

# Fenn Holidays

Summer 2024



**Award Winning**

**Door to Door Escorted Coach Holidays**

A WARM WELCOME...

...to Fenn Holidays!



Welcome to our Summer 2024 selection of great value, quality holidays and breaks.

Inside you'll find a wonderful range of destinations, from relaxing river cruises to summer sun getaways, garden themed breaks, a return to the fabulous Scilly Isles and plenty more in between. You will see that we have given particular care to focus on using many highly rated, quality hotels who have consistently looked after our clients so well in these still challenging times.

Our Club Class touring vehicles continue to offer a relaxing and luxury experience, along with the renowned Fenn 'Travelling with Friends' feeling which make our holidays so popular.

Wherever you choose to travel to, rest assured that you will be in the capable hands of a quality coach tour operator, with a knowledgeable and caring team of people who will always put their customers first.

### Each of our holidays include:

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

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

- ✓ A 'Grab n Go' breakfast bag
- ✓ Sparkling wine and snacks served on all outbound shuttle crossings

### Financial Security Statement



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

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

Additionally, as required by law, Fenn Holidays have protection in place to refund your payments and, where transport is included in the package, to ensure your repatriation in the event that they become insolvent. Fenn Holidays are members of the Bonded Coach Holiday Scheme, overseen by The Association of Bonded Travel Organisers Trust Limited. This is a government approved consumer protection scheme. This ensures that in relation to the coach package holidays described in this brochure (or website) that a Bond, which may be called upon in the unlikely event of the member's insolvency, protects the clients' monies. Clients are recommended to inspect the current membership certificate at our registered office or alternatively go to <https://www.abtot.com/bch-abtot-members-directory/> or telephone 0207 065 5316 to confirm current membership.

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

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

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

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



# Why choose Fenn Holidays?

## ✓ 50 Years of Experience



We have over 50 years of experience in this industry, setting us apart from other operators.

## ✓ Park & Ride



We continue to offer our hugely successful 'Park & Ride' option. This offers the chance to forego our door to door collection service and instead, join here at our premises, thus **saving £30 per person** on all holidays. You can choose to leave your car here at our spacious, secure March premises or, why not get a friend or relative to drop you off at one of our collection points? What could be easier?

## ✓ Your money is safe!



For your peace of mind, Fenn Holidays are BCH members in alliance with ABTOT. Full details are on the previous page.

## ✓ Door to Door Collection



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

## ✓ Club Class Coaches



Each of our holidays is operated aboard one of our stunning, luxury Club Class coaches, offering unrivalled legroom & comfort.

## ✓ Efficient, friendly and knowledgeable staff



Our efficient, friendly and experienced booking staff are here to discuss your holiday arrangements and take care of any special requirements you may have.

## ✓ Friendly & Caring Crews



Every Fenn Holiday is accompanied by a touring crew. A caring team of people who always put their customers first.

## ✓ Loyalty Bonus



Clients booking 3 or more holidays from the same brochure will receive a discount of £15 per person, a fourth booking from the same brochure will give a discount of £20 per person and fifth and subsequent holidays from the same brochure will be discounted by £25 per person.

## ✓ High Quality, carefully selected hotels



We use quality 3 & 4 star hotels, each chosen for its comfortable accommodation and great service

# SUMMER 2024 CALENDAR

Date	Tour	Duration	Page
<b>April 2024</b>			
29th	The Jurassic Coast & Glorious East Devon	5 Days	5
<b>May 2024</b>			
6th	Spring Splendour in South West Wales	5 Days	5
6th	Isle of Man – The Treasured Isle	6 Days	6
10th	Romantic Ribble Valley	5 Days	7
12th	Stylish Falmouth	5 Days	7
12th	Cork Coastline Delights & Bantry	7 Days	35
13th	Eastbourne, Hastings & Brighton	5 Days	8
18th	Jersey by Air	8 Days	40
19th	Tastes & flavours of Kent	5 Days	8
20th	Sailing & steaming in Devon	5 Days	9
23rd	A Wonderful Hebridean Isles Adventure	7 Days	29
24th	Chelsea Flower Show Weekend	3 Days	9
27th	A touch of Class in the Lake District & The Mountain Goat Explorer	5 Days	10
27th	Liverpool, Chester & Port Sunlight	5 Days	10
<b>June 2024</b>			
2nd	Traditional Lancashire by Sail & Rail	5 Days	11
2nd	Highland Lines & Northern Landscapes	8 Days	30
6th	Arundel Castle, Chichester & Brighton	5 Days	11
8th	The Sparkling Isle of Wight	5 Days	12
10th	The Breathtaking Lake District	5 Days	12
16th	The Isle of Bute, Loch Fyne & Inverary	7 Days	31
17th	The delightful Durham Dales & Beamish	5 Days	13
19th	Sidmouth – Floral Town	6 Days	13
23rd	Westport, Connemara & The Bay of 1000 Islands	7 Days	36
24th	Yorkshire's picturesque Wolds and stunning coast	5 Days	14
30th	Making tracks for the Garden of England	5 Days	14
30th	The Kingdom of Fife & Great Scottish Cities	6 Days	32
<b>July 2024</b>			
1st	Scarborough – Queen of the Yorkshire Coast	5 Days	15
4th	The RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival	3 Days	15
6th	Jersey by Air	8 Days	40
7th	The Great Little Trains of Wales	5 Days	16
10th	Scilly Isles	6 Days	41
15th	Isle of Man – The Treasured Isle	5 Days	6
15th	Hidden Gems of Northumbria	5 Days	16
15th	Historic Chester, Llandudno & vibrant Liverpool	5 Days	17
19th	Steam Trains, Grand Union Canal & Midland Memories	5 Days	21
21st	Harrogate and a 'taste' of Yorkshire	5 Days	17
22nd	The delightful Wye Valley & the charming Cotswolds	5 Days	18
23rd	Treasures of the Rhine featuring Bruges	8 Days	43

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27th	Guernsey by Air	8 Days	40
28th	Isle of Arran, Loch Lomond & the Ayrshire Coast	6 Days	32
29th	South Downs, Maritime Portsmouth & home of TV's 'The Repair Shop'	5 Days	18
<b>August 2024</b>			
4th	Stratford Upon Avon & Great Houses	5 Days	19
4th	Steaming & Cruising in the Heart of Wales	5 Days	19
5th	Llandudno, Snowdonia & the Pant Du Vineyard	5 Days	20
12th	Summer & Sunshine in Bournemouth	5 Days	20
12th	Scotland in miniature, The Isles of Arran & Bute	5 Days	33
16th	The Edinburgh Tattoo	4 Days	33
19th	Cruising in Cardiff & Great Gardens of South Wales	5 Days	21
26th	Isle of Wight – The Diamond Isle	5 Days	22
26th	Stately Homes & the Peak District	5 Days	22
29th	Beautiful Berkshire & secrets of Surrey	5 Days	23
<b>September 2024</b>			
1st	Isle of Man – The Treasured Isle	6 Days	6
1st	Steaming & Cruising the English Riviera, Torquay	5 Days	23
7th	Jersey by Air	8 Days	40
8th	Royal Hillsborough & Irish Cider	7 Days	37
9th	Paignton, Dartmouth & lovely Brixham	5 Days	24
9th	Royal Cruising & Steaming in Edinburgh	5 Days	34
15th	Cornish Coast & Gardens, Newquay	6 Days	24
16th	Somerset Delights	5 Days	25
23rd	Spring Splendour in South West Wales	5 Days	5
23rd	The Yorkshire Dales, the spa town of Harrogate & the city of York	5 Days	25
27th	All the fun of Blackpool	5 Days	26
29th	Take a walk on the wild side in Yeats Country – Sligo	7 Days	38
<b>October 2024</b>			
1st	Sidmouth – Floral Town	5 Days	13
3rd	The Sparkling Isle of Wight	5 Days	12
4th	Yorkshire Weekender	3 Days	26
7th	A touch of Class in the Lake District & The Mountain Goat Explorer	5 Days	10
7th	Bournemouth & Weymouth	5 Days	27
13th	Yorkshire Contrasts	5 Days	27
14th	Sailing & steaming in Devon	5 Days	9
14th	Cumbrian Adventure & Settle to Carlisle Railway	5 Days	28
19th	Paris & the Seine Valley to Normandy Cruise	7 Days	42
20th	North Devon Delights	5 Days	28
20th	Killarney & the Ring of Kerry	7 Days	39
24th	Autumn in Scotland	5 Days	34

5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£859**  
£60 SINGLE  
SUPPLEMENT

## The Jurassic Coast & Glorious East Devon

Monday 29th April to Friday 3rd May

Join us as we return to the fascinating little regency town of Dawlish, which is huddled attractively between steep surrounding hills. There are several popular beaches here including Dawlish Warren - a popular destination in its own right. Meanwhile in the middle of the town there is a flat landscaped area called 'The Lawn', home to various wildfowl and the famous Dawlish black swans. Our tour includes a River Cruise, a ride aboard the Seaton Tramway and a visit to Bicton Park Botanical Gardens.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the relaxing drive to East Devon, arriving late afternoon. A drinks reception is held each evening preceding dinner.

**Tuesday** Departing our hotel after breakfast, our first activity today is a gentle cruise on the River Exe. We enjoy stunning views on both sides of the river accompanied by commentary from the Captain. Next, we head to the coastal resort of Torquay where we have time to look around, explore the harbour and the town centre. In the afternoon we make the short journey around the bay to pretty Brixham with its busy harbour and quaint narrow streets.

**Wednesday** A leisurely breakfast this morning before we visit the Seaton Tramway for a return journey. We travel alongside the River Axe estuary through two scenic nature reserves. Now, back on board the coach and off to our next destination, the historic coastal town Sidmouth. It was Sidmouth that captivated the Poet Laureate, John Betjeman, and it will captivate you too! Beautiful gardens and leisurely walks, Regency history, clean beaches and friendly shops... it's all here in this lovely seaside town that nestles beneath majestic red cliffs and the green hills of the glorious Sid Valley. Later we visit the Famous Donkey Sanctuary. The history of how this was set up is amazing you can listen to the talks explaining all about the sanctuary and how they work with other countries all over the world.

**Thursday** Today we visit Bicton Park and Botanical Gardens - a unique collection of trees and flowers from all over the world. The Palm House contains many rare Palms, the Tropical House has exotic blooms and the Arid House features some of the world's strangest plants. Take a stroll around or catch the on site train which travels around the beautiful gardens. We return to our hotel for free time in Dawlish before joining again this evening for our final dinner.

**Friday** After breakfast we depart the hotel and begin our journey home with fond memories of East Devon.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Drinks reception before dinner each evening
- ✓ Cruise on the River Exe
- ✓ Entrance to Bicton Park Botanical Gardens
- ✓ Seaton Tramway ride
- ✓ Visit to the Sidmouth Donkey Sanctuary
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL

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#### The Langstone Cliff Hotel

The award winning, family run, 3 star Langstone Cliff Hotel is set in 19 acres of peaceful woodland, overlooking the Exe estuary. The comfortable en-suite bedrooms are located on just 2 floors with 10 rooms located on the ground floor. The hotel has a restaurant, noted for its fine food, Bar, Lounge, Garden, Terrace and Games Room and an indoor swimming pool. The hotel has a lift.

5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£899**  
May  
£120 SINGLE  
SUPPLEMENT5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£879**  
September  
£120 SINGLE  
SUPPLEMENT

## Spring Splendour in South West Wales

Monday 6th to Friday 10th May

Monday 23rd to Friday 27th September

NEW

Join us as we visit South West Wales. Rich in culture and coastline, where ancient legends inspire contemporary creativity and colourful seaside villages lead to some of the UK's best beaches. We are based in the up and coming resort of Llanelli with an interesting and scenic itinerary. Highlights include visits to the National Botanic Gardens of Wales, a River Tawne Cruise and a ride on the Brecon Mountain Railway.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** Joining the Club Class coach, we depart our home area and travel to Wales, making suitable stops along the way, to arrive in Llanelli and at the Diplomat Hotel late afternoon with time to settle in before dinner.

**Tuesday** Today we head southwest to Swansea with free time to explore this buzzing city. After a good stay we continue on to the marina where we join a boat and enjoy a relaxing cruise along the River Tawne. This afternoon we travel on to the award winning National Botanic Garden of Wales for our included visit.

**Wednesday** Today takes us north-east to the small village of Pant where we join the Brecon Mountain Railway, one of the Great Little Trains of Wales. We enjoy a scenic ride through the Brecon Beacons National Park to reach Brecon where we have time for lunch. This afternoon we travel to the Penderyn Distillery for a guided tour and tasting.

**Thursday** Our excursion this morning sees us heading west to the popular small seaside resort of Saundersfoot where we enjoy free time to explore the pretty little harbour before travelling on to Tenby. With its old town walls, interesting side streets and superb beaches, it is always a pleasant and friendly place to visit.

**Friday** A final Welsh breakfast before we depart for home. We make suitable stops on the journey to arrive back in our home area mid afternoon.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Entrance to the National Botanic Garden of Wales
- ✓ Tour & tasting of the Penderyn Whiskey Distillery
- ✓ Ride on the Brecon Mountain Railway
- ✓ Cruise on the River Tawne
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL

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#### Best Western Diplomat Hotel

The family run, 4 star Diplomat is operated with charm, warmth and generous hospitality by the courteous, efficient and professional staff who are on hand to help make your visit as pleasant and enjoyable as possible. This iconic Llanelli hotel was built in 1810, and today its bedrooms feature stylish decor and modern features. Each ensuite bedroom includes a TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee facilities. Hotel facilities include a sauna, steam room, hot tub, gym and indoor pool. The hotel is served by a lift.



6 DAYS FROM  
**£989**  
May  
£79 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

5 DAYS FROM  
**£829**  
July  
£136 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

6 DAYS FROM  
**£975**  
September  
£89 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Isle of Man – The Treasured Isle

Monday 6th to Saturday 11th May (6 Days)  
Monday 15th to Friday 19th July (5 Days)  
Sunday 1st to Friday 6th September (6 Days)

**EARLY BOOKING RECOMMENDED**

Once again, it gives us pleasure to offer our hugely popular Isle of Man holiday. The Isle of Man is an ancient Viking Kingdom which has never been part of the U.K and who's well known three legged emblem originates from a symbol used on 10th century coins. Reminders of the Island's turbulent past abound, Iron Age hill forts, the ruins of Rushden Abbey and the castle at Peel can be seen around the island. The Island's coastline ranges from quiet secluded coves to busy harbours and clean sandy beaches. Our chosen resorts are Douglas - with its Victorian seafront and long promenades, and Ramsey – the second largest town on the island with a lovely harbour still in daily use and a beach for the sun seekers.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Day 1** Our door to door service takes you from your home to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive to Heysham. We board the afternoon ferry to Douglas and on to our hotel, arriving early evening in time for dinner.

**Day 2** A relaxing morning in our resort before we join the electric railway to visit Laxey, home of 'Lady Isabella' the world's largest working waterwheel and an icon of the Island's mining history. Later we take a ride on the Snaefell Mountain Railway affording wonderful views from the summit.

**Day 3** We are joined by a local guide for a full day tour around the island. We visit Ramsey then Bride, final resting place of the great comedian and Manx resident Norman Wisdom before spending time in Peel with its small harbour and ancient castle, then St Johns, home of the ancient Manx parliament. Our return includes the lofty South Barrule road.

**Day 4** A full day tour to the south of the Island crossing the Fairy Bridge to Castletown, the ancient capital, then the viewpoint at the Calf of Man before time in the popular Edwardian resort Port Erin overlooked by Bradda Head, returning by the wonderful narrow gauge Isle of Man Railway.

**Day 5** A day at leisure in our chosen resort.

**Day 6** After an early breakfast we board the morning ferry from Douglas to Heysham. With suitable stops, we return to our home area and waiting taxis early evening.

**Please Note: the 5 day July departure does not include Day 5.**

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4/5 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Portage
- ✓ Tea & coffee after dinner
- ✓ Ride on the Snaefell Railway
- ✓ Ride on the Manx Electric Railway
- ✓ Ride on the Steam Railway from Port Erin to Douglas
- ✓ Guided Island tour
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTELS



#### The Empress Hotel (May & September - 6 Days)

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

#### Ramsey Park Hotel (July - 5 Days)

The 3 star Ramsey Park Hotel is a luxurious, contemporary hotel set in one of the most scenic parts of the Isle of Man in Ramsey, the second largest town on the island, with views over the sea towards Cumbria. The Lake View Restaurant serves bistro-style lunches and dinners, with snacks available in the Piano Bar. Each of the well appointed, en suite bedrooms is equipped with a TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. A lift serves all floors.



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5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£729**  
£120 SINGLE  
SUPPLEMENT

## Romantic Ribble Valley

Monday 6th to Friday 10th May

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

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

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

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

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

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

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



### INCLUSIONS

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

### YOUR HOTEL



#### The Foxfields Country Hotel

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

5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£849**  
£120 SINGLE  
SUPPLEMENT

## Stylish Falmouth

Sunday 12th to Thursday 16th May

**NEW**

Join us for a stay in the ever popular town of Falmouth – Cornwall's leading south coast resort and known as the Jewel of the Cornish Riviera. A busy and charming port for over 400 years, today Falmouth is a bustling town with many attractions including the National Maritime Museum and Pendennis Castle. Its year-round mild climate allows the sub-tropical gardens to flourish and it boasts one of the highest average sunshine records in Britain.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Sunday** Travelling by way of Oxford and the Vale of the White Horse, then using the motorway we journey to the West Country arriving at our hotel late afternoon.

**Monday** A day at leisure to explore the delights of Falmouth or simply relax at our lovely hotel. Stroll along the cobbled streets, visit the charming mix of shops from specialist outlets to well known high street names which sit alongside colourful art galleries. We meet again for dinner this evening.

**Tuesday** Today we enjoy a full day tour, travelling via Marazion for some fine views of St Michaels Mount before arriving in Penzance with its long, flat sweeping promenade. On then to pretty St Ives – one of the most quaint and attractive towns in Cornwall with its golden, sandy beach, narrow cobbled streets and pretty granite cottages. We return to our hotel with time to relax before dinner.



**Wednesday** Today we visit the charming city of Truro with its flowing river, picturesque streets with 18th and 19th century town houses and its magnificent Cathedral which dominates the city. Our next visit is to Trebah Gardens, a sub-tropical paradise with a stunning coastal backdrop. Here we find a colourful array of 100 year old Rhododendrons, Magnolias, Camellias, giant Gunnera and Hydrangea's. A real feast for the eyes and noses!

**Thursday** We return after a memorable holiday in beautiful Cornwall arriving home late afternoon.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Portorage
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Entrance to Trebah Gardens
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Falmouth Hotel

The 3 star Falmouth Hotel is the town's first ever hotel. Built in 1865, it boasts outstanding Victorian architecture and is perfectly located, overlooking Castle Beach. The striking Victorian chateau style property is set in 5 acres of perfectly landscaped gardens with views over Falmouth Bay. Each of the tastefully decorated ensuite bedrooms is equipped with tea/coffee making facilities, radio, TV, telephone and a hairdryer. There's an indoor pool & spa, the elegant Castle Beach restaurant and a spacious bar and lounge with beautiful views across the bay. The hotel is served by a lift.



