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Luxury Door to Door Holidays

Relax, Explore, Visit, Enjoy...



2011

Welcome



We hope you enjoy this new brochure, the first produced at our new Travel Centre! In addition to our 'big move', preparing for this brochure has also kept us busier than ever putting together new tours and spending time out on the road checking new hotels and destinations.

Despite gloomy forecasts of a downturn in the global holiday market and a number of challenges, both natural and manmade, the feedback from our loyal clients has been exceptional this year. We have received a record number of letters and we are

confident that we continue to meet and exceed your holiday expectations.

We have been listening to you and as a result our new 2011 tour programme features longer holidays to coastal favourites, more tours that I will be personally escorting and a luxury new VIP tour coach. Following personal inspections by both myself and my Tours Manager Karen to hotels and resorts across the UK and Europe, there are many new tours to choose from, for example our Irish tour programme features more new areas and hotels than ever before.

We know how important tour escorts are to the success and enjoyment of your holiday and Sarah Hopps will be hosting a number of UK and European tours again for us – book early for these popular departures! In addition, we welcome Sue Sleightholme to our tour team and she will be joining her husband and our popular tour driver John on a great selection of tours. Sadly, it is our final year with our Swiss based tour escort Elaine, who will be retiring soon – don't miss your chance to travel with her for the last time in 2011.

Finally, we head towards 2011 on a high with a bigger selection of 'Connoisseurs Choice' holidays to choose from. Our first year of operating these tours was a great success and feedback on the hotels, quality dining, on board service and holiday extras was overwhelming. We hope you enjoy travelling on one of these special tours – and be one of the first to experience the latest addition to our fleet!

Deirdre Brown
Tours Director

Why Choose eddie brown Holidays?



Since 1949, we have grown from strength to strength to become the largest North Yorkshire coach and tour operator. Moving to our new Travel Centre during 2010 begins another chapter for us and our purpose-built offices and fully equipped garage ensure that our high standards of service and customer care remain a priority.

Our experienced tours department spends many months carefully researching and putting together this brochure to provide you with the best possible selection of holidays. Our fully trained tour drivers, quality touring coaches and personal attention to the details of your holiday ensures customer satisfaction year after year.

More Escorted Tours for 2011!



Feedback from our clients is very important to us and from the hundreds of telephone calls and letters we receive, we know how much you enjoy having a tour escort on your holiday. Sarah Hopps will continue to host a large number of

UK and European holidays for us, whilst all of our Connoisseurs Choice Holidays will now also include a tour escort.

New for 2011, we are pleased to announce that our tour driver John and his wife Sue will be taking a hand-picked selection of 7 tours. Many of you will already have travelled with 'John-Boy' and now that Sue has retired, she will be hosting these tours with him.



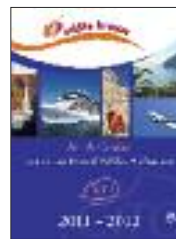
WHAT MORE CAN WE OFFER YOU...?

DAY EXCURSIONS

Our programme of days out continues to grow from strength to strength and 2 seasonal booklets are published in early Spring and late Summer each year. Operated to the same high standards as our holidays, destinations include shoppers, seaside favourites, flower shows, special events and concerts to name but a few.

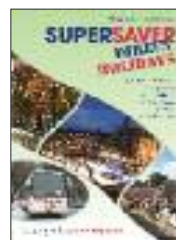


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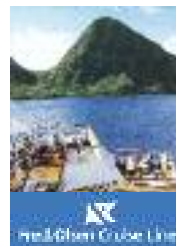
Following an exceptional response to last year's Air & Cruise brochure, we have recently published a new collection of Air and Cruise departures for 2011 and 2012. From superior long haul departures with Celebrity Cruises and scenic river cruises with Croisi Europe to Worldwide escorted air holidays to America, New Zealand and South Africa, these special holidays are not to be missed.

SUPERSAVER DIRECT HOLIDAYS



As well as enjoying a Summer holiday with us, you can also take a great value short break with us in the Winter months. Our value for money 'Supersaver Direct Holidays' all include free local pick-ups, popular holiday resorts and destinations and a great variety of included and optional local excursions. A number of departures for Easter and Spring 2011 are still available, so don't miss out!

FRED OLSEN CRUISES



We continue our strong partnership with Fred Olsen and as well as providing coach transfers to the South Coast on selected cruise departures, we have a new hand-picked selection of worldwide cruises which come highly recommended by our Tour Director Deirdre Brown.



To receive more information or a brochure, please contact our Travel Centre on 01423 321246.



COACH HIRE, VIP TRAVEL & GROUP HOLIDAYS

Our dedicated Sales team are on hand to provide quotations and bookings for all of your Sports team, school trips and special occasion travel. We have a fleet of over 40 vehicles available including standard, executive and VIP coaches which feature luxurious leather interiors and state of the art on-board amenities. Coaches are available for private hire or fully inclusive group travel packages and vehicle sizes vary from 7-53 seaters. Sales Team enquires and bookings line 01423 321248.



DOOR TO DOOR SERVICE

Your holiday starts from your doorstep with our home pick-up service using our own 7-seaters and local taxi's! Transport from your home to the tour coach at a local rendezvous point near the A1 is included on all holidays of 5 days and over and all of our 'Connoisseurs Choice' holidays. A further coach changeover may be necessary on shared tours operated with other Cito members, whilst on tours to airports and cruise ports, your onward journey may continue by minibus rather than full size coach.

Key to Hotel Facilities

	Restaurant		Gym
	Bar		Indoor Swimming Pool
	Lounge		Sauna
	Lift		Entertainment
	Television		Outdoor Swimming Pool
	Tea/Coffee Making Facilities		Mini Bar
	Hairdryer		Trouser Press
	Telephone		Air Conditioning
	Safe		Spa

DIAMOND TRAVELLER COACHES



Many of our tours now include travel on these 42-seater coaches which offer greater travelling comfort with extra legroom. Look out for the special Diamond Traveller logo when choosing your holiday and then simply sit back, relax and watch the scenery go by on your chosen tour.



New for 2011, we are awaiting delivery of 2 new Diamond Traveller coaches, one vehicle as you know and expect. The other will be a VIP Diamond Traveller in a stunning new livery with leather seating and extra legroom for the

best in coach travel comfort. Upgrade your seating in the first 2 rows and pay £30 per person for a premium seat with full leg rest.

EUROPEAN SHARED DEPARTURE TOURS



The majority of our European tours are operated in conjunction with our fellow Cito member Galloway Coach Travel. This successful partnership allows us to offer a great variety of destinations and reduces the disappointment of

cancelled tour departures. Tours are usually booked on a lunchtime or late morning ferry from Dover, which means an early morning departure in order for our last pick-up in Yorkshire to be no later than 06.00hrs. If you have any concerns about early departure times or are interested to know whose vehicle you will be travelling on, please enquire at time of booking.

PREMIER TRAVEL CLUB



Before booking your 2011 holidays or excursions, don't forget to join our increasingly popular Travel Club. Your membership entitles you to a number of great benefits including - savings on coach holidays and excursions, discounted single room

supplements, free Summer daytrip and regular Newsletters with advance tour information, special offers and competitions – see membership details on page 64.



For your holiday protection and peace of mind, all holidays are bonded with the Bonded Coach Holidays Group and the Confederation of Passenger Transport to protect your holiday payments.

We are also members of the Guild of British Coach Operators and adhere to their Charter for Excellence.



We are proud to have achieved the strict membership criteria required to be a member of CITO – The Consortium of Independent Tour Operators, a nationwide organisation committed to the continual improvement of quality coach holidays.

Cito Quality

To obtain this Quality Award, a minimum proportion of our holidays must meet the strict criteria set out below. Holidays which carry the CITO Quality logo include the following features not always found on standard coach holidays.

