stresa, mid afternoon.

**Tuesday** A morning visit to Pallanza and the world famous Villa Taranto Gardens. Created by a Scottish gentleman and now owned by the Italian Government, the gardens are wonderfully landscaped with terraces, lotus and lily ponds, waterfalls and over 20,000 species of rare and exotic plants. This afternoon we visit lovely little Lake Orta and include a land train ride for easy access to the cobbled streets of delightful Orta San Giulio.





11 DAYS FROM  
**£1199**  
£199 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

**NEW**

**Wednesday** This morning we drive eastwards to Lake Lugano, the Swiss Riviera, to spend time in elegant Lugano wonderfully situated between the peaks of Monte Bre and San Salvatore. We also visit popular Paradiso before our return which includes a visit to the Colossus of San Carlos Borromeo an enormous bronze statue towering over the southern lake resort of Arona.

**Thursday** A day at leisure in Stresa to enjoy the summer sunshine, explore the quaint old town or we can arrange a boat trip to the nearby Borromean Islands.

**Friday** We bid farewell to Italy and head north through the mountains of Switzerland. This afternoon we drive into France and across the Vosges Mountains to arrive at our overnight hotel.

**Saturday** Through France to pass Reims, heart of Champagne country with its magnificent cathedral, then on to Calais for the afternoon shuttle train to Folkestone. We return to our home areas early evening.

#### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 10 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Wine & Water with dinner at Stresa hotel
- ✓ Porterage at both hotels
- ✓ Entrance to Villa Taranto Gardens
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Little train transfer in Orta
- ✓ Farmers Buffet at Hotel Arlberg
- ✓ Excursions as listed
- ✓ Tour and admission at Stams Abbey

#### YOUR HOTELS



##### Hotel Arlberg

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##### Hotel Astoria

The superb family run hotel Astoria is considered to be one of the best hotels in Stresa and guaranteed to offer a truly warm welcome. This modern hotel is centrally situated on the lakeside promenade. All the tastefully furnished bedrooms are en suite with satellite TV, air conditioning, a telephone, hairdryer and a balcony. There is a spacious and welcoming restaurant, lounge and bar. The leisure facilities include a swimming pool, secluded garden with snack bar, gym and panoramic roof garden with whirl pool, solarium and table tennis. Lifts serve all floors.





## Cruising the Danube in style

Tuesday 9th to Thursday 18th August

Immerse yourself in the fascinating history and culture of the heart of Europe on a luxury Danube river cruise. Starting in Passau, cruise highlights include time in Vienna as well as a visit to Budapest. This is a wonderful opportunity to sail the waters immortalised by the composer Strauss in "The Blue Danube". Other stops include Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia; Dürnstein, one of the most visited tourist destinations in the Wachau region; and Melk, with its famous baroque abbey.

**PLEASE NOTE:** It is crucial that all passengers have a reasonable amount of mobility as it is not always possible for the coach to park immediately close to the ship.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Tuesday** Our door to door services takes you to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive south where we make our way across the Channel to France. Arriving in France we pass through Reims, before crossing the border to Germany, reaching our overnight hotel in Saarlouis.

**Wednesday** After breakfast we depart for Austria. Travelling through Germany we pass Ludwigshafen, cross the Rhine on our way to Nuremberg then Regensburg, which is located at the northernmost point of the Danube. Following the Danube we arrive in Passau late afternoon where we board the MS Arena in Passau, known as the 'three rivers city' due to its unique location where the Danube, Inn and Ilz rivers meet. After settling in to your cabin enjoy a welcome reception including glass of sparkling wine before dinner this evening as we set sail and cruise towards Melk.

**Thursday** We arrive in the Austrian town of Melk, dominated by the Benedictine Abbey perched on a hill that slopes steeply down to the Danube the Abbey is one of the most splendid monastic houses in the whole of Austria. This afternoon is spent cruising the beautiful Danube! A chance to enjoy the beautiful scenery as we sail serenely toward Vienna arriving early evening. Lunch and dinner are served on board with the chance to go ashore for a spot of exploration this evening.

**Friday** After breakfast we re-join the coach and set off on a sightseeing tour of beautiful Vienna, a wonderful city with a fantastic mix of Imperial Palaces and residences, Art Nouveau masterpieces and excellent pedestrianised areas. After lunch on board we visit Belvedere Palace, a stunning Baroque building made up of two

palaces, an orangery and the palace stables. The palace is also home to an incredible collection of art. Early evening we cast off and cruise towards Budapest.

**Saturday** Mid morning we arrive in Budapest. Enjoy lunch on board before a tour of this fascinating city. Budapest is one of the most beautiful cities in the world with an extensive area recognised as a world heritage site. We can explore both sides of Hungary's capital which is divided by the meandering Danube - traditional Buda and the more cosmopolitan Pest. Most of the famous sites are concentrated around Castle Hill on the Buda side, in downtown Pest and along the riverside walkways. Look out for the Royal Palace, Fishermen's Bastion, the Parliament building, St Stephen's Basilica, Heroes' Square and the Chain Bridge. We return to the ship for dinner before an excursion to experience Budapest by night with a traditional folklore show.

**Sunday** This morning our next excursion which takes us through the sweeping plains of Hungary to Lajosmizse. Here we visit a traditional stud farm and enjoy a tour of the grounds in a horse-drawn carriage, before watching a spectacular live Puszta horse show. We return to the ship early afternoon and cruise towards Bratislava. This afternoon we find ourselves cruising the gentle Danube as an ever changing panorama of scenery reveals itself.





10 DAYS FROM  
**£1949**  
 £435 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

**NEW**

**Monday** A morning arrival in Bratislava. One of the youngest capitals of Europe, Bratislava is a seaside resort without the sea! It offers a rich mix of cultures and cuisine. We'll enjoy a walking tour with a local guide and sample 'Makovka' which is a sweet white chocolate with poppy seed filling then have time for shopping opportunities centred around the old town and the huge open air market on Mileticova. The city also enjoys a great café culture and it is quite the done thing to enjoy a glass of Riesling white in one of the many pavement cafes as you watch the world go by. Lunch and dinner are taken on board.