5 DAYS FROM  
**£699**  
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Eastbourne, Hastings & Brighton

Monday 13th to Friday 17th May

It gives us great pleasure to return to the popular and pretty seaside towns of Eastbourne, Brighton & Hastings. Our base of Eastbourne is sheltered by the rolling expanse of the South Downs and the towering cliffs of Beachy Head. It enjoys a remarkable mild and sunny climate, therefore earning its reputation as 'Suntrap of the South' and our relaxed itinerary includes plenty of leisure time allowing time to enjoy these lovely locations.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** Our door to door service takes you to the luxury coach for the leisurely journey to the South Coast. We visit Royal Tunbridge Wells for lunch before continuing to Eastbourne mid-afternoon. We arrive with plenty of time to relax or explore before dinner is served this evening.

**Tuesday** Today we travel to beautiful Regency Brighton where we have time at leisure to explore the wonderful architecture including breath-taking Brighton Pavilion and the Crescent plus the pier and of course the marvellous shopping centre. We include a flight to the skies and see Sussex as you have never seen it before on the amazing BA Tower. Glide up slowly to 450 feet high to enjoy breath-taking 360 degree views of up to 26 miles from the world's first vertical cable car, conceived and designed by Marks Barfield Architects, the creators of the London Eye. Later, after time for lunch and a good stay, we travel via the South Downs and through lovely scenery as we return to our hotel.

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

**Thursday** Our day begins with a ride through pleasant Sussex countryside to the village of Bodiam. Here we join the Kent & East Sussex Railway for a delightful steam train ride Tenterden, across the 'border' in Kent. Tenterden is a lovely little town with tea rooms, ideal for a lunch stop. Our next visit is along the south coast to historic Hastings. Perhaps enjoy a walk through the Warrior Square Gardens, along the seafront or venture on to the Pier.

**Friday** We depart after breakfast for the leisurely journey back through Kent to arrive in our home areas mid afternoon.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Ride on the Kent & East Sussex Railway
- ✓ 'Flight' on the BA Tower in Brighton
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Langham Hotel

This delightful, tried and tested hotel is just a minute's walk to the beach and has lovely sea views. Close by are the pier, the town and a host of other amenities. The Langham has 77 en-suite bedrooms which all equipped with a TV, telephone, a hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. All floors are served by a lift.



5 DAYS FROM  
**£699**  
£100 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Tastes & flavours of Kent

Sunday 19th to Thursday 23rd May

Known as the 'Garden of England', Kent is a county of many contrasts from historic Canterbury, with its famous Cathedral, to the historic naval dockyard and the marshlands of the south.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Sunday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the journey south. After crossing the River Thames we continue on to our holiday hotel. Tea/coffee and biscuits greet our arrival.

**Monday** For our first visit today, we head for Staplehurst and the Hush Heath Estate & Vineyards. Here we enjoy a guided tour and learn about all the aspects of grape growing before visiting the winery where the production process of still and sparkling wine is explained. We finish with a tutored tasting of 6 Hush Heath Estate wines & ciders followed by a delicious Ploughman's Platter lunch.



Our next visit is to Royal Tunbridge Wells in the heart of the beautiful High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The historic spa town is home to chic, independent boutiques along with buzzing cafes and bars.

**Tuesday** Today we head to historic Faversham. We begin with a visit to the Shepherd Neame Brewery for a guided 'behind the scenes' tour. After which there will be time to get lunch and explore one of southern England's most charming towns.

**Wednesday** This morning we head for the land of mysterious marshes and smugglers. First, we come to New Romney. A Cinque Port since 1155, the Great Storm of 1287 changed the course of the River Rother and made New Romney an inland town. Next, we arrive at Lydd. In the 18th and 19th centuries the town was notorious for the activities of smugglers.

**Thursday** After breakfast we depart after a relaxing Kentish break and head home stopping off in the modern shopping complex of Lakeside. Peruse the shops and take lunch at one of the many cafes and restaurants. This afternoon we return to our home area to be greeted by our awaiting taxis.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Tour & tasting of Hush Heath Estate & Vineyards with a Ploughman's Platter lunch
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Bridgewood Manor Hotel

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





5 DAYS FROM **£669**

May  
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

5 DAYS FROM **£649**

October  
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Sailing & steaming in Devon

Monday 20th to Friday 24th May  
Monday 14th to Friday 18th October

Torquay in Devon, the heart of the English Riviera, is a popular, stylish resort with a strong Continental atmosphere. It is situated at the heart of 22 miles of unspoilt coastline and enjoys a mild climate. Our tour includes a ride on the South Devon Railway as well as a cruise on the River Exe, we also have a coastal tour.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the cross country drive to the English Riviera. We arrive at our hotel with time to settle in before dinner.  
**Tuesday** Our tour begins with a Devon coastal tour. Following the shore road we pass through Teignmouth and Dawlish and continue north to the Cathedral City of Exeter. We take a break here and have time to explore the city before we continue along the Exe estuary to the pleasant resort of Exmouth. There is time for lunch before we enjoy a cruise on the River Exe discovering the history, beauty and wildlife of the river.  
**Wednesday** This morning we drive to Newton Abbot where its market day. Enjoy a browse around the stalls and a look at the town where you can obtain lunch. Leaving Newton Abbot we have a ride to Buckfastleigh. Here we join the South Devon Railway. Originally a Great Western Railway branch line, the line hugs the Dart estuary on the journey to Totnes. On arrival you can stretch your legs before the train returns to Buckfastleigh. In Buckfastleigh the railway offers and extensive museum, workshops, gifts and book shop and refreshment rooms. After time spent to explore we return to the hotel.  
**Thursday** We head into the South Hams region of Devon. First we take a break in Kingsbridge, 'capital' of South Devon, with a chance to look around the pleasant town. Moving on we head for delightful Dartmouth with its many naval connections, including the Royal Navy College. We have lunchtime here and you can enjoy a lovely stroll along the busy harbour, or just sit and watch the boats. Late afternoon we return to the hotel with time to relax before dinner.  
**Friday** We return to our home area after a relaxing break on the English Riviera.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Portage
- ✓ Entertainment on 2 evenings
- ✓ Ride on the South Devon Railway
- ✓ Cruise on the River Exe
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Headland Hotel

The 3 star Headland Hotel is set majestically overlooking Meadfoot Beach and the sea. Originally built for the Romanoff's, the Russian Royal family, the hotels facilities include an outdoor swimming pool, sauna and nightly entertainment. All of the bedrooms are en-suite and have tea and coffee making facilities. This hotel is served by a lift.



3 DAYS FROM **£579**

£60 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Chelsea Flower Show Weekend

Friday 24th to Sunday 26th May

**NEW**

We are delighted to offer this super new weekend break incorporating the world famous RHS Chelsea Flower Show. For more than 80 years this celebrated show has blossomed in the centre of London. A real feast for the senses, this floral spectacular brings innovation and creativity from leading garden designers and nurseries. We also include time in lovely Windsor.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Friday** A later departure from our home area as we journey to London and the Holiday Inn Shepperton for a late afternoon check in then time to relax. Why not make use of the lovely indoor swimming pool or take a stroll around the beautiful grounds before dinner this evening.  
**Saturday** We enjoy breakfast before departing for a full day at the Chelsea Flower Show. We have the whole day to admire the exhibits and displays before leaving late afternoon to return to our hotel for dinner.  
**Sunday** Departing after breakfast we make our way to Royal Windsor where we have time to explore and take lunch before continuing on our homeward journey, arriving back in our area late afternoon.



### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 2 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Portage
- ✓ Full day entrance to The Chelsea Flower Show
- ✓ Excursions as listed

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Holiday Inn Shepperton

The 4 star Holiday Inn is set in 11 acres of beautiful grounds near Shepperton in a pleasant rural area. Hotel facilities include a leisure centre with an indoor swimming pool. Each of the tastefully decorated bedrooms is ensuite and equipped with a TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities and served by a lift.



5 DAYS FROM  
**£949**  
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## A touch of Class in the Lake District & The Mountain Goat Explorer

Monday 27th to Friday 31st May  
Monday 7th to Friday 11th October

Join us as we return to the unrivalled beauty of the Lake District and Yorkshire Dales which has inspired poets and artists for centuries. Our great value 5 day break aims to paint a picture that will last in your memory for years to come. We are based in Keswick, an old market town and now a busy Lakeland resort. Our itinerary also includes the famous 'Mountain Goat' minibuses that will take us over the Wrynose & Hardknott Passes, a magnificent scenic route not accessible to large coaches.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** Our door to door service takes you to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive north. We make use of the motorways to reach The Skiddaw Hotel in Keswick late afternoon with plenty of time to settle in before this evening's dinner.

**Tuesday** After breakfast a day of exploration will begin. The Mountain Goat will collect us from the hotel and take us on an adventure tour around the Western Lakes following a route pioneered by the Romans! We will journey through the famous mountain passes of Hardknott and Wrynose. See England's deepest lake, Wast Water, and visit the grounds of the 14th Century Muncaster Castle. There will be stops along the route providing picturesque photo opportunities. The rest of the day before dinner is free for you to explore Keswick at your leisure.

**Wednesday** Magnificent Lakeland scenery today as we make for Ullswater and pass the noted waterfall 'Aira Force'. Later we climb the Kirkstone Pass for wonderful views before descending to Windermere. Bowness is a popular tourist town on the shore of Windermere where we spend time at leisure. Why not take refreshments in one of the towns many tea rooms and enjoy a lakeside stroll before our final visit of the day to Beatrix Potter's delightful Hawkshead? Our return takes us to Ambleside and past the unique little Bridge House. We have time to relax at the hotel before dinner this evening.

**Thursday** This morning we take a 50 minute boat ride on Derwentwater before continuing to Grasmere, famous for its gingerbread, and of course it was once home to the poet, William Wordsworth. After time for lunch we take the short journey to visit Rydal Mount and Gardens, home to Wordsworth for 37 years. Wordsworth was a keen landscape gardener and the four acre garden remains very much as he designed it. The house contains portraits, personal possessions and first editions of the poets work. We return to the hotel for our final dinner.

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

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Derwentwater boat ride
- ✓ Entrance to Rydal Mount Gardens
- ✓ Mountain Goat minibus excursion
- ✓ Excursions as listed

### YOUR HOTEL

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#### Skiddaw Hotel

The newly refurbished 3 star Skiddaw Hotel is a family run establishment offering traditional elegance and style along with established quality and service to ensure a truly comfortable stay. Centrally situated in Keswick, amongst its wealth of charming shops, each of the en-suite bedrooms are equipped with a TV, tea and coffee making facilities, hairdryer and telephone and served by a lift.



5 DAYS FROM  
**£659**  
£100 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Liverpool, Chester & Port Sunlight

Monday 27th to Friday 31st May

**NEW HOTEL**

We are delighted to offer again, for 2024, this much acclaimed tour which takes us around the famous city of Liverpool, but this time using a new hotel. With Liverpool's unique, unrivalled music heritage, this holiday is certain to be nostalgic and memorable. In addition to the many fascinating visits we also include a guided tour of this vibrant city!

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

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

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

**Wednesday** Today we make the short journey into the historic city of Chester where we enjoy time at leisure. Explore the unique 2 story 'Rows' of shops which are well worth a look, visit the ancient Roman Walls or take a gentle stroll along the River Dee. We return to Liverpool with more time at leisure to explore this fascinating city before meeting again for dinner this evening.

**Thursday** This morning our excursion takes us through the Mersey Tunnel to the Wirral. We then make the short journey to the always popular Port Sunlight Village, built by William Hesketh Lever for his factory workers and named after his famous Sunlight soap. This is a superb example of how life used to be. We round off the day with a ferry trip across the River Mersey and then return to the hotel for dinner.

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



### INCLUSIONS

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

### YOUR HOTEL

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#### Aloft Liverpool Hotel

The super, 4 star Aloft Liverpool is a centrally situated, hip hotel housed in the iconic Grade II listed Royal Insurance Building which is steeped in history and modernity. Each of the stylish ensuite bedrooms is equipped with complimentary toiletries, a hairdryer, tea/coffee making facilities and a TV. The hotel features a contemporary and stylish restaurant and a spacious and relaxing bar. A lift serves all floors.



ENGLAND



5 DAYS FROM **£719** £134 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Traditional Lancashire by Sail & Rail

Sunday 2nd to Thursday 6th June

A great success from last year's programme. Enjoy discovering lovely Lancashire by steam train and narrow boat on our super North West packaged tour. With visits to Salmesbury Hall and Gawthorpe Hall also included, we find heritage and history around every corner.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Sunday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the relaxing drive north to Lancashire. We arrive at our hotel for a welcoming cup of tea/coffee whilst our luggage is taken to the rooms then time to settle in before dinner.

**Monday** We begin our day with a guided tour of Salmesbury Hall, a fabulous half-timbered black and white medieval house, before making our way to Riley Green Marina to embark upon a narrow boat cruise along the Leeds Liverpool Canal. Our 3 hour round trip passes through delightful countryside including Withnell Fold Nature Reserve. During our cruise, we enjoy a two course lunch on our spacious, accessible boat, with each table offering panoramic views of the canal.

**Tuesday** This morning we head straight to Bury and its famous market - voted Britain's best - where we can browse the extensive stalls in the large market hall and outside. After an early lunch it is time to board our train as we step back in time for a nostalgic trip on a steam train along the East Lancashire Railway. Our final visit is to Gawthorpe Hall, affectionately known as the "Downton of the North" and is a fine example of Elizabethan architecture.

**Wednesday** This morning, we are joined by a local guide for a scenic drive through the picturesque Ribble Valley, taking in some well-known places. Our journey ends at the Oswaldtwistle Mills shopping village and garden centre. This award winning former weaving mill has over 100 retailers under one roof, 5 restaurants, an ice cream parlour, garden centre, mill grounds, craft and sewing centre, Textile and Heritage Museum and even its own wildfowl reserve. After time browsing the shops, we take the weight off our feet and sit down for a traditional Lancashire lunch of homemade pie & mushy peas followed by tea or coffee and a scone.

**Thursday** After breakfast, we make our way home taking a scenic drive through the Peak District.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Choice of Menu
- ✓ Ride on the East Lancashire Railway
- ✓ Entrance to Gawthorpe Hall
- ✓ Visit to Oswaldtwistle Mills with a Pie & Peas lunch
- ✓ Guided tour of the Ribble Valley
- ✓ Canal boat Cruise with lunch
- ✓ Guided visit to Salmesbury Hall
- ✓ All excursions as listed

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Mercure Dunkenhalgh Hotel & Spa

The Mercure Dunkenhalgh Hotel & Spa was originally a 700 year old country manor house, which has been sensitively converted into a 4 star hotel. All 175 bedrooms are beautifully decorated and of a good size, and each is equipped with a TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. Breakfast and dinner are served in the elegant restaurant and there is also an atmospheric bar area. The hotel has extensive landscaped grounds, an indoor heated pool, modern fitness centre and spa. Although the hotel does not have a lift, low floor rooms are available.



5 DAYS FROM **£659** £100 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Arundel Castle, Chichester & Brighton

Thursday 6th to Monday 10th June

**NEW**

A super new 5 day break taking in some of the highlights of our lovely south coast. Chichester is a Roman cathedral city and the only city in West Sussex with a plethora of grade II listed buildings and many other points of interest. Arundel Castle is well worth a visit, situated in magnificent grounds overlooking the River Arun with beautiful award winning gardens and Brighton. The city, with its majestic Regency squares and crescents, iconic Royal Pavilion and famous pier, is a magnet for visitors in search of fun, frolics and fresh sea air.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

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

**Friday** This morning we make our way to Chichester with its magnificent Cathedral, Roman Walls and medieval heart. The centre is compact with history all around, from the Tudor Market Cross to the Georgian terraces. We have time to explore and obtain lunch before setting off to mighty Arundel Castle, seat of the Dukes of Norfolk. Built in the 11th century, the castle has been restored and added to over the centuries to become the superb castle we see today with beautiful award winning Tropical & English Gardens, the quirky Stumpery and the abundant Kitchen Garden. Warm Glasshouses with chillies, grapes and lemons. Here you can immerse yourself in the fragrance of the Rose Garden and enjoy the tranquillity of the Fitzalan Chapel's White Garden.

**Saturday** Today we head east following the coast road to Worthing, Hove and the famous resort of Brighton. Here we spend the day. Enjoy a seafront stroll, explore the unique "Lanes" - a trendy area with cafes, bars and shops. You may fancy a visit to the famous Royal Pavillion with its onion domes, before our included 'flight' on the Brighton i360, offering 360 degrees of uninterrupted views from 138 metres in the sky. We return to the Langstone Quays with time to relax before dinner.

**Sunday** After breakfast we head west to maritime Portsmouth where there's plenty of interest for all. We include a visit to the Historic Dockyard, home of 'Victory' and 'Mary Rose', then free time to wander around the Old Town and perhaps visit the lovely Cathedral or Gunwharf Quays. We return to our hotel with time to relax before dinner.

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

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Tea/coffee & biscuits on arrival
- ✓ 'Flight' on the Brighton i360
- ✓ Entrance to Arundel Castle & Gardens
- ✓ Entrance to Portsmouth's Historic Dockyard
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Langstone Quays Resort

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



5 DAYS FROM  
**£629**

June  
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

5 DAYS FROM  
**£589**

October  
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## The Sparkling Isle of Wight

Saturday 8th to Wednesday 12th June

Thursday 3rd to Monday 7th October

**EARLY BOOKING RECOMMENDED**

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

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Day 1** A leisurely journey from your front door to Portsmouth for the mid afternoon ferry to the Isle of Wight to arrive in Sandown late afternoon with ample time to settle in well before dinner.

**Day 2** Our first visit today is to the Botanical Gardens at Ventnor – 22 acres of beautiful landscaping. Lunchtime is spent in Godshill, one of the most photographed and prettiest villages on the island, with a wonderful model village.

**Day 3** We have a morning visit to Arreton Craft Village, featuring local skilled artists in their studios. Now on to Ryde where we take a train ride on the wonderful steam hauled Isle of Wight Railway, truly a step back in time. Settle back in beautifully restored Victorian and Edwardian carriages.

**Day 4** This morning we visit the world renowned yachting centre of Cowes. Then to Osborne House, Queen Victoria's magnificent seaside residence. We also visit nearby Whippingham Church where Victoria and Albert were once members of the congregation.

**Day 5** Leaving Sandown after breakfast we board the ferry to the mainland and journey homeward.

### INCLUSIONS

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

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Trouville Hotel

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



5 DAYS FROM  
**£719**

£80 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## The Breathtaking Lake District

Monday 10th to Friday 14th June

The unquestionable beauty of the Lake District and the nearby Yorkshire Dales has inspired poets and artists for centuries, so the area needs very little introduction. Our super 5 day itinerary features a variety of lovely days out to ensure that we show you the very best of these visually stunning areas.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** From your front door north to Boroughbridge where we enter the Yorkshire Dales, calling at Ripon with its fine cathedral. We travel on to reach the Lake District and the Newby Bridge Hotel late afternoon with plenty of time to settle in before this evening's dinner.

**Tuesday** Today we travel to Hawkeshead with its delightful cottages and cobbles, then to Ambleside with its much photographed Bridge House before reaching Keswick. For a small town, Keswick has much to offer the visitor, with its range of shops and galleries and, of course, delightful scenery.

**Wednesday** Today's tour of the Yorkshire Dales takes us to visit the small market town of Kirby Lonsdale before we continue on via Ingleton to Skipton which is also a market town and which still retains its farming community atmosphere. We return via Settle, one of the most picturesque towns in Ribblesdale with its narrow streets and views of the Castleburg Crag, which dominates the town. We return to our hotel with time to relax before dinner.