Travel

- Door to Door service on holidays 5 days and over
- All coach travel and excursions included
- Entrances & admissions as per 'Price Includes' panel
- No overnight coach travel
- Travel pack with full itinerary
- 24hr Emergency contact

Accommodation

The following features apply to the resort hotels and may not be applicable at overnight accommodation.

- Min 3 Star standard resort hotel (national ratings)
- Full cooked breakfast (UK & Ireland)
- Buffet breakfast (Europe)
- Luggage handling (1 piece per person at resort hotel)
- Dinner menu choice (3 course/3 choice in UK and choice of main course in Europe. Excludes arrival night which may be set menu or themed meals)

N.B. Menu choice is not generally available on river cruises but alternatives are available on request.

Coach

- All non-smoking
- WC and washroom on board
- Full air conditioning
- Adjustable seat backs
- Seat belts
- Secondary braking system
- Facilities for hot and chilled drinks

CITO Escorted



Holidays featuring this logo include all of the above plus a professional, smartly attired Tour Escort.

CITO Select



These holidays achieve the standards required to be awarded the CITO Quality Award and also benefit from the following enhancements;

- Extra legroom 'Diamond Traveller' coach seating
- Min 3-star standard resort hotel
- Dine at leisure for breakfast and dinner*

CITO Elite



These holidays achieve the standards required to be awarded the CITO Quality Award and also benefit from the following enhancements;

- Extra legroom 'Diamond Traveller' coach seating
- Min 4-star standard resort hotel and min 3-star overnight hotel
- Dine at leisure for breakfast and dinner*

* N.B. Some hotels will require guests to pre-book their tables to dine at their chosen time for dinner between times advised by the hotel. Excludes themed meals or where entertainment is involved.

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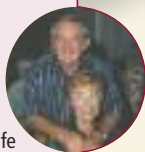
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GET AWAY WITH JOHN & SUE...

New for 2011, one of our longest serving Tour Drivers 'John-Boy' will be joined by his wife Sue who will be travelling as tour escort on a small number of UK holidays. From the scenery of Southern Ireland to coastal favourites, book early and enjoy their company on your next holiday!

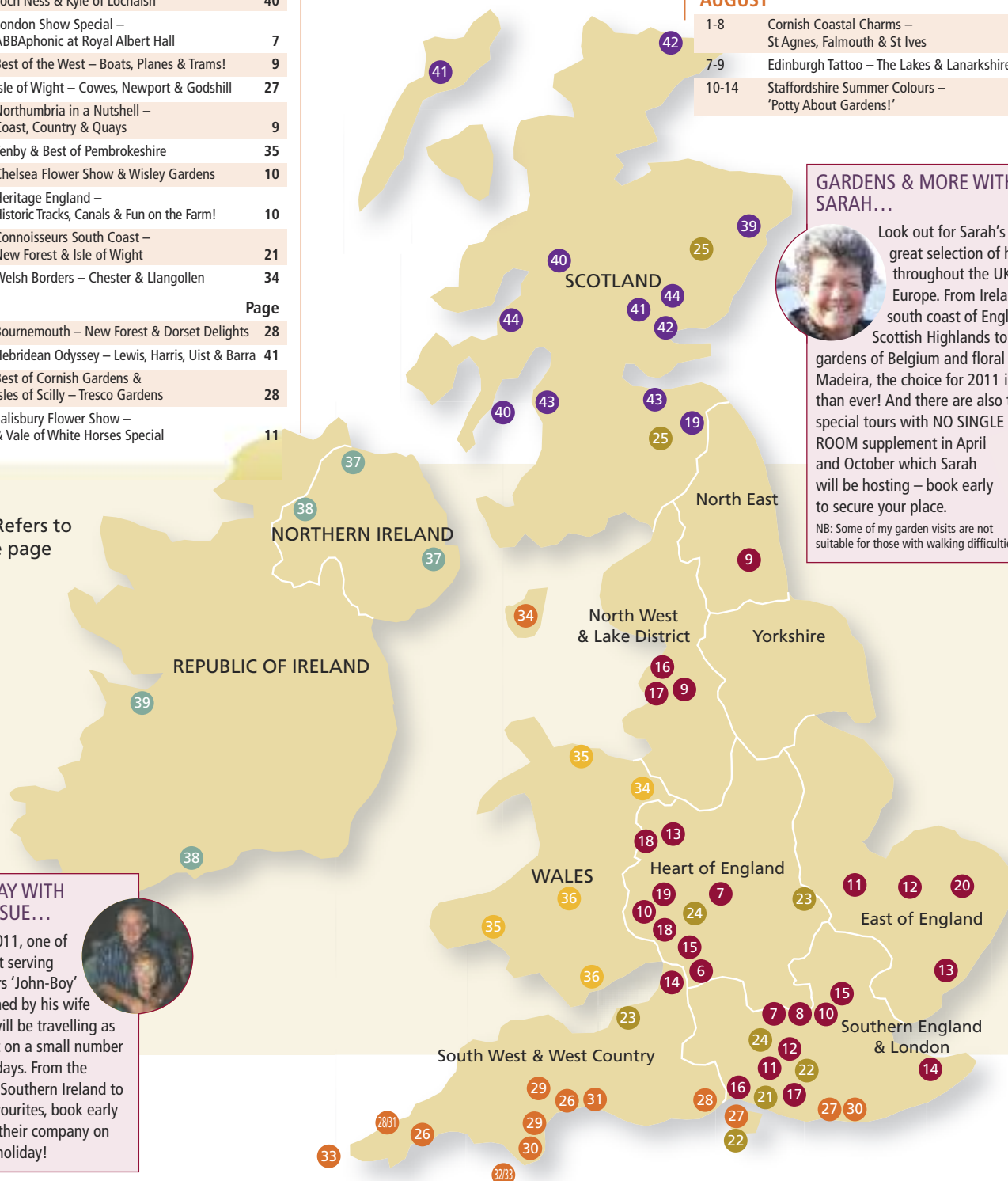


GARDENS & MORE WITH SARAH...



Look out for Sarah's logo on a great selection of holidays throughout the UK and Europe. From Ireland to the south coast of England, the Scottish Highlands to the gardens of Belgium and floral island of Madeira, the choice for 2011 is better than ever! And there are also two special tours with NO SINGLE ROOM supplement in April and October which Sarah will be hosting – book early to secure your place.

NB: Some of my garden visits are not suitable for those with walking difficulties.



