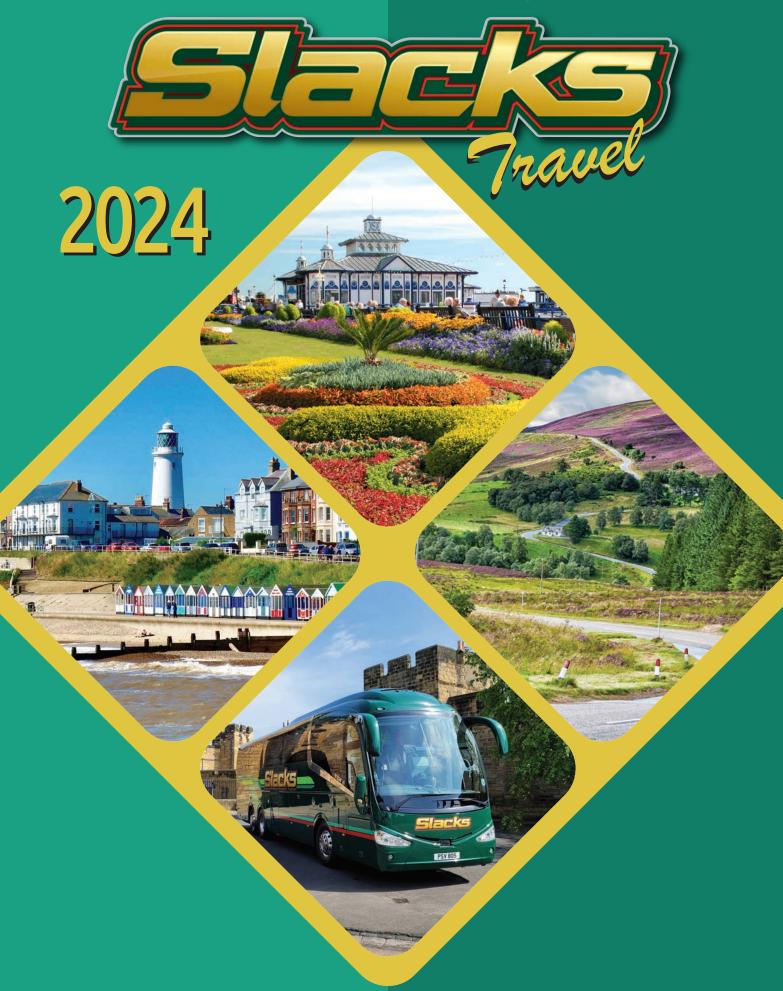
# **British & Continental Coaching Holidays**



**ALL TOURS WITH LOCAL PICKUPS** 

Holidays by coach 2024

### Welcome to Slacks Travel.

We hope that you enjoy browsing through our new brochure and look forward to the pleasure of your company during 2024.

We are delighted to offer a mix of traditional seaside holidays, as well as a choice of countrywide destinations with varied and interesting itineraries. For 2024 we continue to offer popular favourites including Llandudno, Sidmouth and Looe.

There will also be new destinations, including Dawlish Warren, Hampshire and Sussex. Look out for some good value early tours to Bournemouth, Torquay and the Isle of Wight.

Our Scottish tours include the ever popular Inverness all-inclusive holidays and the Edinburgh Tattoo in August. We will also be offering a tour to the outer Hebrides.

In Ireland we offer a visit to the north of the island, including the Giant's Causeway.

In Wales, we are returning to the ever-popular resort of Tenby.

This year our main European tours feature Tuscany, the Cantabrian region of Spain, a Château near Paris and the ever-popular destination of Bruges.

All our tours and holidays have been selected to give you some exciting and memorable experiences and to hopefully provide something for everyone.

After over sixty years in the travel and tourism business, we pride ourselves in providing the high quality and personal service that our customers expect.

The hotels on all our tours, ranging from large internationally recognised names to small family run businesses, have been selected for their guaranteed comfort and hospitality. Our aim, as always is to offer a wide range of affordable, value for money holidays.



Thank you to all our customers, old and new, for your loyal and valued support.



#### **TELEPHONE RESERVATIONS**

Tel: (01629) 582826 Email: enquiries@slackscoaches.co.uk Website: www.slackscoaches.co.uk

If you would like to receive updates by email for special offers, tours or excursions, please contact us with your email address.

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm
The Travel Centre, Upper Lumsdale, Matlock DE4 5LB.

#### TO MAKE A RESERVATION

We are happy to accept telephone bookings. These will be held for 7 days pending receipt of a completed Booking Form and deposit of £50 per person for British and Continental Holidays and £115 per person for Thursford, theatre or ticketed breaks

#### **Payments**

We accept payment by Bank Debit Cards, cash and cheques, which should be made payable to **K.V. & G. L. Slack Ltd.**Please make sure that you have read, and are familiar with, our 'Holiday Information and Booking Conditions' published on the centre pages of this brochure. Please note the luggage limit per person is

pages of this brochure. Please note the luggage limit per person is one medium sized suitcase weighing not more than 33 lbs (15 kilos) contained in paragraph 7.

Please note that some hotels will no longer confirm special requests for walk in showers and ground floor rooms in advance.

When browsing our brochure please note that the contents are excepted from any errors and omissions.





We can arrange Holiday Insurance for passengers travelling with Slacks Travel during 2024. Please read the Holiday Information and Booking Conditions and note paragraph 24 under the heading "HEALTH CONDITIONS" concerning existing medical complaints.

#### Included in the Cost of Your Holiday:

- Convenient, main road boarding points at Buxton, Bakewell, Rowsley, Darley Dale, Matlock, Wessington, Alfreton, Swanwick, Ripley, Heage, Belper, Duffield, Allestree, Derby and Burton-on-Trent.
- Free Feeder Services to reduce the time spent picking up passengers

   details are shown in the middle pages of this brochure.

Please note that our pick-up routes are organised according to demand three weeks before departure. Passengers booking later than this will need to select a boarding point from the ones already designated, which may or may not be on the Feeder Routes.

**Our luxury coaches** feature double-glazing, air-conditioning, reclining seats, seat belts, air suspension, toilet/washroom, radio and public address system. Those used on our longer European Holidays will usually also include a hot drinks facility.

#### **Wheelchairs and Mobility Scooters**

Transportation of wheelchairs and scooters is at the passenger's own risk and we cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage. Passengers must be able to assemble and dismantle their own scooters into no more than 5 pieces and each piece must weigh no more than 40lbs.

#### Single occupancy

On any holiday there are only a limited number of single rooms. When a single room is available it may be subject to a supplementary charge and this will be shown on the holiday page. Once all single rooms are sold we may be able to offer a double or twin room for sole occupancy at a higher supplement.

#### During your tour, excursions are included at no extra cost

On 7 day holidays there will be at least 2 half days and 1 full day and on 5 and 6 day holidays, at least 1 half day and 1 full day. Excursions on Christmas tours, which are based on special packages, may vary. For shorter breaks, European and Irish tours, please see the appropriate page in the brochure.

Please also note that the itineraries shown in this brochure are subject to amendment should local conditions and/or availability of events and attractions change prior to departure.

- \* All bedrooms are en suite with bath and/or shower
- \* Meals as described in the holiday descriptions in the brochure.
- \* VAT at current rate

#### **Financial Failure Insurance**

In accordance with "The Package Travel, Package Tours Regulations 1992" all passengers booking with K. V. & G. L. Slack Ltd. are fully insured for the initial deposit and subsequently the balance of all monies paid to us, including repatriation if required, arising from the cancellation or curtailment of your travel arrangements due to the insolvency of K. V. & G. L. Slack Ltd.

This insurance has been arranged by ABTOT.

#### Please note

Admission charges to places of interest, cost of boat trips, meals in transit, etc. are not included in the holiday cost except as stated in the descriptions in the brochure.

#### Free Parking at our Travel Centre at Upper Lumsdale

The area is covered by closed circuit TV and automatic security lights and cars are parked well away from the road. Please reserve your space at the time of booking. Please note that vehicles are parked at owners' risk.





### HOLIDAY PLANNER

February	2024	Days	Page	August 2	024	Days	Page
Mon 19 Feb	Harrogate	5	12	Mon 05 Aug	Scotland, Dundee	5	29
Mon 26 Feb	Torquay	5	22	Mon 05 Aug	Waterways of Cheshire	5	23
	· ·			Sun 11 Aug	Mystery	2	17
March 20	024	Days	Page	Mon 12 Aug	Torquay	5	22
Sun 03 Mar	Mystery	2	17	Fri 16 Aug	Isle of Wight	7	14
Wed 06 Mar	Weymouth	5	24	Fri 16 Aug	Scotland, Edinburgh Tattoo	3	30
Mon 11 Mar	Bournemouth	5	5	Mon 19 Aug	Warners, Sinah Warren	5	22
Sun 17 Mar	Scotland, Inverness Diamond All Inclusive	5	28	Sun 25 Aug	Stratford-upon-Avon	5	20
Sun 17 Mar	Isle of Wight Mock Cruise	6	14	Mon 26 Aug	lpswich	5	13
April 202	4	Days	Page	Septemb	er 2024	Days	Page
Mon 01 Apr	Isle of Man	5	13	Sun 01 Sep	Kent	5	15
Mon 08 Apr	Eastbourne	5	9	Mon 02 Sep	Scotland, Hebrides	8	31
Mon 15 Apr	Barnstaple	5	5	Sun 08 Sep	Cornwall, Newquay	5	18
Mon 15 Apr	France, Chantilly	4	33		• •		
Sun 21 Apr	Cromer	7	7	Sun 15 Sep	Ireland, Causeway Coaster	6 5	32
Mon 22 Apr	Cumbrian Adventure	5	7	Mon 16 Sep	Paignton		19
Mon 29 Apr	Scotland, Crianlarich	5	29	Fri 20 Sep	Sidmouth	5	19
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May 2024		Days	Page	Thu 26 Sep Sun 29 Sep	Wales, Llandudno Gloucester	5 5	27 10
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Mon 06 May	Wales, Llandudno	5	27	October 2	2024	Days	Page
Sun 12 May	Hampshire	5	11	Fri 04 Oct	Looe	7	16
Fri 17 May	London Weekender	3	16	Tue 08 Oct	Italy, Tuscany	11	34
Sun 19 May	Isle of Wight	5	14	Sun 13 Oct	Wales, Heart of Wales	5	26
Fri 24 May	Sidmouth	5	19	Sun 20 Oct	Scotland, Inverness All Inclusive	5	28
Sun 26 May	Wales, Tenby	6	27	Mon 21 Oct	Durham	5	8
June 202	4	Days	Page	Mon 28 Oct	Sussex	5	21
Mon 03 Jun	Hayling Island	5	12	Novembe	er 2024	Days	Page
Sun 09 Jun	Spain, Cantabria	10	35	Mon 11 Nov	Weston-super-Mare & Carnival	5	23
Sun 09 Jun	Mystery	2	17	Sun 17 Nov	Mystery	2	17
Mon 17 Jun	Dawlish Warren	5	8	Mon 18 Nov	Warners, Holme Lacy Turkey & Tinsel	5	22
Thu 20 Jun	Norfolk, A Royal Retreat	5	18	Fri 29 Nov	Wales, Llandudno Holly & Mistletoe	5	27
Sun 23 Jun	Falmouth	5	9		·		
Wed 26 Jun	Isle of Man	5	13	Decembe	r 2024	Days	Page
Sun 30 Jun	Great Yarmouth	5	10	Mon 02 Dec	York	3	24
July 2024		Days	Page	Fri 06 Dec	Belgium, Bruges	4	33
Mon 01 Jul	Lake District	5	15	Fri 06 Dec Wed 11 Dec	Thursford Thursford	2	21 21
Sat 06 Jul	Hampton Court Flower Show	2	11	Mon 23 Dec	Christmas in Torbay	5	6
Mon 08 Jul	Newcastle	5	17	Mon 23 Dec	Wales, Christmas in Llanberis	5	25
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Mon 15 Jul	Bournemouth	5	5				
Thu 18 Jul	Bridgwater	5	6	· ·			
Mon 22 Jul	Suffolk Coast	5	20				
Sun 28 Jul	Wales, Camarthen	5	26				
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# **── Barnstaple**Splendours of North Devon

Barnstaple is always a favourite with our customers. Whether you head off to the riverside or take time exploring the bustling high street and maze of fascinating side streets with their Georgian buildings, you'll always find a warm west-country welcome.





#### Your Hotel

We will be staying at the **Royal & Fortescue Hotel**, close to the town centre. The hotel was once a coaching inn and still retains its character and charm, whilst offering modern facilities. The restaurant has a reputation for serving fine food and the hotel prides itself on offering excellent service. There are a number of ground floor bedrooms and has a lift to all floors. A limited number of bedrooms have walk-in showers (on request only).

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	Royal & Fortescue
Departure	Mon 15 Apr
Days	5
Cost	£525
Ref	BAR 1

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

Single room supplement £100

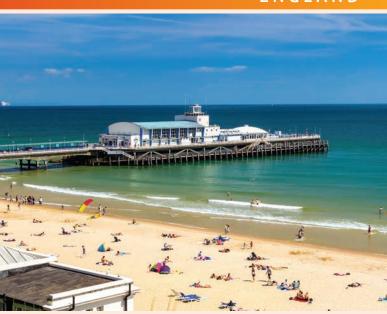
Superior upgrade £10 per person per night (on request only)

Deluxe upgrade per person per night (on request only)

Excursions included at no extra cost:

1. Bude

2. Scenic tour of Exmoor National Park



# Bournemouth 50% off selected drinks in March

Bournemouth is an all year round resort which has 7 miles of golden beaches. It has a long level promenade backed by rugged cliffs, a traffic free shopping centre and acres of parks and beautiful gardens.