**Thursday** After breakfast today we visit Kendal with its castle ruins, quaint cobbled streets and antique shops. We leave Kendal and continue on to Bowness on Windermere where we join a lake cruise and enjoy the magnificent views of mountain scenery, secluded bays and wooded islands.

**Friday** A fine breakfast before bidding farewell to our hosts as we depart for home, arriving late afternoon we return to our home area after a memorable break among some of England's finest scenery.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Cruise on Lake Windermere
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Newby Bridge Hotel

With views over Lake Windermere at its tranquil southern end, the 3 star Newby Bridge Hotel is set within landscaped grounds and has everything needed for a relaxing and comfortable stay. All rooms have ensuite facilities with bath and shower, a hospitality tray, TV, radio, a telephone and a hairdryer. The Garden View Restaurant is the perfect setting in which to enjoy a delicious dinner whilst an indoor pool, sauna and steam room is available for relaxation after a busy day along with an elegant bar and lounge area. The hotel is served by a lift.



© Beamish Museum

5 DAYS FROM  
**£689**  
£120 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## The delightful Durham Dales & Beamish

Monday 17th to Friday 21st June

**NEW**

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

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive to the north east, making a stop at the floral town of Harrogate for lunch. This afternoon we continue on to arrive at our hotel, Redworth Hall, where tea, coffee & biscuits await.

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

**Wednesday** This morning we travel to the ancient and historic city of Durham, acclaimed as a World Heritage Site and dominated by the magnificent Norman Cathedral and Castle, perching high above the River Wear. There will be time at leisure to explore the city with its labyrinth of little streets and alleyways, or you may decide to take a relaxing stroll along the river. Later this afternoon we leave Durham and return to our hotel.

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

**Friday** After our final breakfast we bid farewell to our hosts at Redworth Hall and head for home. We make suitable stops on our journey to return to our home area, arriving late afternoon.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Tea/coffee & biscuits on arrival
- ✓ Entrance to the Bowes Museum
- ✓ Entrance to the Beamish Open Air Living Museum
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL

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#### Redworth Hall

The 4 star Redworth Hall Hotel combines traditional elegance with contemporary style, a beautiful early Georgian establishment set in 25 acres of peaceful woodland. Each of the en suite bedrooms is served by a lift and public facilities include a leisure centre with an indoor swimming pool.



ENGLAND



## Sidmouth – Floral Town

Wednesday 19th Monday 24th June (6 Days)

Tuesday 1st to Saturday 5th October (5 Days)

6 DAYS FROM  
**£889**

June  
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

5 DAYS FROM  
**£699**

October  
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

Always a popular holiday for us as we return to Sidmouth and the Jurassic Coast - a World Heritage Site on the English Channel coast of southern England stretching from Exmouth in East Devon to Studland Bay in Dorset. The picturesque seaside town of Sidmouth is situated on this glorious Devon coast, set between deep red cliffs on the edge of Devon's heathery uplands; the town boasts a pleasant, well-kept atmosphere.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

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

**Day 2** A lovely coastal drive today to Seaton with its famous tram way to Colyton. We take a return journey on the delightful narrow gauge tram through the beautiful Axe Valley Our return to Sidmouth includes a visit to the Famous Donkey Sanctuary the history of how this was set up is amazing you can listen to the talks explaining all about the sanctuary and how they work with other countries all over the world.

**Day 3** This morning we visit Exmouth. Devon's oldest seaside resort and one of great naval and historic importance where we include a cruise on the River Exe. From here we visit the attractions within the Hall of Transport.

**Day 4** This morning we visit Bicton Park and Botanical gardens. Here we find a unique class of trees, from all over the world, flowers, exotic blooms and many rare Palms. Take a stroll around the beautiful gardens or maybe catch the train which takes you around the site. Our return to Sidmouth allows time at leisure to explore our delightful resort.

**Day 5** A day at leisure in Sidmouth to enjoy this lovely 'Floral Town'.

**Day 6** Our homeward journey includes glorious Somerset scenery, retracing our outward journey before returning to our home area late afternoon with fond memories of East Devon.

**Please Note: The October departure does not include day 5.**

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4/5 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Entertainment on some evenings
- ✓ Tram ride to Colyton
- ✓ Cruise on the River Exe
- ✓ Visit to The World of Country Life
- ✓ Visit to the Donkey Sanctuary
- ✓ Visit to Bicton Park
- ✓ Excursions as listed

### YOUR HOTEL

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#### Royal York & Faulkner Hotel

The 3 star family run Royal York and Faulkner is a firm favourite with our clients. It is ideally situated on the centre of the esplanade overlooking the sea and adjacent to the shopping centre. The well-appointed bedrooms are all en-suite and include tea/coffee making facilities and all are served by a lift. The hotel also benefits from a spa with a hydrotherapy pool, sauna and steam cabin.



5 DAYS FROM  
**£669**  
£120 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT



5 DAYS FROM  
**£829**  
£94 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Making tracks for the Garden of England

Sunday 30th June to Thursday 4th July

## Yorkshire's picturesque Wolds and stunning coast

Monday 24th to Friday 28th June

**NEW**

A great new 5 day break featuring the East Riding area of Yorkshire and the delightful Yorkshire Wolds. We include entrance to the beautiful Burton Agnes Hall, a visit to a vineyard with a tasting, time at the seaside, exploration in York and a visit to Europe's largest antique centre.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive north to Yorkshire for a late afternoon arrival at the Mercure Hull Grange Park Hotel. We have time to settle in before this evening's dinner.

**Tuesday** Departing after breakfast we make for the old capital of the East Riding of Yorkshire – Beverley, famed for its inspiring minster. We enjoy a fascinating guided tour of this ancient place and have time to soak up the atmosphere. After a good stay we make our way to one of the most popular coastal resorts of Yorkshire – Bridlington. We take time to soak up the sea air before continuing on to the beautiful Burton Agnes Hall, a lovely stately home full of great charm and character yet still a family home.

**Wednesday** This morning we cross the iconic Humber Bridge into Lincolnshire and to the Helmswell Antique Centre. Here we find Europe's largest selection of dealers offering the widest possible range of collectables. Take your time wandering through the vast array of bygone treasures. Onward now to Lincoln; dating back over 2000 years, Lincoln is a city steeped in history. Take a walk along the cobbled streets dotted with Roman ruins, Tudor landmarks and medieval battlements.

**Thursday** A leisurely breakfast before we depart for the centre of all the three ridings of Yorkshire – York, a fabulous city where every wall reverberates with history. We enjoy a guided tour of the city, then time at leisure, and there are so many possibilities here – The National Railway Museum, the Jorvik Centre, Bettys Tea Room, The Shambles, the York Minster. Take a river cruise of simply stroll around the riverside gardens or city walls. This afternoon we visit the award winning vineyard – Little on the Wold. Established in 2012, the winery has over 12,000 vines of 7 different red and white grape varieties. We enjoy a guided tour of the site followed by a tasting before heading back to our hotel.

**Friday** After breakfast we depart for home with fond memories of our time in the Yorkshire Wolds.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Entrance to Burton Agnes Hall
- ✓ A tour of Beverley Minster
- ✓ Guided tour of York
- ✓ Tour & tasting at Little on the Wold vineyard
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL

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#### Mercure Hull Grange Park Hotel

The 4 star Mercure Hull Grange Park is a 19th century manor house nestled in 12 acres of landscaped gardens. All bedrooms are ensuite and equipped with a TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. The bright Brasserie restaurant serves a selection of fresh, local produce and the bar offers the perfect space to relax.

Kent has been referred to as The Garden of England for hundreds of years; the county is host to gentle hills, fertile farmland and cultivated country estates with fruit filled orchards that cover the area. We feature visits to Walmer Castle & Gardens and Great Dixter House & Gardens along with a pleasant 'chug' along the line from pretty Tenterden to Bodiam, complete with a delicious ploughman's lunch.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Sunday** From your front door to the waiting coach for the drive south to Kent. Our first visit is to Broadstairs, a wonderful mixture of Victorian architecture, hidden cobbled squares and sandy beaches. Later we spend time delightful Sandwich, noted for its maze of narrow streets and medieval buildings before continuing south and arriving at the Burlington Hotel late afternoon for a welcoming tea or coffee.

**Monday** Today we head to Canterbury with free time in this historic city, famed for its medieval buildings, quaint tea shops and magnificent Cathedral. Discover why this beautiful, ancient place is one of the jewels in Kent's crown. At the heart of the walled city is the iconic Canterbury Cathedral. After plenty of time to make the most of our visit, we return to our hotel with time to relax before dinner.

**Tuesday** Our day begins with a visit to the grand Walmer Castle & Gardens; here we learn more about its fascinating story, including the history of the castle and its famous former residents, one being the Duke of Wellington in his role as Lord Warden. We enjoy a guided tour of the magnificent house and gardens with their herbaceous borders, pretty blooms and mature trees. This afternoon we head along the coast road to the beautiful Samphire Hoe nature reserve – home to some of the best views in the whole of Kent. We enjoy a welcome talk before setting out on a guided walk with stunning views of the White Cliffs and the spectacular English Channel as well as rare plants and abundant wildlife.

**Wednesday** This morning we make tracks for the Kent & East Sussex Railway, embarking on a one way steam train journey from Tenterden to Bodiam. Whilst on board we enjoy a tasty Ploughman's Lunch as we chug along. This afternoon is spent at Great Dixter House & Gardens – the one time family home of gardener and garden writer, Christopher Lloyd.

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

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Single journey on the Kent & East Sussex Railway
- ✓ Ploughman's lunch on the train
- ✓ Entrance to Walmer Castle & Gardens
- ✓ Entrance to Dixter House & Gardens
- ✓ Welcome talk & guided walk at the Samphire Hoe Nature Reserve
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL

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#### Best Western Plus Burlington Hotel

The stylish Best Western Plus Burlington Hotel has a superb location in a pleasant area close to the seafront in Folkestone and has undergone extensive refurbishment in 2017. The hotel has a very modern feel and offers friendly, excellent service. All of the en-suite bedrooms are bright and airy, whilst the restaurant is modern in style. There are two bars and lifts serve all floors.

5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£889**  
£178 SINGLE  
SUPPLEMENT

## Scarborough Queen of the Yorkshire Coast

Monday 1st to Friday 5th July

Spoil yourself in Scarborough, one of Britain's premier coastal resorts. On this holiday you can enjoy an excellent hotel, as well as the natural beauty and historical heritage of Yorkshire. We include a train ride on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway, a coastal drive and time in historic York itself.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

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

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

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

**Thursday** This morning we take the coast road to Whitby, the famous fishing port and home of Captain James Cook. Overlooking the harbour stands the 7th Century Whitby Abbey, We have time to explore the narrow streets and busy harbour side before we join the North Yorkshire Moors Railway service, taking us over the scenic North Yorkshire Moors through Grosmont and Gothland to Pickering where we re-join the coach for the drive back to the hotel.

**Friday** This morning we make for the ancient and historic City of York. In York there are lots of things to see and do – The National Railway Museum, The Jorvik Centre, The Castle Museum, stroll around the City Walls, and, of course, the magnificent York Minster. Late afternoon we return to our home area.

### INCLUSIONS

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

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Crown Spa Hotel

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

3 DAYS  
FROM  
**£479**  
£80 SINGLE  
SUPPLEMENT

## The RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival

Thursday 4th to Saturday 6th July

NEW

A fabulous new short break taking us to the wonderful Hampton Court Garden Festival. The original Tudor Hampton Court Palace was begun by Cardinal Wolsey in the early 16th century, but it soon attracted the attention of Henry VIII, who brought all his six wives here. Surrounded by gorgeous gardens and famous features such as the Maze and the Great Vine, the palace has been the setting for many nationally important events such as this and it makes a suitably impressive venue.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Thursday** Our door to door service takes you to the waiting coach for the drive to historic Windsor, where we make a stop for lunch and exploration. We continue on to the Holiday Inn Shepperton to arrive with time to settle in before dinner.

**Friday** This morning we make the journey to Hampton Court Palace where the RHS Garden Festival is underway and there are many floral show garden exhibits for us to explore.

Glorious gardens can be found in the landscape surrounding Hampton Court Palace and, with an open theme, the beautiful Show Gardens category allows talented designers to turn unique artistic plans into a feast for the eyes. The floral fiesta continues in the Floral Marquee, which is filled with beautiful plants and flowers grown by over 90 nurseries. There's also Plant Heritage, Plant Village and the Potting Bench – with demos from the growers. Centre stage is the RHS Master Grower. We enjoy a full day here before returning to our hotel for dinner this evening.

**Saturday** After a leisurely breakfast we depart the hotel as we make our way home, making a stop in St Albans before carrying on to be greeted by our awaiting taxis after a memorable break.



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### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 2 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- ✓ Ticket for the RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Excursions as listed
- ✓ Porterage

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Holiday Inn Shepperton

The modern Holiday Inn is set in 11 acres of beautiful grounds near Shepperton, ideally situated for our Hampton Court break. Facilities include a fitness centre, indoor pool, restaurant and bar. All bedrooms are en-suite and have television, free Wi-Fi, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. There is no lift but all rooms are on the ground or 1st floor.



5 DAYS FROM  
**£689**  
£40 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## The Great Little Trains of Wales

Sunday 7th to Thursday 11th July

It gives us great pleasure to return to Llandudno - the largest resort in Wales. With its unique combination of Victorian style and Edwardian elegance, it is known as the 'Queen of Welsh Resorts'. Llandudno is an exciting destination which is both lively and beautiful with two sandy beaches, a lovely wide promenade and plenty of shopping opportunities in pretty Victorian Mostyn Street.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Sunday** Joining our Club Class coach we journey to Snowdonia. Our route takes us to Shrewsbury for a lunch stop, then on to Llandudno to arrive at our hotel late afternoon with time to relax before dinner.

**Monday** A full day tour to the splendour of Snowdonia. We drive to Betws-y-coed for a short visit before continuing on to pretty Bala where we enjoy a ride on the tiny Bala Lake Railway followed by free time. Our next visit is to the purpose built town of Portmeirion on the shores of Cardigan Bay where we spend time.

**Tuesday** More of beautiful Snowdonia, we visit Llanberis, at the foot of Snowdon, for a ride aboard the Llanberis Lake Railway, taking us along the lake shore. This afternoon we head to historic Caernarfon with its magnificent castle.

**Wednesday** Today we head through the Snowdonia National Park to Blaenau Ffestiniog. Here we catch the Ffestiniog Railway for an exhilarating ride across the mountains, descending to the sea at Porthmadog. We have time to explore and take lunch here before yet another train journey aboard the Welsh Highland Railway, taking us through Beddgelert and all the way back to Caernarfon and our waiting coach.



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

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Ride on the Ffestiniog Railway
- ✓ Ride on the Lake Bala Railway
- ✓ Ride on the Llanberis Lake Railway
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Chatsworth House Hotel

The comfortable Chatsworth House Hotel is ideally located on Llandudno's Grand Promenade, across from the Pier and just a few minutes walk from the central shopping area. The hotel offers breathtaking panoramic views over the whole of Llandudno Bay. Facilities include an indoor heated swimming pool along with the recently refurbished bar, ballroom and dining room. Each of the ensuite bedrooms has a TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities and is served by a lift.



5 DAYS FROM  
**£729**  
£120 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Hidden Gems of Northumbria

Monday 15th to Friday 19th July

Join us on this 5 day holiday that is based in beautiful Northumbria - a tapestry of wonderful sights and attractions with numerous castles and cathedrals, rolling moorlands, intriguing history and quaint villages. We visit some of the best sights and towns that the north east corner of England has to offer.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the journey north to our hotel, the BW Derwent Manor Hotel arriving with time to relax before this evening's dinner.

**Tuesday** Our excursion begins with a drive south through the lovely countryside of the Pennines to Stanhope. Here we take a short break before heading west along Weardale to Alston with time for lunch before our journey aboard the South Tynedale Railway. Departing from Alston's restored Victorian station, we enjoy a delightful ride along the beautiful South Tyne Valley. Upon disembarking we rejoin the coach and head across the moors to Hexham, with its historic Abbey before returning to our hotel with time to relax before dinner.

**Wednesday** Morpeth is our first destination today where its Market Day! We enjoy time to explore the town - browse the market stalls and grab a spot of lunch before we are on our way across the picturesque Northumbrian countryside to Bellingham and Kielder Water. Here we board a boat for a relaxing cruise around the lake. Our return to the hotel is via pretty Hadrian's Wall country.

**Thursday** This morning we travel to the ancient and historic city of Durham, acclaimed as a World Heritage Site and dominated by the magnificent Norman Cathedral and Castle, high above the River Wear. We have time to explore and obtain lunch before our afternoon visit to Barnard Castle (known as 'Barny' to the locals) and then on to Bowes Museum, just outside the town. This is one of County Durham's biggest surprises. Housed in a majestic French style Chateau, the museum opened in 1892 and will amaze you with its superb collection, including the famous 'Silver Swan'.

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

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Ride on the South Tynedale Railway
- ✓ Cruise on Kielder Water
- ✓ Entrance to Bowes Museum
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### BW Premier Collection Derwent Manor Hotel

The 4 star BW Derwent Manor is an absolute gem set in 20 acres of beautifully kept land with the hotel interior being every bit as impressive as its setting. All the ensuite bedrooms are elegantly furnished and equipped with all the necessary amenities including a TV and tea/coffee making provisions, whilst other facilities include a super indoor swimming pool, an elegant restaurant, bar and lounge area and a lift serves all floors.





5 DAYS FROM **£719** £100 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

5 DAYS FROM **£799** £64 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

# Historic Chester, Llandudno & vibrant Liverpool

Monday 15th to Friday 19th July

**NEW**

A super new 5 day break taking in the popular Welsh resort of Llandudno, along with the vibrant and buzzing city of Liverpool and historic Chester, where each chapter of its rich history is etched into the very fabric of the city. Chester has the most complete city walls, the oldest racecourse and the largest Roman Amphitheatre in Britain, plus a 1000 year old Cathedral with Europe's finest example of medieval carvings - and of course the 700 year old 'Rows' galleries where shopping is a double delight.

## YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the leisurely journey to our hotel, the BW Premier Collection Queens Hotel, arriving with plenty of time to relax before this evening's dinner.

**Tuesday** This morning we travel to the delightful Welsh resort of Llandudno where we enjoy time at leisure. Take a tram ride up to the top of the Great Orme, wander around the lovely shops or saunter along the wide, flat promenade. There is something here for everyone. Later we travel back to our hotel with time to relax before dinner.

**Wednesday** Today is spent in our resort of Chester. Chester is encircled by a 2-mile ring of Roman and medieval walls, has the oldest racecourse in the country dating back to 1539 and half-timbered buildings where you can visit the 700 year old 'Chester Rows' - the 2-tiered galleries of shops in the Rows are packed with stores, cafes and restaurants. Furthermore head to the Roman Amphitheatre - the largest in Britain which was built in the late first century AD. This afternoon we enjoy an included sightseeing cruise along the River Dee.

**Thursday** Today we visit the famous city of Liverpool. We are joined by our local guide for a fascinating tour of the city, including places made famous by the Beatles, Titanic White Star Line headquarters, the Cathedrals and much more. Afterwards we enjoy free time to explore at leisure and no visit to Liverpool is complete without a walk around Albert Dock. It was originally opened in 1846 as a dockside warehouse complex, but today, it's a UNESCO World Heritage Site and also has the largest collection of Grade I listed buildings in the UK. Walk around its colonnades, under its stone arches and along the water's edge for a little retail therapy or stop for a drink at one of its cafes, restaurants or bars. Later we return to the hotel for dinner for our final evenings dinner.