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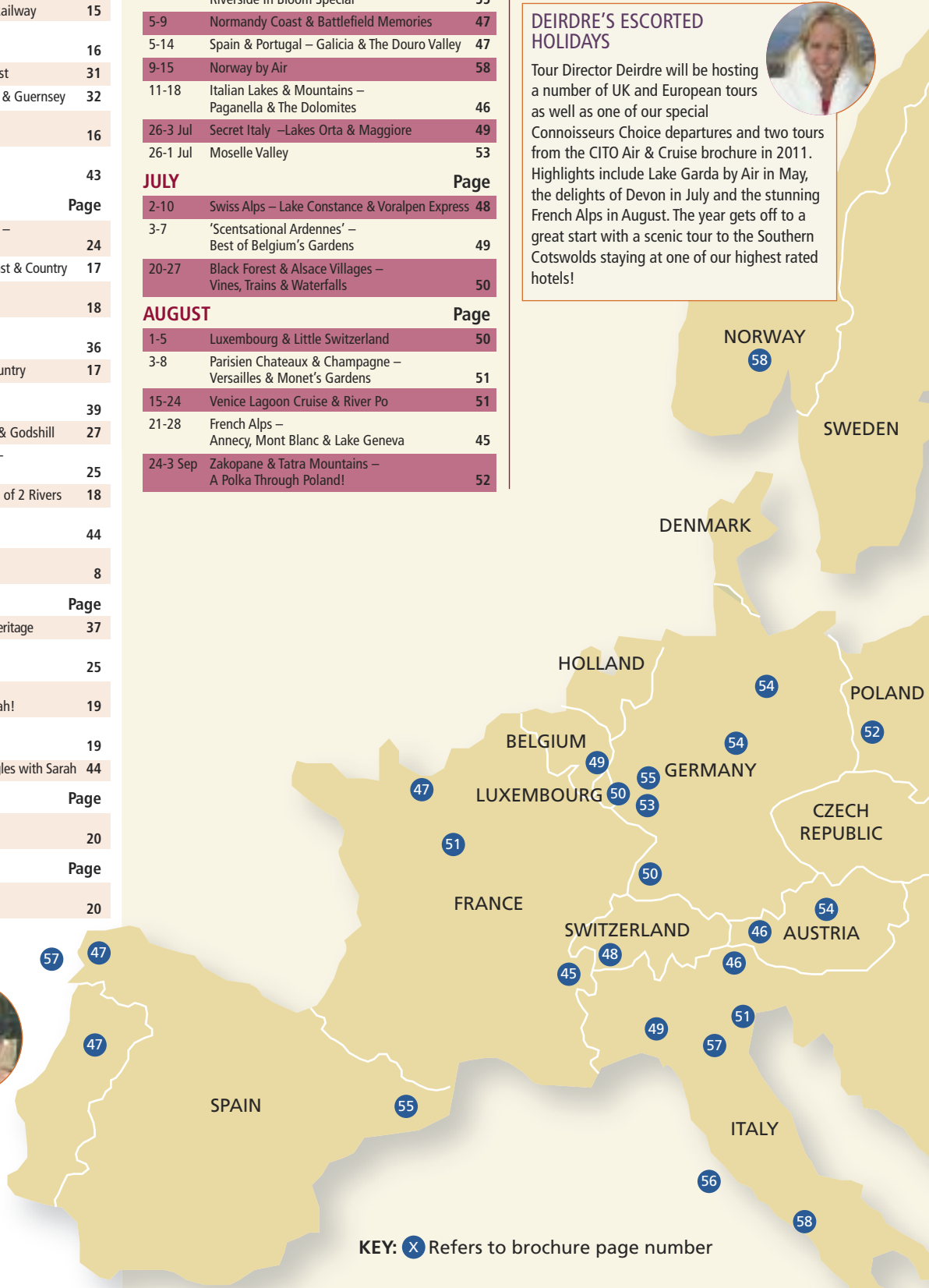
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DEIRDRE'S ESCORTED HOLIDAYS



Tour Director Deirdre will be hosting a number of UK and European tours as well as one of our special Connoisseurs Choice departures and two tours from the CITO Air & Cruise brochure in 2011. Highlights include Lake Garda by Air in May, the delights of Devon in July and the stunning French Alps in August. The year gets off to a great start with a scenic tour to the Southern Cotswolds staying at one of our highest rated hotels!



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ELAINE'S FAREWELL YEAR...

Our popular Swiss based escort Elaine will be working with us for the last time in 2011, so don't miss your chance to enjoy her expertise and local knowledge. A choice of 2 tours will be hosted by Elaine including our best-selling Black Forest tour and a new 2-centre holiday to the Swiss Alps featuring railways and lakes galore!





Cotswolds Blossom Trail

Spring Gardens with Sarah

18 – 21 April

4 days

£369.00

DAY 1 Morning departure, travel to Dudley for included visit to the superb Black Country Living Museum. Ample time here to take a trip down memory lane and experience life in the heyday of Britain's industrial heritage and enjoy included 2-course Ploughman's Lunch in the Canalside Café. Continue to hotel for 3 night's dinner and breakfast including welcome tea and biscuits on arrival.

Whilst on tour, the following programme is included:

- Scenic excursion through the Vale of Evesham, an area which has been renowned for its fruit growing since medieval times. Our route includes the pretty Spring blossoms of cherry, apple, pear and plum trees before enjoying a break in Broadway, considered one of the prettiest Cotswolds villages. Later, travel to Hidcote Manor for included visit to these 'Arts & Crafts' style gardens. The series of outdoor rooms are renowned for their seasonal character, rare shrubs and international plant specimens – a stunning garden!



Sarah's Tip

A lovely mixture of gardens to enjoy in Spring and the displays of blossom, magnolias, camellias and bulbs will be delightful – Spetchley Park is a real treat!

- Full day to Stratford-upon-Avon with some free time for sightseeing, shopping and optional lunch by the river. Continue to Spetchley Park for included visit to the Victorian Gardens which inspired composer Edward Elgar. Wonderful displays of Spring bulbs and flowering shrubs to enjoy followed by included Tea & Cake.

DAY 4 Depart after breakfast and travel to the floral town of Shrewsbury with free time to take a riverside stroll or explore the historic streets lined with timber-framed houses. Continue to Hodnet Hall with included admission to the gardens which in April have stunning displays of camellias, daffodils and a Magnolia Walk. Expected arrival home will be mid evening.

Hotel

The Menzies Stourport Manor Hotel, Stourport ★★★★★

This small country house hotel is set in 23 acres of grounds on the outskirts of Stourport and close to Hartlebury village. From comfortable lounges and open fireplaces to extensive leisure facilities, there are numerous facilities to ensure a comfortable stay.

www.menzies-hotels.co.uk



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Local Joining Points • Dinner & Breakfast • Portage & Welcome Tea/Biscuits • Black Country Museum inc Lunch • Garden Entrances to Hidcote Manor & Hodnet Hall • Entrance to Spetchley Park Gardens inc Tea & Cake • Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£32.00**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£49.00**



ESCORTED BY
SARAH HOPPS



BANK HOLIDAY SPECIAL!

Southern Cotswolds Charms

Deirdre's Spring Special

29 April – 3 May

5 days

£475.00

DAY 1 Morning departure, travel to Warwick and visit one of its hidden jewels – The Lord Leycester Hospital. Included tour of this medieval gem of ancient buildings and idyllic Master's Garden followed by soup and sandwiches lunch. Continue to hotel and check in for 4 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in the Cotswolds, the following programme is included:

- Excursion to Bourton-on-Water and the picture-postcard village of Broadway, one of the quintessential Cotswolds villages, with its classic village green and stone cottages. Continue to Toddington for included trip on the Gloucestershire & Warwickshire Steam Railway through glorious rural scenery to Cheltenham. Return to hotel to enjoy included Cream Tea.
- Full day through the Vale of White Horses to the fine city of Salisbury with some free time to see the magnificent cathedral and enjoy optional lunch. Continue to Stourhead with included admission to the house and gardens. The Palladian mansion is home to exquisite fine furniture and the landscaped gardens are one of the World's finest with inspiring vistas and romantic follies. Return via Avebury to see the famous Standing Stones.

- Excursion to the lovely Georgian city of Bath with free time for optional lunch and sightseeing such as the famous Roman Baths and Royal Crescent. Later, included visit to Abbey House to see the delightfully restored gardens of the infamous 'Naked Gardeners' with 150,00 tulips and narcissi on display.

DAY 5 Depart hotel after breakfast and travel to Hidcote Manor with included admission to the gardens. Regarded as one of the finest Arts & Crafts designs, the garden comprises a series of 'outdoor rooms' with their own unique character. Expected arrival home will be early evening.

Hotel

Blunsdon House Hotel, Cricklade

★★★★★

This former country house is family-run and highly praised for its excellent service and superb buffet meals. All bedrooms in the main house are individually furnished to the highest standards.

www.bw-blunsdonhouse.co.uk



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi • Buffet Dinners & Breakfasts • Portage • Railway Trip • Admissions to Stourhead, Abbey House Gardens & Hidcote Manor Gardens • Tour of Lord Leycester Hospital & Light Lunch • Hotel Cream Tea • Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£32.00**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£72.00**



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DEIRDRE BROWN

Deirdre's Tip

I am so looking forward to staying at a hotel which gets some of our best reports! The pretty gardens at Hidcote I adore and Lord Leycester is a real treat with its unique charm and guided tour from its Master. The Cotswolds are a favourite of mine and escorting this tour will be a real pleasure!