#### **Your Hotels**

Our early season tour to the **Riviera Hotel** has been very popular, so we are pleased to be able to repeat it this year. The hotel is situated in the Alum Chine area and offers commanding views over the bay. There are scenic cliff top walks nearby and the beaches are just a short stroll from the hotel. A lift serves all floors in the main building. There are a few bedrooms with walk-in showers (on request only). It has a leisure centre with an indoor swimming pool, spa bath and gym. Once again it will include 50% off managers selected drinks 6.00pm – 10.00pm. The renovated **Marsham Court Hotel** offers high-quality accommodation with stunning views across Bournemouth Bay. The hotel has no ground floor bedrooms, however it does have two lifts. Several bedrooms have walk-in showers (on request only). The hotel features an heated outdoor pool (weather permitting from May-September).

Riviera

#### **Holiday Details**

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Costs shown are per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

#### Riviera

No single room supplement on limited availability

#### Marsham Court

Single room supplement **£100** (for use of a twin/double for sole occupancy)

#### Marsham Court

per room per night supplement for sea-view (on request only)

Excursions included at no extra cost:

#### March

1.New Forest scenic tour2. Shaftesbury

#### July

- 1. Weymouth
- 2. Swanage

£25

#### ENGLAND



# **→** Bridgwater

#### Somerset

Bridgwater is an historic market town in Somerset, one of the most beautiful and scenic counties in the country, with a rich legacy as a port and commercial centre.

#### **Itinerary**

**Thursday:** We travel to Bridgwater, arriving at the hotel late afternoon.

**Friday:** After a leisurely breakfast we will visit Burnham-on-Sea and Weston-super-Mare.

**Saturday:** This morning we head for Tiverton where you will enjoy a cruise on the Tiverton Canal. We will stop off at Taunton on the way back to the hotel.

**Sunday:** We begin our day with a ride on the West Somerset Railway from Bishops Lydeard to Minehead. You will then have free time in Minehead before you return to the hotel by coach.

**Monday:** After breakfast we begin our journey back to Derbyshire.

#### Your Hotel

The Mercure Bridgwater Hotel is a modern hotel set in the heart of Bridgwater. It does not have any ground floor bedrooms but does have 2 lifts which travel to all floors with the exception of the fitness room. Some bedrooms have walk-in showers (on request only).

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	Mercure Bridgwater
Departure	Thu 18 Jul
Days	5
Cost	£602
Ref	BRI 1

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

Single room supplement **£80** (for use of a twin/double for sole occupancy)

Single journey on West Somerset Railway and Tiverton Canal Cruise are included



An opportunity to luxuriate in the Torbay area with all the festive food which is on offer over the Christmas holidays at this particular hotel.

#### **Itinerary**

**Monday:** We travel down to our hotel. Afternoon tea, sandwiches and homemade cakes will be served, followed later in the day by dinner.

**Tuesday:** After breakfast there will be time to relax in the hotel or take a stroll out before enjoying a light lunch. Afternoon tea will be served in the lounge. Later in the day there will be a welcome reception with wine and canapes before dinner. This will be followed by live entertainment in the lounge.

Wednesday: A relaxing morning including a visit from Father Christmas. The 6 course Christmas Lunch will include the usual 3 courses plus soup, a fish course, plus sorbet. This evening there will be another 3 course meal before live entertainment in the lounge.

Thursday: After a leisurely breakfast we will enjoy a trip out to Paignton and Torquay before returning to the hotel for a light lunch. Afternoon tea will be served in the lounge and there will be live entertainment this evening after dinner.

**Friday:** After breakfast we leave the hotel to return to Derbyshire.



The family-run Livermead Cliff Hotel sits atop the cliff between Torquay and Paignton, with extensive public areas and amazing views over Torbay. It also enjoys direct private access to Livermead beach. Although there are no ground floor bedrooms the hotel does have a lift. Some bedrooms have walkin showers (on request only).

#### **Holiday Details**

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Mon 23 Dec
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Cost shown is per person, for all the meals and entertainment mentioned above, sharing a double or twin room

Single room supplement **£48** (for use of a twin/double for sole occupancy)

Seaview supplement **£48** per room (on request only)







### Cromer

Cromer was once a small fishing village and is now an attractive small resort which boasts superb sunshine records. It is full of character with its narrow twisting streets in the town centre and lively seafront promenade behind the sandy beach. It is set amidst the pleasant countryside of North Norfolk with its leafy country lanes, villages with their flint cottages and is quite close to the Norfolk Broads.



#### Your Hotel

The **Hotel De Paris** is a delightful and unique hotel, occupying the finest position in Cromer, directly overlooking the pier and seafront. All bedrooms are served by a lift but there are no ground floor bedrooms. Some bedrooms have walk-in showers (on request only). There is entertainment plus one complimentary drink with your meal each evening.

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	Hotel De Paris
Departure	Sun 21 Apr
Days	7
Cost	£567
Ref	CRO 1

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

No single room supplement

Room with a view £36 per person supplement (on request only)

Excursions included at no extra cost:

- 1. Wells-next-the-Sea and Hunstanton
- 2. Norwich
- 3. Mystery excursion





# Cumbrian Adventure

Known as 'The Great Border City', historic Carlisle is our base for this interesting tour, which includes a journey on the famous Settle to Carlisle Railway. Carlisle is a bustling city with many attractions including the Castle, Cathedral and Roman remains. In addition to the Settle to Carlisle railway journey, a scenic train journey along the Tyne Valley Line is included.

#### **Itinerary**

Monday: Travel to Carlisle, arriving at the hotel late afternoon.
Tea/coffee and biscuits will be served on arrival.

Tuesday: Today we follow the path of Hadrian's Wall, which stretched some 76 miles from the Solway to the Tyne. Before continuing to Hexham we'll take a short break at the Sill Landscape Discovery Centre, which is located just a stone's throw from Hadrian's Wall and features exhibitions, a rooftop walk, café and shop. Hexham is dominated by the Abbey overlooking the market square. Here we have time for lunch

(not included) and chance to explore before we return by train to Carlisle along the Tyne Valley.

**Wednesday:** A free day to enjoy all that Carlisle has to offer and/or enjoy the hotel facilities.

**Thursday:** After breakfast we head for Kirkby Lonsdale in the Yorkshire Dales where it is market day. We continue on past the famous Ribblehead Viaduct and through charming Horton-in-Ribblesdale to Settle in time for our spectacular afternoon rail journey back to Carlisle.

**Friday:** With our luggage loaded onto the coach, it is time to return to Derbyshire.

#### Your Hotel

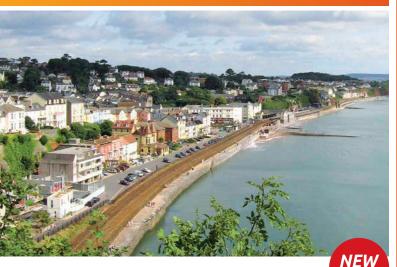
We will be staying at the **Crown and Mitre Hotel** right in the centre of Carlisle. The hotel offers Edwardian grandeur with original features and plenty of character, combined with modern comforts and facilities such as a swimming pool and Jacuzzi. There are no ground floor rooms but there is a lift, although it does not go to all floors. All bedrooms have a shower over a bath.

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	Crown and Mitre
Departure	Mon 22 Apr
Days	5
Cost	£575
Ref	CUM 1

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

Single room supplement **£60**Single rail journeys on the Tyne
Valley and Settle to Carlisle
railways are included



# Dawlish Warren

Dawlish Warren is the ultimate family seaside resort, built on a spit of sand with the Exe estuary on one side and the sea on the other. Its sandy golden beach is 1.5 miles long, with distinctive sheltered sand dunes, and is one of South Devon's top family beaches. Dawlish Warren has all the attractions of a traditional holiday getaway but in an outstanding natural environment.



#### Your Hotel

The Langstone Cliff Hotel is a family-run hotel within 19 acres of woodlands, right on the beautiful south coast of Devon. It overlooks the Exe estuary, with the beach just a short walk away and the internationally famous nature reserve at Dawlish Warren nearby. There are some ground floor bedrooms (on request only) and there is a lift to all floors, though not all bedrooms have level access from the lift. Some bedrooms have walk-in showers (on request only). Bedrooms with balconies are only available on request and will incur a supplement. There will be a drinks reception each evening before dinner; options include a glass of sherry, wine, beer or a soft drink – one per person.

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	Langstone Cliff
Departure	Mon 17 Jun
Days	5
Cost	£624
Ref	DAW 1

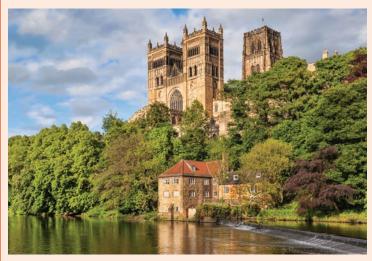
Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

Single room supplement **£68** (limited availability) and is for use of a double for sole occupancy

1 Free drink per person per night is included

Excursions included at no extra cost:

- 1. Torquay
- 2. Exeter



# **— Durham** *including Beamish*

FOR 2024

This is always one of our most popular tours so we are proud to offer it again this year. The beautiful city of Durham is famous for its historic Norman castle and Cathedral, but it is also a contemporary city with modern galleries, good museums, scenic riverside walks and a lively programme of cultural events. This tour offers a taste of some of the best visitor attractions in the area including Beamish and the Bowes Museum, a French-style Château, famous for its collection of European decorative arts.

#### Itinerarv

**Monday:** We travel north to Durham, arriving at our hotel late afternoon.

**Tuesday:** A free day to explore the city, visit the Cathedral or perhaps do some shopping.

Wednesday: A scenic excursion through the Durham dales, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, to the market town of Barnard Castle, with its ever-popular Wednesday market. After lunch (not included) there's a visit to the historic Bowes Museum, a spectacular French-style Château with ornate gardens.

**Thursday:** Today will be one of the highlights of the tour with a full day visit to Beamish Museum where the past is brought vividly to life.

**Friday:** After breakfast we begin our journey home, stopping at Harrogate on the way back.

#### Your Hotel

Situated close to the River Wear, the **Radisson Blu Hotel** has beautiful views over the old city of Durham and its cathedral. It is only a short walk to all the main attractions of this historic city. The Radisson Blu is a modern hotel and includes leisure facilities. The hotel does not have any ground floor bedrooms but it does have two lifts which travel to all floors. A very limited number of bedrooms are disabled friendly rooms which have walk-in showers/wet rooms, on request only.

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	Radisson Blu
Departure	Mon 21 Oct
Days	5
Cost	£559
Ref	DUR 1

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

Single room supplement **£113** (for use of a twin/double for sole occupancy)

Admissions to the Bowes Museum and Beamish are included





# **—** Eastbourne

Eastbourne enjoys a mild and sunny climate, perfect for strolling along the magnificent wide promenade or relaxing in the town's beautiful gardens. This refined resort, with its elegant Victorian and Georgian architecture, offers a fine array of facilities for all its visitors.

#### Itinerary

**Monday:** We travel to Eastbourne, arriving late afternoon. Tea/coffee will be served on arrival.

**Tuesday:** A free day to explore Eastbourne.

**Wednesday:** Excursion to the historic town of Lewes, which boasts a castle and the Anne of Cleves House. This afternoon we enjoy a nostalgic trip back in time on the famous Bluebell Railway\*.

**Thursday:** We visit Worthing, a classic British seaside town.

**Friday:** After breakfast we begin our journey home.



#### Your Hotel

The Lansdowne Hotel is a traditional, imposing and family-run hotel which is located on Eastbourne's sea front. The hotel does not have any ground floor bedrooms, but does have a lift which travels to all floors though some bedrooms are still accessed via some steps. There's a limited number of bedrooms with walk-in showers (on request only). Bedrooms with a sea view are only available on request and will incur a supplement. Please note that the single rooms will be standard single bedrooms. There will be two nights of live entertainment during your stay.

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	Lansdowne
Departure	Mon 08 Apr
Days	5
Cost	£534
Ref	EAS 1

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

No single room supplement, but limited availability

Return ride from Sheffield Park to East Grinstead on the Bluebell Railway is included. \*Please note that trains may be diesel or steam hauled



# **─** Falmouth

Falmouth is Cornwall's leading south coast resort and renowned for its maritime heritage, having been a flourishing port for over 400 years. Today it is a bustling town with a fine harbour, cliff walks and a year-round mild climate which allows sub-tropical gardens to flourish. Just a short walk from the town centre is a blue flag beach (Gyllynvase Beach).

#### **Itinerary**

**Sunday:** We travel south to Falmouth, arriving at our hotel late afternoon.

Monday: Today is a day of leisure. You can either relax at the hotel or explore the delights of Falmouth. You may enjoy taking a stroll along the cobbled streets to visit the town's charming mix of shops, from specialist outlets to well known high street names as well as art galleries. Try not to miss the chance to visit the award-winning National Maritime Museum (not included) in the town.