**Friday** We depart Chester for our return journey. Making suitable stops on the way, we return to our home area late afternoon.

## INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Portorage
- ✓ Boat cruise on the River Dee
- ✓ Guided tour of Liverpool
- ✓ Full excursion programme

## YOUR HOTEL

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### BW Premier Collection The Queen at Chester

The 4 star BW Queen at Chester is situated just a short distance from the city centre making in an ideal location for our stay. It is a visually impressive, magnificent brick and stucco Italianate building and was said to be the first skyscraper of its time. Each of the ensuite bedrooms is super stylish and equipped with satellite TV, hairdryer and a trouser press. When you're not relaxing in your room, enjoy a drink in one of the exquisite Victorian lounges or take arty photos on the sweeping four-storey staircase. Of course, the hotel is served by a lift.

# Harrogate and a 'taste' of Yorkshire

Monday 21st to Friday 25th July

Join us as we travel to Yorkshire and the elegant spa town of Harrogate for this 5 day break taking in the varied food and crafts of the county, in addition to the ways, scenery and lifestyles of the lovely Dales. Prepare to be mesmerised by the picturesque countryside and wowed by the rugged landscapes which define the character of Yorkshire's towns and villages.

## YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** Our door to door service takes you to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive north. We make use of the motorways to reach Harrogate and the Cairn Hotel with time to relax before dinner.

**Tuesday** A day of culinary delights! After breakfast we make our way to Leyburn and our first visit of the day, 'Ceramic Inspirations' where a huge variety of items in all shapes and guises are produced. Next door is one of our favourites, 'The Chocolate Shop' where you can treat yourself to a little something! Next, we journey on to Hawes where we visit the 'Cheese Experience' at the Wensleydale Creamery - home of Yorkshire's famous cheese. Leaving Hawes, we head along the dale to Aysgarth and Bishopdale, over the hills to Upper Wharfedale and Grassington. This is one of the best lovely villages in the Dales with its cobbled square and quirky alleyways and our final visit of the day.

**Wednesday** This morning is free to explore Harrogate. With huge open spaces and broad tree lined boulevards, antique shops and shopping malls, elegant buildings, abundant greenery. Not forgetting, of course, the world famous 'Betty's Tearooms'. Later, we drive to Ripon with its magnificent Cathedral. Here we have time for lunch and to look around before we continue on to delightful Masham, where we enjoy a tour & tasting at the award winning Black Sheep Brewery.

**Thursday** Our first visit this morning is to the small village of Kilburn, under the famous White Horse. Here, we visit the 'Mousey Thompson Visitor Centre', home to the famous woodworker, renowned for his little mouse carving which adorns hand carved oak furniture throughout the land. Our day continues to Helmsley where we take a break with time to grab some lunch before continuing on to Thirsk and 'The World of James Herriot' for a fascinating tour, including many of the props and 3 studio sets featured in the long running TV series.

**Friday** Departing after breakfast, we make for home with suitable stops made along the way. We arrive back in our home areas after a delicious 'taste' of Yorkshire.

## INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Portorage
- ✓ Full excursion programme
- ✓ Entrances to: Mousey Thompson's, the Wensleydale Creamery, Ceramic Inspirations, 'The Chocolate Shop', 'The World of James Herriot', Masham Brewery Tour

## YOUR HOTEL

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### Cairn Hotel, Harrogate

The 3 star Cairn Hotel dates back to the 18th century. It is a charming Victorian era hotel which, although carefully modernised, has maintained many of its original features. Located just a short walk from Harrogate's lovely town centre and Valley Gardens, the Cairn makes the ideal base for our stay. It benefits from a spacious and comfortable bar along with an elegant restaurant and each of the ensuite bedrooms has a TV, hairdryer, tea/coffee making facilities and is served by a lift.



5 DAYS FROM  
**£659**  
£100 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## The delightful Wye Valley & the charming Cotswolds

Monday 22nd to Friday 26th July

A successful break in 2023, it gives us pleasure to return to the West Country - boasting some of our country's prettiest scenery, with its wooded hillsides and gentle valleys interspersed by meandering rivers. Our tour is based on the edge of the beautiful Cotswolds, and includes two cruises, a visit to 'Poldark's Trenwith', time in historic Gloucester and a tour of the Wye valley.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** Departing our home area this morning we take a leisurely drive by way of the delightful Vale of Evesham and historic Tewksbury, arriving at our hotel for a welcoming tea or coffee and biscuits with ample time to settle in before this evening's dinner.

**Tuesday** Leaving after a leisurely breakfast we drive to historic Stroud on the way to Cirencester, 'capital of the Cotswolds'. We take a break and you have chance to wander around the lovely town. From here we are on our way again, this time to Royal Tetbury, world-renowned for its unique Royal associations. This afternoon we visit Chavenage House, a stunning 16th century, Cotswold stone manor house with many Civil War associations, including the tapestry lined room stayed in by Cromwell in 1648. The house is currently featured as 'Trenwith' - the Poldark family manor from the popular TV series.

**Wednesday** We spend the morning in Gloucester, with chance to look around the historic city centre and visit the magnificent Cathedral. This afternoon we head for the restored and very impressive Victorian Docks. Here we find the National Waterways Museum and we also enjoy a cruise on the Sharpness Canal. After the cruise take a stroll around the Docks and visit the Merchant's Quay shopping centre, with unique and unusual shops, cafes and bars.

**Thursday** Our visit today takes us along the shore road of the River Severn to the historic town of Chepstow for a short break, before we meander north up the beautiful Wye Valley, passing the ruins of Tintern Abbey on the way. Our lunch stop today is in delightful Monmouth and afterwards we enjoy a cruise on the River Wye at Symonds Yat, returning afterwards to the hotel.

**Friday** After breakfast we leave and begin our homeward journey.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Cruise on the River Wye
- ✓ Entrance to Chavenage House (Trenwith Manor in TV's Poldark)
- ✓ Sharpness Canal Cruise
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Signature Best Western Gloucester

The 3 star Gloucester Robinswood Hotel, Signature Collection by Best Western is an ideal base for exploring the Cotswolds and surrounding area. Hotel facilities include indoor swimming pool with sauna, steam room, Jacuzzi and hot tub. All the bedrooms are en suite and are tastefully decorated in relaxing, rich warm colours, and have a TV. Public rooms include a restaurant, relaxing lounge and bar. As the hotel only has 3 floors there is no lift, but ground floor rooms are available upon request.



5 DAYS FROM  
**£589**  
£110 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## South Downs, Maritime Portsmouth & home of TV's 'The Repair Shop'

Monday 29th July to Friday 2nd August

We are happy to repeat this most successful 5 day break. We spend the week surrounded by the stunning landscape of the South Downs, Sussex and Portsmouth, enjoying time in quaint market towns, historic cities and looking over the surrounding area from the sky, as well as a visit to the location of BBC's 'The Repair Shop'.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

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

**Tuesday** This morning we drive east, venturing into the South Downs National Park. We pass the famous Goodwood House, as we make our way through the town of Midhurst. Heading west we enjoy views of the beautiful woodlands and open grassy plains of the National Park. We visit the fascinating Weald & Downland Living Museum. One of The Museum's exhibits, The Court Barn from Lee-on-the-Solent is home to BBC's The Repair Shop series. Later we visit Stansted Park Garden Centre where we have a chance to explore the variety of flowers and gifts. We return to the hotel for time to relax before dinner.

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

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

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

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Entrance to the Spinnaker Tower
- ✓ Visit to the Weald & Downland Living Museum
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Langstone Quays Resort

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



5 DAYS FROM **£739** £118 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

# Stratford Upon Avon & Great Houses

Sunday 4th to Thursday 8th August

**NEW**

Join us on this great, new 5 day break based in Stratford-upon-Avon – a thriving market town with more than 800 years of history, containing not only many buildings that survive today, but also a wide range of shops, restaurants and vibrant bars. Our super itinerary includes a relaxing cruise along the River Avon, a visit to the house where the world’s most famous playwright was born and grew up and entrance to Anne Hathaway’s cottage along with a visit to the awesome Blenheim Palace, Park & Gardens and Charlecote House.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Sunday** From your front door to the Club Class coach for the drive to the Heart of England. After a good stay, we continue to Stratford arriving to welcoming cups of tea or coffee then time to settle in before dinner.  
**Monday** Today is spent in lovely Stratford Upon Avon. In addition to enjoying free time in the beautiful town, we have included entrances to some of the locations relating to the life of Shakespeare including his birthplace and a visit to Anne Hathaway’s cottage along with a relaxing cruise along the River Avon.  
**Tuesday** Departing after breakfast we head to wonderful Blenheim Palace, Park & Gardens. Home to the 12th Duke of Marlborough and his family and the birth place of Sir Winston Churchill. Explore over 2000 acres of ‘Capability Brown’ Parkland and 90 acres of award-winning Formal Gardens. Enter the Palace and explore the gilded State Rooms and priceless collections set against striking stonework. We enjoy plenty of time for our visit before returning to our hotel.  
**Wednesday** After breakfast we travel to historic Warwick. Throughout the day, we have included entrance to Charlecote House, Park & Gardens - a compact Tudor house with Victorian extensions and interiors, along with entrance to the Lord Leycester Hospital – now a modern, authentic visitor attraction. We return to our hotel with time to relax before our final evening’s dinner.  
**Thursday** A leisurely breakfast before we depart and make for home. We make a visit to Saffron Walden with time for lunch before arriving back in our areas mid-afternoon.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Cruise on the River Avon
- ✓ Entrance to Shakespeare’s birthplace
- ✓ Entrance to Anne Hathaway’s Cottage
- ✓ Entrance to Blenheim Palace, Park & Gardens
- ✓ Entrance to Charlecote House
- ✓ Entrance to Lord Leycester Hospital
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Crowne Plaza Stratford Upon Avon

A stunning riverside hotel set amid landscaped gardens beside the River Avon and just a short walk from the town centre. Facilities include the super Riverside Restaurant, the Terrace Bar & Lounge - perfect for relaxing and enjoying drinks together and the heated pool and sauna. Each of the ensuite bedrooms is spacious and contemporary in style, equipped with TV, air conditioning, tea/coffee making facilities and served by a lift.



5 DAYS FROM **£729** £48 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

# Steaming & Cruising in the Heart of Wales

Sunday 4th to Thursday 8th August

A super holiday taking in some of the finest scenery that Wales has to offer, from the picturesque mountain ranges to the beautiful coast. Our comprehensive itinerary includes a ride on a narrow gauge railway, a cruise on the Brecon Canal and much more.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Sunday** From your front door to join the Club Class coach for the drive through the Heart of England to Wales arriving in Llandrindod Wells late afternoon with time to relax before dinner.  
**Monday** This morning we begin with a drive to the Elan Valley and the Dams Visitor Centre for a short break. We return to Llandrindod Wells in time to obtain lunch in the town before our afternoon outing. Later on, we visit the National Cycle Museum in Llandrindod Wells and journey through the lanes of cycle history and see bicycles from 1818, such as the Hobby Horse, Boneshakers and Penny Farthings, up to the most modern Carbon Fibre machines of today.  
**Tuesday** Today we have a full day excursion to Aberystwyth and the Vale of Rheidol Railway. We catch the morning train along the former Great Western line to Devil’s Bridge – this was the last route to operate steam trains for British Rail before private ownership in 1989. A short walk from the terminus brings us to the spectacular Mynach Falls. We take a break at Devil’s Bridge and have time for refreshments before we catch the return train to Aberystwyth.  
**Wednesday** Our day begins with a journey through the beautiful and diverse scenery of the Brecon Beacons National Park, with free time to explore Brecon - a picturesque market town with a rich history. Later, we enjoy a relaxing cruise along the historical Monmouthshire & Brecon Canal.  
**Thursday** After breakfast we leave Wales and head for home by way of the cathedral city of Worcester. Late afternoon we arrive in our home areas where we are greeted by our awaiting taxis

### INCLUSIONS

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

### YOUR HOTEL



#### The Metropole Hotel

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



5 DAYS FROM  
**£879**  
£72 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Llandudno, Snowdonia & the Pant Du Vineyard

Monday 5th to Friday 9th August

**NEW**

A great new 5 day break, based in Llandudno and set amidst the pleasing scenery of North Wales and the stunning Snowdonia National Park. We include a tour of the Pant Du Vineyard, located on the slopes of the Nantlle Valley, Snowdonia, with breathtaking views of Snowdon, and a visit to the National Trust Bodnant Gardens.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** Joining our Club Class coach, we journey to Snowdonia. Our route takes us to Shrewsbury for a lunch stop then on to Llandudno to arrive at our hotel late afternoon with time to relax before dinner.

**Tuesday** After breakfast this morning we make our way to Bodnant Gardens. Located in the Conwy Valley, this garden is a Grade I listed horticultural gem, home to botanical collections from around the globe. After a good stay we head to historic Conwy, with its impressive Castle overlooking the bay. We enjoy free time here to explore before heading back to our hotel.

**Wednesday** Today is free to explore lovely Llandudno and all it has to offer. With its unique combination of Victorian style and Edwardian elegance, it is known as the 'Queen of Welsh Resorts'. Its an exciting destination which is both lively and beautiful with two sandy beaches, a lovely wide promenade and plenty of shopping opportunities in pretty Victorian Mostyn Street.

**Thursday** This morning we journey into the Snowdonia National Park, making our first stop in the idyllic village of Betws-y-Coed. We continue on by way of Llanberis to our next stop, the town of Caernarfon with its mighty castle where we have time to obtain lunch. This afternoon we visit the Pant Du Vineyard & Orchard located in a beautiful spot with surrounding mountains, as well as spectacular views of the sea across Caernarfon Bay. Pant Du is an idyllic location to take in the spectacular natural beauty Snowdonia has to offer. We enjoy a guided tour to learn about the history and challenges faced by the vigneron, of course we follow this with a tasting before returning to Llandudno.

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



### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Entrance to Bodnant Gardens
- ✓ Tour & tasting at the Pant Du Vineyard
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL

★★★

#### Merrion Hotel

The family owned and run, 3 star Merrion has a well earned reputation for being warm, friendly and comfortable and enjoys a super seafront location. Each of the tastefully decorated, ensuite bedrooms is equipped with a TV and tea/coffee making facilities and is served by a lift.



5 DAYS FROM  
**£729**  
£100 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Summer & Sunshine in Bournemouth

Monday 12th to Friday 16th August

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

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach, we travel to Bournemouth, arriving late afternoon at the Marsham Court Hotel. On arrival we enjoy tea/Coffee and Biscuits whilst our luggage is taken to our rooms.

**Tuesday** Today is a free day to relax and enjoy the delights of Bournemouth. As this is England's most popular tourist resort, you can enjoy 7 miles of beaches, Victorian architecture and the Bournemouth Pier. Perhaps visit Bournemouth Gardens or enjoy lunch on the seafront.

**Wednesday** Dorchester, the county town of Dorset, is our destination this morning. The town is the fictional 'Casterbridge' of Hardy's novels and there is plenty of time here to wander and explore in your own time. Later, we head off to Weymouth along the coast road. Weymouth is a resort with lots of character, and plenty to do. Take a stroll along the Esplanade or explore the interesting harbour area where you could also enjoy lunch.

**Thursday** This morning we drive along the coast to the Hengistbury Head Visitor Centre which overlooks Christchurch harbour and offers amazing scenery, and somewhere to stretch the legs or maybe enjoy some refreshments. After a brief stop here, we take a drive to Lymington, a pretty Georgian market town in the south of the New Forest. In the afternoon, we travel further through the stunning New Forest to arrive at the town of Lyndhurst, known as the capital of the New Forest since the times of William the Conqueror. Lyndhurst offers a wide range of shops, cosy tea rooms, old world pubs and cafes.

**Friday** Departing our hotel we make our way back to our home areas to be greeted by our awaiting taxis.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Tea & Coffee after dinner
- ✓ 2 nights entertainment
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL

★★★★

#### Marsham Court Hotel

This super hotel offers high-quality accommodation in a wonderful location edging the beautiful Dorset coastline and sparkling sea in Bournemouth. The renovated Marsham Court Hotel is a relaxing, 4 star hotel with a welcoming heated outdoor swimming pool, the Plantation Restaurant, offering freshly prepared food using local ingredients and a relaxing bar and lounge. Each of the well appointed, en suite bedrooms is equipped with high speed wireless internet, hairdryer, TV, tea/coffee making facilities and complimentary toiletries. All rooms are served by a lift.



5 DAYS FROM **£699** £120 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Cruising in Cardiff & Great Gardens of South Wales

Monday 19th to Friday 23rd August

**NEW**

A super new tour with a fabulous itinerary exploring South Wales, taking in the culture, sights and smells of Tredegar House, with a gentle cruise around Cardiff Bay and a visit to the National Botanical Garden of Wales. We spend time in the two cosmopolitan cities of Swansea and Wales' capital, Cardiff.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

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

**Tuesday** A Welsh breakfast before we head to the city of Swansea. With its long bay giving fantastic views over the coast, Swansea is home to a host of museums, independent stores and many other interesting attractions. This afternoon we head north-west to the National Botanic Garden of Wales. Set in the beautiful Carmarthenshire countryside, the Garden is a fascinating blend of the modern and historic with a variety of gardens to explore. We return to Cardiff and our hotel with time to relax before dinner.

**Wednesday** Today, we spend time in our resort and Wales' cosmopolitan capital, Cardiff. The city has so much to offer the visitor – the castle, the superb Millennium Stadium and a huge variety of cafes and bars. Perhaps visit Cardiff Market, an impressive Victorian structure which offers a unique shopping experience in the heart of a modern, bustling city. We meet up again this evening for dinner.

**Thursday** Departing after breakfast we head to Tredegar House, one of the architectural wonders of Wales and one of the most significant late 17th century houses in the whole of the British Isles. Situated within 90 acres of beautiful gardens and parkland, this delightful red brick house provides an ideal setting for a lovely visit. This afternoon we head to the heart of Cardiff Bay to enjoy a relaxing 45 minute sightseeing cruise with views of The Senedd, the Barrage Embankment, the Norwegian Church and much more. We return to our hotel with time to relax before dinner.

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

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Tea/coffee & biscuits on arrival
- ✓ Entrance to the National Botanic Garden of Wales
- ✓ Cardiff Bay Cruise
- ✓ Entrance to Tredegar House
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Copthorne Cardiff Hotel

A combination of traditional and modern, the 4-star hotel Copthorne Cardiff is ideally located between the City Centre and the Coast of Barry Island. Guests can enjoy cosy drinks in Burges Bar and quality dining at Raglans restaurant overlooking the private lake. Each of the en-suite bedrooms is modern, spacious and welcoming and equipped with a TV, WI-FI, hairdryer, tea/coffee making facilities and is served by a lift.