BANK HOLIDAY SPECIAL!

NEW

Easter Singles with Sarah

Canals, Chocolates, Safari & Steam

25 – 29 April

5 days

£499.00

DAY 1 Morning departure and travel to the edge of the Peak District National Park, enjoying stops in the 'Pudding Town' of Bakewell and Matlock Bath. Continue to Loughborough to board the Great Central Railway for included Easter Steam trip down the line to Birstall where we re-join the coach and travel to Birmingham to check in to our hotel for 4 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in the Midlands, the following programme is included:

- Morning cruise along the city's network of canals on a traditional barge boat, taking in the loops of the James Brindley Canal and Gas Street Basin. Disembark with some free time in the city centre for optional lunch before continuing to Cadbury World for included visit. See the history of chocolate production, smell and taste some of the world famous chocolate and pick up some treats in the factory shop!
- Full day to West Midlands Safari Park with included Safari Park drive followed by included Fish & Chips Lunch and free time to see the numerous attractions which include; Hippo Lakes, Safari Express Train, Sea Lion Show, Seal Island and SeaQuarium.
- Excursion to Warwick including admission to the fine medieval Castle with its sumptuous staterooms and apartments and armoury collections. After free time in the town centre for optional lunch, continue to Coughton Court with included admission to the home of the Throckmorton family, a fine Tudor house surrounded by lovely gardens created by the family.

DAY 5 Travel to Birmingham's Botanical Gardens with included admission to the Glasshouses and free time to take in the Spring flowers which are displayed in a variety of layouts and themes. After time here for optional lunch, continue to Denby Potteries Visitor Centre for included Cookery Demonstration and some retail therapy in the Factory Shop and Home Store. Expected arrival home will be early evening.



Hotel

Thistle Hotel City, Birmingham

★★★★

Situated in the city centre, this luxurious hotel offers stylish bedrooms and excellent guest facilities including a Brasserie style restaurant, lounge area and bar.

www.thistle.com



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Portering
- Admissions to Cadbury World, Coughton Court, Warwick Castle & Botanical Gardens
- Canal Cruise • Steam Railway Trip
- Entrance to Safari Park inc Lunch
- Cookery Demonstration • Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£32.00**
 Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£Nil**
 Twin/Double Room Reduction **£20.00**



ESCORTED BY SARAH HOPPS

Sarah's Tip

These special tours for single travellers are always fun and a great way to make new friends. There is certainly something for everyone on this tour and plenty to enjoy both indoors and out!



Photo © Royal Albert Hall

London Show Special

ABBaphonic at Royal Albert Hall

13 – 14 May

2 days

£175.00

NEW SHOW!

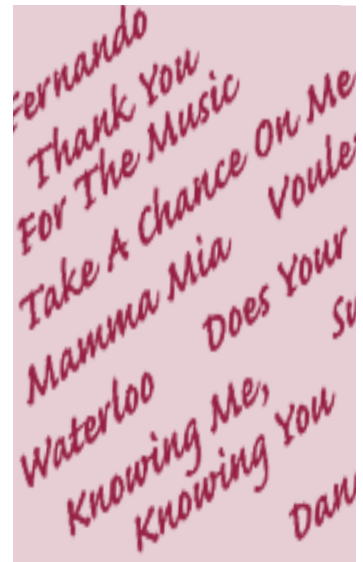
DAY 1 Morning departure, travel to hotel to check in mid afternoon for overnight bed and breakfast and a 2-course High Tea. Early evening transfer to the Royal Albert Hall for included performance of ABBaphonic. This new show features a medley of the greatest hits of ABBA performed by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra including favourites such as Mamma Mia, Dancing Queen, Take a Chance and many more. Late return to hotel after performance.

DAY 2 Depart hotel after breakfast and travel into central London with ample free time for sightseeing, shopping and optional lunch in the capital. Late afternoon departure for home, expected arrival will be late evening.



Deirdre's Tip

Having just seen the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, I can highly recommend this trip. The orchestra, along with its vocalists, certainly have audiences spellbound - musical perfection at its best.



Hotel

Kingston Lodge Hotel, Richmond Park

★★★

Situated on the edge of Richmond Park, this hotel enjoys a quiet location, yet remains within easy reach of London. Many of the bedrooms overlook the courtyard garden and some also have a balcony.

www.brook-hotels.co.uk

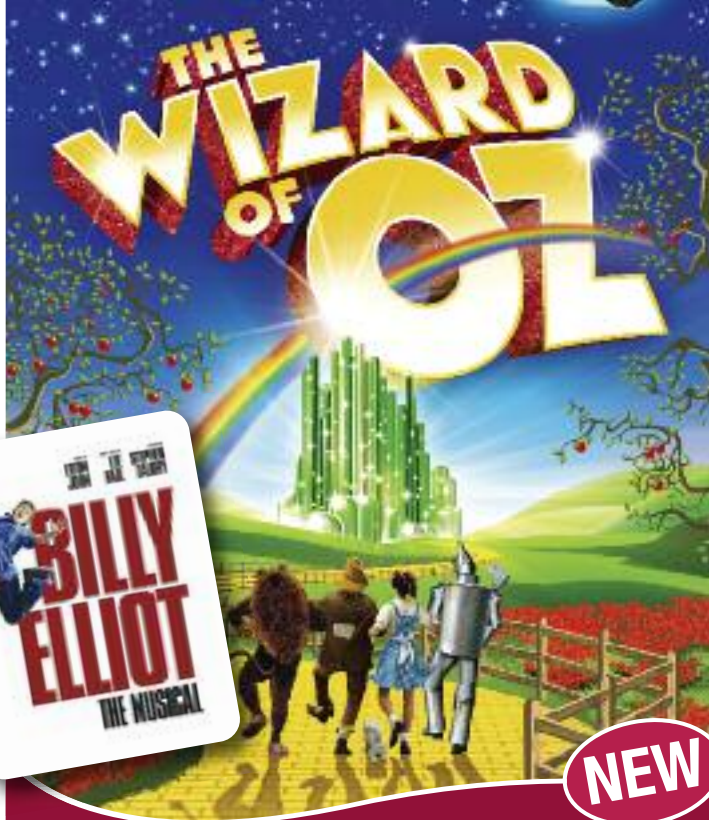


Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Local Joining Points • Bed & English Breakfast • 2-Course High Tea • Show Tickets – Stalls

Supplements

Insurance **£20.00**
 Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£Nil**



BIRNY ANDERSSON & BJÖRN LINDVALLS
MAMMA MIA!
 DAS MUSICAL WITH ABBA



NEW

NEW

London Musical Double-Bill

Wizard of Oz & Billy Elliot

London Musical Double-Bill

Mamma Mia & Love Never Dies

11 – 12 May

2 days

£245.00

27 – 28 September

2 days

£245.00

DAY 1 Mid morning departure and travel to London, arriving late afternoon to check-in to our hotel for overnight bed and English breakfast. Included transfer to/from the theatre for evening performance of The Wizard of Oz. After the nation chose their new Dorothy, she now joins the rest of her friends on the Yellow Brick Road of London's West End. Late return to hotel after performance.

DAY 2 After breakfast at hotel, morning at leisure for sightseeing and optional lunch followed by included matinee performance of Billy Elliot. Based on the hit film, this heart-warming story tells of one Northern lad and his passion for dance against the odds of his upbringing. Depart after performance for journey home, expected arrival will be late evening.



DAY 1 Mid morning departure and travel to London, arriving late afternoon to check-in to our hotel for overnight bed and English breakfast. Included transfer to/from the theatre for evening performance of Mamma Mia. This record-breaking production has enthralled millions across the World with its imaginative dance routines and sing-along classic ABBA songs. Late return to hotel after performance.