**Tuesday:** After a leisurely breakfast we will head for Penzance, passing by Marazion for some fine views of St. Michael's Mount.

**Wednesday:** Some free time in Falmouth before we journey to Trebah Gardens, a sub-tropical paradise with exotic blooms and a stunning coastal backdrop with its own private beach.

**Thursday:** After breakfast we leave and head for home.



The Falmouth Hotel is the town's first ever hotel and was built in 1865. Set in 5 acres of landscaped gardens, it boasts outstanding Victorian chateaustyle architecture and is perfectly situated overlooking Castle Beach and Falmouth Bay. It has both spa and leisure facilities. There are no ground floor bedrooms but there is a lift to all four floors. There's a limited number of bedrooms with walk-in showers (on request only).

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	Falmouth
Departure	Sun 23 Jun
Days	5
Cost	£701
Ref	FAL 1

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

Single room supplement **£120** (for use of a small twin/double for sole occupancy)

Admission to Trebah Gardens is included





# **H** Gloucester and Westonbirt Arboretum in Autumn

Early Autumn is a lovely time to visit this picturesque part of the country. Thatched cottages, combined with steam railways and the changing colour of leaves on the trees in a superb arboretum, all combine to make this a very interesting tour.

#### **Itinerary**

**Sunday:** We travel to Gloucester, arriving at the hotel late afternoon.

Monday: We pay a morning visit to the charming town of Cirencester. After lunch (not included) we head to Tetbury and the stunning Westonbirt Arboretum, home to one of the most spectacular tree collections in the world, and now featuring a treetop walkway which is accessible to all.

Tuesday: After breakfast we head to Toddington to board the Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway, taking the train back to Cheltenham and alighting at the Racecourse. In the afternoon there will be free time to explore the boutique shops, pretty gardens and wide leafy promenades of Cheltenham town centre.

Wednesday: After a leisurely breakfast we will take you into Gloucester where there is plenty to see and do. The Cathedral is certainly worth a visit and the famous Gloucester Docks, whose restored warehouses make this a remarkably complete example of a Victorian port, must not be missed.

Thursday: We return to Derbyshire.

#### Your Hotel

Located in a lovely rural setting, approximately 3 miles east of Gloucester, the Mercure Gloucester Bowden Hall Hotel has a Regency style exterior, attractive lawned garden and inviting public areas. The hotel, which has three floors, does not have a lift and there are no ground floor bedrooms. There is, however, a wheelchair lift which enables access to the first floor, where the hotel's one disabled room is located.

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	Bowden Hall
Departure	Sun 29 Sep
Days	5
Cost	£558
Ref	GLO 1

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

Single room supplement **£159** (for use of a twin/double for sole occupancy)

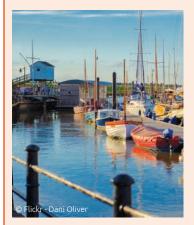
Admission to Westonbirt
Arboretum and single train
journey on the Gloucestershire
Warwickshire Railway are
included





# Great Yarmouth

Great Yarmouth has excellent beaches and a promenade with seating if you want to watch the world go by. It also has a long and proud fishing and maritime history which you can explore. Close by are the renowned Norfolk Broads, a region of unique waterways in an area of outstanding natural beauty. Norfolk is well known for its picturesque villages, unspoilt coastline and slower pace of life and is the perfect destination for a relaxing holiday.





#### Your Hotel

The award-winning familyowned Imperial Hotel is highly recommended and one of the best hotels we use, receiving favourable comments from our customers. Situated on the seafront at the quiet end of the resort, it is hard to beat for the highest standards of accommodation and service and guarantees a warm and friendly welcome. There are a few steps to negotiate when entering the hotel (chair lift available) and a couple of steps into the dining room. The hotel has a comfortable, wellappointed lounge and a bar to relax in. There is a lift to all the bedrooms. A limited number of bedrooms have walk-in showers (on request only).

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	Imperial
Departure	Sun 30 Jun
Days	5
Cost	£527
Ref	GTY 1

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

No single room supplement but limited availability

Excursions included at no extra cost:

- Cromer and Wells-next-the-Sea
- 2 Southwold and Aldeburgh



# Hampshire milling around gardens and heritage havens



This delightful tour showcases some of the best in rural and industrial England. Places of interest which we visit on this tour include RHS Garden Wisley, Savill Garden, the open-air Rural Living museum and fascinating Whitchurch Silk Mill. Also included is a Thames cream tea cruise and time in Winchester.

#### **Itinerary**

**Sunday:** Travel to Hampshire, arriving late afternoon.

Monday: This morning we head for RHS Wisley, one of the world's great gardens and home to the RHS, for a self-guided tour around the gardens. We will then have free time for lunch (not included) in the historic town of Farnham before visiting the nearby Rural Life Living Museum. Here we can find out all about the story of the countryside with volunteers who get fully involved demonstrating traditional skills and working machinery.

**Tuesday:** After breakfast we head to the outskirts of Windsor to visit Savill Garden which has acres of interconnected gardens to explore. We then make the journey to Windsor for a 2 hour circular river cruise. We sit back and relax with our cream tea as we take in the scenery from the Thames viewpoint, including a picture-perfect view of Windsor Castle.

Wednesday: Today we head into

rural Hampshire for a morning visit to Whitchurch Silk Mill, the oldest working silk mill still in its original building, for an interesting one hour guided tour. Here you will also enjoy a sandwich lunch with cake. This afternoon we will have free time in historic Winchester.

Thursday: With luggage loaded, we start our journey back to Derbyshire.

#### Your Hotel

**Elvetham Hotel** is on a country estate which dates back to Elizabethan times. The bedrooms are divided between the main house and the adjacent stable block. The main building does not have a lift but there are multiple ground floor bedrooms in the stable block (on request only). There are some bedrooms with walk-in showers (on request only). The public areas on the ground floor of the hotel include an impressive lounge and traditional bar. It also has a bright conservatory style restaurant opening out onto a large terrace.

#### **Holiday Details**

Elvetham
Sun 12 May
5
£649
HAM 1

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

Single room supplement (all singles are doubles for sole use)

Admissions to RHS Wisley, Rural Life Living Museum, Savill Garden, Whitchurch Silk Mill (with sandwich lunch and cake) and river cruise (with cream tea) are included



# Hampton Court Palace

Flower Show

Set against the backdrop of the Royal Palace, Hampton Court Flower Show is one of the best gardening shows in the country. Combining inspiration, innovation, quality and creativity the show features a spectacular collection of show gardens, horticultural exhibitors and garden accessories.

#### **Itinerary**

**Saturday:** Travel to Windsor where we spend the afternoon before going to the hotel.

Sunday: Travel by coach to Kingston on Thames, from where we take a river cruise along the Thames to Hampton Court Flower Show. After the show we return along the Thames to Kingston where the coach will meet us for the return journey to Derbyshire.



#### Your Hotel

The Voco Reading Hotel is in the grounds of the Madejski Football and Rugby Stadium. This is a modern hotel with indoor pool and gym/fitness centre. There are no ground floor bedrooms but the hotel has two lifts. Some bedrooms have walk-in-showers (on request only).

#### **Holiday Details**

Voco Reading
Sat 06 Jul
2
£252
HAM 2

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

Single room supplement **£35** (for use of a twin/double for sole occupancy)

Return Thames River Cruise & Flower Show tickets are included

Please note that Hampton Court Flower Show tickets are non-refundable



#### ENGLAND



# **H**arrogate

# including an evening drinks package

The historic spa town of Harrogate is the setting for this special tour which comes with a few extras. Included in the cost is a packed lunch on one day, a cream tea on another day and an inclusive drinks package each night (18:00hr - 23:59hr) including selected spirits. There will also be entertainment on one night.



#### Your Hotel

The **Crown Hotel** is in a central position, ideal for taking a stroll out to enjoy all that this impressive town has to offer. The hotel has a lift and some of its bedrooms have walk-in showers (on request only).

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	Crown
Departure	Mon 19 Feb
Days	5
Cost	£394
Ref	HAR 1

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

No single room supplement but on extremely limited availability

Welcome tea/coffee on arrival, tea/coffee after dinner, 1 packed lunch, 1 cream tea, entertainment on 1 night plus inclusive evening drinks package which includes selected spirits, Vermouth, Sherry or tea/coffee

Excursions included at no extra cost:

- 1. York
- 2. Skipton



# Hayling Island

Hayling Island is perfectly situated to make the most of Hampshire's long maritime history and includes a one hour boat trip from Itchenor Harbour.



#### Your Hotel

The modern Langstone Quays Resort Hotel offers stunning views over Langstone and Chichester Harbour. The bedrooms are spacious and beautifully decorated. On this particular tour we have been allocated ground floor bedrooms and some bedrooms have walk-in showers/shower cubicles (on request only).

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	Langstone	Quays Resort
Depar	ture	Mon 03 Jur
Days		5
Cost		£474
Ref		HAY 1

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

Single room supplement £112

(for use of a twin/double for sole occupancy)

Excursions included at no extra cost:

- 1. Portsmouth
- 2. Bognor Regis
- 3. Chichester and 1 hour Itchenor Harbour boat trip

Itchenor Harbour boat trip is included



# **── Ipswich** *including River Deben Cruise*

We are delighted to include this tour again as we know how much our customers have enjoyed their stay at this particular hotel. Ipswich has a lot to offer including fantastic galleries, charming architecture and beautiful countryside. We are including a two hour cruise along the river Deben where you will be served a freshly baked scone, jam, butter and tea/coffee.



#### Your Hotel

The **Salthouse Harbour Hotel** is a contemporary, boutique hotel and is set on the beautiful Ipswich waterfront. Each of the modern bedrooms have been individually designed with a personal touch, with plenty of warm and welcoming tones and contemporary furnishings. Some rooms have walk-in showers (on request only) and there is a lift.

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	Salthouse Harbour
Departure	Mon 26 Aug
Days	5
Cost	£561
Ref	IPS 5

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

Single room supplement **£119** (for use of a twin/double for sole occupancy)

Excursions included at no extra cost:

1. River Deben cruise and Woodbridge

2. Tour of Essex Coast

Boat cruise including scone, jam, butter and tea/coffee included



# → Isle of Man

A magical island of natural beauty, unspoilt beaches and extensive coastline, the Isle of Man is the perfect holiday destination. Both tours include full day excursions around the south of the island, including Castletown, the island's former capital and the pretty towns of Peel and Port Erin. There will also be excursions to the north, each with a train journey from Ramsay to Laxey and then a ride on the Snaefell Mountain Railway to the summit of Snaefell which offers breath taking views over the island.

#### **Itinerary for both tours**

**Day 1:** We travel to the Isle of Man via the ferry from Heysham to Douglas arriving at the hotel early evening.

**Day 2:** After breakfast we depart for a full day excursion to the south of the island: Castletown, Port Erin and Peel.

Day 3: A free day to explore Douglas.

**Day 4:** We head for Ramsey where there will be time to look around and have lunch before our afternoon train journeys. We travel by Manx Railways from Ramsey to Laxey, home of the famous Laxey Wheel, before taking the Mountain Railway to the summit of Snaefell.

Day 5: With luggage loaded we head back to Derbyshire.

#### Your Hotel

Occupying a prime location on Douglas seafront, the **Empress Hotel**, has an enviable position, close to the attractions of the capital. Only two bedrooms have walk-in showers for people who really need them and these need to be reserved in advance and are subject to availability. They will also incur a supplement. All the other rooms have baths with showers over them. There is a lift, although there are steps at the entrance to the hotel. Alternative access is available and some bedrooms are also reached by a small number of steps.

#### **Holiday Details**

Empress
Mon 01 Apr
5
£534
ISM 1
Wed 26 Jun
5
£617
ISM 2

Costs shown are per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

Single room supplement in April is £48 and is for use of a standard single bedroom

Single room supplement in June is **£56** and is for use of a standard single bedroom

Return railway journeys to Laxey and Snaefell are included on both tours



Come aboard and join us for a fun packed Mock Cruise Break at the Trouville Hotel in Sandown. Themed on visiting 5 different countries you will certainly be well travelled. Enjoy the daily activities from games on the sun deck to Meet the Captain (Dress to Impress) Drinks Reception. Indulge in the evening entertainment every night.

If you fancy travelling further afield why not join us on our half



#### Your Hotel

#### The Trouville Hotel

See hotel details on the right.

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	Trouville
Departure	Sun 17 Mar
Days	6
Cost	£468
Ref	ISW 1

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room No single room supplement but limited availability

Excursions included at no extra cost:

1. A tour of the south of the island

2. A tour of the north of the island

3. A tour of the middle of the island, including Newport



# -- Isle of Wight

Known as the 'Garden Isle', the Isle of Wight has beautiful scenery, pretty, unspoilt villages and a mild climate with one of the best sunshine records in England.

#### Your Hotels

The **Royal Esplanade Hotel** is a grand Victorian hotel on Ryde seafront, close to shops, eateries and public transport. The hotel does not have any ground floor bedrooms, but there is a lift which travels to all floors. However not all bedrooms have level access from the lift, many rooms being accessed via a number of steps. Some bedrooms have walk-in showers (on request only). Bedrooms with a sea view are only available on request and will incur a supplement. Please note that single bedrooms are standard single rooms. Live entertainment will be provided on two evenings.