5 DAYS FROM **£759** £100 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Steam Trains, Grand Union Canal & Midland Memories

Monday 19th to Friday 23rd August

A sell out in 2023, this popular tour offers a great combination, steam trains, a canal boat trip, the excellent Black Country Museum, where we discover the history and heritage of the West Midlands, and the fascinating Museum of British Road Transport. As a contrast we feature a beautiful stately home.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

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

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



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

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

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

### INCLUSIONS

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

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Sketchley Grange Hotel

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



5 DAYS FROM  
**£799**  
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Isle of Wight – The Diamond Isle

Monday 26th to Friday 30th August

Another extremely popular destination - The Isle of Wight is often referred to as the 'The Garden Isle', the wonderful scenery and attractive resorts make it the perfect place for a relaxing holiday. With most of the island designated an Area of Outstanding Beauty and half the coast awarded the title 'Heritage Coast', an award given only to the finest beaches in the country. No wonder its proved to be a year upon year favourite destination with our clients.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** From your front door we join the Club Class coach for the drive to Portsmouth for the crossing to the Isle of Wight. This afternoon we continue to our 3 star hotel where we have time to settle in before dinner this evening.

**Tuesday** This morning we travel to Cowes, best known as the world's premier yachting centre and the island's main port with a natural harbour. From here we travel the short distance to Osborne House, Queen Victoria's palace by the sea. Look out for Victorian opulence, extravagant interiors and jaw-dropping Indian decor in the Durbar Room. Osborne was built as a family home and as you walk through the Queen's bedroom, the nursery rooms and even royal bathrooms, you get an intimate glimpse into royal family life. There are acres of grounds and gardens to relax in, horse and carriage rides to take and a delightful restaurant and cafe. We return to the hotel with time to relax before dinner.

**Wednesday** This morning we head to Godshill, one of the most photographed and prettiest villages on the Island. There are plenty of cafes, pubs, tearooms and many beautiful sights, maybe visit the Model Village during our stop as well. We return to Shanklin for a free afternoon to explore the resort.

**Thursday** Today we drive to the north of the island for a nostalgic ride on the Isle of Wight Steam Train. Take a ride behind a vintage steam locomotive and breathe in the evocative aromas of a real steam railway, while your eyes and ears thrill to the puffing and hissing of the steam engine. Settle back in beautifully restored Victorian and Edwardian carriages and enjoy a unique view of some of the island's unspoilt countryside. We spend time in Ryde before returning to the hotel by way of Bembridge.

**Friday** After breakfast we catch the ferry and return to England, using the motorways to arrive in our home areas to be greeted by our awaiting taxis.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Portage
- ✓ Tea/coffee after dinner
- ✓ Entertainment on 1 evening
- ✓ Entrance to Osborne House
- ✓ Journey on the IOW Steam Railway
- ✓ Excursions as listed

### YOUR HOTEL



#### The Channel View Hotel

The 3 star Channel View Hotel is in a unique location occupying an elevated cliff-top position overlooking Shanklin Bay. Hotel facilities include a restaurant, bar and an indoor swimming pool. Each en-suite bedroom has hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. A lift serves all floors.



5 DAYS FROM  
**£579**  
£100 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Stately Homes & the Peak District

Monday 26th to Friday 30th August

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

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

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

**Tuesday** This morning we travel to Doncaster for our visit to the delightful Brodsworth Hall. Explore the changing fortunes of a wealthy Victorian family and their servants. We explore the Grand Drawing Room, Billiard Room, family bedrooms and Victorian kitchen. This afternoon we return to Sheffield to enjoy free time. Perhaps visit the Botanical Gardens, featuring Grade II Glass Pavilion's that house a wonderful collection of plants from the temperate areas of the world, or explore some of the other museums and attractions in the city centre.

**Wednesday** Today we head into the Peak District, with wonderful scenery all around. Our first visit is to the picturesque market town of Bakewell – home of the original Bakewell Tart or pudding. From here we move on to Buxton, with its pedestrianised main street, delightful gardens and magnificent historic buildings. This afternoon takes us to the fantastic Lyme Park and its House & Gardens, the backdrop for some of the filming of 'Pride and Prejudice'. Step back in time to the Regency era - a time which saw great rejuvenation for Lyme. Enjoy lavish interiors, try out the billiards table in the Long Gallery or read a book in the library.

**Thursday** This morning we drive to Chesterfield, with the famous crooked spire of St Mary's Church. We spend time here before travelling on to Hardwick Hall & Gardens – one of the finest Elizabethan buildings in the country.

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

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Portage
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Entrance to Lyme House & Gardens
- ✓ Entrance to Brodsworth Hall & Gardens
- ✓ Entrance to Hardwick Hall
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Kenwood Hall Hotel & Spa

The impressive Kenwood Hall Hotel & Spa combines a convenient location and idyllic country setting with its 12 acres of beautiful parkland providing the perfect backdrop for our stay. The hotel boasts an on-site spa and each of the attractively decorated, ensuite bedrooms is equipped with a TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. The hotel has a lift.



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5 DAYS FROM  
**£669**  
£120 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Beautiful Berkshire & secrets of Surrey

Thursday 29th August to Monday 2nd September **NEW**

Another fantastic new 5 day break featuring an excellent selection of inclusions, from a relaxing river cruise to a stunning stately home and garden with visits to Henley on Thames – home of the famous Regatta, Kingston upon Thames and Royal Windsor from our base in Chineham.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Thursday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive to the Hampshire Court Hotel. We arrive at the 4 star hotel mid afternoon for a welcoming tea/coffee then time to relax before dinner.

**Friday** For our first visit we head for the picturesque town of Kingston Upon Thames, with its delightful riverside setting. We spend some time here before heading to the splendid RHS Wisley Gardens. The site here is a place of beauty with its Wild Garden, Glasshouse, fruit fields, Arboretum and spectacular Floral Displays. After a good stay we return to our hotel with time to relax before dinner.



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**Saturday** Today we travel through the rolling Surrey countryside to the county town of Guildford, with its magnificent Cathedral and cobbled High Street; we spend time to explore the array of individual shops and to obtain lunch. From here we travel to Polesden Lacey – a fine country house with glorious views across the Surrey Hills and a glittering interior designed to impress Royalty the world over, with art from the Dutch Masters and Fabergé along with the lovely gardens.

**Sunday** This morning we enjoy a short drive, taking in some of the beautiful Berkshire countryside as we head to Henley on Thames, famous for its annual Regatta. We have a little time to explore the town before boarding our boat for a 1 hour gentle river cruise along the Thames. Afterwards we head to Royal Windsor with so much to see and do. Later this afternoon we return to our hotel.

**Monday** A leisurely breakfast before we depart our hotel for home making suitable stops along the way.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Henley on Thames River Cruise
- ✓ Entrance to Polesdon Lacey House
- ✓ Entrance to RHS Wisley Gardens
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL

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#### Hampshire Court Hotel

The 4 star luxury hotel is ideally situated on the outskirts of Basingstoke. Facilities include an extensive Health & Leisure Club with an inviting spa and two indoor swimming pools. The hotel has 90 ensuite bedrooms all featuring a TV, hairdryer, telephone and tea/coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors.



ENGLAND



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5 DAYS FROM  
**£739**  
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Steaming & Cruising the English Riviera, Torquay

Sunday 1st to Thursday 5th September

A firm favourite with our clients; Torquay in Devon, the heart of the English Riviera, is a popular, stylish resort with a strong Continental atmosphere. It is situated at the heart of 22 miles of unspoilt coastline and enjoys a mild climate. Our tour includes a steam train ride on the old coastal line, a cruise along the River Dart and a fabulous journey by ferry to pretty Brixham.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Sunday** Outward journey from your front door to the Club Class coach for the drive to the English Riviera, to arrive at our hotel late afternoon.

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

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

**Wednesday** This morning is spent at leisure to discover our resort of Torquay. After time for lunch, we meet at the harbour to join the Western Lady Ferry service for the 30 minute cruise across the bay to reach Brixham with its beautiful harbour and maze of narrow, winding streets. Explore the harbour side shops, watch the fishermen, or just watch the world go by before we return to Torquay by coach for our final evening's dinner.

**Thursday** We return to our home area after a relaxing break on the charming English Riviera.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Train ride from Paignton to Kingswear and return
- ✓ Cruise on the River Dart
- ✓ Ferry from Torquay to Brixham
- ✓ Visit to the House of Marbles
- ✓ Live entertainment on 2 evenings
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL

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#### Livermead Cliff Hotel

The 3 star Best Western Livermead Cliff Hotel, situated on Torquay's water's edge offering stunning sea views, has become a firm favourite with our clients. It is a pleasant level stroll away from the town centre and marina. Hotel facilities include Oceanic Restaurant, Riviera bar, lounge and terrace with beautiful views across Torbay. All bedrooms feature en suite facilities, television, hairdryer, telephone and tea/coffee making facilities. A lift serves all floors.



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

## Paignton, Dartmouth & lovely Brixham

Monday 9th to Friday 13th September

We are pleased to offer this relaxing, 5 day break based in Paignton, situated in the heart of the English Riviera on the South Devon Coastline. With its long sandy beaches, quaint harbour and busy town centre offering a colourful atmosphere and first class attractions, it is the perfect setting for our break.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** From your front door to the Club Class coach as we make our way south to Paignton. We arrive late afternoon with time to relax before dinner this evening. Entertainment is provided each evening throughout our stay.

**Tuesday** This morning we make a short drive to nearby Torquay with time to discover the charms of the English Riviera's largest resort, en route we make a visit to Buckfast Abbey. Nestled in the shadow of Dartmoor, in a beautiful wooded valley beside the river Dart, Buckfast Abbey offers visitors a tranquil refuge from the hectic pace of everyday life. The Abbey is a working monastery where a community of Benedictine monks produce and sell their own Mead. We return to Paignton for the afternoon at leisure.

**Wednesday** A super day today! From Paignton, we join the Dartmouth Steam Railway for a delightful and nostalgic ride along the coast and across the scenic Dart Valley to Kingswear. Here we take the ferry across the harbour to historic Dartmouth where we enjoy time for lunch and exploration before joining a 1 hour cruise along the beautiful River Dart. Our return journey to Paignton is made, once again, by train.

**Thursday** Our day begins with a coastal tour of Devon. Following the shore road we pass through Teignmouth and Dawlish, famous for its Black Swans, before continuing north to the cathedral city of Exeter. We take a break here and have time to explore the city before continuing along the Exe estuary to the popular resort of Exmouth.

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



### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Hotel entertainment each evening
- ✓ Dartmouth to Kingswear return railway journey
- ✓ Kingswear Ferry
- ✓ River Dart Cruise
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### The Queens Hotel

The 3 star Queens Hotel is ideally situated in the heart of Paignton and is just a two minute short walk to the seafront, harbour and town centre shops and is renowned for its friendly atmosphere, homely ambiance and professional staff. The bedrooms offer everything needed for a peaceful night's sleep with WiFi, TV and tea/coffee making facilities. The hotel also has an indoor heated pool and a spacious, light restaurant. Entertainment is offered each night. All rooms are serviced by a lift.



6 DAYS FROM  
**£979**  
£119 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Cornish Coast & Gardens, Newquay

Sunday 15th to Friday 20th September

Join us as we travel to Newquay, one of Britain's most outstanding resorts, reputed to have the finest coastline and beaches in Europe. This very attractive and popular town enjoys a host of facilities, including a busy and picturesque harbour and a lively centre offering a good range of shops. There really is so much here to delight the visitor with a superb combination of visual beauty and all the fun of the seaside. We include visits to the famous Trellissick Garden and Prideaux Place, along with a relaxing cruise to lovely Falmouth.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

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

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

**Tuesday** A visit to the wonderful Trellissick Gardens, where tender subtropical plants thrive in sheltered glades. Later we enjoy a boat cruise to Falmouth, where the deep water harbour is guarded by the castles of Pendennis and St Mawes. We have time here to wander around before making our way back to the hotel for dinner.

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

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

**Friday** We depart Newquay after breakfast and begin our journey home to arrive back late afternoon.

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

### INCLUSIONS

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

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Esplanade Hotel

A firm favourite with our clients! Overlooking Fistral Beach with stunning Atlantic views, the Esplanade Hotel has an indoor swimming pool, a spa bath and a sauna. Fresh, local produce can be enjoyed in the hotel's Ocean View Restaurant. Each of the en-suite bedrooms is equipped with a television, hairdryer and hospitality tray, while the spacious lounge, bar and restaurant all offer wonderful views. Free WiFi is available throughout and a lift serves all floors.



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

## Somerset Delights

Monday 16th to Friday 20th September

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

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

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

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

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

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

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

### INCLUSIONS

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

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Northfield Hotel Minehead

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

5 DAYS  
FROM  
**£669**  
£106 SINGLE  
SUPPLEMENT

## The Yorkshire Dales, the spa town of Harrogate & the city of York

Monday 23rd to Friday 27th September

**NEW**

Our special Yorkshire break takes in the foods and crafts of this interesting county, as well as the lifestyles of the Dales. You will be enchanted by the picturesque countryside and amazed at the rugged landscapes which hone the character of Yorkshire towns and villages.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** Our door to door service takes you to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive north. We make use of the motorways to reach Harrogate and the Crowne Plaza Hotel with time to relax before dinner.

**Tuesday** Our day begins with a visit to Knaresborough. Steeped in history and cloaked in natural beauty, Knaresborough is a quintessential Yorkshire town. It is a treasure trove of ancient architecture, vibrant culture and picturesque landscapes. From here we return to Harrogate for time at leisure, with its huge open spaces and broad tree lined boulevards, antique shops and shopping malls, elegant buildings, abundant greenery. Not forgetting, of course, the world famous 'Betty's Tearooms'. After plenty of time to explore, we return to our hotel with time to relax before dinner.

**Wednesday** After breakfast we set off on a full day tour around the Yorkshire Dales National Park. We head to Masham, then on towards Middleham, along Wensleydale and past Aysgarth to arrive in the magical little market town of Hawes. The town is home to the world famous Wensleydale Creamery where we will have time for lunch. We then head further south via the Ribbleshead Viaduct, Horton in Ribblesdale to Settle and cross country back to our base in Harrogate.

**Thursday** Today's visit takes us to the historic and fascinating city of York. We take the day to explore this vibrant city, full of noteworthy attractions. Visit the National Railway museum or the Jorvik Centre, walk the City Walls or explore the little streets and alleyways of The Shambles in the centre. We return to our hotel late afternoon with time to relax before our final evening's dinner.

**Friday** Departing after breakfast, we make for home with suitable stops made along the way. We arrive back in our home areas after a fantastic Yorkshire break.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Portage
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Crowne Plaza Hotel

The 4 star Crowne Plaza Hotel is superbly situated just a short walk from Harrogate's town centre and gardens. All bedrooms are ensuite with a TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities and are served by a lift. Public rooms include the stylish Springs Restaurant, Bar and Outdoor Terrace.



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

## All the fun of Blackpool

Friday 27th September to Tuesday 1st October

Since the 1800s, Blackpool has been Britain's most popular resort. With entertainment at its heart, this seaside town has always been synonymous with fun. So, join us on this super 5 day break and take the opportunity to enjoy the world famous spectacular Blackpool Illuminations light show, see star-studded performances at the Grand Theatre and not forgetting the fabulous Winter Gardens. In addition to a varied itinerary with plenty of free time and a visit to vibrant Liverpool, nightly entertainment is provided and we have arranged for you to 'dine at leisure' allowing you to maximise your evening's either at the hotel or out and about.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Friday** From your front door to the waiting 'Club Class coach for our drive to Blackpool. We arrive at our destination mid-afternoon, with time to settle in before dinner.

**Saturday** Time to explore Blackpool, stroll or take the tram along the Promenade or meander along the Golden Mile. This afternoon we visit the Tower Ballroom for afternoon tea and the chance to dance your way around the famous ballroom. After an early dinner, why not take a tram ride through the amazing 6 miles of Illuminations?

**Sunday** Today we visit Liverpool. Not only is it the birthplace of the Beatles and home of Liverpool FC, it's also a fantastic tourist destination with places of interest such as the Albert Dock, the Tate Modern and the fascinating Beatles Exhibition. A fabulous place to spend time.

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

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

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ 'Dine at your leisure dinner' between 5.30pm & 7 pm
- ✓ Nightly, live entertainment
- ✓ Entrance to the Tower Ballroom with afternoon tea
- ✓ Cruise on Bowness
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Park House Hotel

A comfortable and relaxing stay awaits at the family run Park House! Situated on the seafront of the fabulous North Promenade, the hotel offers easy access to Blackpool's most iconic attractions including Blackpool Tower and Blackpool Pleasure Beach. Each of the ensuite bedrooms is tastefully decorated and furnished with modern amenities including TV, tea & coffee facilities and served by a lift. Nightly, live entertainment is included in either the extensive Bar lounge or the elegantly decorated Chatsworth Ballroom.



3 DAYS FROM  
**£409**  
£40 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Yorkshire Weekender

Friday 4th to Sunday 6th October

**NEW**

A great value, weekend break taking us on a wonderfully scenic guided tour of the Yorkshire Dales, where it can be wild and windswept or quietly tranquil with valleys full of hay meadows, drystone walls and barns. We enjoy a guided tour of this stunning area and spend time in the glorious market towns of Skipton and Grassington.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Friday** Our door to door service takes you to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive north. We make use of the motorways to reach Ilkley and the Craiglands Hotel, with time to relax before dinner.

**Saturday** This morning we head North for our guided tour of the stunning Yorkshire Dales National Park. We stop off at the market town of Skipton, with its famous 900 year old castle, romantic ruined priory and historic cobbled High Street providing an atmospheric backdrop to a compact shopping area, interspersed with friendly cafe's and amenities - Skipton is endlessly rich both in history and outstanding natural beauty. We make a good stay before continuing on our guided tour, heading into the heart of the Dales making more stops as we journey through. We return to our hotel with time to relax before this evening's dinner.

**Sunday** Departing after breakfast, we make for home with suitable stops made along the way. We arrive back in our home areas after a relaxing Yorkshire weekender.



### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 2 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Guided tour of the Yorkshire Dales National Park

### YOUR HOTEL



#### BW Plus Craiglands Hotel

The 3 star BW Plus Craiglands Hotel in Ilkley is a grand, Victorian hotel with a rich history dating back 162-years. The hotel has recently undergone extensive refurbishments and boasts 63 contemporary bedrooms, all are spacious, en-suite, served by a lift and equipped with all the features you would expect from a modern, comfortable hotel including satellite TV, hairdryer, tea/coffee making facilities and free Wi-fi. The Brasserie 1 restaurant and the adjoining Antler Bar & Lounge provide an informal, contemporary dining and relaxation space serving a modern take on traditional dishes along with your favourite tippie.



ENGLAND



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

## Bournemouth & Weymouth

Monday 7th to Friday 11th October

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

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach, we travel to Bournemouth, arriving late afternoon at the Cumberland Hotel. Tea/Coffee and Biscuits on are available upon arrival.

**Tuesday** Today is a free day to relax and enjoy the delights of Bournemouth. As this is England's most popular tourist resort, you can enjoy 7 miles of beaches, Victorian architecture and the Bournemouth Pier. Perhaps visit the 2-mile long Bournemouth Gardens or enjoy lunch on the seafront and bask in the early Autumn sunshine.

**Wednesday** Dorchester, the county town of Dorset, is our destination this morning. The town is the fictional 'Casterbridge' of Hardy's novels and there is plenty of time here to wander and explore in your own time. Later, we head off to Weymouth along the coast road. Weymouth is a resort with lots of character, and plenty to do. Take a stroll along the Esplanade or explore the interesting harbour area – you could also enjoy lunch or refreshments by the seafront.

**Thursday** This morning we drive along the coast to the Hengistbury Head Visitor Centre which overlooks Christchurch harbour offering amazing scenery and somewhere to stretch the legs. After our brief stop here we take a drive to Lymington, a pretty Georgian market town in the south of the New Forest. Here we have a chance to enjoy lunch and spend some time to wander and relax. In the afternoon, we travel further through the stunning New Forest where we arrive at the town of Lyndhurst, known as the capital of the New Forest since the times of William the Conqueror. Lyndhurst offers a wide range of shops, cosy tea rooms, olde world pubs and cafes.