DAY 2 After breakfast at hotel, morning at leisure for sightseeing and optional lunch followed by included matinee performance of Love Never Dies. Andrew Lloyd Webber's much anticipated sequel to Phantom of the Opera continues the story of the principle characters as they embark on new lives in America. Depart after performance for journey home, expected arrival will be late evening.



Hotel

Ibis Earls Court Hotel, London ★★★
 This large and modern hotel is situated in central London close to Earls Court and within easy reach of the shops of Knightsbridge. The hotel has its own restaurant and traditional Pub style bar
www.ibis-hotels.com



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Local Joining Points • Bed & English Breakfast
- Evening Performance – Wizard of Oz
- Matinee Performance – Billy Elliot
- Best Available Stalls/Dress Circle Tickets

Supplements

Insurance **£20.00**
 Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£25.00**



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- Best Available Stalls/Dress Circle Tickets

Supplements

Insurance **£20.00**
 Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£25.00**



NEW

Best of the West

Boats, Planes & Trams!

16 – 20 May

5 days

£449.00

DAY 1 Morning departure and travel via the Yorkshire Dales, stopping in Skipton en route to Southport. This renowned floral town boasts botanic gardens, relaxing parks and the delightful arcaded shops of Lord Street. Continue to hotel and check-in for 4 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in Cheshire, the following programme is included:

- Some free time in Knutsford, a charming town of cobbles and courtyard's that were inspiration for Elizabeth Gaskell's 'Cranford'. Continue to Manchester Aviation Park for included visit and tour of Concorde G-BOAC, affectionately known as 'Alpha Charlie'.
- Full day across the county border to Merseyside to visit Port Sunlight with included admission to the Museum, a guided tour of the village where visitors can discover the heritage of the famous Lever name and a souvenir bar of Sunlight Soap. Later, take a ferry across the Mersey to the vibrant city of Liverpool with free time to take in its many waterfront attractions, museums and excellent shopping.
- Travel to the edge of the Peak District National Park for included trip to the Heights of Abraham and a panoramic cable-car trip. Later, enjoy included visit to Crich Tramway Museum to enjoy tram rides galore along an authentic traditional village street.

DAY 5 Depart hotel after breakfast and travel to Arley Hall with included admission to the award-winning gardens, recently voted one of Britain's top 10. Highlights here include herbaceous borders, walled gardens and 300 varieties of rhododendrons. Expected arrival home will be late afternoon.

Deirdre's Tip

A good standard hotel with some unusual visits featuring over £60 of admissions! From boys and toys with Concorde and Trams to pretty gardens and nostalgic Port Sunlight - there's something for everyone!

Hotel

Cottons Hotel & Spa, Knutsford

★★★★

Modern and stylish hotel located away from the hustle and bustle of Cheshire's big cities. The spacious bedrooms are well appointed and extensive amenities include a giant outdoor hot tub, beauty spa and Colonial style lounge bar.

www.shirehotels.com



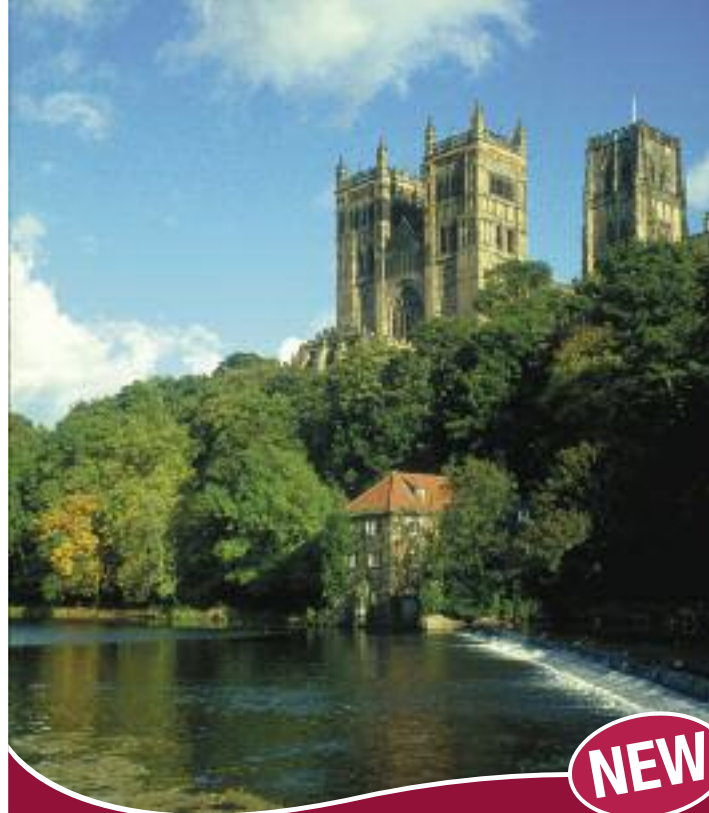
Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage
- Admissions to Arley Hall Gardens, Crich Museum & Manchester Aviation Park
- Concorde Experience • Port Sunlight Village Tour & Museum • Mersey Ferry Trip
- Heights of Abraham inc Cable Car Trip

Supplements

Insurance **£32.00**

Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£60.00**



NEW

Northumbria in a Nutshell

Coast, Country & Quays

22 – 24 May

3 days

£249.00

DAY 1 Morning departure and travel to the lovely cathedral city of Durham for included river cruise to see the sights along the river bank followed by some free time for optional lunch and shopping. Continue to hotel and check in for 2 night's dinner and breakfast. Enjoy included Afternoon Tea on arrival as you relax and enjoy your elegant surroundings.

DAY 2 Depart after breakfast and travel into the heart of Northumbria, our route includes some of this county's spectacular coastline with a drive via Bamburgh, Seahouses and Alnmouth. Continue to Alnwick for included visit to the world famous gardens which will be at their spring best with colourful displays and eye-catching features such as the cascading waterfalls and giant Tree House.

DAY 3 Depart hotel after breakfast and travel to Bishop Auckland for included trip on Weardale Railway along the line to Stanhope. Rejoin coach and travel to Hartlepool Historic Quay with included Maritime Experience ticket and free time to explore the authentic recreation of an 18th century port, Museum and HMS Trincomalee. Expected arrival home will be early evening.

Hotel

Barcelo Redworth Hall Hotel, nr Durham ★★★★★

This luxurious country house retreat is situated in acres of grounds and was highly praised by our Loyalty Break clients in 2010. All of the bedrooms are elegantly furnished and the interiors of the original building evoke the grandeur of its past.

www.barcelo-hotels.co.uk



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Local Joining Points • Dinner & Breakfast • Hotel Afternoon Tea • 1 Cruise • Maritime Experience Ticket • 1 Railway Trip
- Admission to Alnwick Gardens

Supplements

Insurance **£20.00**

Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£41.00**



Deirdre's Tip

A lovely hotel used on our most recent Loyalty Break. I really enjoyed Hartlepool Quays with a tour of the old ship Trincomalee and bustling old quayside with ropemakers, gunsmiths and 18th century style shops.



Chelsea Flower Show

& Wisley Gardens

26 – 28 May

3 days

£269.00

DAY 1 Morning departure, travel to London with some free time for sightseeing and shopping before travelling to our hotel for a late afternoon check in and 2 night's dinner and breakfast.

DAY 2 Full day to Chelsea Flower Show to see its celebrated floral displays, show gardens and colourful blooms. Keep an eye out for the many celebrities and TV gardeners who visit the show, whilst enjoying Chelsea's celebration of horticultural excellence and creativity from top garden designers. Return to hotel early evening for dinner and evening at leisure.

DAY 3 Depart hotel after breakfast and travel to RHS Gardens at Wisley for included visit. There is plenty of free time here to explore this amazing collection of gardens demonstrating the best of British gardening with over 240 acres featuring a glorious variety of specimens. Expected arrival home will be mid evening.