**Tuesday** This morning we arrive in the town of Dürnstein, the most famous medieval Danube river town in the Wachau region of Austria, which nestles among Austria's most famous vineyards and is crowned by the ruins of the castle that once imprisoned Richard the Lionheart. It's a beautiful place filled with cobbled streets, pretty courtyards and 16th century houses. After some free time we set sail for the final time and cruise towards Passau.

**Wednesday** Breakfast is taken on board before bidding a fond farewell to the Arena and its crew as we begin our journey back through Germany. We include a stop in the famous university city of Heidelberg, setting for the 'Student Prince' before arriving in Sarlouis for an overnight stay.

**Thursday** Departing after breakfast we re-trace the steps of our outward journey passing Reims and Laon to Calais for the late afternoon shuttle train back to England. We arrive in our home area mid evening after a most enjoyable luxury Danube cruise.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 2 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation at overnight hotels
- ✓ 7 nights cruise on a full board basis
- ✓ Cabin upgrades are available
- ✓ Welcome drink
- ✓ Captain's Gala Dinner
- ✓ Afternoon tea/coffee, cake and late evening snack
- ✓ Complimentary tea, coffee & WiFi
- ✓ Superb dining from delicious choices at breakfast to your fine four-course dinner
- ✓ On board entertainment each evening
- ✓ Full excursion programme as listed

### YOUR RIVER CRUISER



#### MS Arena

This 4-star ship has all the ingredients of an unforgettable river cruise, comfort, style and the crew's unfaltering attention to detail. From the moment you step aboard you'll enjoy the sense of space, stylish décor and unfaltering attention to detail that runs throughout the ship. Floor to ceiling panoramic windows on the main and upper decks ensure you don't miss a moment of the magical landscape. Whether you are treating yourself to a drink in the Ambassador's Lounge Bar, dining on delicious cuisine served in the panorama restaurant, or relaxing in the comfort of your spacious cabin the captain and crew take care of your every need while you prioritise relaxing and unwinding in comfort as you glide along the river. The superior cabins on board the MS Arena features panoramic windows and French balcony allowing you to take in the wonderful views of the river and surroundings from the comfort of your own room. The spacious cabins also feature air conditioning, television, telephone, Wi-Fi, hairdryer, safe and plenty of storage space. Standard cabins are also available on the main deck and feature similar facilities to the superior cabins but are smaller and feature one fixed bed and one fold down bed.





9 DAYS FROM  
**£1049**  
£145 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Alpine Festivals in the Tyrol

Monday 26th September to Tuesday 4th October

**EARLY BOOKING RECOMMENDED**

Tradition and culture are highly respected in the Tyrol with many festivals being a highlight in the local villages each year. None more so than the end of grazing season festivals when the farmers bring the cattle down from the high pastures and hold a colourful parade. Our tour includes the large event at Hopfgarten and another annual event, the Church and music festival in Kramsach, all you have to do is join in the fun and festivities. Our base is the village of Kirchberg and the welcoming Hotel Zentral where we have included lunch and drinks with dinner package

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** 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 mid-morning train a glass of prosecco and snacks sets the holiday mood. On through Belgium to Germany and our overnight hotel.

**Tuesday** A fine buffet breakfast before departing for Austria. Travelling through Germany we cross the Rhine at Karlsruhe and pass Stuttgart and Munich. Ahead, we see the Alps and after crossing the border near the Wild Kaiser Mountains, we reach Kirchberg and our holiday hotel in time for dinner.

**Wednesday** A restful day in our resort to make use of the hotels excellent leisure facilities and perhaps take a ride on the nearby cable car.

**Thursday** This morning we drive along the valley to the delightful village of Hopfgarten for one of the largest and most impressive Almbtrieb festivals in the region. A colourful programme with several music groups, farmers market, old world craftsmanship and delicacies are set up throughout the town. Hundreds of beautifully adorned cows walk through the village on their way down from the alpine pastures to their farms. Under bad weather conditions the programme may be modified.

**Friday** We drive to the village of Kramsach and the 'Museum of Tyrolean Farming' for the Church Day and music festival. In this open air museum we are able to visit 14 typical Tyrolean farmhouses and experience a parade of local bands dressed in local costume, presentations of local crafts and taste various typical local specialities. After the day for exploration, we make our way back to the hotel with time to relax before dinner.

**Saturday** The scenic highlight of our tour, as we take the spectacular Grossglockner road. This magnificently engineered highway runs from nearby Bruck to Heiligenblut and offers us views over mountain peaks and glaciers. A truly memorable journey, climbing to a height of over 8,000 feet where we reach the base of Austria's highest mountain, the Grossglockner at 12,460f with the awesome Pasterze glacier spread out before us.

**Sunday** After breakfast we drive to the year round resort of Kitzbuhel with its narrow streets and picturesque old world town, nestling between the Kitzbuheler Horn and the Hahnenkamm. With a wealth of cafes and shops, it's the perfect place for those last minute souvenir purchases. We return to the hotel for an included lunch and relaxing afternoon.

**Monday** We leave Kirchberg for our homeward journey. Through Bavaria to make a stop in the fairytale town of Rothenburg, built on the banks of the River Tauber, then by way of wine producing city of Wurzburg to reach our overnight hotel in the Rhineland.

**Tuesday** After a fine buffet breakfast we depart for Brussels then Calais for the mid-afternoon shuttle to Folkestone. We return to our home area and waiting taxis arriving early evening.