The **Trouville Hotel** always provides a warm welcome and is popular with our guests. The hotel is located on the Esplanade in Sandown, close to the beach and the town centre and you can relax in the lounge or bar and watch the ships go by. The sea view restaurant serves traditional style cuisine and the hotel also has entertainment most nights. Double and twin-bedded rooms, most of which have sea views, come without a supplement and are served by a lift. There are no ground floor bedrooms but there are a few bedrooms with walk-in showers (on request only) but these are not near the lift. Single bedrooms come without a supplement but there is limited availability and they are standard single rooms and do not have sea views.

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	Royal Esplanade
Departure	Sun 19 May
Days	ī
Cost	£549
Ref	ISW 2
Hotel	Trouville
Departure	Fri 16 Aug
Days	7
Cost	£704
Ref	ISW 3

Costs shown are per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

No single room supplement in May or August but limited availability

Excursions included at no extra cost:

#### May

- 1. Osborne House and Cowes
- 2. Sandown and Shanklin

#### **August**

- 1. South of the island plus Shanklin and Ventnor
- 2. Ryde, Cowes and Newport
- 3. West of the island including Yarmouth

Entrance to Osborne House is included in the May tour



# → Kent including Leeds Castle and Chatham Dockyard

Kent has played a significant role in Britain's maritime history as we shall discover when we visit the Historic Dockyard Chatham with its 400 years of maritime history. We will also visit Leeds Castle, often described as the 'loveliest castle in the world'. Finally, we will take a trip to the seaside, visiting Whitstable and Herne Bay.

#### **Itinerary**

**Sunday:** Travel to Kent, arriving late afternoon. A welcome tea/coffee will be served on arrival.

Monday: Today we make the short journey to visit the Historic Dockyard Chatham. Exhibits include three historic warships, interactive galleries and a collection of RNLI Lifeboats, so there is plenty to see and do. We also 'learn the ropes' on the Victorian Ropery Tour. Rope has been made at Chatham for centuries, so we get an insight into the art of ropemaking from the best in the business, with live demonstrations by the master ropemakers!

**Tuesday:** We head for the coast with a visit to both Whitstable and Herne Bay.

**Wednesday:** After a leisurely breakfast we travel the short distance to Leeds Castle. There will be time to not only explore the castle rooms, but also the lovely grounds, riverside woodland garden and Mediterranean terrace garden, from where beautiful views over the serene lake and parkland can be had. Other attractions include a maze, grotto and the Dog Collar Museum.

Thursday: With luggage loaded, it's time to head back to Derbyshire.

#### Your Hotel

A warm welcome awaits at the charming **Bridgewood Manor Hotel**, which is near Kent's county town of Maidstone and is a modern hotel with an indoor pool, sauna, steam room and gym. There are some ground floor bedrooms (on request only) and some bedrooms have walk-in showers (on request only). There is also a lift.

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	Bridgewood Manor	
Departure	Sun 01 Sep	
Days	5	
Cost	£524	
Ref	KEN 1	

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

Single room supplement **£119** (all singles are double or twin rooms for sole use)

Admissions to Leeds Castle, Historic Dockyard Chatham and the Ropery Tour are included

# The Lake District

The Lake District is well known for its spectacular scenery which has inspired artists and poets for centuries. By including nostalgic journeys on both a train and a boat this tour is surely one of the best ways to see this beautiful region. Included in the tour is a single journey on the Lakeside & Haverthwaite Railway. We will take a cruise on Ullswater, often described as the most beautiful lake, as well as a cruise on Lake Windermere. We will also visit Holker Hall and Gardens. Our base for this tour is Grange-over-Sands, a traditional seaside resort famed for its mild climate and within easy reach of the lakes.

#### **Itinerary**

**Monday:** We travel to Grange-over-Sands, arriving late afternoon when we will be welcomed with tea/coffee.

Tuesday: The morning begins with a short heritage rail journey from Haverthwaite to Lakeside. No visit to the Lake District would be complete without a cruise, and it is from here that you will board for a delightful cruise along Lake Windermere, England's largest lake, from Lakeside to Bowness-on-Windermere. After disembarking there will be ample time to explore this popular holiday village at leisure.

#### Your Hotel

Set in the south of the Lake District, the **Grange Hotel** is a Grand Neo-Italianate stone mansion and was built in 1866. It does not have any ground floor bedrooms, but it does have a lift which travels to all floors except the third floor, where there are 5 bedrooms accessed via 15 steps. Several of the bedrooms have walk-in showers/shower cubicles (on request only). Some of the bedrooms have sea views, but these are on request only and will incur a supplement. Please note that single rooms may well be actual single-bedded rooms.

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	Grange
Departure	Mon 01 Jul
Days	5
Cost	£631
Ref	LAK 1

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

No single room supplement but limited availability

Single journey on the Lakeside & Haverthwaite Railway, the cruise on Windermere plus the admission to Holker Hall and Gardens are included

**Wednesday:** After a leisurely breakfast we make for Holker Hall and Gardens. Home to the Cavendish family, it is one of the best loved Victorian stately homes in the country. In the afternoon we will return to the hotel and you will have plenty of time to explore Grange-over-Sands.

**Thursday:** Today we will head for Ulverston where it is market day. You may decide to take a look at the Laurel and Hardy Museum here (admission not included) before we take a scenic journey back to our hotel.

**Friday:** With luggage loaded, it is time to head back to Derbyshire.



# + London Weekender

Your Hotel

The St Giles Hotel is located in

of Tottenham Court Road and

Oxford Street. It is therefore

attractions such as theatres, restaurants, famous stores and

London underground stations.

The hotel has a lift and all the

bedrooms are en-suite with

tea/coffee making facilities.

St Giles

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£308

LON 1

Fri 17 May

television, hairdryer and

**Holiday Details** 

Hotel

Days

Cost

Ref

Departure

just steps away from top

London's West End. in Bloomsbury near the junction

Here's a chance to explore London at your leisure on this two night stay in a central hotel. You could book a show, take in some culture, eat in some of the finest restaurants or simply shop until you drop.

#### **Itinerary**

Friday: We travel to London, arriving at the hotel in the afternoon. The rest of the evening is then yours to explore.

**Saturday:** After a leisurely breakfast you are free to do as you wish.

Sunday: Following breakfast you can check your luggage into the luggage room of the hotel and spend the day at leisure. We will depart the hotel at 2.30pm or a central point (to be advised by the driver) at 3pm.





# Looe, Cornwall

Looe is a picturesque Cornish resort and working fishing port with lovely sandy beaches and the River Looe flowing between East and West Looe. There are ferry rides across the river and

delightful views from the quaint streets lined with pretty cottages. Looe has all the amenities and attractions required for a traditional Cornish seaside holiday. This year we have decided to stay an extra night to give you more time to enjoy this lovely Cornish resort.



#### Your Hotel

The popular **Portbyhan Hotel** is perfectly located right in the heart of Looe, overlooking the river, and offers comfortable and well-appointed accommodation. Many rooms and public areas have lovely views over the river, harbour and town, including the Riverside Restaurant. There is also a bar and outside terrace, perfect for relaxing and soaking up the atmosphere. The bedrooms have showers and disabled wet rooms are available on request, as are rooms with river views and private balconies both of which incur supplements and are on request only. The hotel has a lift which serves all floors. Entertainment takes place most evenings.

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	Portbyhan
Departure	Fri 03 May
Days	7
Cost	£765
Ref	L00 1
Departure	Fri 04 Oct
Days	7
Cost	£693
Ref	LOO 2

Costs shown are per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

Extremely limited allocation of singles and will incur a supplement

Classic River Facing rooms on request £10 supplement per person per night

Superior Balcony Rooms (double or twin only) on request £20 supplement per person per night

Excursions included at no extra cost:

- 1. North Cornish coast including Tintagel and Boscastle
- 2. Newquay
- 3. Fowey and Mevagissey

#### October

- 1. Padstow
- 2. St Mawes
- 3. Plymouth



# → Mystery Breaks

We continue to provide our very popular Mystery Tours which could take you in any direction from Derbyshire.

#### **Itinerary**

 Overnight stay with full breakfast and 3 course evening meal at a hotel in the British Isles



#### **Holiday Details**

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Sun 03 Mar
2
£165
£35
MYS 1
Sun 09 Jun
2
£160
£23
MYS 2

Departure	Sun 11 Aug
Days	2
Cost	£170
Single Supplement	£40
Ref	MYS 3
Departure	Sun 17 Nov
Departure Days	Sun 17 Nov 2
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Days	2

Costs shown are per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

# Brooke Bond Tea

# Newcastle

### including Beamish and Cragside House

On this tour we will be exploring the region's living history. Beamish is a famous open-air museum, set within 300 acres of beautiful County Durham countryside, telling the story of life in North East England from the 1820's to the 1940's. In 1878 Gragside House was the first house in the world to be lit by hydro-electricity and it is crammed full of ingenious gadgets – most of them still working – as well as an eclectic collection of British art, furniture, ceramics and natural history. Outside the house, one of the largest rock gardens in Europe leads down to the iron Bridge, which in turn leads to the impressive formal gardens.

#### Itinerary

**Monday:** Travel to Newcastle, arriving at the hotel late afternoon where you will be welcomed with tea/coffee.

**Tuesday:** A free day for you to explore and enjoy Newcastle. Just a short walk along the quayside from your hotel is the Millenium 'Winking Eye' Bridge and Newcastle's famous quayside. Enjoy a riverside stroll before maybe enjoying lunch in a quayside pub, or take a walk into the nearby city centre.

#### Your Hotel

Boasting one of the finest locations in Newcastle, the **Copthorne Hotel** is our base for this tour. Situated on the banks of the River Tyne, and just a short stroll from the city centre, the hotel has all the amenities you would expect in a modern hotel. All the bedrooms are river facing, have lovely views and are served by two lifts. However, there are no ground floor bedrooms nor bedrooms with walk-in showers at this hotel.

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	Copthorne Newcastle
Departur	e Mon 08 Jul
Days	5
Cost	£517
Ref	NEW 1

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

Single room supplement **£113** (all singles are double or twin rooms for sole use)

Admissions to Beamish and Cragside are included

Please note, the terrain at Cragside House is uneven with steep footpaths, many of which are unsuitable for wheelchair users. Sturdy footwear is advisable for the uneven ground

Wednesday: A full day at Beamish Open Air Museum.

**Thursday:** After breakfast we head north to visit Cragside House and Gardens.

**Friday:** After breakfast, it is time to begin our journey home.

#### ENGLAND



# → Newquay and the Lost Gardens of Heligan

Newquay, which lies on the spectacular north coast of Cornwall, is one of the principal resorts in the south west and has all the amenities of a traditional seaside holiday. During our stay we include a visit to the award winning Lost Gardens of Heligan, which were rediscovered in 1991. They have been restored after years of neglect and are now highly regarded for both their beauty and mystery.



#### Your Hotel

In a hillside setting with sweeping views over Fistral Bay, the recently refurbished **Fistral Beach Hotel and Spa** is our base for this holiday. This is an adults only hotel and features free use of a spa pool, a sauna, steam room and jacuzzi. The hotel has a lift and a limited number of bedrooms have walk-in showers (on request only). There will be live musical entertainment on two nights and in-house entertainment, such as a quiz or bingo, on one night.

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	Fistral Beach
Departure	Sun 08 Sep
Days	6
Cost	£830
Ref	NEW 2

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

Single room supplement £119 (all singles are double or twin rooms for sole use)

Entrance to Lost Gardens of Heligan is included

Excursions included at no extra cost:

- Mevagissey and Lost Gardens of Heligan
- 2. St Ives
- 3. Perranporth (half day)



# Norfolk A Royal Retreat

This tour includes a visit to the Sandringham Estate, a nostalgic train journey plus a cruise on the Norfolk Broads. There will also be time to explore historical Norwich with the second largest spired Cathedral in Britain plus a maze of cobbled streets.

#### **Itinerary**

**Thursday:** Travel to Norwich, arriving late afternoon.

**Friday:** Part of the day will include admission to Sandringham Estate, including an exclusive tour of the house. The other part of the day will allow you free time to explore Norwich.

Saturday: Today we explore the beautiful Broads with a journey on the Bure Valley Steam Railway before transferring to Wroxham Bridge for a leisurely afternoon Broads cruise.

**Sunday:** After a leisurely breakfast we will head north to visit Cromer and Wells-next-the-Sea.

**Monday:** After breakfast we begin our journey back to Derbyshire.

#### Your Hotel

The Mercure Norwich Hotel, which is located on the outskirts of Norwich, is a modern hotel that provides great service and has excellent facilities. There is only one bedroom with a walkin shower (on request only) and all the other bedrooms have a shower over the bath. There is no lift but several double bedrooms are on the ground floor (on request only) and some twin bedded rooms can be reached via just 6 steps from reception (on request only).

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	Mercure Norwich
Departure	Thu 20 Jun
Days	5
Cost	£601
Ref	NOR 1

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

Single room supplement **£113** (for use of a twin/double for sole occupancy)

Entrance to Sandringham House, Gardens and Museum, Broads cruise plus single Bure Valley rail journey are included







# → Paignton, *Torbay*

Situated on the English Riviera, Paignton has all the ingredients for a perfect seaside holiday with award winning beaches, a pier, promenade, beautiful gardens as well as a traditional harbour. The resort has a variety of amenities and entertainment and there are plenty of cafes, bars and restaurants with lovely sea views. In the evenings, Paignton comes to life as the seafront is illuminated with colourful lights.