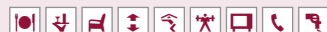


Hotel

Marriott Hotel London Heathrow
★★★★

This modern hotel is located to the west of central London with easy access via the motorway into the Capital. All spacious en suite bedrooms are luxuriously appointed and extensive guest facilities include choice of restaurants and leisure club.

www.marriotthotels.co.uk



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Dinner & Breakfast • Admissions to Chelsea Flower Show & Wisley Gardens

Supplements

Insurance **£20.00**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£50.00**



Heritage England

Historic Tracks, Canals & Fun on the Farm!

26 – 29 May

4 days

£359.00

BANK HOLIDAY SPECIAL!

DAY 1 Morning departure, travel to the Welsh Borders for a break in Llangollen with free time to enjoy the attractions of the Wharf with optional canal cruise or trip along the Railway. Continue to Telford and check in to hotel for 3 night's dinner and breakfast including a welcome Sherry reception this evening.

Whilst in Shropshire, the following programme is included:

- A fun day out with included visit to the farm at Acton Scott which is perhaps best known as the location for popular TV series 'Victorian Farm'. Our guided tour goes behind the scenes of this working farm to see how traditional crafts and skills are thriving today. Return via a scenic drive along the Welsh Borders, home to a number of quaint Black & White Villages, with an afternoon break in Ludlow.
- Full day with included packed lunch to Ironbridge Gorge with free time to enjoy the Museum of the Gorge followed by included visit to the superb Blists Hill Victorian Village. Here you can wander the authentic streets, chat to the locals, see the traditional homes and enjoy the thrills of the fairground. Continue to Bridgnorth to board the legendary Severn Valley Railway for included trip through the Shropshire scenery to Bewdley, before returning to hotel by coach.

- 1 Night hotel entertainment with a fun quiz and bingo evening.

DAY 4 Depart after breakfast and travel to the Peak District National Park, stopping in the famous 'Pudding Town' of Bakewell. Continue to Renishaw Hall with included admission to the gardens which feature several 'rooms' and Laburnum Tunnel which will be at its most colourful and seasonal best. Expected arrival home will be early evening.

Hotel

The Whitehouse Hotel, Telford ★★★★★

Regarded as one of the town's premier hotel venues, the Whitehouse offers an excellent standard of accommodation and superb leisure facilities. All of the bedrooms are brightly decorated and well appointed.

www.whitehousehotels.com



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Local Joining Points • Dinner & Breakfast • Portage
- Sherry Reception & 1 Packed Lunch
- 1 Night Entertainment • Severn Valley Railway Trip • Entrances to Ironbridge Museum/Blists Hill & Renishaw Hall Gardens • Acton Scott Farm Tour

Supplements

Insurance **£32.00**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£45.00**





NEW

Salisbury Cathedral Flowers & Vale of White Horses Special

16 – 20 June

5 days

£429.00

DAY 1 Morning departure and travel to the Cotswold Wildlife Park with included admission to the animal attractions and newly developed gardens. Later, continue to hotel and check-in for 4 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst on tour, the following programme is included:

- Full day to the elegant city of Salisbury with some free time for shopping and sightseeing plus included admission to the Flower Show which takes place in the iconic setting of the city's landmark Cathedral. Thousands of flowers in a variety of traditional and interpretive displays can be seen at this floral art treat for the senses.
- Excursion into Hampshire with included visit to the Milestones Living History Museum. Take a trip down memory lane on the Victorian cobbles and 1930's High Street, chat with the locals or pop to the Pub! Later, an afternoon break in the handsome cathedral city of Winchester with time for shopping or a riverside stroll.
- Travel through the Kennett Valley for a break in the bustling market town of Marlborough. Continue through the Vale of White Horses to the city of Bath with free time to take in the sights and lovely architecture of its elegant buildings.

DAY 5 Depart hotel after breakfast and travel to the 'City of Dreaming Spires' Oxford with time for optional lunch and sightseeing. Expected arrival home will be late afternoon.



Hotel

Regency Park Hotel, Nr Newbury

★★★★

This modern hotel is located close to the Hampshire border and offers first class guest amenities and stylish and spacious bedrooms. The hotel has a luxurious leisure club with spa and the award-winning restaurant overlooks the waterfall gardens. www.pedersonhotels.com

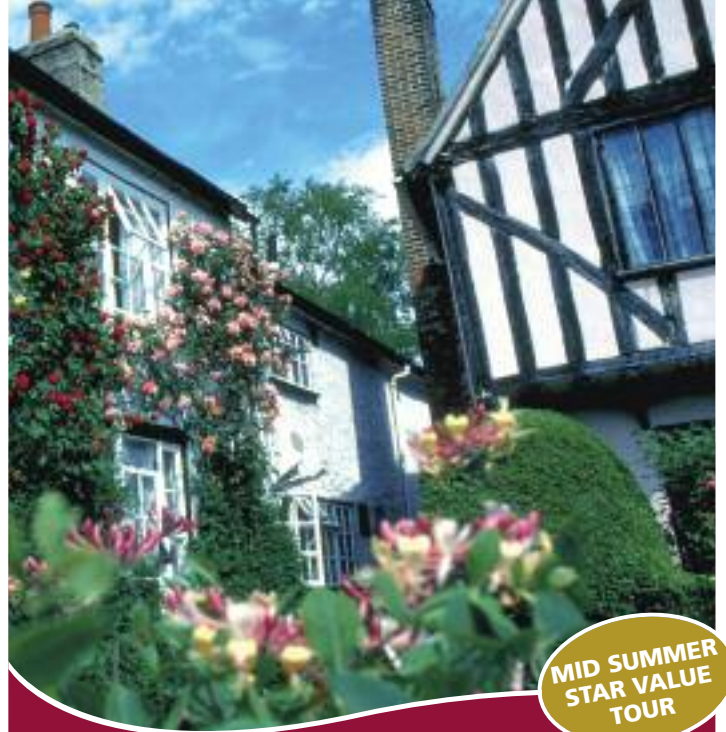


Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Portage
- Admissions to Wildlife Park, Flower Show & Milestones Museum

Supplements

Insurance **£32.00**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£60.00**



**MID SUMMER
STAR VALUE
TOUR**

A Tale of 2 Counties

Norfolk & Suffolk

23 – 28 June

6 days

£499.00

DAY 1 Morning departure and travel to the lovely cathedral city of Lincoln with free time for shopping and optional lunch. Continue to Huntingdon and check in to hotel for 5 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst on tour, the following programme is included:

- Excursion to Cambridge with free time for sightseeing, shopping or a punt along the River Cam. After time for optional lunch, continue to the National Stud for included visit to see the paddocks and their thoroughbred residents on a tour of this superb equine facility.
- Full day into Norfolk, stopping in medieval Bury St. Edmunds for a break before continuing to Bressingham with included admission to the gardens and museum. Free time here to explore the wonderful and varied gardens, enjoy a trip on the railway and see the superb Steam Museum.
- Scenic day into Suffolk to discover the picture-postcard villages and beauty spots which inspired great artists like Constable and Gainsborough. Our route includes Clare, Cavendish, Long Melford and of course Lavenham. Known as 'England's Finest Medieval Village' the town centre is lined with eye-catching timber-framed buildings.

- Excursion to Saffron Walden to visit Audley End with included admission to the house and gardens. One of England's finest country houses, you can see the beautiful interiors, restored servant's quarters and grand 17th century stables.

DAY 6 Depart hotel after a leisurely breakfast and travel to Rockingham Castle for included tour of this former Royal fortress whose hilltop position commands views across the neighbouring counties. Enjoy an included Ploughman's lunch and free time to explore the lovely gardens before returning home. Expected arrival will be early evening.

Hotel

Marriott Hotel, Huntingdon ★★★★★

This modern hotel offers first class amenities and spacious bedrooms which are luxuriously furnished to the highest standards. The hotel has a well appointed leisure club and is praised for its excellent dining.

www.marriotthotels.co.uk



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Portage
- Admissions to Bressingham Gardens & Audley End • National Stud Tour • Tour & Lunch at Rockingham Castle

Supplements

Insurance **£37.50**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£100.00**





NEW

'A Norfolk Scentsation'

Royal Show & Lavender Special!