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### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 8 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Portorage
- ✓ Welcome drink
- ✓ Drinks with dinner
- ✓ Coffee & homemade cakes one afternoon
- ✓ Light lunch one day
- ✓ Cow festival in Hopfgarten
- ✓ Tyrolean festival in Kramsach
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Hotel Zentral

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8 DAYS  
FROM  
**£1099**  
£180 SINGLE  
SUPPLEMENT

## Delights of the Dordogne & the Truffle Train

Saturday 30th July to Saturday 6th August

After the great success of previous tours, we return to the Dordogne Valley, arguably one of the most beautiful and unspoilt destinations in the whole of France. Add a favourable climate, terrific wine and gastronomy and it's not difficult to understand the popularity of this area. Our chosen resort is Le Bugue, a small historic town on the banks of the River Vezere in the Périgord region. Our holiday shows you the best that this wonderful region has to offer.

### 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 morning train a glass of fizz and snacks set the holiday mood. On through northern France towards the capital, Paris then on to our overnight hotel in Orleans.

**Sunday** After breakfast we continue our drive south heading towards the famed porcelain producing city of Limoges. We visit the emotive site of Oradour-sur-Glane, a town that has remained untouched as a silent memorial of the events of 1944 when the Nazis executed the 600 inhabitants and set fire to the town. Wander the empty streets, see burnt out cars and visit the museum. We continue to Le Bugue and our holiday hotel arriving late afternoon with time to settle in well before dinner.

**Monday** A day to relax and unwind in Le Bugue. Today is market day and the vibrant colourful market fills the small town's streets and offers the chance to sample the tastes and flavours of the region. Later why not visit the impressive Gouffre de Proumeyssac known as the 'Crystal Cathedral'.

**Tuesday** Today we visit one of the most beautiful villages in France, La Roque-Gageac. The village has a most dramatic setting, situated right beside the river, with many of its houses built directly into the face of the huge cliff that overhangs the village. Above this there are steep steps to incredible troglodyte caves with great views as well as a small botanical garden. We include a cruise on a Gabare a traditional flat bottomed boat down the river past pretty chateaux and rolling countryside. Later we climb to the fortified medieval town of Domme for glorious views of the river.

**Wednesday** Another full day excursion as we travel east along the river Vezere, stopping first at the fascinating cave dwellings of Roque St-Christophe. We continue by delightful Montignac to beautiful Sarlat la Canenda, a medieval town with narrow streets and delightful honey coloured stone buildings. This afternoon we include a ride on the restored 'Truffle Train' from the old medieval town of Martel with its seven towers, the train makes its way through high-sided cliffs and plunging ravines on a spectacular journey through the valley, passing over viaducts and clinging precariously on to the side of rocky crags, a camera is a must!

**Thursday** A leisurely breakfast before we follow the River Dordogne west to the historic town of Bergerac. We include a visit and wine tasting at the Chateau de Montbazillac in the heart of the rich vineyards, before time to explore the historic old port with its quaint streets and the statue of Cyrano de Bergerac and enjoy a leisurely lunch before our return to the hotel.

**Friday** We depart Le Bugue and head back through glorious French countryside to our 3 star overnight hotel on the outskirts of Paris with time to settle in before dinner.

**Saturday** We depart our overnight hotel and make our way to Calais. We join the afternoon train back to Folkestone, arriving in our home areas early evening.



### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 7 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Welcome drink at Le Bugue
- ✓ A glass of wine with dinner each evening
- ✓ Tea/coffee after dinner
- ✓ Entrance to Oradour-sur-Glane
- ✓ Boat cruise on the Dordogne
- ✓ Wine tasting at Chateau
- ✓ Land train ride in Domme
- ✓ Return ride on the 'Truffle Train'
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Royal Vezere Hotel

This charming 3 star hotel which overlooks the river and bridge, is located in the centre of the village of Le Bugue. The hotel has a bar and restaurant with a riverside terrace, a snack bar and a rooftop swimming pool and terrace with great views. All of the comfortable en-suite bedrooms have a television, telephone, hairdryer and mini-bar. A lift serves all floors.



8 DAYS FROM  
**£1299**

## Rhine & Moselle Cruise

Please Note: Single supplements may apply, please call for details.

Saturday 27th August to Saturday 3rd September

After a break of 2 years we are pleased to again offer an 8 day cruise to this very popular region. This holiday combines the relaxing and peaceful style of a river cruise, allowing you to sit back and relax and let the breathtaking scenery of fairytale castles and rolling hillsides of lush vines pass you by. There is also the opportunity to visit some of the most beautiful and interesting destinations in Europe. The River Rhine is the main artery of Europe, a truly romantic waterway overlooked by fairytale castles, vine-clad slopes with blends of ancient and modern towns, quaint wine villages and an ever-changing panorama of scenery.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Saturday** 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 midday shuttle a glass of champagne and snacks set the holiday mood. On arrival in France we continue on our journey through Belgium and into Germany to arrive in Cologne where we join our river cruiser the MS Prinses Christina with time to settle into our cabins before this evening's dinner.

**Sunday** We set sail this morning, passing Remagen, famous as the site of a World War Two battle for the town's bridge. We then continue towards the pretty town of Andernach, one of the oldest towns in Germany, which is renowned for its impressive 13th century "Liefrauen" church. After lunch, we will have time to explore this historic town and its attractions before heading back to our ship in time for dinner.

**Monday** Today, we cruise along the picturesque Moselle valley wine-growing region. By lunch we reach the enchanting medieval town of Cochem, overlooked by the colossal 11th century Reichsburg Castle, perched high on a hill above the town and one of the most beautiful castles in the region. After lunch we disembark and spend time in this beautiful town, with its baroque styled architecture and spectacular scenery, nestled in the most romantic part of the Moselle Valley.

**Tuesday** This morning we sail back along the Moselle and join the Rhine once more, passing some of the region's most spectacular landscapes on the way. We arrive late afternoon into the charming town of Boppard where we will have some free time to explore this ancient town before dinner.