#### Your Hotel

The popular **Marine Hotel** is well recommended and occupies a privileged, level position on the sea front in the heart of Paignton's resort area. There is entertainment most evenings in the lounge bar and there's a comfortable conservatory with sea views, as well as a TV lounge. A lift serves all floors, however some bedrooms are accessed by a few steps including those with sea views. There are a few ground floor bedrooms and a limited number of bedrooms with walk-in showers (on request only).

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	Marine
Departure	Mon 16 Sep
Days	5
Cost	£437
Ref	PAI 1

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

No single room supplement but limited availability

Sea view rooms or specific room numbers are available on request at a supplement of £10 per room per night

Excursions included at

- 1. Dartmoor National Park including Buckfastleigh
- 2. Totnes and Dartmouth



# -- Sidmouth

Sidmouth is situated on the sunny, south coast of Devon, sheltered by cliffs of warm pink rock. It is part of the World Heritage Jurassic Coast. Noted for its floral displays at both Blackmore Gardens and Connaught Gardens, the town and its Esplanade have been designated a conservation area. Unspoilt and friendly, you can relax and enjoy your holiday at your own pace.

#### Your Hotel

The popular **Bedford Hotel** is centrally situated on the Esplanade on level ground, with unrivalled views of Lyme Bay. With the beach just in front, the old town right behind and attractive gardens all round, there's lots to do within easy reach of the hotel. All the bedrooms have shower rooms and there is a lift. There are also two comfortable lounges and a spacious dining room serving quality food including fresh vegetables from the owner's own farm and fish and seafood delivered daily by local fishermen.

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	Bedford
Departure	Fri 24 May
Days	5
Cost	£562
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Days	5
Cost	£561
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Departure	Fri 20 Sep
Days	5
Cost	£569
Ref	SID 3

Costs shown are per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

No single room supplement on limited allocation

Guaranteed side sea view **£118** supplement per person (on request)

Excursions included at no extra cost:

#### May

- 1. Exeter
- 2. Bicton Park Botanical Gardens and Budleigh Salterton

#### July

- 1. Bridport and West Bay
- 2. Budleigh Salterton and Exmouth

#### September

- 1. Exeter
- 2. Mystery excursion

May tour includes entry to Bicton Park Botanical Gardens plus train ride around the gardens



# **Stratford-upon-Avon** and a couple of stately homes

This tour offers you time in historic Stratford-upon-Avon, the birthplace of William Shakespeare, plus visits to Blenheim Palace and Charlecote House. Blenheim Palace, most notable for being the birthplace and ancestral home of Sir Winston Churchill, was built in the early 1700's and is a family home, a mausoleum and national monument. Charlecote Park, which is nestled in the Warwickshire countryside. was the site of one of the first great Elizabethan houses. It lies along the banks of the river Avon and it is reputed that a young William Shakespeare got into trouble for poaching there.

#### **Itinerary**

**Sunday:** We travel to Stratford and our hotel, arriving late afternoon.

**Monday:** We spend today at the fabulous Blenheim Palace, seat of the Dukes of Marlborough. There will be time to explore the gilded State Rooms, visit the Churchill Exhibition and wander around the formal gardens.

**Tuesday:** A free day to explore Stratford-upon-Avon.

**Wednesday:** This morning we make our way to Charlecote Park, with time to enjoy the house and gardens with their colourful parterres. Look out for the Jacob sheep and fallow deer which still roam across the 'Capability' Brown landscape.

**Thursday:** After breakfast we begin our journey home.

#### Your Hotel

The **Doubletree by Hilton** Stratford-upon-Avon is less than a mile from the centre of Stratford-upon-Avon. A warm welcome awaits in this modern and spacious hotel, including a lovely garden area with outdoor seating. You also have free use of the leisure facilities. All the bedrooms are stylish, airy, well equipped and include air-conditioning. There are only two bedrooms with walk-in showers (on request only), the rest have showers over baths. Ground floor bedrooms are available (on request only).

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	Doubletree by Hilton
Departur	e Sun 25 Aug
Days	5
Cost	£579
Ref	STR 1

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

Single room supplement **£165** (for use of a twin/double for sole occupancy)

Admissions to Blenheim Palace, park & gardens plus Charlecote House, park & gardens are included



# - Suffolk Coast

### and Countryside

The charming riverside town of Woodbridge on the River Deben is our base for this popular tour. It will include a scenic tour of some of the pretty Suffolk villages, a visit to some of the loveliest and unspoilt coastline in the country plus a visit to historic Colchester.

#### **Itinerary**

**Monday:** We travel to Suffolk, arriving at the hotel late in the afternoon.

**Tuesday:** After a leisurely breakfast we will visit the pretty nearby town of Woodbridge. We will then spend the afternoon driving through some of the scenic villages in this part of Suffolk.

**Wednesday:** We spend the day at the coast, visiting both Aldeburgh and Southwold.

**Thursday:** After a leisurely breakfast we will head for Colchester.

**Friday:** After breakfast it is time to begin the journey home.

#### Your Hotel

We will be staying again at the Ufford Park Hotel, a very popular hotel with our customers, which is set in parkland close to Woodbridge. The hotel offers comfortable accommodation with excellent facilities including golf course, gym, an indoor pool and spa. All the bedrooms are well furnished and many have lovely views over the surrounding countryside. There are some ground floor bedrooms and some bedrooms with walk-in showers (both on request only).

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	Ufford Park
Departure	Mon 22 Jul
Days	5
Cost	£523
Ref	SUF 1

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

Single room supplement **£170** (for use of a twin/double for sole occupancy)





### **Sussex**

### incl. Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, Arundel Castle and the South Coast

This interesting tour takes us to Sussex where we will visit Arundel Castle, Portsmouth Historic Dockyard and Brighton.

#### **Itinerary**

**Monday:** We travel to Sussex, arriving at the hotel late afternoon.

**Tuesday:** Today we visit Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. Highlights include HMS Victory, Nelson's famous flagship from the Battle of Trafalgar, plus the Mary Rose museum and the National museum of the Royal Navy.

Wednesday: After a leisurely breakfast we head for Arundel Castle. Set high on a hill with great views over the South Downs, this castle is famous for its well-preserved interior as well as its fabulous gardens. We will then return to the hotel for you to either enjoy the leisure facilities or just relax.

Thursday: Today we visit Brighton.

**Friday:** After breakfast we start our journey back to Derbyshire.

#### Your Hotel

The Avisford Park Hotel is a quintessential Georgian Manor House set within 89 acres of beautiful Sussex parkland between Chichester and Arundel. Hotel facilities include spa, pool and gym. There are some bedrooms on the ground floor (on request only) plus a very limited number of bedrooms with walk-in-showers (on request only).

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	Avisford Park
Departure	Mon 28 Oct
Days	5
Cost	£553
Ref	SUS 1

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

Single room supplement **£120** (for use of a twin/double for sole occupancy)

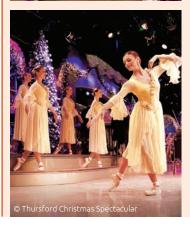
Admission to Arundel Castle, Keep & Gardens plus Portsmouth Naval Dockyard three-attraction pass included





Join us for the annual Christmas Spectacular at Thursford, the biggest and most exciting Christmas show in Britain. The popular blend of festive entertainment includes dazzling dancers, fabulous costumes and a full range of Christmas music and carols, performed by a cast of over one hundred, all set in a beautifully decorated theatre.





#### Your Hotel

Our hotel is the **Best Western Knightshill Hotel and Spa**, situated at South Wootton near to Kings Lynn. The hotel is a restored former hunting lodge and offers comfortable accommodation. There are some ground floor bedrooms with walk-in showers (on request only). The hotel also has an indoor pool and spa.

#### **Holiday Details**

Knightshill
Fri 06 Dec
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£228
THU 1
Wed 11 Dec
2
£228
THU 2

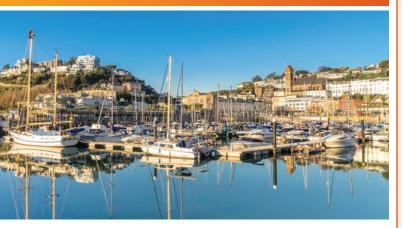
Costs shown are per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

No single room supplement on limited allocation

An afternoon or evening ticket for Thursford Christmas Spectacular is included

(Tickets are allocated nearer to the date so we cannot confirm the performance time)

**Please Note** Thursford Tickets are non-refundable and the deposit is **£115** per person



# **—** Torquay

Torquay is at the heart of the English Riviera and has a cosmopolitan, European atmosphere. It has an enviable climate and its harbour and marina provide plenty of places to sit and watch the world go by. It is also known for its public gardens where you will see palm trees and subtropical plants.



#### **Your Hotels**

After receiving very favourable feedback from our customers we have decided to repeat this tour. We will be staying again at the **Metropole Hotel** which is situated in the heart of Torquay, just a five minute walk from the beach. The hotel has a lift and there are a few ground floor bedrooms (on request only). Some bedrooms have walk in-showers (on request only). There are two large entertainment rooms and a variety of evening entertainment is provided each evening as well as a complimentary drink with your meal each evening.

The **Headland Hotel** is set on the headland and overlooks Meadfoot Beach. It was originally built for the Romanovs, the Russian Royal Family. The hotel has a lift, some ground floor bedrooms and bedrooms with walk in showers (both on request only). It includes 2 lounge bars, sauna, spa and two acres of grounds. Some entertainment will be provided during your stay.

#### **Holiday Details**

посес	Metropole
Departure	Mon 26 Feb
Days	5
Cost	£273
Ref	TOR 1
Hotel	Headland
Departure	Mon 12 Aug
Days	5
Cost	£585
Ref	TOR 2

Costs shown are per person for

half board sharing a double or

twin room

Hotel Metropole

Metropole and Headland no single room supplement on very limited availability

Excursions included at no extra cost:

#### **February**

1. Sidmouth

2. Mystery excursion

#### August

1 Exeter, Exe estuary to Exmouth and a River Exe cruise 2. Newton Abbot on market day and South Devon Railway journey (Buckfastleigh to Totnes return)

Cost of river cruise and rail journey both included



# → Warner Breaks

### Exclusively for Adults

Warner hotels provide a relaxed and informal ambience for all to enjoy with plenty of daytime activities, excellent leisure facilities and great evening entertainment. This year we will be visiting Sinah Warren on Hayling Island in Hampshire and Holme Lacy in Herefordshire.

#### **Your Hotels**

Sinah Warren is situated at the tip of Hayling Island with views over Langstone Harbour. The beautiful grounds are a particular feature of the hotel. It is a well-appointed hotel with comfortable, modern bedrooms and excellent facilities. Standard rooms at Warner hotels are en-suite with TV, hairdryers and tea/coffee making facilities. All bedrooms have walk-in-showers/shower cubicles. Upgrading to a Signature room is available (on request) and will incur a supplement.

Holme Lacy House Hotel is located in the idyllic Wye Valley and is a magnificent 18th century grade I listed mansion set in 20 acres of landscaped parkland. It has ornate ceilings, a majestic sweeping staircase and a stately drawing room. You will be staying in the well-appointed hotel with comfortable, modern bedrooms and excellent facilities. Some of the bedrooms have walk-in showers/shower cubicles (on request only). Upgrading to a Signature room is available (on request) and will incur a supplement.

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	Sinah Warren
Departure	Mon 19 Aug
Days	5
Cost	£575
Ref	WAR 1

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

No single supplement on extremely limited allocation

Signature room upgrades £30 per person

Excursions included at no extra cost:

1. Chichester

2. Portsmouth

Hotel	Holme Lacy
Departure	Mon 18 Nov
Days	5
Cost	£510
Ref	WAR 2
Event	Turkey & Tinsel

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

No single supplement on extremely limited allocation

Signature room upgrades £30 per person

Excursions included at no extra cost:

1. Ledbury and Ross-on-Wye

2. Hereford and black & white village tour



# → Waterways of Cheshire and North Wales

This tour explores some of this region's waterways, illustrating the important part they have played in our nation's heritage.

#### **Itinerary**

**Monday:** Travel to Chester, arriving at the hotel late afternoon.

**Tuesday:** We begin the day in Chester with a tranquil 30 minute cruise on the River Dee including commentary. The remainder of the morning is at leisure to explore the pretty medieval streets and city walls. After lunch (not included) we travel north to the Wirral Peninsula to the award winning Ness Botanic Gardens.

**Wednesday:** Today we enjoy a leisurely drive past Ruthin before travelling over the spectacular Horseshoe Pass to Llangollen. Here there will be time at leisure before we make the short transfer to Froncysyllte to join a canal cruise across the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, or 'Stream in the Sky', then through the beautiful Vale of Llangollen. An interesting commentary will give visitors an insight into the history of the area.

**Thursday:** After breakfast we travel to Northwich for a ride on the magnificent Anderton Boat Lift. Originally built in 1875, this structure lifts passengers aboard the elegant Edwin Clark boat from the River Weaver to the Trent and Mersey Canal high above. A comprehensive visitor centre houses an exhibition focusing on the lift's history together with its control centre, so visitors get close to the action. Our driver will then be ready to take you on to the pleasant market town of Nantwich, before returning to the hotel via the lovely lakes at Ellesmere.