**Friday** Departing our hotel we make our way back to our home areas to be greeted by our awaiting taxis.



### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Tea/coffee & biscuits on arrival
- ✓ Tea & Coffee after dinner
- ✓ 2 nights entertainment
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Cumberland Hotel

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



5 DAYS FROM **£679** NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Yorkshire Contrasts

Sunday 13th to Thursday 17th October

**NEW**

A fabulous 5 day break based in the delightful spa town of Harrogate. We include a new and fascinating itinerary featuring entrance to lovely Harewood House, an evening guided tour of awesome Ripon Cathedral, the experience of the 'Ripon Hornblower' along with visits to idyllic Skipton, historic York and free time in Harrogate itself. **A greater number of single rooms are available on this tour.**

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Sunday** Our door to door service takes you to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive north. We make use of the motorways to reach Harrogate and the Old Swan Hotel with time to relax before dinner.

**Monday** After a leisurely breakfast, we head to Harewood House, one of the Treasured Houses of England, set in the heart of rural Yorkshire. The house holds an impressive art collection including renaissance masterpieces, exquisite Thomas Chippendale furniture, all combined with 100 acres of Gardens including the renowned lakeside Bird Garden. This afternoon we head to the market town of Skipton, known as the 'Gateway to the Dales'. The cobbled High Street leads up to the church and the impressive 900 year old castle beyond. We return to our hotel with time to relax before dinner.

**Tuesday** Another leisurely breakfast before our visit to historic York. We have the day to explore this fascinating city with lots of attractions including the National Railway Museum, the Jorvik Centre, the City Walls, the little streets and alleyways in the centre and not forgetting the magnificent Minster in addition to a whole host of cafes, restaurants, shops & boutiques. There is plenty here to suit all tastes. We return to our hotel, once again, with time to relax before dinner.

**Wednesday** This morning is free for you to explore the town of Harrogate. Enjoy a lovely stroll through the beautiful Valley Gardens or explore the delightful Victoria arcades for some retail therapy. Take a relaxing lunch in one of the many restaurants, cafes and bars or enjoy tea & cake at Betty's Tea Room. This evening we enjoy an early dinner before tonight's outing to Ripon where we have arranged a behind the scenes, guided tour of the awesome Ripon Cathedral. After our tour we make our way to the Market Square where we are privy to a unique and ancient tradition. Every night of the year, without fail, a horn is blown at the four corners of the Obelisk in Ripon Market Place to set the 'watch'. This ceremony commemorates the time in the Middle Ages when Ripon's first citizen, the Wakeman, was responsible for crime prevention in the city from 9 pm until dawn and had to compensate victims of burglary. We take a leisurely ride back to Harrogate for our final evening at the Old Swan Hotel.

**Thursday** Departing after breakfast, we make for home with suitable stops made along the way. We arrive back in our home areas after an interesting and scenic break.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Entrance to Harewood House
- ✓ Guided tour of Ripon Cathedral
- ✓ Experience of the 'Ripon Hornblower'
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Old Swan Hotel, Harrogate

The elegant 4 star Old Swan Hotel stands in the centre of the lovely town of Harrogate and is famed for being Agatha Christie's hiding place during her disappearance in 1926. Each of the stylishly furnished ensuite bedrooms is equipped with tea & Coffee making facilities, a flat screen TV, a telephone, iron & ironing Board, a hairdryer, free wifi and are served by a lift. Public amenities include the wonderful Wedgwood Restaurant and the beautiful Swan Lounge & Bar.



5 DAYS FROM  
**£799**  
£60 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Cumbrian Adventure & Settle to Carlisle Railway

Monday 14th to Friday 18th October

A firm Fenn favourite! This tour takes in the highlights of Cumbria, considered to be one of the most beautiful regions of the UK. We take in spectacular scenery on this tour, as well as visiting some fantastic sites. We also include three railway journeys and a visit to Kielder Water and Hexham.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

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

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

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

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

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

### INCLUSIONS

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

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Crown & Mitre Hotel

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



5 DAYS FROM  
**£769**  
£80 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## North Devon Delights

Sunday 20th to Thursday 24th October

Another of our popular 5 day breaks with excursions to appeal to all. We explore North Devon with visits to interesting attractions including 'Little Switzerland', Bidesford and Ilfracombe which, combined with our excellent Brend hotel, make for a very enjoyable break.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

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

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

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

**Wednesday** After breakfast we head to the Victorian seaside resort of Ilfracombe, known as the jewel in the North Devon Coast. Discover the quayside and harbour, whitewashed villas and coastal paths as well as its many shops and cafes. We return to Barnstaple with the rest of the afternoon at leisure.

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



### INCLUSIONS

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

### YOUR HOTEL



#### The Royal & Fortescue Hotel

The much acclaimed family run 3 star hotel is ideally situated in Barnstaple's town centre and was formerly a coaching inn. The hotel offers relaxing lounges with waiter service throughout the day and is noted for its excellent selection of afternoon teas. All of the bedrooms are en-suite and have a TV, telephone, a hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. The hotel has a lift that serves all floors.



7 DAYS FROM **£1399** £198 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

# A Wonderful Hebridean Isles Adventure

Thursday 23rd to Wednesday 29th May

**EARLY BOOKING RECOMMENDED**

We are pleased to offer our much acclaimed island-hopping tour in the Outer Hebrides which offers the experience of remote landscapes and the slow pace of life enjoyed by the locals. The scenery is fascinating in its variety and the boat crossings are an excellent way to view the many outlying islands.

## YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Thursday** Our door to door service takes you to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive via Scotch Corner and Gretna Green to arrive at our hotel, the Buchanan Arms in Drymen. There will be time to relax before our dinner this evening.

**Friday** We travel through the spectacular Scottish Highlands towards the Kyle of Lochalsh and the Isle of Skye and provide a photo opportunity en route at the beautiful Eilean Donan Castle. Situated on an island at the point where three sea lochs meet, Eilean Donan is one of the most iconic images of Scotland. From the Kyle of Lochalsh, we will cross the magnificent Skye road bridge onto the Isle of Skye itself and enjoy the scenic drive past the dramatic Cuillin Hills and through the island's capital, Portree. We will then arrive at the port of Uig from which we take a ferry to Lochmaddy on the Isle of Benbecula. Dinner will be taken on board the ship during the crossing. We re-join the coach and make the short journey to the 3 star Dark Island Hotel.

**Saturday** This morning, we explore stunning South Uist, an island of the Outer Hebrides with crystal clear water and white powder beaches. We drive past the ruins of the 18th century Ormaclait Castle towards the Isle of Eriskay, which is linked to south Uist by a stone causeway. The beautiful little island of Eriskay is home to the bay where Bonnie Prince Charlie first set foot on Scottish soil. It is also known for its famous ponies, which are semi-wild and often seen wandering around the village. On our return, we visit the Hebridean Jewellery Shop and Workshop where we will have the chance to purchase some quality handcrafted silver and gold jewellery.

**Sunday** After a leisurely breakfast we collect our packed lunches and bid farewell to our hosts at the Dark Island Hotel to travel back into North Uist. Our route takes us along 13 miles of stunning sandy beaches, fresh water lochs, rolling moorland hills and unrivalled bird watching opportunities, before reaching Berneray, reputedly one of HRH King Charles' favourite destinations. From here we board the ferry to Leverburgh on the Isle of Harris, which offers incredible diversity in its landscapes, from inhospitable rocky shore in the east to the golden sandy beaches in the west. On arrival, we will visit St Clement's Church, Rodel, which was built in around 1500 by the MacLeods of Dunvegan and Harris. The Isle of Harris is linked by road to the Isle of Lewis and the drive passes some of the most dramatic coastal scenery in the whole of the UK. We visit the Isle of Scalpay and admire its lovely waterfront villages. Our final destination for today is Stornoway, the capital of Lewis, where we have time to settle in to the Caladh Inn before dinner.

**Monday** We remain on the Isle of Lewis today and enjoy a tour of the island's fantastic scenery. Lewis is one of the largest and most well-populated of the Western Isles, although it remains refreshingly unspoilt and uncrowded. Home to some of the most important seabird colonies in the UK, the Isle of Lewis is a haven for all forms of wildlife.



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There is history and heritage to be discovered too and the island has more than its fair share of archaeological sites to explore. During our circular tour of the island, we will visit Carloway Broch, an ancient Iron Age fortification and include time at the Calanais Visitor Centre where we are able to see the Callanish Standing Stones, one of the best preserved Megalithic sites in the whole of Scotland. We will also visit Gèarrannan Blackhouse Village and step back in time as we experience the way of life in a typical crofting township of the 19th Century.

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

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

**A hired in coach will be used on 1 day of the holiday in line with the legality of drivers' hours.**

## INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 6 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Tea/coffee after dinner
- ✓ 1 packed lunch
- ✓ Entrance to Callanish Standing Stones Visitor Centre
- ✓ Entrance to Gèarrannan Blackhouse Village
- ✓ Excursions as listed

## YOUR HOTELS



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



8 DAYS FROM  
**£1499**  
£245 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Highland Lines & Northern Landscapes

Sunday 2nd to Sunday 9th June

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

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Sunday** Our door to door service takes you to the waiting coach for the drive north from our home area through North Yorkshire, into Scotland and on to our overnight hotel, The Peebles Hydro, in the historic town of Peebles, arriving late afternoon.

**Monday** Superb Scottish scenery today as we head north to the Highlands. We travel through beautiful scenery to make a stop for lunch in the popular resort of Fort William. This afternoon we pass Ben Nevis and more Highland scenery before reaching our holiday hotel in Aviemore well in time for dinner.

**Tuesday** This morning we make our way into the beautiful Glenmore Forest Park on our way to Cairngorms. Twice the size of the Lake District, the Cairngorms National Park has more mountains, forest paths, rivers, lochs and wildlife hotspots than you can possibly imagine. Here we have the opportunity, weather permitting, to take a ride on the fantastic Cairngorm Mountain Railway for those choosing to do so. Why not have a delicious lunch in the Panoramic Restaurant and admire the superb views? This afternoon we visit the Highland Wildlife Park, home to the famous Scottish Wildcats and other interesting animals, including its own safari drive.

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

**Thursday** Today we travel south west along the shore of Loch Laggan and through Glen Spean to Fort William, the largest town in the Highlands, lying in the shadow of Ben Nevis. Here we enjoy another train journey, this time by steam train on the famous 'JACOBITE' along the celebrated West Highland Line to Mallaig. Described as the greatest railway journey in the world, this 84 mile round trip takes you past a list of impressive extremes. This spectacular line passes hidden lochs and inlets, silver sands, and crosses the magnificent 100ft-high Glenfinnan viaduct, famous as the first mass concrete viaduct ever built in the world, now more notable for appearing in several of the Harry Potter films. Mallaig is a major fishing port and we have time to wander around the harbour and explore before we catch the train for the return journey to Fort William, where we re-join the coach for our ride back to Aviemore.

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

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

**Sunday** Homeward bound, we make a stop in Gretna Green then over the border and south through England to historic Richmond where we make a stop for lunch. This afternoon we return to our home area and waiting taxis arriving early evening.



### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 7 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Portage
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Train journey from Aviemore to Inverness
- ✓ Train journey from Fort William to Mallaig
- ✓ Train journey from Kingussie to Inverness
- ✓ Entrance to the Highland Wildlife Park
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Aviemore Hotel

The 4 star Aviemore Hotel is situated in the Highland village from where it gets its name. Part of the MacDonald Hotels group, it offers all day facilities along with home comforts, including a large indoor pool, a bar and relaxing lounge and a modern restaurant. Each of the tastefully furnished, ensuite bedrooms have a TV, telephone and tea/coffee making facilities and are served by a lift.



7 DAYS FROM **£1099** £195 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

# The Isle of Bute, Loch Fyne & Inverary

Sunday 16th to Saturday 22nd June

**NEW**

A spectacular Scottish holiday full of magnificent scenery from start to finish, taking in the marvellous aspects of the Cowal Peninsula, the Argyll Highlands and the Island of Bute with ferries, castles, a super hotel and evening entertainment.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Sunday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the journey north to our overnight hotel, the BW Derwent Manor Hotel arriving with time to relax before this evening's dinner.

**Monday** After breakfast we continue our journey into Scotland heading for the Firth of Clyde and Wemyss Bay. Here we join the Calmac ferry for the crossing to the Isle of Bute and Rothesay, arriving late afternoon at the Glenburn Hotel for our 4 night stay.

**Tuesday** Today is free for you to explore your beautiful new surroundings. Enjoy a pleasant walk along the promenade into town, enjoy a spot of lunch, relax and watch the world go by or spend a lazy day at our hotel admiring the views out to Loch Striven and beyond.

**Wednesday** A full day of spectacular scenery as we make our way first to the north of the island and to Rhubodach. Here we join the ferry for the 10 minute crossing over to Colintrave, continuing northwards to Loch Fyne. We follow the coast road around the tip of the loch, turning south to the lovely little white washed town of Inverary. There will be time for a look around and a bite to eat before our afternoon visit to the magnificent, unique and fascinating Inverary Castle, the ancestral home of the Duke of Argyll. Later, we retrace our steps to Colintrave and the ferry back across to Bute.

**Thursday** This morning we enjoy a sightseeing drive around Bute, culminating with a visit to the superb Mount Stuart House. Set in 300 acres of landscape and woodlands, the house is known as Britain's most spectacular Victorian Gothic House. It is the architectural fantasy of the 3rd Marquis of Bute. Set 5 miles south from Rothesay, the house and grounds offer the visitor much to see. From here we return to our hotel with time to relax before dinner and a final evening of entertainment.

**Friday** Leaving the Glenburn after breakfast we cross by ferry to Wymyss Bay and continue south to Dumfries and the Cairndale Hotel for our overnight stay.

**Saturday** A final Scottish breakfast before our journey back to home, arriving late afternoon with fond memories of our wonderful Scottish holiday.



### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 6 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Nightly entertainment at the Glenburn Hotel
- ✓ All ferry crossings
- ✓ Entrance to Mount Stuart House & Gardens
- ✓ Entrance to Inverary Castle
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Glenburn Hotel

Set in a prime position atop terraced gardens, The Glenburn Hotel commands fabulous views overlooking Rothesay Bay and the Cowal Peninsula. This grand and elegant 3 star hotel on the Isle of Bute was originally constructed in 1892 as a hydrotherapy retreat. Each of the bedrooms are spread over 20 to 30 square metres to ensure a comfortable stay and some offer views of Rothesay Bay. Relax with a drink in the welcoming bar or enjoy the hotel's terrace, which is the ideal spot to soak up the stunning views across Rothesay and Cowal.





6 DAYS FROM  
**£799**  
£142.50 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## The Kingdom of Fife & Great Scottish Cities

Sunday 30th June to Friday 5th July

**NEW**

This fabulous new 6 day Scottish holiday offers a super combination of coast, country and city, along with glorious Scottish scenery and visits to the picturesque villages around the coast of Fife, the historic cities of Dundee and Perth and an exciting maritime visit to Captain Scott's RRS Discovery.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Sunday** From your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the journey north to our overnight hotel, the BW Derwent Manor Hotel, arriving with time to relax before this evening's dinner.

**Monday** Departing after breakfast, we continue our journey north through increasingly changing scenery by way of Moffat and then Stirling, making suitable stops along the way, to reach Dundee and our hotel late afternoon. We have time to relax before dinner.

**Tuesday** A Scottish breakfast before we head for Blairgowrie and along Strathardle to the popular town of Pitlochry where we enjoy some free time. Moving on, we make our way to historic Perth. This city has much to offer the visitor and we enjoy time for lunch and exploration here. We return to our hotel with time to relax before dinner.

**Wednesday** Our destination today is the former Kingdom of Fife. We head inland via Cupar, then enjoy a lovely coastal drive through the villages of Elie, Pittenweem and Crail on our way to St Andrews – the world renowned home of golf. We enjoy time for lunch here followed by free time before rejoining the coach to head back to Dundee across the River Tay.

**Thursday** A leisurely breakfast before our included visit to Captain Scott's ship, the RRS Discovery, at its home in Dundee. We are able to explore the ship and relive the hardships and triumphs of the remarkable expedition to the Antarctic. Afterwards we enjoy time at leisure in this fascinating city to explore in detail.



**Friday** Time to bid farewell to Dundee as we begin our homeward journey. We travel to Gretna Green where we make a stop before continuing on to arrival back in our area early evening.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 5 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Portage
- ✓ Entrance to the RRS Discovery
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Best Western Invercarse Hotel

The 3 star BW Invercarse Hotel is situated in Dundee's West End and has stunning views over the River Tay. Flanked by impressive Californian Redwood Trees, the Invercarse benefits from a lovely setting in beautifully kept grounds with plenty of outdoor seating. Facilities include the elegant Redwood Restaurant – renowned for its use of local produce, a comfortable lounge and a well stocked bar. Each of the ensuite bedrooms is tastefully furnished and equipped with TV, complimentary toiletries, a hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. Although the hotel does not have a lift, low floor rooms are available upon request.



6 DAYS FROM  
**£769**  
£100 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Isle of Arran, Loch Lomond & the Ayrshire Coast

Sunday 28th July to Friday 2nd August

For 2024 we are delighted to return to this beautiful area of Scotland. We stay on the edge of Irvine, a small town on the West Coast of Scotland, with castles, cobbled streets and a gorgeous sandy beach. It is situated on the Ayrshire Coast, renowned as the mildest corner of Scotland and the perfect base for exploring this delightful region.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Sunday** Joining our Club Class coach, we head north by motorway to enter Scotland at Gretna Green, then on through the Lowther Hills and Kilmarnock to reach the Ayrshire coast arriving at our hotel, the Riverside Lodge, late afternoon, where we enjoy a welcoming cuppa.

**Monday** This morning we make the short journey to Ardrossan where we board the morning sailing for the Isle of Arran. We arrive in Brodick on the majestic Isle of Arran where we begin a tour of the pretty coastal villages, moors and glens and dramatic mountains of the 'Scotland in Miniature' Island. Later this afternoon we take the return crossing to the mainland to arrive back at our hotel with time to relax before dinner.

**Tuesday** A complete contrast today as we head into Glasgow for a visit to the superb, newly reopened Riverside Glasgow Transport Museum. Afterwards we enjoy free time in this largely regenerated, fascinating city before returning to our hotel this afternoon.

**Wednesday** Our day begins with a drive south along the Ayrshire coast through Troon to Ayr, a popular holiday resort and the birthplace of Robbie Burns. We spend time here before continuing on round the Heads of Ayr to Culzean Bay and the amazing 'Electric Brae'. We include a visit to Culzean Castle. The castle offers much of interest with terraced gardens, woodland, ponds, a walled garden and a deer park.

**Thursday** Departing Irvine after breakfast, we head across the Erskine Bridge and along the north of the river to Helensburgh for a short break. From here we continue along Gare Loch and Loch Long, by Arrochar to Tarbet on the banks of Loch Lomond. We spend time here before setting off again for Balloch, from here we enjoy a gentle cruise on Loch Lomond. We return to our hotel with time to relax before dinner.