**Wednesday** This morning we cruise to Rudesheim and marvel en route at some of the Rhine Valley's most famous landmarks including the 130m high Lorelei Rock, named after the Rhine water siren, the legend whom is as old as time itself and the Mauseturm, an ancient customs post now used as a beacon town for shipping. We have the afternoon free to explore idyllic Rudesheim, located at the gateway to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Upper Middle Rhine Valley. This picture-book town has a long tradition of wine growing and the town is renowned for its Riesling and Pinot Noir wines. Overlooked by the towers of the ruined Ehrenfels Castle, a stroll along the charming paved Drosselgasse is a must. This famous 144 metre long lane is lined with traditional taverns, cafes and intimate courtyards where there is live music and dancing.

**Thursday** Today we make our way along the breath-taking Middle Rhine to Koblenz, arriving early afternoon. The historic 2,000 year old city of Koblenz is located where the Rhine and Moselle rivers meet, and where the 'Deutsches Eck' headland proudly marks this spot. Koblenz prides itself on its friendliness and welcomes visitors from all over the world. Dating back to Roman times, it has an abundance of cultural monuments, historic building, cosy lanes and alleyways and its welcoming squares and river promenades make visitors feel right at home.

**Friday** After an early morning departure we arrive in Konigswinter, an elegant resort at the foot of the Siebengebirge Mountains, where we can spend the morning at leisure exploring its attractions, including the Drachenfelsbahn funicular train which travels to the top of Drachenfels where the "Dragon Castle" and spectacular views can be enjoyed. In the early afternoon we leave the town and cruise past the city of Bonn en route back to the city of Cologne for our last overnight stay. Arriving mid-afternoon, we can enjoy our last afternoon discovering historic Cologne, one of Germany's largest and liveliest cities, its river skyline dwarfed by the soaring twin spires of its spectacular gothic cathedral, before returning to our ship for a farewell dinner with the Captain.

**Saturday** A final breakfast on board before disembarking and retracing the steps of our outward journey driving back to Calais, catching the return train to Folkestone. We arrive back in our home area early evening after a most memorable Rhine Cruise.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 7 nights Full Board accommodation
- ✓ Portage
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Welcome cocktail
- ✓ Late night snacks each night
- ✓ Tea & biscuits every afternoon
- ✓ Tea or coffee after dinner
- ✓ On board entertainment on some nights
- ✓ Captains 'Farewell Dinner'
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR RIVER CRUISER



#### MS Prinses Christina

Complete comfort is offered on the Prinses Christina, a fully air-conditioned ship and everything on board has been designed to make your stay as comfortable as possible. It can accommodate up to 107 passengers on three decks. There is a stair lift between the main deck and the promenade deck as well as from the restaurant to the cabin deck. All of the cabins are equipped with a TV, air-conditioning and en-suite facilities.

**Cabin Upgrades are available at a supplement, please call us for details**



ITALY



8 DAYS FROM  
**£1099**  
£190 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Idyllic Lakes of Iseo & Garda

Saturday 25th June to Saturday 2nd July

One of our most popular and successful tours is to the tranquil shores of Lake Iseo, Northern Italy's best kept secret. Wooded slopes, a backdrop of mighty mountains, and Europe's largest lake island with unspoilt fishing villages all add to the charm and appeal. We include a superb hotel and a visit to beautiful Lake Garda.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Saturday** From your front door 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 set the holiday mood. On through France to the Alsace and our overnight hotel, the 3 star Novotel, Maizieres Metz.

**Sunday** We depart after breakfast and make for Switzerland and the Alps we pass Lucerne before taking the spectacular Gotthard Pass road. Now on through magnificent scenery to Lugano and the Italian border, reaching our luxury holiday hotel on Lake Iseo late afternoon.

**Monday** A day at leisure to explore the old part of Iseo with its interesting shops and lakeside promenade or, perhaps, make use of the hotels leisure facilities.

**Tuesday** A full day excursion to the largest of the Italian Lakes, Garda. We spend time in delightful Gardonne on the west shore before boarding a boat for an informative lake cruise around the island of Garda then on to the spectacular medieval town of Sirmione, with its rich historical and artistic heritage. The little town noted for its Roman grottos and the dominating Scaligeri castle. We return to Iseo by coach late afternoon.

**Wednesday** A guided visit to Bergamo, a pretty town situated on the edge of the Alps. Bergamo's original location was a defensive hilltop, nowadays the historic part of town is known as the Città Alta and home to most of the old buildings and tourist spots. We enjoy a guided tour of the principal sights before spending time at leisure. Early afternoon we head off to our wine tasting at one of the best vineyards producing the wonderful deep red Francia Corta wines. We return to the hotel for coffee & cake late afternoon.

**Thursday** A drive of discovery around the lake. We drive to nearby Sarnico where the large busy weekly market is in full flow. After time browsing for bargains we take the fjord like west lakeside road to Lovere, a favoured haunt of artists, the largest town at the head of the lake and the perfect place to find lunch. We complete our round lake tour via Pisogne returning to the hotel late afternoon.

**Friday** We leave Iseo and head north into Switzerland, over the mighty San Bernardino Pass and through the awesome Mala Gorge to Zurich. This afternoon we cross the French border at Basle and on to our overnight hotel in Saarbrücken Sud.

**Saturday** Homeward bound! We retrace the steps of our outward journey to Calais and the late afternoon shuttle train back to Folkestone. We arrive back in our home area mid evening.



### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 7 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Welcome drink at each hotel
- ✓ Tea & coffee after dinner each evening
- ✓ Guided tour of Bergamo
- ✓ Wine tasting at local vineyard
- ✓ Boat ride from Gardonne to Sirmione
- ✓ Full excursion programme

#### At resort hotel:

- ✓ Wine & Water with dinner
- ✓ Choice of menu

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Iseolago Hotel

This superior 4 star hotel, the Iseolago, is located close to the lake on the edge of the small town of Iseo. All bedrooms are tastefully furnished and equipped with a private bathroom, air conditioning, television, radio, telephone and minibar. Other amenities include a tasteful bar, an elegant restaurant, relaxing lounge area, fitness centre, sauna, large outdoor swimming pool and large pleasant gardens – ideal for an evening stroll. A lift serves all floors.