Friday: We return to Derbyshire.

#### Your Hotel

The Mercure Abbots Well Hotel Chester is located 2 miles from the city centre. The open plan lounge-bar offers a place to relax after a busy day's touring. The park & ride service is located next to the hotel, offering the option of independent travel to the city centre. There are some ground floor bedrooms (on request) and only one bedroom with walk-in shower (on request only). The stand alone Leisure Club is accessed down a few stairs and under a short covered walk way and has a very attractive pool, spa-bath, steam room and sauna.

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	Mercure Abbots Well
Departur	e Mon 05 Aug
Days	5
Cost	£551
Ref	WAT 1

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

Single room supplement **£113** (for use of a twin/double for sole occupancy)

Cruise on Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, River Dee cruise, admission to Ness Botanic Gardens plus ride & cruise on the Anderton Boat Lift are included

Park & Ride for Chester is 2 minutes walk from hotel (approx £2 return journey)



# **Weston-super-Mare** and the Shepton Mallet Carnival

Weston-super-Mare is a coastal resort situated on the north Somerset coast. As well as parks and gardens it also has Victorian and Edwardian terraces. It is situated in a sheltered bay and is home to a superb seafront, including the stunning Grand Pier. The Somerset Carnivals date back to 1871 and are one of the most spectacular unique events in Somerset today. Carts, as they are referred to in Somerset, are designed and built by dedicated carnival clubs around the west Country. The completed carts take part in the carnival parade in the various categories. An illuminated carnival cart, for example, may have up to 30,000 light bulbs.

#### Itinerary

**Monday:** Travel to Weston-super-Mare, arriving late afternoon. We will be welcomed with tea/coffee on arrival at the hotel.

**Tuesday:** After an early lunch (instead of evening meal today) we will depart for Shepton Mallet and its carnival.

**Wednesday:** A free day in Westonsuper-Mare.

**Thursday:** After breakfast we head to Bristol for the day.

**Friday:** After breakfast we return to Derbyshire.

#### Your Hotel

The **Smiths Hotel** is conveniently located on the seafront with views over the beach from many rooms. It is close to all the main attractions including the pier and the shopping centre. Most of the bedrooms have walk-in showers, so the very limited number of bedrooms with baths are on request only. If you need a bedroom near the lift please also put in a request in advance.

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	Smiths
Departure	Mon 11 Nov
Days	5
Cost	£412
Ref	WSM 1

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

No single room supplement on limited allocation



#### ENGLAND



# **— Weymouth** *including Monkey World*

Weymouth is one of the most popular holiday destinations on the south coast. The beach and Esplanade have lovely panoramic views over the bay with beautiful parks and gardens, a picturesque harbour as well as a traffic free town centre which all create that special holiday magic. Much of the surrounding countryside has been designated 'An Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty' and the nearby coastline is unrivalled for fine coastal scenery, dramatic cliffs and quiet coves.



#### Your Hotel

This year we will be returning to the popular **Hotel Rex** which is situated on The Esplanade overlooking Weymouth Bay. The hotel, which was originally built as a summer residence for the Duke of Clarence, combines character with modern comforts and offers guests a warm welcome. The bedrooms are served by a lift and there are some bedrooms with walk-in showers (on request only). There are no ground floor bedrooms but a lift serves all floors. There are some bedrooms with shower cubicles which have one step (on request only).

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	Rex
Departure	Wed 06 Mar
Days	5
Cost	£389
Ref	WEY 1

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

No single room supplement on limited allocation

Sole occupancy of double £100 (on request only)

Excursions included at no extra cost:

- 1. Bridport and West Bay
- 2. Monkey World

Entrance to Monkey World is included



# **York, Harrogate** *and Castle Howard at Christmastime*

With a full day in the historic city of York, with its many attractions and excellent shopping, plus a visit to the magnificent Castle Howard decorated for Christmas, this is a long weekend break not to be missed.

#### **Itinerary**

**Monday:** We travel to Castle Howard for our early afternoon visit to the house and grounds before moving on to our hotel.

**Tuesday:** This morning we make the short journey to York, giving you ample time to see the famous landmarks this impressive city has to offer. There will be time to look around the Christmas market as well. Visit the charming alpine chalets which will once again line the streets with local businesses selling everything from handmade gifts to delicious treats.

Wednesday: After breakfast we leave our hotel and head for Harrogate. By early afternoon it will be time to make our way back to Derbyshire.

#### Your Hotel

We will be staying at the **Best**Western Burn Hall Hotel, a
wonderful Victorian country
house hotel, set in 8 acres of
land, near to York. There are
some ground floor bedrooms
(on request only) as well as a
lift which travels to all floors.
However, it does not have any
bedrooms with walk-in
showers. There will be a quiz on
one evening.

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	BW Burn Hall
Departure	Mon 02 Dec
Days	3
Cost	£278
Ref	YOR 1

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

No single supplement

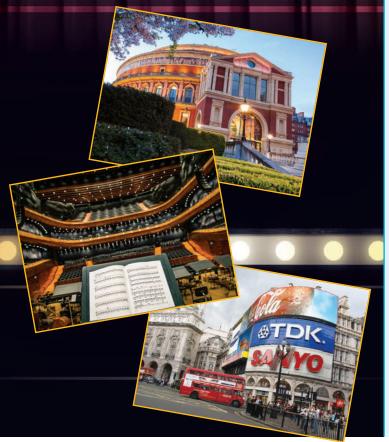
Admission to Castle Howard House & Grounds is included

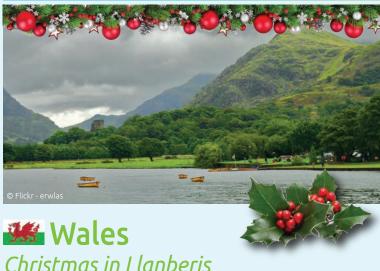




We will be offering a selection of theatre trips and shows in London, including the occasional show at the Royal Albert Hall.

Should you wish to stay informed about the latest shows and events taking place, please email enquiries@slackscoaches.co.uk and we will add you to our mailing list.





This Christmas tour includes a trip to the local pantomime as well as a scenic drive to Anglesey.

#### **Itinerary**

**Monday:** We travel to North Wales, arriving at our hotel late afternoon. We will be welcomed with tea/coffee on arrival at the hotel. There will be entertainment after dinner each evening.

**Tuesday:** After breakfast we enjoy a leisurely excursion to Anglesey before returning to the hotel for a light afternoon tea served with biscuits, cakes or pastries. Dinner will be followed by entertainment.

**Wednesday:** This morning there will be time to relax or take a stroll before a traditional Christmas Day lunch with all the trimmings. Later you can watch the King's Speech followed by afternoon tea/coffee and Christmas cake. A light, cold buffet dinner will be followed by entertainment.

**Thursday:** Today you will be taken to a local pantomime and tea, coffee and biscuits will be served on your return. A final evening of entertainment will follow your dinner.

**Friday:** After breakfast we leave the hotel to return to Derbyshire.



#### Your Hotel

The **Royal Victoria Hotel** offers breath-taking views over Snowdonia and has a reputation for looking after its guests. Most of the bedrooms are served by a lift. A few bedrooms have walk-in showers (on request only).

Please note single rooms are small with low beds.

#### **Holiday Details**

Royal Victoria
Mon 23 Dec
5
£604
CHR 2

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room, plus Christmas Day lunch, additional snacks and refreshments provided by the hotel and the hotel's entertainment package

No single room supplement on very limited allocation (small single bedrooms)

Sole occupancy £118 supplement of double/twin (on request only and very limited availability)

#### WALES







Carmarthenshire is known as the 'Garden of Wales' and one of the highlights of this tour is a visit to the National Botanic Garden of Wales. You will also enjoy a return trip on the Gwili Steam Railway as well as enjoying a day at the seaside in Tenby.

#### **Itinerary**

**Sunday:** Travel to Wales, arriving at the hotel late afternoon. Tea/coffee will be served on arrival.

**Monday:** We visit the National Botanic Garden of Wales, a beautiful mix of modern and historic gardens and woodland trails set in the idyllic Carmarthenshire countryside. At its centre is the world's largest single-span glasshouse, which includes an impressive Mediterranean landscape.

**Tuesday:** Today we will head for the pretty seaside resort and fishing port of Tenby. Its narrow streets wind down from the medieval centre to the picturesque harbour, framed by pastel painted cottages.

**Wednesday:** After a leisurely breakfast we will make the short journey north for a roundtrip journey on the Gwili Steam Railway. There should then be time to have a good look around Carmarthen itself.

Thursday: We return to Derbyshire.

#### Your Hotel

The **Ivy Bush Hotel** is an historic hotel and is located on the outskirts of Carmarthen, just a ten minutes walk to the town centre. There is an informal restaurant, a traditional cosy, pub-style bar, a comfortable lounge with large sofas and armchairs, sauna and gym. The hotel has a lift to all floors, but there are steps to some bedrooms from the lift. A few easy access bedrooms are available (on request only) and an extremely limited number of bedrooms have walk-in showers (on request only). There will be live musical entertainment on one evening and in-house entertainment on another evening.

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	Ivy Bush
Departure	Sun 28 Jul
Days	5
Cost	£500
Ref	WAL 3

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

No single room supplement (true single rooms) on limited allocation

Entrance to Botanic Garden of Wales (but not including the British Bird of Prey Centre) plus roundtrip from Bronwydd Arms on the Gwili Steam railway are included



# **Wales**

## Llandrindod Wells Heart of Wales, steam and cruise

This fascinating tour gives you the opportunity to stay at an elegant Victorian spa town in order to experience a scenic train journey, a relaxing canal cruise and the beautiful, unspoilt Elan Valley.

#### **Itinerary**

**Sunday:** Travel to Llandrindod Wells, arriving late afternoon.

Monday: This morning we head to Ellan Valley and its visitor centre, a world away from normal life, for a coach guided tour of this beautiful and unspoilt area, made even more compelling by the dams and reservoirs which together create a wonderful living landscape. This afternoon there will be ample time to explore Llandrindod Wells, whose towers and ornate ironwork reflect its heyday as a Victorian spa town. It is also home to the National Cycle Collection.

**Tuesday:** Today we travel to the Ceredigion Heritage Coast and the Victorian seaside resort of Aberystwyth, which is home to lovely beaches, a promenade, a funicular railway, castle ruins and the National Library of Wales. Here we enjoy an unforgettable and nostalgic journey through some wonderful scenery on

the Vale of Rheidol narrow gauge steam railway.

#### Your Hotel

The Metropole Hotel is a lovely family-owned hotel in the heart of Llandrindod Wells. It does not have any ground floor bedrooms but there is a lift which travels to all floors. Some of the bedrooms have walk-in showers (on request only). There will be one evening of live entertainment during your stay.

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	Metropole
Departure	Sun 13 Oct
Days	5
Cost	£555
Ref	WAL 5

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

Single supplement (limited availability and is for the use of a standard single bedroom)

Guided tour & entrance to Elan Valley Visitor Centre, single journey on Vale of Rheidol railway plus Brecon canal cruise and cream tea are all included

**Wednesday:** We experience the beautiful and diverse scenery of the Brecon Beacons National Park, including Brecon with its medieval cathedral and narrow streets full of craft and antique shops. It is from here that we will take a relaxing cruise through a lock and over an aqueduct on the historical Monmouth & Brecon Canal, a fantastic feat of engineering which was built before roads and railways. During the cruise you will be served a cream tea.

**Thursday:** After breakfast we leave the hotel to return to Derbyshire.





The largest resort in North Wales, Llandudno lies on a magnificent curved bay with wonderful views of Snowdonia. A handsome broad promenade follows the sweeping bay and the towering Great Orme offers a spectacular backdrop. The town offers good shopping facilities, varied entertainment and a traditional seaside pier.



#### Your Hotel

A well-established favourite with our clients, the **Tynedale Hotel** has entertainment on several nights of the week. All bedrooms are en suite and there is a lift. The hotel has sea view lounges, two bars and two air-conditioned dance floors. Please note that some of the corridors are quite narrow and so not suitable for walkers which would need to be left downstairs near the reception area.

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	Tynedale
Departure	Mon 06 May
Days	5
Cost	£553
Ref	WAL 1
Departure	Thu 26 Sept
Days	5
Cost	£553
Ref	WAL 4
Departure	Fri 29 Nov
Days	5
Cost	£550
Ref	WAL 6
Event	Holly & Mistletoe
	are per person for aring a double or

No single room supplement on limited allocation

Executive and penthouse rooms **£60** supplement per person

Please note the Tynedale Hotel will only accept 1 mobility scooter per coach

Excursions included at no extra cost:

#### May

 Anglesey and Beaumaris
 Rhos-on-Sea (Colwyn Bay Beach) and Rhyl

#### September

- 1. Conwy and Betws-y-Coed
- 2. Caernarfon and Llanberis

#### November

- Anglesey and Llanfairpwllgwyngyll
- 2. Half day to Conwy



# **Wales**

### Tenby

Tenby has a couple of Blue Flag beaches and overlooks two sandy bays. The medieval walled town is both picturesque and fascinating with a jumble of interesting, narrow cobbled streets and a collection of small shops and pretty cottages leading down to the working harbour full of fishing boats.