28 – 30 June

3 days

£325.00

DAY 1 Morning departure and travel to the Royal estate of Sandringham for included visit to see the country home of HM Queen and free time to explore the stunning gardens and museum exhibits. Continue to Norfolk Lavender for included tour of the fragrant fields, distillery and collections of Lavender followed by a delicious cream tea with lavender scones. Continue to hotel and check in for 2 night's dinner and breakfast.

DAY 2 Depart after breakfast and travel to the Norfolk Showground for a full day excursion with included admission to the annual Royal Norfolk Show. There is much to see and do here from the displays in the Grand Ring to livestock, equine events, countryside area, gardening attractions, crafts tent and a dog show.

DAY 3 Depart hotel after breakfast and enjoy a coastal drive, travelling via Hunstanton and Wells-next-the-Sea to Sheringham for included trip along the picturesque Poppy Line railway to Holt. Continue to Houghton Hall for included visit to this magnificent Palladian mansion house where the impressive state rooms and award-winning gardens can be admired. Expected arrival home will be mid evening.



Hotel

Best Western Knights Hill Hotel, nr King's Lynn ★★

This hotel stands in acres of gardens and meadowland on the outskirts of King's Lynn within easy reach of the coastal and rural attractions of northern Norfolk. Formerly a working farm, the original buildings blend traditional elements with modern additions and amenities.

www.bw-knightshillhotel.co.uk



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Local Joining Points • Dinner & Breakfast • Lavender Tour & Cream Tea • Admissions to Sandringham, Royal Norfolk Show & Houghton Hall • Poppy Line Railway Trip

Supplements

Insurance **£20.00**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£Nil**



Deirdre's Tip

What an action packed 3 days, from hotel to lavender fields, the delights of a day at the show, to historic houses. With over £60 of admissions included, this short break is one to enjoy!



NEW

Heart of England

Homes & Gardens Galore

23 – 27 July

5 days

£475.00

DAY 1 Morning departure, travel to Burghley with included admission to the house and grounds which are the epitome of Elizabethan grandeur. Free time to view the sumptuously decorated house interiors and glorious gardens before continuing to hotel to check-in for 4 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst on tour, the following programme is included:

- Excursion to Cambridge for included visit to the beautiful Botanic gardens which are noted for their diversity and horticultural interest. Later, included visit to Anglesey Abbey with time to explore the Jacobean-style country house which is surrounded by spectacular gardens with classical statuary and a working watermill.
- Excursion to Castle Ashby with included admission to the extensive gardens which are home to a butterfly collection, fuschia house and Orangery. Continue to Rockingham Castle for included guided tour of this impressive former Royal fortress with included soup and sandwiches lunch and time to explore and enjoy the magnificent views which take in a number of different counties.

- Full day travelling to Althorp to see the treasures of the Spencer family and exhibition which celebrates the life of Diana-Princess of Wales. Later, an included visit to Coton Manor where peaceful gardens circle a 17th century manor house and feature colourful pots brimming with flowers, streams, ponds and inspirational colour schemes.

DAY 5 Morning departure and travel to Belvoir Castle for included visit to the 19th century gardens. Influenced by treasures from the Grand Tour, highlights here include the Italian terraces, summer houses and restored Duchess's Gardens. Expected arrival home will be early evening.

Hotel

Kettering Park Hotel & Spa, Kettering ★★

This modern and stylish hotel is located within easy reach of many places of interest and historic attractions. Enjoy the extensive leisure facilities, luxuriously appointed bedrooms and outdoor terrace with an abundance of hanging baskets and seating – a superb quality hotel visited by Deirdre!

www.shirehotels.com



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi • Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage • Gardens Admissions to Belvoir Castle, Cambridge Botanic, Coton Manor & Castle Ashby • Entrances to Burghley, Althorp & Anglesey Abbey • Rockingham Castle Tour inc Lunch • Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£32.00**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£60.00**



ESCORTED BY SARAH HOPPS



Sarah's Tip

Deirdre visited this hotel and knew it would make a great base for a new tour this summer. A lovely selection of gardens and historic property's with the added bonus of lunch in the delightful surroundings of Rockingham Castle!



NEW

Staffordshire Summer Colours

'Potty About Gardens!'

10 – 14 August

5 days

£429.00

DAY 1 Morning departure and travel to Biddulph Grange (NT) with included garden admission to see the one of the country's most exciting compartmented layouts with unique features. Continue to Little Moreton Hall (NT) for included visit to this historic gem where the unique house is full of surprises and surrounded by a pretty knot garden. Late afternoon check-in at hotel for 4 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in Staffordshire, the following programme is included:

- Travel to the Trentham Estate with included admission to the redesigned gardens by top designers and see show gardens, the mile-long lake, garden centre and shops. Time for optional lunch before enjoying included visit to the Dorothy Clive Gardens, home to colourful herbaceous and mixed borders, woodlands and an alpine scree.
- Excursion to Shugborough Estate (NT) for included visit to experience life both 'upstairs and downstairs' of this historic working estate whilst mingling with costumed characters. Later, an included visit to Gladstone Pottery Museum to see the original Victorian china works and enjoy afternoon tea.
- Travel to Hodnet Hall with included admission to the historic gardens which date back to 11th century and feature formal layouts, flowering shrubs and ornamental pools. Later, enjoy a visit to Wollerton Old Hall, an outstanding garden with rare perennials as well as colourful flowers at their summer best.

Sarah's Tip

Another new tour which I can't wait to do featuring some of my all time favourite gardens and houses. The pottery museum and afternoon tea will be something new to look forward to!

DAY 5 Depart hotel after breakfast and travel to Tatton Park (NT) for included visit to the house and gardens. See the opulent décor of the 19th century house and grand Victorian gardens featuring an Orangery, roses and over 200 years of garden design. Expected arrival home will be late afternoon.

Hotel

Best Western Moat House Hotel, Stoke-on-Trent ★★★

This hotel is situated in Festival Park and incorporates the former home of Josiah Wedgewood, Etruria Hall. Blending the original building with modern additions, the hotel offers comfortable accommodation and superb guest facilities.

www.bestwestern.com



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage • Garden Admissions to Biddulph Grange, Dorothy Clive, Wollerton Old Hall & Hodnet Hall
- Entrances to Trentham, Little Moreton Hall, Shugborough & Tatton Park • Pottery Museum inc Afternoon Tea • Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£32.00**
 Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£80.00**
 NT Members Reduction **£25.00**
(Please advise when booking)



ESCORTED BY SARAH HOPPS



NEW

Essex Coast & Gardens

Jams, Piers & Blooms

14 – 18 August

5 days

£389.00

DAY 1 Morning departure, travel to beautiful academic city of Cambridge with free time for optional lunch, shopping or a punt along the River Cam. Continue to Essex, arriving at our hotel for 4 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in Essex, the following programme is included:

- Excursion to Tiptree for included visit to famous jam producers Wilkin & Son to see the Museum and visitor centre. Continue into historic Colchester with time for optional lunch followed by included visit to Beth Chatto Gardens. Always a favourite, these gardens never fail to delight with their colour, diversity and inspirational displays.
- Scenic day over the border to Suffolk to take in some of the picture-postcard scenery of 'Constable Country'. Our route features some of the beauty spots which inspired great artists like Constable and Gainsborough, taking in the idyllic villages of Clare, Cavendish, Long Melford and Lavenham.
- Full day to the coast, travelling via the former Roman stronghold of Chelmsford for optional shopping and lunch. Later, a break in Southend-on-Sea where you can enjoy a seafront ice-cream or stroll along the World's longest Pier.

DAY 5 Depart hotel after breakfast and travel to the quaint town of Oundle for optional lunch and shopping in this handsome market town. Expected arrival home will be early evening.