## Magical towns & villages of the Tuscan Riviera

Tuesday 24th May to Thursday 2nd June

Following the outstanding success of our previous tour, we are pleased to return to the Tuscan Riviera, an unspoilt area lying close to the east of Genoa. Here we find delightful towns, picturesque fishing villages, beautiful beaches, the wonderful Cinque Terre and the classical masterpieces of Lucca and Pisa. Our base is the elegant resort of Viareggio with its noted promenade, fashionable shops and pavement cafes.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Tuesday** 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 shuttle train to Calais, a glass of fizz and snacks set the holiday mood. Through France to Reims and on to our overnight hotel in Dijon for dinner.

**Wednesday** The finest Alpine scenery to Chamonix then through the Mont Blanc Tunnel and along the grand Aosta Valley to Genoa. We travel along the scenic Riviera coast to reach Tuscany and our hotel the 4 star Palace in Viareggio, late afternoon, where we enjoy a welcome drink.

**Thursday** A day at leisure to explore our chosen resort in the early summer sunshine.

**Friday** A morning visit to nearby Lucca, birthplace of Puccini, with its well preserved 16th century walls, it is the only town in Italy which is still completely surrounded by such walls. This beautiful place has a wealth of Medieval and Renaissance style architecture and is a pleasure to visit. After a good stay and time for lunch we continue on to Pisa, home of one of the world's most famous sights, 'the leaning tower'. Other places of interest include the cathedral and attractive squares lining the banks of the River Arno. After a day of sightseeing we make our way back to the hotel with time before dinner.

**Saturday** After breakfast we make our way to the port La Spezia where we are joined by a local guide. We join a local boat service as we visit the wonderful and colourful 'Cinque Terre', five visually stunning villages, located amidst dramatic coastal scenery and clinging to vine clad steep cliffs. The five are connected by footpaths and only reached by a boat and train service. A truly memorable day.

**Sunday** A full day excursion to the unspoilt beautiful Etruscan Coast stretching from Livorno to Piombino. The beautiful beaches and the green Mediterranean maquis, are landscapes which have only been partially tampered with by man. We spend time in Livorno, a historic planned town and port of the Medici's which was created in the 16th century and later developed into a fashionable resort.

**Monday** Today takes us into 'Chiantishire', the name for the rolling hills covered with vineyards that produce the magnificent Chianti wines. We make a stop at the beautiful medieval walled hilltop town of San Gimignano, a photographer's paradise before returning to our hotel late afternoon.





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**£1179**  
 £61 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

**Tuesday** A day at leisure, relax on the beach, enjoy a leisurely lunch and promenade stroll or catch up on some last minute souvenir shopping.

**Wednesday** This morning we bid farewell to our hosts in Viareggio and begin the journey back to Dijon. We travel back through northern Italy and the alpine peaks to Chamonix at the foot of Mont Blanc before crossing the French Savoy to Macon and the Saone valley, home of the finest Burgundy vineyards. We then continue on to Dijon where we find our overnight hotel.

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



#### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 9 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Portage
- At resort hotel:**
  - ✓ Choice of menu
  - ✓ Welcome drink of prosecco
- ✓ Wine & water with dinner each evening
- ✓ Tea/coffee after dinner each evening
- ✓ Boat & train ride to the Cinque Terre
- ✓ Full excursion programme

#### YOUR HOTEL



##### Palace Hotel

The stylish 4 star Palace hotel is ideally situated on the promenade opposite the sandy beach. The public areas are spacious and elegantly furnished and include a charming restaurant, bar, various lounges and sitting areas and a roof top terrace affording fine views of mountains and sea. All the air conditioned bedrooms are well presented with mini bar, satellite TV, hairdryer and telephone. All floors are served by a lift.

**Sea view upgrades available at a supplement**





ALL  
INCLUSIVE

8 DAYS  
FROM  
**£869**  
£89 SINGLE  
SUPPLEMENT

## An 'All Inclusive' in the Dolomites

Tuesday 28th June to Tuesday 5th July

We are pleased to return to the stunning Dolomite region of Italy with this super 'All Inclusive' package. Our great value holiday offers the chance to experience the magnificent scenery of the Dolomites, the beautiful region on the south side of the Alps, long fought over by the rulers of both Italy and Austria, it is now Italian by right, but Austrian by nature. We stay in the resort of Fai della Paganella in the very north of Italy, bordering Austria and Switzerland, best known for the beauty of its peaks. We include a full and varied excursion programme along with unlimited wine and water with dinner, a nightly 'Free Bar', a 'Grolla' evening, and live music.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Tuesday** 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 mid morning train a glass of fizz and snacks set the holiday mood. On through Belgium and into Germany, travelling on to our overnight hotel in Saarbrücken.

**Wednesday** We continue our drive through Germany crossing the Rhine and by way of the Black Forest to spend time for lunch in the fine city of Ulm, situated on the Blue Danube. This afternoon we cross the Bavarian Alps to Innsbruck and on to Brenner then the last part of our journey across the Italian border to arrive at our holiday hotel, the Paganella. Dinner this evening is preceded by a sparkling welcome drink.

**Thursday** A leisurely breakfast before our host, Fausto, escorts us on a scenic walk into the surrounding countryside. At lunch time we enjoy a delicious picnic of pizza and wine with stunning mountain scenery all around. This evening's dinner is followed by fun and games.

**Friday** A morning drive through impressive scenery to stunning Merano, ancient seat of the Dukes of Tirol. The town abounds with shops restaurants and cafes offering delicious strudel. Our return is along the scenic wine route making a stop at St Michael Eppan to maybe taste some of the wonderful produce.

Our dinner this evening is followed by something a little different! We experience the Italian tradition of 'Grolla' - an oddly shaped, covered wooden bowl with several spouts around the outside containing a mixture of coffee and grappa, it is passed around, and everyone drinks from a different spout!