#### Your Hotel

The **Giltar Hotel** overlooks the South Beach and Caldey Island and is within walking distance of the historic town walls and outdoor activities. Many of the rooms, including the restaurant, have beautiful sea views and the beach is just a short distance away. The hotel has a lift and some bedrooms have walk-in showers (on request only). Sea view bedrooms are available at a supplement (on request only).

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	Giltar
Departure	Sun 26 May
Days	6
Cost	£625
Ref	WAL 2

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

No single room supplement on limited allocation

Rooms with a sea view per person supplement

Excursions included at no extra cost:

- 1. St Davids and Fishguard
- 2. Carmarthen for the Wednesday market and Saundersfoot

£28



# **■ Scotland**

# Inverness Diamond All Inclusive Special

Here's a taste of some of the extras included in the Diamond All Inclusive Special:

- Complimentary Bar between 7.00pm and 10.00pm each night.
- You'll enjoy a welcome cocktail reception on the first evening.
- Delicious 3 course dinners each evening and buffet breakfast each morning.
- Red or white wine at dinner.
- 2 nights of Scottish entertainment.
- Lunch each day either at the hotel or if you are going out for the day a packed lunch.
- Afternoon tea tea and cream scones each day.
- Free tea and coffee at any time of the day, just like at home.



#### Your Hotel

This is always one of our most popular tours so this year we have once again decided to go twice to the very popular **Best Western Palace Hotel & Spa** in Inverness. This lovely family-owned hotel is set right in the heart of Inverness overlooking the River Ness and ideally situated for touring the spectacular scenery of the Scottish Highlands. The team of friendly staff will welcome you and make you feel at home and the hotel itself provides comfortable and relaxed surroundings. The hotel has a leisure centre with pool, fitness suite, spa and sauna and all the bedrooms are served by a lift. Some of the bedrooms have walk-in showers (on request only).

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	Best Western Palace
Departure	Sun 17 Mar
Days	5
Cost	£528
Ref	SCO 1
Departure	Sun 20 Oct
Days	5
Cost	£558
Ref	SCO 7

Costs shown are per person for full board – Diamond All Inclusive package, sharing a double or twin room Please note: This hotel has a limited number of small single rooms which come with an additional room rate of:

March

**£104** (for the first 3) **£112** (for the next 2)

October

**£104** (for the first 3) and **£112** (for the next 2)

Excursions included at no extra cost:

#### March

- 1. Ullapool
- 2. Spring scenic mystery tour **October**
- 1. Fort Augustus and Loch Ness
- 2. Autumnal scenic mystery tour



# Bonnie Scotland and the Hollow Mountain



Crianlarich is a village on the fringe of the beautiful Breadalbane region of Perthshire, a perfect position for us to explore this scenic part of Scotland. Included is a return railway trip to the coast at Oban, as well as a wee dram at the Glenturret Distillery. However, the highlight of the tour for many will be our visit to one of the hidden wonders of the Highlands – the Hollow Mountain, a power station buried deep under Ben Cruachan. At its centre lies a massive cavern, high enough to house the Tower of London. The Hollow Mountain is unique, an underground world on a spectacular scale and not to be missed.

#### **Itinerary**

**Monday:** This morning we head for Scotland, making our way along the shore of Loch Lomond, and arriving at our hotel late afternoon.

**Tuesday:** We join the Scotrail train at Crianlarich station for the ride to Oban. The line takes us through the

Pass of Brander and alongside Loch Etrive. In Oban we have time to explore the town, have a look at the harbour, enjoy lunch (not included) and relax. In the afternoon we take the train back to Crianlarich.

**Wednesday:** Today we head along Glen Dochart to Killin and the Falls of Dochart. From here we drive along Loch Tay to Aberfeldy where there will be time for lunch (not included). This afternoon we head south along the Sma' Glen to Crieff. Here we visit the Glenturret Distillery for a tour and a wee dram. Our return takes us along Loch Earn and Glen Ogle to Crianlarich.

**Thursday:** After breakfast we head to Cruachan Power Station for our visit to the Hollow Mountain.

Friday: We return home to Derbyshire.

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The **Crianlarich Hotel** stands in the village of the same name. This traditional Scottish hotel dates back to Victorian times and is comfortably appointed with a lift serving the first and second floors. There are no ground floor bedrooms. Some premier bedrooms have walk-in showers but they come with a supplement and are on request only.

#### **Holiday Details**

Your Hotel

<b>Hotel</b> Best Western Crianlarich	
Departure	Mon 29 Apr
Days	5
Cost	£586
Ref	SCO 2

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

Single room supplement £80 but extremely limited

Tour of Ben Cruachan (the Hollow Mountain), return rail journey to Oban and Glenturret Distillery tour and tasting are included



# **➤ Discover Dundee**

Glamis Castle and St Andrews

NEW FOR 2024

Discover the fascinating city of Dundee, the childhood home of the late Queen Elizabeth's mother, and enjoy a walking tour of the famous historic town of St Andrews.

#### **Itinerary**

**Monday:** Travel to Dundee, arriving late afternoon.

**Tuesday:** After a leisurely breakfast you have a full day to explore the city of Dundee, a dynamic and compact city. It is a UNESCO City of Design and home to the V&A Dundee. You may wish to visit Discovery Point and RRS Discovery where you can experience life in the Antarctic with Captain Scott and his crew. Also look out for the famous Beano characters in statue form.

Wednesday: Today we head to the charming and historic town of Kirriemuir, known as the gateway to the Glens and is perhaps best known as the birthplace of JM Barrie, the creator of Peter Pan. We then continue to the picturesque village of Glamis, home to a Gin Bothy, before visiting Glamis Castle, the legendary setting of Shakespeare's Macbeth.

#### Your Hotel

The Woodlands Hotel is a lovely hotel set in mature gardens and grounds in the Broughty Ferry suburb of Dundee. A lift serves one part of the hotel, the Abercrombie Wing, and there are some ground floor bedrooms (on request only). There are a number of bedrooms with walkin showers (on request only). Although the hotel has leisure facilities there is a charge for these (not included) – please ask at the hotel reception if you are interested.

#### **Holiday Details**

<b>Hotel</b> Best Western Woodlands	
<b>Departure</b> Mon 05 Aug	
Days	5
Cost	£619
Ref	SCO 3

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

Single room supplement **£80**Admission to Glamis Castle and guided walking tour of St Andrews are included

**Thursday:** This morning we travel over the Tay Bridge and onto the Fife Coastal Route to the historic town of St Andrews. Scotland's world famous Home of Golf, it is also home to the oldest university in Scotland, a cathedral, medieval streets and traditional buildings, all brought to life on a 2 hour walking guided tour. Walk in the footsteps of golfing legends, royals, heretics who were burned at the stake, famous cats and those who live in St Andrews today. We then continue along the stretch of Fife Coast known as the East Neuk to the pretty, historic fishing villages of Crail and Anstruther.

**Friday:** After breakfast it is time to begin our journey home.

#### SCOTLAND







The famous Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo is one of the highlights of the Scottish calendar. This year we will be repeating our popular weekend tour which includes a ticket for the early evening show on the Saturday. Please note that there is no dinner provided on the Saturday evening.



#### Your Hotel

The **Doubletree Westerwood Spa & Golf Resort** is in

Cumbernauld. All bedrooms have a walk-in shower or shower cubicle and some have a separate shower and separate bath (on request only). It has more than 40 ground floor bedrooms as well as a lift which travels to all floors.

#### **Holiday Details**

<b>Hotel</b> Doubletree Westerwood	
Departure	Fri 16 Aug
Days	3
Cost	£403
Ref	SCO 4

Cost shown is per person sharing a double or twin room and includes 1 night with half board and 1 night bed and full Scottish breakfast

Single room supplement £60

Please note Edinburgh Tattoo
tickets are non-refundable and
the deposit is £115 per person





# Scotland Highland Fling

Mountains, glens, lochs and legends; this tour allows you to take in all that makes Scotland so spectacular from your base in Kingussie, which is nestled within the Cairngorms National Park.

#### **Itinerary**

**Monday:** Travel to Kingussie, arriving at the hotel in time for dinner.

**Tuesday:** Scotland is well known for its legends, so here's your chance to go Nessie hunting on a Loch Ness cruise. We then travel on to Inverness, the cultural capital of the Highlands, where you will have some free time.

**Wednesday:** We head for Pitlochry, a grand Victorian holiday resort which sits on the River Tummel, where we will have time to explore before we head back to Dalwhinnie Distillery for a tour and tasting.

Thursday: This morning we journey further into the Highlands to reach Aviemore and enjoy a ride on the nostalgic Strathspey Railway. Take in some of the most spectacular views in Scotland looking across the mountainous landscape which epitomises this beautiful country. This afternoon we visit the open-air Highland Folk Museum in Newtonmore. With over thirty historical buildings and thousands of artefacts vicitors will learn how High

artefacts, visitors will learn how Highland people lived and worked from the 1700's up until the 1960's!

**Friday:** With luggage loaded, it is time to start the journey home.

#### Your Hotel

The **Duke of Gordon Hotel** is situated in the town of Kingussie, right in the heart of the Scottish Highlands. The Scottish Baronial style building dates back to the 1800's and offers a mix of character and comfort. Due to the nature of the building not all the bedrooms are accessed by the lift but there are a few ground floor bedrooms (on request only). A limited number of bedrooms have walk-in showers (on request only). The hotel offers regular entertainment.

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	Duke of Gordon
Departure	Mon 23 Sep
Days	5
Cost	£699
Ref	SCO 6

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

Single room supplement on limited availability

Loch Ness cruise, single journey on the Strathspey railway, entrance to Highland Folk Museum plus distillery tour & tasting are included





### Hebridean Experience

Escape over the seas to the Outer Hebrides, a chain of islands 130 miles long, which protect the mainland from Atlantic storms. Here you will find spectacular coastal scenery, white sandy beaches and sea lochs set against a backdrop of majestic mountains.

#### **Itinerary**

Monday: We travel to Perth for our overnight stay.

Tuesday: Our journey across Scotland continues as we head for Ullapool.

**Wednesday:** This morning we take the ferry from Ullapool to Stornoway for our stay on the Isle of Lewis. There will be free time to explore Stornoway once you are off the coach.

**Thursday:** We enjoy a full day guided tour of Lewis, with a local guide joining us on the coach. Places of interest will include the Callanish Stones, one of the finest prehistoric sites in Scotland, the historic Broch at Carloway and the Gearrannan Blackhouse Village which consists of traditional thatched croft houses.

**Friday:** We take a scenic drive through Harris, with a visit to Tarbert, home to the Harris Tweed Shop. We then travel on to Leverburgh where we take the ferry to Berneray, before continuing on to the Dark Island Hotel in Liniclate on the Isle of Benbecula.

**Saturday:** Today we explore the beautiful islands of Benbecula and Uist home to 'Our Lady of the Isles' 30ft high statue. We will call in at the Kildonan Craft Shop and Museum before we continue heading south of the island, from where you should be able to see Eriskay (of 'Whiskey Galore' fame) in the distance. We then head back to our hotel.

**Sunday:** After breakfast we head for Lochmaddy where we catch the ferry to Uig on the Isle of Skye. We then travel across Skye, past the Kyle of Lochalsh, to Fort William for our last night.

Monday: We return to Derbyshire.

#### Your Hotels

The first night is spent at the **Salutation Hotel** in Perth. The hotel does not have any ground floor bedrooms but does have a lift. However, not all bedrooms have level access from the lift and are only accessible by a further flight of stairs. Some of its bedrooms have walk-in showers/shower cubicles (on request only).

The **Royal Hotel** in Ullapool is well appointed and has lovely views over Loch Broom and the mountains. The hotel does not have a lift but there are some bedrooms on the ground floor (on request only). The majority of the bedrooms have walk-in showers/shower cubicles. The next two nights are spent in Stornoway on the Isle of Lewis at the **Cabarfeidh Hotel**. This hotel has a lift which travels to all floors, but there are no ground floor bedrooms. There are only two bedrooms with walk-in showers (on request only). Dinner may not be at this hotel and may be taken locally.

Accommodation for the next two nights is on Benbecula at the **Dark Island Hotel**, which is only a short walk to the beach. It does not have a lift but does have some ground floor bedrooms accessed by three steps (on request only). Some bedrooms have walk-in showers (on request only).

The final night will be spent at the **Alexandra Hotel** in Fort William. This hotel has no ground floor bedrooms but it does have a lift which travels to all floors, though there are small steps on some of the floors. It has a very limited number of walk-in showers (on request only).

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotels	Salutation Hotel
	Royal Hotel
	Cabarfeidh Hote
	Dark Island Hotel
	Alexandra Hote
Departure	Mon 02 Sep
Days	8
Days Cost	£1269
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Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

Single supplement on very limited availability £126 for standard single room

Guided tour of Lewis plus entries to Blackhouse Village and Callanish Stones Exhibition Centre are included







### The Causeway Coaster, including the Giant's Causeway



This exciting tour takes you to the top of Ireland and the stunning Northern shores, including a visit to the incredible Giant's Causeway plus guided tours of Derry and the Inishowen Peninsula.

#### **Itinerary**

**Sunday:** We travel to Holyhead for the afternoon ferry to Dublin. We then continue on to our overnight hotel in Trim.

**Monday:** We travel north through the counties of Meath, Louth and Monaghan to Tyrone, arriving at our hotel in Buncrana late afternoon.