**Friday** Leaving Irvine after a final Scottish breakfast we travel south through Nithdale, home of Robbie Burns, to Dumfries, Gretna and England. Using the motorways, we return to our home area late afternoon after a super holiday amidst beautiful surroundings.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 5 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Portage
- ✓ Tea/coffee & biscuits on arrival
- ✓ Return ferry crossing to the Isle of Arran
- ✓ Cruise on Loch Lomond
- ✓ Entrance to Culzean Castle
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Riverside Lodge

With pleasant views over a golf course, the 4 star Riverside Lodge offers relaxing accommodation in well-appointed rooms, all boasting those contemporary essentials including wifi, complimentary toiletries, a hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. The Riverside Bar & Grill provides the perfect setting for tempting cuisine prepared using the finest local ingredients and the well stocked bar offers a huge selection. Although the hotel does not have a lift, ground floor rooms are available upon request.





5 DAYS FROM **£799** £95 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Scotland in miniature, The Isles of Arran & Bute

Monday 12th to Friday 16th August

**NEW**

We return to the glorious West Coast of Bonnie Scotland to experience the wonders of the Ayrshire coast. We include a full day to the Isle of Arran often described as 'Scotland in Miniature' with a visit to Brodick Castle, a full day to the Isle of Bute and magnificent Mount Stuart. We also enjoy excursions to Robert Burns' Birthplace Museum and Culzean Castle. Our base is Troon, which is home to one of the world's greatest golf centres.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** Our door to door service takes you to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive north from our home area via Scotch Corner, to enter Scotland at Gretna Green, then on through the Lowther Hills and Kilmarnock to reach the Ayrshire coast late afternoon for a welcoming cup of tea or coffee at the South Beach Hotel.

**Tuesday** Our excursion today takes us by ferry from nearby Ardrossan to Brodick on the majestic Isle of Arran where we begin a tour of the pretty coastal villages, moors, glens and dramatic mountains of the 'Scotland in Miniature' island. We include a visit to Brodick castle, a grand baronial castle set by the sea. After time for lunch we return to Brodick for the ferry back to the mainland.

**Wednesday** A coastal drive takes us to Wemyss Bay for the ferry to Bute. We visit Mount Stuart, a magnificent house set in 300 acres of landscaped gardens, woodland and coast. The beautiful interior includes lavish rooms, grand hallways and staircases. Later we enjoy a scenic tour of the island before returning to Rothesay for the ferry back to Ayrshire.

**Thursday** Down the coast to Ayr and Alloway, birthplace of Robbie Burns, where we spend time at the Burns Heritage Park offering a unique encounter with Scotland's favourite son, then round the Heads of Ayr to Culzean Bay and the amazing optical illusion, 'Electric Brae'. We include a visit to Culzean Castle, the dream castle created by the great architect Robert Adam. Its noted for the impressive gardens and a flat in the castle given to the late General Eisenhower.

**Friday** Leaving Troon after breakfast we travel south through Nithdale, home of Robbie Burns, to Dumfries then Gretna. Into England, and by motorway to return to our home area late afternoon.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner bed & breakfast
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Tea & coffee after dinner
- ✓ Portorage
- ✓ Entertainment
- ✓ Return ferry to the Isle of Arran
- ✓ Entrance to Brodick Castle and Mount Stuart
- ✓ Admission to Burns Heritage Park
- ✓ Admission to Culzean Castle
- ✓ Excursions as listed

### YOUR HOTEL



#### The South Beach Hotel

Facing Troon's seafront, looking across the Firth of Clyde to the Isle of Arran, the South Beach hotel is renowned for its hospitality. The cosy en suite bedrooms are individually decorated in traditional style all with tea/coffee making facilities. Two cosy lounges, a bar and restaurant complete the public rooms. There is no lift but ground floor rooms are available.



4 DAYS FROM **£789** £54 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## The Edinburgh Tattoo

Friday 16th to Monday 19th August

**EARLY BOOKING RECOMMENDED**

We are delighted to return to Edinburgh once again for the famous Edinburgh Tattoo. Each year's Tattoo is very much a 'global gathering', showcasing the talents of musicians and performers from every corner of the world. In addition to this, the Tattoo is televised in more than 40 countries with an annual global television audience of 100 million. This is not to be missed. We stay in the 'Fair City' of Perth on the banks of the River Tay – a super base with elegant Georgian townhouses, cobbled streets and medieval spires.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Friday** From your front door to the Club Class coach for the drive to Gretna Green. Not just famous for weddings, the Blacksmith's Shop has been designed to offer a combination of culture, heritage, shopping and traditional Scottish fayre. We continue north, passing Stirling and on to Perth to reach our hotel in time for dinner.

**Saturday** A leisurely morning in Perth. Take the opportunity to discover the bustling and compact resort. Explore the glorious parks and gardens, historic houses, fascinating museums, shopping experiences and more. We enjoy a light lunch at our hotel before heading off to Edinburgh, where we enjoy time at leisure before making our way to the magnificent Edinburgh Castle for the spectacular Tattoo.



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After the performance we make a late return to the hotel.

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

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

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 2 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ 1 night lunch, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Portorage
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Ticket for the Edinburgh Tattoo

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Salutation Hotel

Charming from the outside, this deceptively large hotel boasts 84 en suite bedrooms each individual in size and shape. Each are equipped with TV's, hairdryers and tea/coffee making facilities. Other facilities include the elegant Adam's Restaurant and the well-stocked, Reid's Bar. All rooms are served by a lift.



5 DAYS FROM  
**£939**  
£160 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Royal Cruising & Steaming in Edinburgh

Monday 9th to Friday 13th September

**NEW**

A super summer break based in the stunning city of Edinburgh, featuring a scenic train ride on the Bowness & Kinellie Railway and a visit to Scone Palace, where many a King has been crowned, including Robert the Bruce. We visit the impressive Kelpies – the largest equine sculptures in the world, and take picturesque sightseeing cruise on the River Forth offering spectacular views of the famous 3 bridges.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Monday** From your front door to the Club Class coach for the drive to Gretna Green. Not just famous for weddings, the Blacksmith's Shop has been designed to offer a combination of culture, heritage, shopping and traditional Scottish fayre. We continue north to reach Edinburgh and our hotel, with time to settle in before dinner.

**Tuesday** This morning we enjoy breakfast before travelling to the Kelpies to marvel at the largest equine sculptures in the world, standing at 100ft tall. We then continue to Falkirk, where we enjoy free time to explore and to take lunch before our afternoon visit to the Bowness & Kinellie Railway for our scenic 10 mile return journey along the Forth Estuary, through woodlands, past waterfalls and over the Avon Viaduct.



**Wednesday** Departing after breakfast we drive across the Forth Bridge to the harbourside where we board a 90 minute sightseeing cruise offering fantastic views of Edinburgh's iconic 3 bridges. After our cruise we journey into Edinburgh itself where the rest of the day is free to explore the capital city of Scotland. The city is dominated by the magnificent Edinburgh Castle, an ancient fortress built on a volcanic crag. It is the most visited attraction in Scotland. There is really so much to see and do here with notable places of interest including the gardens on Princes Street, the Old Town and the Royal Mile leading to Holyrood House.

**Thursday** Today's destination is the fair city of Perth where we enjoy the morning at leisure for exploration. This afternoon we travel the short distance to Scone Palace. The palace has an exciting and colourful history as one of Scotland's most important stately homes. It has been the seat of parliaments and the crowning place of the Kings of Scots, including Macbeth and Robert the Bruce. The palace houses an outstanding collection of antiques, paintings and rare artefacts.

**Friday** After breakfast we bid farewell to our hosts and make our way home where we are greeted by our awaiting taxis after a fabulous and colourful visit to Scotland.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Tea/coffee on arrival
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Ride on the Bowness & Kinellie Railway
- ✓ Entrance to Scone Palace
- ✓ Forth Three Bridges Cruise
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL

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#### Doubletree Hilton Hotel Edinburgh Queensferry

The 4 star Doubletree Hilton Edinburgh Queensferry is located on the north shore of the Firth of Forth and Queensferry and enjoys stunning views of the bridges. Each of the tastefully furnished, ensuite bedrooms is equipped with a TV and tea/coffee making facilities and is served by a lift. Public facilities include The Shore Grill & Restaurant, with sweeping views across the River Forth, and a fabulous, well stocked bar.



5 DAYS FROM  
**£769**  
£90 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Autumn in Scotland

Thursday 24th to Monday 28th October

A great themed tour to Scotland's best known and most popular region, Loch Lomond and the Trossachs. We include a boat cruise on Loch Katrina, a ride on the Falkirk Wheel, a tour and tasting of the famous Glengoyne Whisky Distillery and a visit to Inverary, all set to a backdrop of glorious Autumn scenery. Our base is the village of Drymen at the southern end of Loch Lomond.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Thursday** Our door to door service takes you to the waiting Club Class coach journey north from our home area via Scotch Corner, Gretna Green and Glasgow to reach our hotel late afternoon. We have time to settle in and relax before dinner this evening.

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

**Saturday** Another interesting day lies ahead as we drive beside Campsie Fell and the Kilsyth Hills to Falkirk where we include a breathtaking ride on the amazing Falkirk Wheel, the world's first and only rotating boat lift. Later we continue to Bo'ness on the shores of the mighty Forth of Firth for our next visit, the Glengoyne Distillery, where we enjoy an interesting tour culminating with a tasting of the famous liquor. Back at the hotel we have time to relax before dinner which is again followed by entertainment.

**Sunday** A morning scenic drive to the shores of Loch Fyne and the historic town of Inverary, seat of the Clan Campbell before returning to the hotel for an afternoon at leisure before our evening's dinner.

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

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

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Welcome drinks reception
- ✓ 2 nights evening entertainment
- ✓ Tea or coffee after dinner each evening
- ✓ Cruise Loch Katrine
- ✓ 1 night weaponry display with swords, kilts & storytelling
- ✓ Soup & sandwich lunch at Loch Katrine
- ✓ Boat ride on the Falkirk Wheel
- ✓ Tour & tasting at Glengoyne Whisky Distillery
- ✓ Excursions as listed

### YOUR HOTEL

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#### The Winnock Hotel

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



7 DAYS FROM  
**£1069**  
£197 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Cork Coastline Delights & Bantry

Sunday 12th to Saturday 18th May

After the success of our previous tours, it gives us pleasure to return to Bantry - a busy little market town and fishing port overlooking its own bay; the perfect location for discovering a part of Ireland that is still unspoilt by tourism. There are rugged mountains and small villages but the greatest delight must surely be the beautiful and unspoilt coastline of County Cork.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

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

**Monday** After a leisurely breakfast we head west along the pretty Suir Valley to Clonmel before we take the glorious Vee road over Knockmealdown Mountains to delightful Lismore, where we spend some time. Next we visit the world famous Blarney Castle before an afternoon drive sees us reach Bantry and our 4 star hotel late afternoon with ample time to settle in well before dinner.

**Tuesday** Our excursion this morning includes a short boat trip to the tiny island of Garinish and its Italian garden which enjoys a climate that is almost sub-tropical, making it possible for beautiful ornamental plants from many parts of the world to flourish. We return to the hotel where we have the rest of the day at leisure before we meet for dinner this evening.

**Wednesday** A full day excursion along the beautiful coastline of South Cork. We travel by way of Skibbereen and Clonakilty, enjoying spectacular sea views along the Wild Atlantic Way. We visit the Lusitania Memorial at the Head of Kinsale viewpoint to spend time in Kinsale, a historic port and popular resort often referred to as the 'Food Capital of Ireland' before our return to Bantry.

**Thursday** A day of scenic delights as we discover the magnificent Beara Peninsula. We round the head of Bantry Bay to picturesque Glengarriff then between sparkling sea and the rugged peaks of the Caha Mountains we have views of Kenmare Bay and the Iveragh Peninsula before spending time in Castletownbere. We spend time in Kenmare itself before returning by way of the scenic Healey Pass to Bantry.

**Friday** We bid a fond farewell to our hosts at the Maritime Hotel before a morning departure from Bantry. We make a stop at Cobh, which was the last port for the RMS Titanic to anchor and the port where RMS Lusitania survivors and victims were landed, then on to spend time in the historic seaside town and fishing port of Youghal, once the home of Sir Walter Raleigh, on the pretty Blackwater Estuary. We complete our drive to Waterford and our overnight hotel in the centre of the busy port via popular Dungarvan Harbour.

**Saturday** An early departure from our hotel before joining the morning ferry to Pembroke. We enjoy breakfast on board during the crossing. Upon reaching the mainland, we return to our home areas by way of Wales and the midlands to arrive mid evening.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 6 nights dinner bed and breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Tea/coffee after dinner
- ✓ Welcome tea, coffee or soft drink at the Maritime Hotel
- ✓ Boat cruise to Garinish Island
- ✓ Entrance to the Italian Garden
- ✓ Excursions as listed

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Maritime Hotel

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



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7 DAYS FROM  
**£1279**  
€254 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Westport, Connemara & The Bay of 1000 Islands

Sunday 23rd to Saturday 29th June

The delightful little town of Westport in County Mayo occupies one of the most beautiful situations in Ireland, nestling beneath Cro Patrick, Ireland's holy mountain, and at the mouth of Clew Bay 'The Bay of 1000 Islands'. It is an ideal base for exploring the glorious coastline of Mayo and the delights of lovely Connemara.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Sunday** An early departure from our home areas and drive to Holyhead for the afternoon ferry to Dublin. On disembarking we continue to our overnight hotel, the welcoming Aspect Hotel Park West in Dublin, where we enjoy dinner this evening.

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

**Tuesday** A morning at leisure in the town of Westport, one of Ireland's most photogenic towns and popular with the Irish as a holiday destination. This lovely resort is known for its cafes and huge number of traditional pubs, including Matt Molloy's, which is named after and owned by the flutist from the well-known group, The Chieftans. This afternoon we visit Westport House & Gardens where we enjoy a guided tour of the house and entry to the gardens. We return to our hotel with time to relax before dinner.

**Wednesday** A full day tour taking in magical Connemara. First a scenic drive to Leenane on Killary Harbour and on to Kylemore Abbey, home of an order of Benedictine Nuns set at the foot of the Twelve Pins Mountains. We spend time here, then further into the Connemara National Park to Clifden, a charming town overlooking the Atlantic with time for lunch. On to our next visit – The Glen Keen Farm where we enjoy a live Sheep Herding demonstration followed by tea/coffee with delicious homemade scones whilst enjoying a traditional Irish Music session. We return to our hotel late afternoon.

**Thursday** This morning we enjoy a beautiful coastal drive to Louisburgh where we join a ferry for the short cruise across to Clare Island, located 3.5 miles off the west coast of County Mayo. It takes just 25 minutes to reach Clare and there is every chance that the ferry will be accompanied by a school of dolphins as it makes its way across. Clare is the largest of the 365 islands in Clew Bay and the famous ancestral home of the legendary Pirate Queen, Grace O'Malley. We enjoy an interesting talk at the island's heritage centre, before enjoying a soup and sandwich lunch. Later we take the ferry back to the mainland and return to the Wyatt Hotel for our final evening there.

**Friday** Leaving the west coast we head for Dublin via Athlone reaching the capital early afternoon. We enjoy free time before checking in to our overnight hotel, the Aspect Hotel Park West.

**Saturday** We enjoy a full Irish breakfast before driving to the port for the ferry back to Wales. Using the motorways we return to our home area early evening.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 6 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Tea/coffee after dinner at each hotel
- ✓ Tea/coffee on arrival at the Wyatt Hotel
- ✓ Entertainment on 1 evening
- ✓ Entrance to Kylemore Abbey
- ✓ Entrance to Westport House with a guided tour
- ✓ Entrance to Glen Keen Farm with a Sheep Herding Demonstration and tea & scones
- ✓ Return ferry to Clare Island
- ✓ Heritage talk with soup & sandwich lunch on Clare Island
- ✓ Excursions as listed

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Wyatt Hotel

The 3 star Wyatt is an excellent boutique style hotel situated in the very heart of glorious Westport. All the tastefully decorated bedrooms are en-suite, with Tea/Coffee making facilities, Direct Dial Telephone, TV, trouser Press, hairdryer & Wi-Fi. The Wyatt has an upmarket Brasserie and a lively traditional Irish Bar, as well as an award winning Restaurant. A lift serves the upper floors.





7 DAYS FROM  
**£1299**  
£180 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Royal Hillsborough & Irish Cider

Sunday 8th to Saturday 14th September

**NEW**

A super new tour based in beautiful Northern Ireland with an engaging itinerary including visits to Hillsborough Castle – the King’s official residence here, the Armagh Cider Company – incorporating the ‘blossom to bottle’ tour, the ancient and historic town of Downpatrick and much more.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Sunday** Departing from your home area to join the Club Class coach before heading North to Scotland and on to Stranraer for dinner and an overnight stay at the North West Castle Hotel.

**Monday** Departing after breakfast, we join our ferry for the crossing to Belfast. On arrival in Northern Ireland, we continue on to Dundalk to arrive at the Carrickdale Hotel & Spa with time to settle in and relax before dinner.

**Tuesday** A leisurely breakfast before we journey to the town of Armagh with free time to explore. The landmarks are the towns’ St Patricks Church and St Patrick’s Roman Cathedral. Moving on, our next visit is to Ballinteggart Farm, home of the Armagh Cider Company. Here we enjoy a guided tour of the facility and learn the process of Cider making ‘from blossom to bottle’. Of course, there will be a tasting after all the thirsty work!

**Wednesday** Today we head North to visit the King’s official residence of Northern Ireland – Hillsborough Castle & Gardens. We enjoy a guided tour of the Castle and its historical rooms before exploring the beautiful gardens. After a good stay we continue on to vibrant and buzzing Belfast where we spend time at leisure in this fascinating city.

**Thursday** Our first visit today is to Newcastle, a charming seaside town in County Down with one of the best sandy beaches in Northern Ireland. It is naturally popular as a summer seaside resort for families with plenty of amusements and activities. Murlough Beach is backed by dunes and offers superb bay views backed by the Mourne Mountains. This afternoon we continue on to Downpatrick, whose Cathedral is said to be the burial place of St Patrick himself. We spend time at the visitor centre to learn more about the patron saint.

**Friday** Departing after breakfast we travel back to Belfast to join our return sailing to Cairnryan. We then head into scenic Cumbria to reach the Crown Hotel, Wetheral for dinner and our overnight stay.

**Saturday** A final breakfast before we head back to our home area with fond memories of our time in Northern Ireland.



### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 6 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ St Patricks Visitor Centre
- ✓ Visit, tour & tasting at the Armagh Cider Company
- ✓ Entrance to Royal Hillsborough Castle & Gardens
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Carrickdale Hotel & Spa

The Carrickdale Hotel & Spa is one of the most renowned, family-friendly hotels in the North East of Ireland. Surrounded by the spectacular Cooley Mountains & Slieve Gullion and set in beautifully landscaped gardens, it is the ideal base for our holiday. Each of the ensuite, smartly furnished bedrooms is equipped with WiFi, TV, telephone, an iron and a hairdryer, whilst general facilities at the hotel include an indoor heated pool, sauna, jacuzzi, the Carrick Restaurant and the charming Dales Lounge and bar. All floors are served by a lift.



7 DAYS FROM  
**£1249**  
£274 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Take a walk on the wild side in Yeats Country – Sligo

Sunday 29th September to Saturday 5th October

**NEW**

A super new holiday to add to our Irish selection! We take you to Sligo in County Sligo, boasting a stunning, uninterrupted and wild coast and often known as 'Yeats Country' owing to how much it inspired his poetry; Sligo is a slice of heaven along Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way. Sitting astride the Garavogue River as it pours into the Atlantic, Sligo Town has a character of its own and is a lively base from where to explore this beautifully dramatic part of Ireland. We feature a walking tour of stunning Rosses Point, a scenic Wild Atlantic Way drive and a River Shannon Cruise along with some traditional visits including an authentic distillery and a working sheep farm.