**Saturday** A full day excursion to Lake Garda. Along the Adige Valley to Riva for sightseeing and time to arrange a boat cruise in this picturesque resort, then along the lake shore to pretty Malcesine. We return to our hotel where this evening's dinner is preceded by a wine tasting in the restaurant and followed by live music in the bar.

**Sunday** Full day tour of the magnificent Dolomites via Ora, Moena and the Sellajoch Pass. We travel through green valleys and pine clad mountain slopes, passing towering rocky crags and snow capped peaks where the colours are simply stunning, cameras are a must. We return to our hotel with time to relax before our final evening meal, a farewell candlelit Trentino dinner with music.

**Monday** We bid a reluctant farewell to our hosts a travel back via Ulm and Stuttgart to return our overnight hotel in Saarbrücken.

**Tuesday** Retracing the route of our outward journey we make for Reims, then on to Calais and our late afternoon Eurotunnel crossing back to the UK to return to our home area mid evening.



### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 7 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Porterage
- At resort hotel:**
- ✓ Choice of first course and main course with a fixed dessert
- ✓ Sparkling welcome drink
- ✓ Unlimited wine and water during dinner
- ✓ Tea/coffee after dinner each evening
- ✓ Nightly 'Free Bar' on selected drinks between 6 and 10.30 pm
- ✓ Pizza and wine picnic
- ✓ Games evening
- ✓ 'Grolla' evening
- ✓ Wine tasting
- ✓ Special dinner with live music on 1 night
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Hotel Paganella

This small and friendly, Austrian chalet style hotel is under the direct management of Fausto and his family, who assure all guests receive the warmest of welcomes and genuine hospitality. Each of the en suite bedrooms is well equipped and served by a lift. There is a cosy bar, comfortable lounge and a leisure facilities with sauna, Jacuzzi and steam room.



ITALY



9 DAYS FROM **£1099** £169 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Beautiful Lake Garda & Venice

Sunday 18th to Monday 26th September

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

**Sunday** 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.

**Monday** 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.

**Tuesday** Today is spent at leisure in Riva to familiarise ourselves with our beautiful resort. We later re-group for dinner.

**Wednesday** 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.

**Thursday** 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.

**Friday** 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.

**Saturday** 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.

**Sunday** We head back through Austria, retracing our outward route into France to reach our overnight hotel in Forbach.

**Monday** 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.



### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 8 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Gala dinner with live music on one evening
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Boat to Limone & Malcesine
- At resort hotel:**
- ✓ 4 course evening meals with choice of menu
- ✓ Waterbus transfer to Venice & return (includes all taxes)
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### 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 en-suite 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. They hotel holds a live piano bar two nights a week and is served by two lifts.



8 DAYS  
FROM  
**£899**  
£178 SINGLE  
SUPPLEMENT

## The Riviera of Flowers & Monte Carlo – Diano Marina

Saturday 15th to Saturday 22nd October

After the previous successes of our holidays based here, we are happy to return to the fabulous Italian Riviera. Stretching along the glorious Mediterranean coast from the French border at Menton to Genoa we find this beautiful region, but around San Remo, Diano Marina and Alassio it is also known as the 'Riviera of Flowers'. Our resort for this great value autumn break is Diano Marina often referred to as the 'Pearl of the Riviera', noted for its sandy beaches and lively town centre with many shops, restaurants, cafes and bars.

### 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 morning train a glass of champagne and snacks set the holiday mood. Joining the motorway we travel through central France to Dijon the capital of Burgundy and our 3 star overnight hotel.

**Sunday** Magnificent Alpine scenery as we head for Chambéry and use 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 with dinner.

**Monday** A day at leisure with time to discover our delightful resort.

**Tuesday** A full day to Monte Carlo and the principality of Monaco. A chance to see the late Prince Rainier's Royal Palace, where a daily 'Changing of the Guard' ceremony takes place, the famous casino and the magnificent harbour filled with the most expensive yachts.

**Wednesday** We have a drive up into the scenic hills behind our resort to see some of the beautiful small villages and vineyards that show a different side to this diverse area. We include a visit to an Olive oil producing farm for an insight into the production. Later we visit the delightful resort of Alassio. Along the palm lined sea front and the main streets and piazzas the resort is flat with many narrow shopping streets, providing a great deal of interest for the wandering holidaymaker.

**Thursday** This morning we visit the elegant resort of San Remo where we have free time to explore the old quarter which is a delight with its maze of alleyways and the sweeping beach front. From here we continue to the ancient medieval village of Dolceacqua. The village tumbles down the olive covered hillside from the 12th century ruins of the castle to the River Nervia. Our return to the hotel allows time to purchase those late souvenirs in our resort of Diano Marina

**Friday** 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 the overnight hotel, once again in Dijon.

**Saturday** From Burgundy 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

- ✓ 7 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Welcome drink at dinner on 1st evening
- ✓ Choice of menu with daily salad buffet
- ✓ Entrance to Monaco & Monte Carlo
- ✓ Ligurian Dinner on one evening
- ✓ Visit to an Olive Oil producer
- ✓ Excursions as listed

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Grand Hotel Diano Majestic

The 4 star Diana Majestic enjoys a panoramic location on the Ligurian seafront. It features a private equipped beach, and 2 outdoor swimming pools with hydromassage. Each of the elegant, en suite rooms has a classic design and offer satellite TV and air conditioning. Public facilities include a restaurant serving a wide variety of dishes, from local to international, a wine bar and a lounge bar. A lift serves all floors.