**Tuesday:** Today's guided tour starts with a scenic drive around the Inishowen Peninsula to Malin Head, the northernmost point in Ireland. We then move on to Derry, on the banks of the River Foyle, the only completely walled city in Ireland and enjoying its recent status as UK City of Culture. Here there will be a guided walking tour including the Walls and Peace Bridge.

**Wednesday:** After breakfast we set out to explore Donegal, beginning with a drive through the Glenveagh National Park under the shadow of imposing Mount Errigal. The county is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean on three sides, providing spectacular sea views as you drive along its coastline. The west of Donegal has a significant Gaeltacht (Irish speaking) region where customs, traditions, skills and language have been preserved for centuries.

**Thursday:** With our luggage packed, we leave our hotel and head to Derry for a single train journey to Coleraine. We then make our way to what may well be the highlight of the tour – the world famous Giant's Causeway, a UNESCO World Heritage Site famous for its unique volcanic stone pillars and shrouded in folklore and fairy tales. Here we will visit the Giant's Causeway Visitor Experience, including use of an outdoors interpretive audio-guide. We then head to Belfast for our final overnight stay.

**Friday:** After breakfast we head for the morning ferry from Belfast to Cairnryan. We then make our way back to Derbyshire.

#### Your Hotels

Our first night will be spent at **Trim Castle Hotel** in Trim. The hotel has a lift which travels to all floors but there are no ground floor bedrooms. There's an extremely limited number of bedrooms with walk-in showers (on request only).

We then spend three nights at the **Inishowen Gateway Hotel** in Buncrana, which is in the perfect position on the seafront. It is a modern hotel with panoramic sea views over Lough Swilly and the fabulous beach. The hotel has a few ground floor bedrooms (on request only) as well as a lift which travels to all floors. However, it has only two bedrooms with walk-in showers (on request only). Bedrooms with views of the lough are only available on request and will incur a supplement.

Our final night will be spent at the **Stormont Hotel** which is a stylish hotel in Belfast, opposite the grounds of the parliament building. This hotel has ground floor bedrooms (on request only) with level access to reception as well as a lift which travels to all areas of the hotel. It has a few bedrooms with walk-in showers (on request only).

#### **Holiday Details**

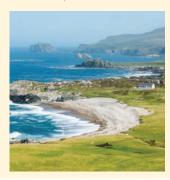
Hotels	Trim Castle Hotel
Inish	owen Gateway Hotel
	Stormont Hotel

Departure	Sun 15 Sep
Days	6
Cost	£730
Ref	IRE 1

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room

Single room supplement **£156** (for use of twin/double for sole occupancy)

Full day guided tour of Inishowen & Derry, Derry to Coleraine train journey plus admission to Giant's Causeway & visitor experience included





### Bruges Christmas Market

We are delighted to be returning to Bruges and its traditional Christmas Market during the run up to Christmas.

Bruges is famous for its wealth of magnificent buildings, network of canals, charming alley-ways and secluded squares. It is also the perfect place for Christmas shopping with chocolates, beautiful lace and traditional Belgian produce on sale at the Christmas Market. There are also numerous restaurants, cafes, bars and museums to cater for all tastes.

#### **Itinerary**

**Friday:** We travel to Dover for the ferry crossing to Calais before continuing our journey to Bruges and our hotel where we stay for three nights with bed and hot/cold buffet breakfast.

**Saturday:** A day to enjoy the Christmas market and unique atmosphere of medieval Bruges.

**Sunday:** At leisure in Bruges, perhaps take a horse drawn carriage ride, visit a museum or relax on a scenic canal cruise.

**Monday:** After breakfast we head for Calais, and the ferry crossing to Dover, before travelling back to Derbyshire.

#### Your Hotel

Hotel Le Bois De Bruges is located in the heart of the historic city on the 'tZand square and is within easy walking distance of the attractions, shops, restaurants and bars. The comfortable and modern bedrooms are each equipped with air-conditioning, TV, hairdryer, safe, Wi-Fi and tea/coffee making facilities. The restaurant is bright and inviting thanks to its large windows and there is a lobby bar where guests can relax with a drink. There is also an outdoor terrace area. The hotel has a lift and some bedrooms have walk-in showers (on request only).

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	Bois De Bruges
Departure	Fri 06 Dec
Days	4
Cost	£503
Ref	BEL 1

Cost shown is per person sharing a double or twin room, including bed and buffet breakfast

Single room supplement **£244** (double or twin rooms for sole use)



# France

### Luxury Château Break including Paris

Here's your chance to have a short break in a genuine French château. Located to the north of Paris, the beautiful 19th century Château de Montvillargenne is located in the heart of the Chantilly forest. During your stay you will be taken into Paris for the day.

#### **Itinerary**

**Monday:** We travel down to Dover where we get the cross-channel ferry to Calais. We continue on to Chantilly and our hotel, where we will have an evening meal (included).

**Tuesday:** We drive to Paris where we have a free full day to sight-see, with plenty of time to get a meal (not included).

Wednesday: Today we will provide a limited shuttle service to and from the Château and Chantilly so that you can choose how you spend your day. There should be a market in Chantilly this morning and there are opportunities there for you to have a meal or buy some food from the shops. This is also the day you could enjoy the Château's facilities. We will provide the coach shuttle service after breakfast, at lunch time, at tea time and early evening. Our driver will give you the exact details.

**Thursday:** We return to Derbyshire via the Calais/Dover Ferry crossing with a short visit (time permitting) in the Calais area to shop for wines, beers and spirits etc.

#### Your Hotel

The Château de Montvillargenne is a former residence of the Rothschild family. The hotel's facilities include a gym, indoor pool, sauna and Turkish bath, as well as a bar and beautifully decorated lounge and dining rooms. We will be staying in the recently refurbished standard bedrooms in the château itself. Included is breakfast each morning plus an evening meal at the hotel on the first evening only.

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	Château	Montvillargenne
Depar	ture	Mon 15 Apr
Days		4
Cost		£580
Ref		FRA 1

Cost shown is per person sharing a double or twin room in the château with bed & breakfast and 1 evening meal

Single room supplement £205





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Italy Secret Tuscany

**Wednesday:** We begin our return journey as we head back north to the Hotel Bellevue in Seelisburg.

This tour aims to deliver an authentic Tuscan experience in the hilly countryside south of Siena, which is surrounded by dramatic scenery. Castel del Piano is a typical small Tuscan town, lodged between the wine producing area of Montalcino and the unspoilt landscapes of the coastal Maremma area.

**Thursday:** Crossing the border into France we head for Reims and our final overnight stay at the Mercure Reims Park Des Expositions Hotel.

**Friday:** We return to Derbyshire via the Calais to Dover ferry crossing.

#### **Itinerary**

**Tuesday:** We travel to Dover for the cross-channel ferry to Calais and then continue on to the Mercure Reims Park Des Expositions Hotel where we stay overnight.

**Wednesday:** We continue our journey south to the Hotel Bellevue in Seelisburg in Switzerland for our second overnight stay.

**Thursday:** Today we reach our destination of Castel del Piano and the grand Hotel Impero, where we stay for the next six nights.

**Friday:** Today we can take a leisurely stroll into the centre of town, just a ten minute walk from our hotel on the flat. In the afternoon we will enjoy a delicious tasting of olive oil, truffle and honey back at the hotel.

**Saturday:** This morning we visit the beautiful medieval town of Montepulciano; the journey through the Val D'Orcia in southern Tuscany is simply stunning and ticks off one of those 'must do' drives. We have some free time to explore Montepulciano before enjoying a wine tasting, accompanied by bread and cheese, at Fattoria Pulcino. We continue on to the lovely pink-walled renaissance town of Pienza, where we have free time for lunch. On the way back to our hotel we will stop off at an authentic cheese factory, Il Seggiano, for a tasting.

**Sunday:** Today we spend some time on the coast, starting with a visit to the capital of the Maremma region of southern Tuscany, Grosseto. We have time to explore this stunning city before continuing on to the charming coastal town of Castiglione della Pescaia.

**Monday:** We enjoy a morning excursion to Siena, perhaps the most classic of the Tuscan towns and considered by many to be one of Italy's loveliest medieval cities. We embark on a two hour walking tour to introduce its highlights before having time at leisure to wander the cobbled streets and the beautiful Piazzo del Campo main square. In the afternoon we visit the family-run winery Azienda Agricola Trottolo for a tasting of some of its wines.

Tuesday: A free day to enjoy Castel del Piano.



#### Your Hotel

The **Grand Hotel Impero** was originally a private aristocratic villa but is now a well run and friendly hotel set in its own grounds near Castel del Piano. The hotel enjoys an intimate feel with just 39 bedrooms, all of which are equipped with a TV, hairdryer, minibar and safe. A typical Tuscan buffet will be served on arrival night and then there will be a 3 course dinner with 3 choices per course from the second evening onwards.

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	Grand Hotel Impero
Departure	Tue 08 Oct
Days	11
Cost	£1398
Ref	ITA 1

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room Single room supplement £282
Olive oil, truffle & honey tasting, wine tastings at Fattoria Pulcino & Azienda Agricola Trottolo, cheese tasting plus 2 hour walking tour are included

Please note, Italian room tax of €1-5 per person per night will generally be collected from each passenger on arrival



# Spain Cantabria, the Picos de Europa and the Rioja wine region

One of the most beautiful areas of the Spanish coastline, Cantabria lies on the Costa Verde and is known for its spectacular scenery, hospitality and cuisine. Our base is Isla, a lovely little town with excellent beaches and within easy access of the city of Santander and the Picos de Europa mountain range.

#### Itinerary

**Sunday:** We travel to Plymouth for the overnight ferry crossing to Santander. The Brittany ferry has a range of restaurants, bars and lounges with entertainment.

**Monday:** We reach the port of Santander mid-afternoon and take the short drive to Isla and the Hotel Olimpo, where we will stay for seven nights. We will be welcomed with a drink with appetisers.

**Tuesday:** A free day to relax and enjoy the attractions of Isla, perhaps take a stroll along the beach, swim in the pool or visit the town.

**Wednesday:** Perhaps the highlight of the tour is our visit today to the Rioja wine region, including a visit to a winery with tastings. We will then visit nearby Laguardia.

Thursday: Another free day to relax in Isla.

**Friday:** Today we enjoy a full day tour to the Picos de Europa mountain range. We will visit the beautiful village and fishing port of San Vicente de la Barquera before joining the River Deva Valley, passing through a canyon, and on to Potes, a lovely market town set high in the mountains.

**Saturday:** Today's excursion takes us to Santillana del Mar, a fascinating village on the World Heritage list and often described as a living museum. Later we continue to Comillas, the 'City of Archbishops' with its grand architecture and historic centre.

**Sunday:** Today we visit the nearby village of Castro Urdiales, a popular resort and fishing port with a charming old quarter. We then head for the pretty village of Santona where we enjoy a boat ride in Santona Bay.

**Monday:** After breakfast we leave the hotel and head for the city of Santander, where there will be time to have a look around before we catch the late afternoon ferry for our overnight crossing back to Plymouth.

**Tuesday:** Our arrival in Plymouth is scheduled for mid-afternoon and once we have disembarked we will continue our journey back to Derbyshire.

#### Your Hotel

The **Hotel Olimpo**, which has recently undergone a full refurbishment, has a scenic location on a peninsula and is just a short walk from the town of Isla. The hotel has an outdoor swimming pool and a pleasant terrace. The bedrooms have balconies with views of the beach or gardens, however sea view bedrooms will incur a supplement (on request only). There are no ground floor bedrooms but the hotel does have a lift and most of the bedrooms have a shower. You will receive wine and water with dinner each evening and there will be live music one evening as well as a special candlelight three course seafood dinner one evening.

#### **Holiday Details**

Hotel	Olimpo
Departure	Sun 09 Jun
Days	10
Cost	£1167
Ref	SPA 1

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room at the hotel and a 2 berth (bunk bed) inside cabin on board Brittany Ferries

Single room supplement **£245** with sole occupancy of an inside cabin

Inside cabin supplement (twin occupancy) for 2 x lower berths **£48** per person for the return journey

Outside cabin supplement (twin occupancy) for 2 x lower berths £77 per person for the return journey

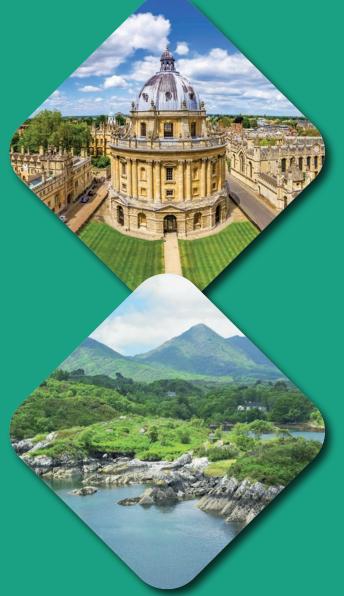
Sole occupancy of an outside cabin £493 for the return sailing (including single supplement at the hotel)

Please note the above cabin types are all on a request basis only and meals on board Brittany Ferries are not included. All cabins have air-conditioning and en-suite facilities. Linen, towels & toiletries are provided

Santona Bay boat ride and Laguardia winery visit with tastings are included







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