**Please Note: It is crucial that all passengers have a reasonable amount of mobility to enable full enjoyment of the excursions.**

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Sunday** Our door to door service takes you from your front door to the waiting Club Class coach for the cross country drive to Holyhead and the ferry crossing to Dublin. Disembarking in Ireland we drive the short distance to our overnight hotel, the Aspect Hotel Park West, with time to relax before dinner.

**Monday** Today's drive takes us across the heart of Ireland. We travel by way of Kinnegad to make a stop in Athlone, on the River Shannon and claiming to be the very centre of Ireland. Then on by Roscommon and Castlereagh to reach our holiday hotel, the Clayton, in Sligo.

**Tuesday** A leisurely breakfast before we make our way to the pretty, bustling town of Carrick on Shannon to board a pleasure cruiser for a relaxing 1 hour cruise on the mighty River Shannon complete with commentary and tea/coffee & scones served on board. Upon returning to dry-land we enjoy free time for lunch in the pretty town. Early afternoon we head to Drumshanbo to visit The Shed Distillery, home of the aptly named 'Drumshanbo Gunpowder Irish Gin' and 'Drumshanbo Single Pot Irish Whiskey'. We take a guided tour which concludes with tastings before wobbling back to the coach and returning to our hotel.

**Wednesday** We spend today at leisure in Sligo where we can follow in the footsteps

of Yeats and visit the sights and scenes that inspired him. In addition to a host of cafes, bars & restaurants and shops, attractions include the Sligo County Museum & Art Gallery, Yeats Society Memorial Building, Sligo Abbey and The Model – home of the Niland Collection Arts Centre & Gallery.

**Thursday** This morning we make our way to the picturesque Rosses Point and embark on a fascinating walking tour, discovering the history of the area's coastal heritage while admiring the beautiful setting. More stunning scenery awaits as we reboard the coach and enjoy a delightful drive along parts of the Wild Atlantic Way in County Sligo en route to Grange and the Feeney family farm, home to the Atlantic Sheepdogs Experience. Here we see some of the worlds smartest sheepdogs in action with a demonstration by champion sheepdog handler, Martin. We return to Sligo and our hotel with time to relax before our final dinner here.

**Friday** We bid farewell to our hosts in Sligo and make the journey back to Dublin where we have time at leisure in the heart of the city before checking into our overnight hotel, the Aspect Park West.

**Saturday** An early breakfast to enable us to catch the morning ferry from Dublin to Holyhead. Now across North Wales and the Midlands to return to our home area and waiting taxis early evening.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 6 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Porterage
- ✓ Welcome tea/coffee at the Clayton Hotel
- ✓ Tea/coffee after dinner at the Clayton Hotel
- ✓ 1 hour River Shannon Cruise with tea/coffee & scones
- ✓ Tour & tasting The Shed Distillery
- ✓ Walking tour of Rosses Point
- ✓ Atlantic Sheepdog's Experience
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Clayton Hotel, Sligo

Set in beautiful grounds overlooked by the Benbulbin Mountain and situated a wee walk from the town centre, each of the ensuite bedrooms is bright and modern and equipped with a TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. The stylish Sinergie Restaurant prepares tasty dishes using locally sourced produce, while Bulbens Bar & Bistro offer a relaxed atmosphere with plenty of comfortable seating. The hotel benefits from an indoor swimming pool and a lift serves all floors.



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7 DAYS FROM **£1089** £203 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

# Killarney & the Ring of Kerry

Sunday 20th to Saturday 26th October

Our hugely successful Ring of Kerry tour returns for 2024! Based in the heart of south west Ireland in the town of Killarney, it is certainly one of our firm favourites! Here, amidst the mountains and peninsulas, one will find simply breath-taking scenery and, arguably, some of the world's friendliest folk!

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Sunday** Our door to door service takes you from your home to the waiting Club Class coach for the journey to South Wales during which a light breakfast is served. At Pembroke we board the afternoon sailing to Rosslare, relax and enjoy the crossing. We reach our overnight hotel, the Maldron Hotel, in Wexford well in time for dinner.

**Monday** After breakfast we take the road to Waterford then follow the River Suir to Clonmel. Now a truly scenic drive over the Knockmealdown Mountains and along the glorious Vee, for spectacular views, to spend time in the busy market town of Fermoy. This afternoon a lovely riverside drive takes us to Mallow before arriving in Killarney mid afternoon. We have plenty of time to settle in to our holiday hotel, the Gleneagle, where on arrival, we enjoy a cup of tea.

**Tuesday** Full day excursion around the 'Ring of Kerry' with its rugged Atlantic coastline and majestic mountains. This must surely be one of Europe's finest scenic areas. We will visit Killorglin, Cahirseevin and Waterville making a lunch stop at a traditional pub, with breathtaking views, before returning over Molls Gap to Killarney.

**Wednesday** We include a morning visit to magnificent Muckross House and Park for a guided tour. The rest of the day is at leisure, a chance to ride in a 'jaunting car' ride and take a cruise on the lake, plus time to explore Killarney itself.

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

**Friday** A leisurely breakfast before our drive along the south coast. From Killarney we head for Blarney Castle and the world famous 'Blarney Stone', time for the energetic to 'Kiss the Stone' while others enjoy a coffee. Now on through Cork and past Cobh Harbour to picturesque Youghal, a busy port and resort on the River Blackwater, the ideal place to make time for lunch. This afternoon we continue on to our overnight hotel, the Treacy's in Waterford.

**Saturday** After an early start we set out for the morning ferry taking us back to Pembroke. We return to our home area via South Wales and the midlands arriving home early evening.



### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 6 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Choice of menu
- ✓ Portorage
- ✓ Live musical entertainment at main hotel each evening
- ✓ Free use of leisure facilities at main hotel
- ✓ Tea & coffee after dinner at each hotel
- ✓ Entrance and guided tour of Muckross House

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Gleneagle Hotel

The 3 star Gleneagle Hotel is situated on the edge of Killarney National Park. Bright and traditionally furnished, each room includes free WiFi and satellite TV, a hairdryer, along with tea and coffee. The hotel has a lift.



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## Jersey by Air

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

Saturday 18th to Saturday 25th May  
Saturday 6th to Saturday 13th July  
Saturday 7th to Saturday 14th September

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

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### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

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

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

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

**PLEASE NOTE:** The required deposit is £100 per person.

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### INCLUSIONS

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

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Norfolk Hotel

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

## Guernsey by Air

Saturday 27th July to Saturday 3rd August

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

**Please Note: Current Photographic Identification is now necessary for airport check-ins.**

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

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

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

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

**PLEASE NOTE:** The required deposit is £100 per person.

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### INCLUSIONS

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

### YOUR HOTEL



#### Best Western Moores Hotel

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





6 DAYS FROM **£1689** £240 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Scilly Isles

Wednesday 10th to Monday 15th July

**EARLY BOOKING RECOMMENDED**

Owing to the huge popularity of our previous stays, it gives us pleasure to once again offer this unique holiday to the Scilly Isles, known as the 'Fortune Isles' or the Flower Islands. The Islands are said to have only two seasons Spring and Summer and spring flowers are often picked throughout the year! Beaches of fine sands are washed by the waters of the Gulf Stream. Throughout the year the landscape is lush and green with sub tropical plants and superb displays of flowers. The islands number about 150 but only 5 are inhabited and all have a fascinating collection of fauna and flora, the islands are of particular interest to bird lovers where large colonies of sea birds, white dolphins and seals swim in the clear blue waters. All of the smaller islands have their own distinct flavour which brings back visitors year after year to these "Enchanted Isles". Our base is St Mary's, the largest island of the Scillies.

**Please Note:** The excursions included within our itinerary include long walks around the Islands which are mostly on the level so good walking shoes are essential. For this reason, we do not recommend this holiday for those with limited mobility. The itinerary is subject to change without prior notice due to weather conditions and Fenn Holidays cannot be held responsible for any such changes.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Wednesday** We depart our home area early morning and travel via the motorway network to the West Country and then across Devon into Cornwall to Newquay, where we will meet our Skybus for the flight over to St. Mary's. This is a lovely short hop over the Cornish Coast and Islands. We arrive at the St Mary's Hall Hotel where we settle in before dinner.



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**Thursday to Sunday** One day will include a tour on St. Mary's, with its stunning coast and fascinating inland areas including 'Holy Vale'; the tour usually includes the Old Town and Peninnis Head.

**Monday** Sadly, it is time to leave the tranquillity of the island and return to Newquay using the Skybus flight. Upon reaching the mainland, our coach will be waiting to take us the remainder of the homeward journey. We arrive back this evening to be greeted by our awaiting taxis.

**This holiday carries a surcharge of £130.00 per person payable with the final balance. This is imposed as, in the event of bad weather and the Skybus not being able to fly, overnight accommodation and dinner will be provided. In this eventuality every effort will be made to transfer you to the Scilly Isles as soon as possible.**

**Of course, all being well, the surcharge will not be used and the £130.00 per person will be refunded in full upon your return.**

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 5 nights dinner, bed and breakfast accommodation
- ✓ Return transfers between the airport and hotel
- ✓ Introductory tour of St. Marys by coach with commentary
- ✓ Excursions as listed

### YOUR HOTEL



#### St Mary's Hall Hotel, St Marys

Based around an elegant town house, originally built by Count Leon de Ferrari and surrounded by beautiful Mediterranean gardens, St Mary's Hall Hotel offers contemporary style and comfort blended into a traditional setting. Situated just 2 minutes from Porthcressa beach and only 5 minutes level walking from the quay, St Mary's Hall reflects the relaxed and timeless lifestyle of the Isles of Scilly. Offering contemporary, comfortable and airy accommodation; with the added luxury of Egyptian cotton bedding, deep filled pillows and comfortable mattresses, it is the perfect base for a relaxing break. There is no lift at the St Mary's Hall Hotel.



7 DAYS FROM  
**£1849**  
£499 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

## Paris & the Seine Valley to Normandy Cruise

Saturday 19th to Friday 25th October

Our Paris cruises have soared in popularity over the past couple of years, so we are delighted to offer this extended, 7 day cruise taking in the natural beauty of the Seine as we sail from Paris – the capital of capitals - to the Normandy coast, drinking in the stunning scenery, charm and history of France along its river banks – from Melun to Honfleur with Giverny and Rouen in between. Our cruise includes the Captains Welcome Cocktail Reception, nightly entertainment and a Gala Evening onboard.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Saturday** Our door to door services takes you to the waiting Club Class coach for the drive to Folkestone during which a light breakfast is served. Boarding the shuttle, a glass of fizz and snacks set the holiday mood. On arrival in France we continue our drive south to arrive in Paris late afternoon. On arrival at the MS Seine Princess we are welcomed aboard by the crew, then plenty of time to settle into cabins before the Captains Welcome Cocktail Reception which is followed by dinner and a cruise through Paris at night. The city and Eiffel Tower seem even more beautiful when illuminated, particularly from our vantage point on the Seine.

**Sunday** This morning we enjoy breakfast on board whilst we cruise to Melun, enjoying the ever changing panorama along the Seine. After lunch on board, we travel by coach to the fabulous Fontainebleau Palace, an impressive Renaissance style chateau with 1500 rooms and beautiful gardens. We include entrance to Fontainebleau and plenty of time to explore. We head back to our ship to prepare for this evening's dinner which is followed by entertainment.

**Monday** Breakfast and lunch on board whilst we cruise back to Paris. Relax and enjoy the ships facilities. Upon arrival back in France's capital, we include a coach tour of the city. We will see many of the famous landmarks including The Louvre, Notre Dame, Arc de Triomphe and the Champs Elysees. Dinner this evening is followed by entertainment whilst we begin our cruise to Mantes la Jolie.

**Tuesday** Breakfast on board before we join the coach for our visit to the beautiful Monet's Garden at Giverny, probably the most famous garden in France. Monet painted some of his most famous works whilst living at Giverny, including his Water Lily and Japanese bridge pieces. We enjoy time here before returning to our boat for lunch on board, then time to relax before whilst we cruise to Rouen with dinner and more entertainment this evening.

**Wednesday** Another breakfast on board before our guided tour of Rouen. Normandy's vibrant, historic and cultural capital. Monet's famous depictions of Rouen Cathedral have made this vast edifice many visitors' favourite building in the city, but there are also many fine museums to explore, not to mention the Gros Horloge clock tower, France's oldest inn 'La Couronne' and the beautiful modern church dedicated to Joan of Arc. Back to the Seine Princess for lunch and time to relax. This evening we enjoy a wonderful 4 course Gala Dinner on board, complete with entertainment.

**Thursday** Overnight we have arrived in Honfleur. For those wishing to take part, we enjoy a walking tour of this pretty port and town. Colourful half-timbered houses jostle for position on the quays, along with art galleries and restaurants. Packed with things to see and do, it's hardly surprising that Honfleur is one of the most popular places to visit in France. We return to the boat for lunch before setting out again along the 'Cote Fleurie'. The Côte Fleurie runs from Honfleur to Deauville, with each beach, cliff, and seaside resort in between more charming than the other. This small corner of paradise has inspired many an artist in the past, and the regional Calvados brandy inspires us even today! On this excursion, we'll see Trouville and Deauville and visit a Calvados distillery.

**Friday** We enjoy a final breakfast on board before disembarking in Honfleur. We travel north to Abbeville and along the coast Calais for the afternoon shuttle train back to the UK. We return to our home area early evening after a truly memorable cruise.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 6 nights full board accommodation
- ✓ Portorage
- ✓ Captain's welcome cocktail reception
- ✓ Visit to Monet's Garden at Giverny
- ✓ Entrance to Fontainebleau Chateau
- ✓ Gala dinner evening
- ✓ Guided walking tour of Honfleur
- ✓ Calvados tasting
- ✓ Paris by night cruise

### YOUR RIVER CRUISER

#### MS Seine Princess

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





8 DAYS FROM **£1749** £570 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

# Treasures of the Rhine featuring Bruges

Tuesday 23rd to Tuesday 30th July

The River Rhine is the main artery of Europe, a truly romantic waterway. Due to popular demand, our holiday begins with an overnight stay and gentle exploration of beautiful Bruges, then, joining our cruise to take us south from Cologne into France with visits to Germany's delightful 'Black Forest', the picture book town of Rudesheim and the 'European City' of Strasbourg. We stay aboard a tried and tested, 4 star ship offering that little bit extra on a holiday combining the relaxing and peaceful style of a river cruise, where you can just sit back and enjoy the breath-taking scenery of fairytale castles and vine-clad slopes with blends of ancient and modern towns, quaint wine villages and an ever-changing panorama.

### YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

**Tuesday** A leisurely start takes us to Dover for the midday crossing to Calais. Now, just the short journey to beautiful Bruges in Belgium, where we find our overnight hotel, the centrally located, 4 star Raddisson Blu, just a 5 minute walk from the city centre. We enjoy free time in this visually stunning medieval city before this evening's dinner.

**Wednesday** A leisurely breakfast before our included scenic canal cruise, taking in such famous sights as the Beguinage, St Johns Hospital, the Church of Our Lady, the beautiful Belfry and much more. Early afternoon we set off for Cologne to join our river cruiser, the DCS Amethyst Classic. We have time to settle into cabins before this evening's festivities begin with a Welcome Cocktail which is followed by dinner whilst we set off for vibrant Rudesheim.

**Thursday** Early morning, we cruise through the most well-known stretch of the historic river, the Rhine gorge. We pass the Lorelei Rock where the legendary siren lured sailors to their doom. Dotted amongst the wonderfully tendered vineyards are many ancient castles and fortresses such as Burg Rheinfells. Mid-morning we arrive in the pretty town of Rudesheim. This popular winemaking town is best known for the 'Drosselgasse', a narrow cobblestone street lined with a host of beautifully decorated wine taverns and courtyards with a wonderful atmosphere. We include a visit to the towering Niederwald Monument and entrance to Siegfried's Mechanical Music Museum. Back on board we enjoy dinner and entertainment.

**Friday** Overnight the ship has made its way to the historic city of Speyer. Ashore we make a walking tour to the city's main square for the magnificent 11th century cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, one of the Holy Roman Empires most exquisite monuments and Germany's most beautiful crypts. We also include a visit to the famed historic city of Heidelberg overlooked by its dramatic castle.

**Saturday** Another overnight sailing has brought us to Strasbourg. After a leisurely breakfast we join the coach for a short tour of the 'City of Europe' then take a scenic drive to a picturesque Alsace wine village to enjoy free time and possibly sample some of the local wine. On returning to our ship, we depart late evening for an overnight sailing to Breisach in the Black Forest with dinner served on board.

**Sunday** Today, we will visit the beautiful 'Black Forest' town of Frieberg. Located at the foot of the Black Forest's wooded slopes and vineyards, Freiburg is a sunny, cheerful university town, its medieval Altstadt a story-book tableau of gabled townhouses, cobblestone lanes and cafe-rimmed plazas. We travel back to our cruiser to enjoy dinner and entertainment on board. Our cruise continues overnight.

**Monday** Early afternoon we arrive in our final port - the fine Roman city of Mainz. Surrounded by vineyards and an abundance of nature, it's a romantic old place with beautiful half-timbered houses and medieval market squares. The city was home to Johannes Guttenberg, inventor of the modern printing press and the museum bearing his name, contains exhibits of his work and life. Tonight, we enjoy a farewell drinks reception followed by our final dinner on board as we cruise back through the Rhine Gorge to Cologne.



**Tuesday** A final breakfast on board before disembarking and retracing the steps of our outward journey back to Calais and the return short sea crossing to Dover. We arrive back in our home area early evening after a most memorable Rhine Cruise.

### INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 1 night dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation in Bruges
- ✓ 6 nights Full Board accommodation on the DCS Amethyst Classic
- ✓ Soup upon embarkation
- ✓ Welcome & Farewell Cocktail Receptions
- ✓ Tea/coffee on board from breakfast to dinner
- ✓ Midnights Snacks
- ✓ On board entertainment
- ✓ Daily music in the Panorama Bar
- ✓ Bruges canal cruise
- ✓ Visit to picturesque Alsace wine town
- ✓ Speyer walking tour
- ✓ Full excursion programme

### YOUR RIVER CRUISER



#### DCS Amethyst Classic

The tried and tested, 4 star rated Amethyst Classic is a stylish vessel with a relaxing ambience. The ship's three decks offer a tastefully furnished interior which invite its guests to spend unforgettable hours on board. Public areas include the panorama lounge and bar in addition to a reading corner and a souvenir shop. Each of our two-bed cabins are situated across the Upper and Main Decks and feature either panoramic windows (Main Deck) or French balconies (Upper Deck). They are approx. 12-14 m<sup>2</sup> in size and have 2 single beds, which can also be made into double beds upon request. All cabins are equipped with a bathroom shower/WC, hairdryer and also have TV, safe, minibar, telephone and individually adjustable air conditioning. The ship's crew will cater to you in the elegant restaurant which is connected to the upper deck by a lift. On the spacious sun deck, you will find both sunny and shaded areas with comfortable deck chairs and lounge furniture where you can enjoy the passing beautiful river landscape. The wellness area, complete with indoor pool and sauna, invites you to feel good and relax during your river cruise.



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