SPAIN



10 DAYS FROM **€999** €263 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Cantabria – Green Spain

Wednesday 5th to Friday 14th October

**EARLY BOOKING RECOMMENDED**

For 2022 we again visit the Costa Verde, the rugged scenic coast of Northern Spain, known as 'The Green Coast'. The area is rich in diverse natural beauty from its golden beaches, picturesque fishing villages and historic ports, to the magnificent snow-capped mountains of the Picos de Europa. Enjoy the cruise to Spain aboard the Brittany Ferries flagship – the Pont Aven. This is a truly wonderful way to travel to Spain and ensures a relaxed arrival, allowing passengers to be ready to explore this delightful region.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Wednesday** Our door to door service takes you from your home to the waiting Club Class coach for the journey south to Plymouth to join the Pont Aven. Once on board there will be time to settle into our cabins and familiarise ourselves with the ships facilities prior to our sailing.

**Thursday** A morning at sea before arriving in Santander where we disembark and take the coast road to our hotel. Upon arrival there are tapas and an inviting glass of sangria, then plenty of time to take a stroll around the area or relax before dinner this evening.

**Friday** A full day excursion into the stunning Picos de Europa Mountain range, travelling to Potes through the Hermida Gorge famed for its strong cheeses, and then on to Fuentes De with the opportunity to enjoy the spectacular cable car ride (admission not included). We travel back to the hotel via the beautiful coastal villages of San Vicente de la Barquera.

**Saturday** We visit San Sebastian, Northern Spain's seaside secret, built around a vast oyster shaped bay 'La Concha' with a mountain at each end. The city is a fine mix of old and new from the tamarind lined promenade to the narrow streets of the old town. After plenty of free time we return to the hotel for dinner.

**Sunday** A day at leisure in Suances. Enjoy traditional tapas at the hotel and take a stroll to the harbour or enjoy the beach.

**Monday** Another gem this morning as we spend time in Comillas, which in addition to a beautiful beach has some of the most important Art Nouveau buildings in Cantabria, including the Sobrellano Palace Chapel and the Pantheon, the Pontifical University and, of course, the brilliant El Capricho by the Catalan architect Antoni Gaudi. Later we take a scenic coastal drive along the glorious Costa Verde on our way back to the hotel.

**Tuesday** A leisurely breakfast before driving to the village of Santillana del Mar, considered the most beautiful in Spain. Listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site the village is famous for its medieval houses and cobbled streets. After time at leisure to explore, we visit the lovely old town and port of Santander a real mix of ancient and modern.

**Wednesday** This morning we include a scenic boat ride around the Bay of Santona before visiting the delightful resort and fishing port of Castro Urdiales, dominated by its enormous Gothic cathedral. The narrow streets are lined by houses with ornate wooden balconies. We return to our resort late afternoon ready for our final night's dinner followed by a disco and glass of sparkling cava.

**Thursday** A relaxing morning before we return to Santander for the sailing to Portsmouth. The ship sails through the night, allowing us to relax this evening and make use of the excellent facilities.

**Friday** We arrive in Portsmouth this morning and re-join the coach to complete our journey and arrive in our home areas after a wonderful Spanish break.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 7 nights full board accommodation in Spain
- ✓ 2 nights in twin berth inside cabins (meals not included)
- ✓ At resort hotel:
  - ✓ Portage
  - ✓ Buffet breakfast & dinner with menu choice at resort hotel
  - ✓ Wine & Water with dinner at resort hotel
- ✓ Tapas lunch one day in hotel
- ✓ In-house bingo on one night
- ✓ Live entertainment on one evening
- ✓ Disco with glass of sparkling cava on final night
- ✓ Boat ride around Bay of Satona
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Gran Hotel Suances

Set a short stroll away from the long sandy beach, for which the small town and port of Suances is noted, the 3 star+ Gran Hotel Suances is an impressively grand Victorian style building offering excellent service and views of the local area. The air conditioned, en-suite bedrooms have a TV, hairdryer and telephone, all have sea or countryside views. The hotel offers a spacious restaurant and stylish bar area. Lifts serve all floors. Guests have use of the swimming pool at the sister hotel next door.

### BRITTANY FERRIES



The Pont Aven was launched in 2004 and has dramatically improved sailing times to Spain. The ship's stunning features include a superb pool and leisure area. A range of entertainment and relaxation options, normally only found on cruise ships, are available including shows, performances with live music, magic shows, quizzes and DJs, as well as two on-board cinemas. For relaxation take a stroll along the Promenade on deck six which allows you to walk all around the ship, while the ship's top deck offers a calm spot to sit and enjoy the sea air and incredible views, particularly when entering or leaving the port. All cabins have air-conditioning, en-suite bathrooms, comfortable seating, radio and tea/coffee making facilities. The ship offers a range of high-quality dining options, including the a la carte and self-service restaurants, enabling something for everyone.

**Cabin upgrades are available upon request, please call for details**



## Norway – Fjords, Glaciers, Lakes & Mountains

Friday 27th May to Monday 6th June

Breathtaking Norway is one of the most naturally appealing holiday destinations in the world and has left many a visitor in awe of its splendour. Our tour combines a stay at a historic lakeside hotel in Vradal, a small village in the midst of Norway's Telemark region. Also staying at Balestrand, the artistic capital of the Sognefjord, with its narrow fjord branches and scenic mountain landscapes. Both hotels offer good facilities and high standards of food, accommodation and service. Other tour highlights include visits to the Norwegian glacier museum and the Sogn Folk Museum with various scenic journeys around beautiful Norway, tempting you with royal mountains, lush forests and quiet lakes.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Friday** From your front door 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 fizz and snacks sets the holiday mood. Arriving in Calais we begin our drive through Belgium to Holland and our overnight hotel, the Postilion, in Deventer, close to Arnhem.

**Saturday** A buffet breakfast before heading north through Germany passing the cities of Bremen & Hamburg before crossing the Danish border to reach our overnight hotel, the Scandic Kolding, in the town of the same name early evening well in time for dinner.

**Sunday** After an early breakfast we proceed north through Jutland to Hirtshals for the ferry to Norway, so relax, sample some refreshments and enjoy the ships facilities. Following our arrival in Norway, we travel inland and enjoy a first taste of the pristine scenery for which Norway is so rightly famed for. The journey includes wonderful Lakeland scenery before arriving at Vradel and our hotel where we will be staying for two nights.

**Monday** Today we have a free morning to explore our resort, the hotel has great facilities including an indoor pool, panoramic terrace, lounge and a wonderful garden that sweeps down from the hotel and right to the lake shore and beach. This afternoon we include a 2 hour cruise on Lake Nisser on the veteran boat MS Fram. The Fram dates from 1909, a journey takes us between small islands and through an old lock. A captain with a lot of local information guides us from Vrådal to Storstraumbukti. We might even be able to spot a beaver on our cruise! We make our way back to our hotel for dinner.

**Tuesday** We depart our hotel and make our way to Brunkenburg before crossing the Haukelifjel Mountain Road and descending to the Sorfjord, a branch of the Hardangerfjord, at Odda. We make a lunch stop here before continuing along the western shore of the Hardangerfjord. Overlooked by the Folgefonn Glacier the road is flanked by fruit trees on one side and the deep fjord on the other. We arrive in Utne and take the short ferry ride across to Kvanndal. North then, past Voss and then towards Gudvangen before climbing up on to the Vik Mountains where snow can often be seen right into the late spring. We then descend towards Vik with exciting views on to and across the mighty Sognefjord. Here we take a ferry across the fjord to arrive in the beautiful village of Balestrand. It is here that we check into our hotel the Kviknes before heading to our rooms to settle in before dinner.

**Wednesday** This morning we have time at leisure to explore Balestrand which is based in an idyllic location on the short of the longest and deepest fjord in the world Sognefjord. It reaches 130 miles inland, flanked by waterfalls, spectacular rock walls and the blossom of 80,000 fruit trees in spring. Late morning we take a ferry ride to make a short trip along the fjord, stopping for lunch in Sogndal. We proceed in the afternoon for a visit to the Sogn Folk Museum in Kaupanger. One of the oldest and biggest folk museums in Norway, showing exhibits of agriculture, handicraft and rustic art, clothes and textiles. We return to our hotel for dinner.





11 DAYS  
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£289 SINGLE  
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**Thursday** After breakfast we ascent on to the Gaularfjell High Mountain road, one of Norway's National Tourist Routes, the road twists and turns through no less than nine dramatic hairpin bends. There will be photo stops along the way, so don't forget your camera! We eventually arrive in Skei, a small town with a picturesque location at the top of Lake Jolstratnet. We spend some time here before moving on to reach the award-winning Norwegian Glacier Museum. After time here, we travel on towards Sogndal, where there are unmissable photo opportunities which allows wonderful views along the Fjaerlandsfjord. We complete the round trip by retracing our steps and boarding a ferry for the short journey back.



**Friday** Today we enjoy a scenic drive viewing spectacular fjords, river valleys and Norway's southern coastline. We start the day with two short fjord ferry crossings before joining the old Oslo/ Bergen post route through the Laerdal Valley with a short photo stop at the Borgund Stave Church. After, we drive along one of Norway's most famous salmon fishing rivers, every summer there are over 100,000 anglers fishing in the 450 Norwegian rivers. We make a stop in Borgund for a look around and possibly take lunch before continuing through Hemsedal, one of Norway's most famous downhill skiing areas. We then travel south, through Noresund and Kroderen to arrive in Horten and our hotel in time for dinner.

**Saturday** An early breakfast at the hotel before we board the Color Line fast ferry from Larvik back to Denmark. Disembarking in Hirtshals at midday we make our way through Jutland and southern Denmark to the German border and on to our overnight hotel in the city of Neumunster.

**Sunday** An interesting day as we drive through northern Germany and into Holland to spend time in the historic city of Arnhem, famous for the battle fought by British paratroopers in their heroic but failed attempt to hold off the German army in WW2. We continue to the coast and the Hook of Holland for the relaxing overnight cruise – ferry back to the UK. Accommodation is in 2 berth outer cabins.

**Monday** Early morning we approach the port of Harwich and after time for breakfast we disembark for the drive through Suffolk to return to our home area and waiting taxis approx. midday at the end of a tour to remember.

## INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 1 night room only accommodation in 2 berth outer comfort class cabins
- ✓ 9 nights dinner, bed and breakfast accommodation in hotels
- ✓ Buffet breakfast & dinner
- ✓ All internal ferries
- ✓ Entrance to Norwegian Glacier Museum
- ✓ Entrance to Sogn Folk Museum
- ✓ Cruise on Lake Nisser
- ✓ Full excursion programme

## YOUR HOTELS

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### The Straand Hotel, Vradal

This 4 star hotel is located in Vradal, on the north shore of Lake Nisser in Norway's Telemark region. The hotel has been owned and managed by the Straand family for 4 generations. All of the 125 bedrooms are ensuite and have a TV, minibar, hairdryer, radio and a telephone. The hotel has a bar, restaurant, indoor heated swimming pool and several comfortable lounges and relaxation areas as well as a pleasant outdoor terrace. The front of the hotel enjoys views of Lake Nisser and only a few steps away is the hotels lakeside garden. The hotel is served by a lift.

### Kviknes Hotel, Balestrand

Kviknes is a modern hotel with old-world charm, atmosphere and with 190 guest rooms is one of the most traditional hotels in Norway. The hotel is graced with an extensive collection of artworks and antiques, which give it its special style. It is located in beautiful Norwegian scenery on the shores of the Sognefjord. The list of prominent guests is a long one which includes Royalty, emperors, presidents, film stars and artists from around the world. This spacious hotel consists of two connected buildings, a traditional wing built in typical Swiss style and a modern wing built in the 1960s. Our rooms are found in the modern wing. Each room features a separate seating area, work desk and cable TV, most rooms have balconies with fjord views. The on-site restaurant offers international cuisine and a well-stocked wine cellar. Guests can especially enjoy the fjord views from the dining room and terrace. A lift serves all floors.

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