Hotel

The Marks Tey Hotel, nr Colchester ★★★

This modern hotel is situated a few miles from the centre of Colchester and offers spacious and stylishly furnished accommodation. Guest facilities include a Brasserie restaurant and well appointed leisure club.

www.bdlhotels.co.uk



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage
- Admissions to Tiptree Museum & Beth Chatto Gardens

Supplements

Insurance **£32.00**
 Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£82.00**



**STAR
VALUE
TOUR!**



NEW

Somerset & Avon Valley

Longleat, Bath & Cheddar Gorge

14 – 18 August

5 days

£399.00

DAY 1 Morning departure and travel to quaint town of Royal Leamington Spa for a lunchtime break before continuing to our hotel to check in for 4 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in the Avon Valley, the following programme is included:

- Full day excursion to the Longleat Estate with included admission to the stunning mansion house and trip through the world famous Safari Park featured on popular TV series 'Animal Park'. See the treasures of the Marquess of Bath, ride the Longleat Railway and see some of the Estate's wild and exotic residents.
- Travel to the lovely Georgian city of Bath for included sightseeing tour of its historic attractions, Roman Baths and elegant architecture. Some free time for optional lunch followed by afternoon visit to Bristol to enjoy its many waterfront attractions and maritime heritage.
- Coastal drive to seaside resort of Weston-Super-Mare for a seafront stroll or relax with an ice-cream and deckchair! After time for optional lunch, a scenic drive through the Mendip Hills, visiting the lovely village of Cheddar and quaint cathedral city of Wells.

DAY 5 Depart hotel after breakfast and travel to the former spa town of Cheltenham with time for shopping and optional lunch. Expected arrival home will be early evening.



Hotel

Cadbury House Hotel, Congresbury

★★★★

This stunning new hotel is part of Hilton Hotels Group and guests can enjoy the tranquillity of its woodland backdrop and panoramic views of the Bristol Channel. The spacious bedrooms are luxuriously furnished and guest amenities include an award-winning leisure club and spa.

www.cadburyhouse.com

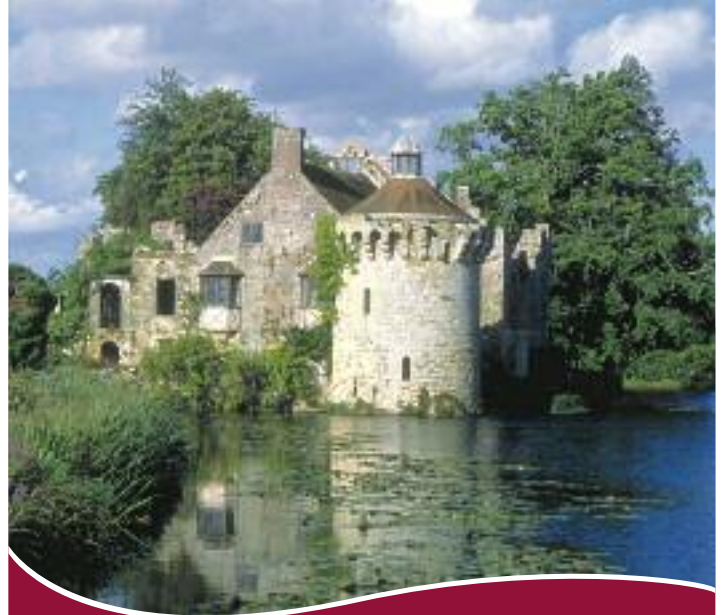


Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage
- Admission to Longleat Estate • Guided Tour of Bath

Supplements

Insurance **£32.00**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£82.00**



Kent Castles & Gardens

& Chateau Lunch in France

15 – 20 August

6 days

£589.00

DAY 1 Morning departure and travel to Kent to check in to our hotel for 5 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in Kent, the following visits and admissions are INCLUDED:

- Pashley Manor, a charming garden of romantic landscaping, fountains, ponds and imaginative planting which create a traditionally English idyll. Continue to Chartwell (NT), the much loved family home of Churchill which remains almost untouched with personal papers and family pieces.
- Award-winning Groombridge Place Gardens where the rose, knot and 'drunken' gardens surround a medieval moated manor house. Continue to Scotney Castle Gardens (NT), a romantic delight with roses, azaleas and wisteria surrounding the castle ruins.
- A day out with a difference! Early departure to Folkestone for Eurotunnel crossing to Calais. Continue to the Chateau Tilques for included 3-course lunch of daily specials served in the Conservatory overlooking the lake and gardens – highly praised for its setting and excellent cuisine in 2010! Later, a break in charming town of St.Omer before returning on late afternoon train back to England.

- Hever Castle Gardens, restored at great expense by Lord Astor and thought to be one of Britain's most romantic gardens with its rose displays and Tudor and Italian influences. Continue to Sissinghurst Gardens (NT), a magnificent 1930's design by Sackville-West featuring lakes, roses and oasthouses.

DAY 6 Depart after breakfast and travel to Leeds Castle for included visit to 'The Loveliest Castle in the World'. Superb interiors and glorious 500 acre park with aviary, maze, vineyard and quintessentially English gardens. Expected arrival home will be mid evening.

Hotel

Marriott Tudor Park Hotel, Maidstone

★★★★

Set in a wooded valley in acres of beautiful parkland, this superior hotel is an ideal place to explore the county's superb gardens and historic houses. Lovely grounds, outdoor terrace and ornamental pools for daytime and evening relaxation.

www.marriotthotels.co.uk



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage • Garden Admissions to Sissinghurst, Scotney Castle, Groombridge Place, Hever Castle & Pashley Manor • Entrances to Leeds Castle & Chartwell • Return Eurotunnel Crossing • 3-Course Chateau Lunch • Escorted Throughout

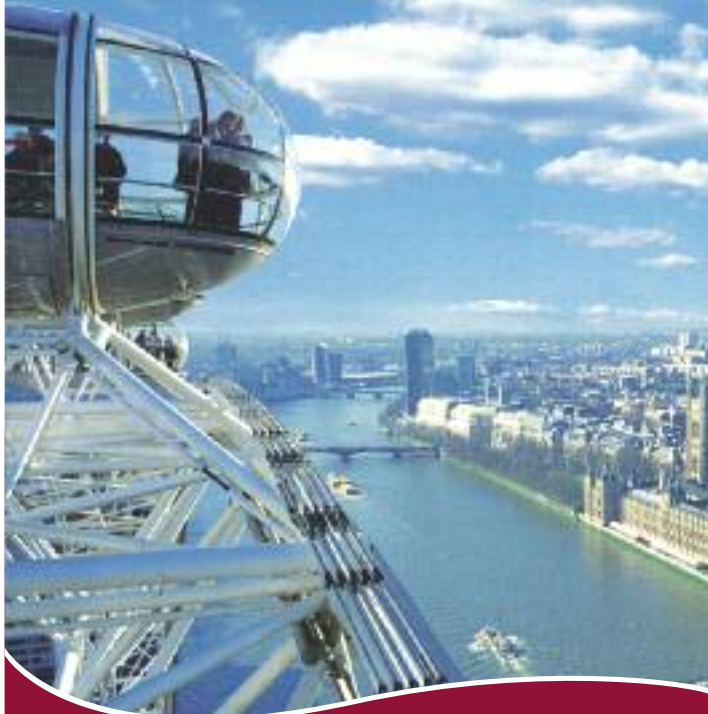
Supplements

Insurance **£37.50**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£100.00**
NT Members Reduction **£27.00**
(Please advise when booking)



**ESCORTED BY
JOHN & SUE**





London Special

From River & Royalty to Screen & Sky!

19 – 21 August

3 days

£279.00

DAY 1 Morning departure and travel to London, arriving in the capital early afternoon. Travel to BBC Television Centre for included tour behind the scenes with the chance to see studios, dressing rooms and BBC News. Later, check in to our hotel for 2 night's bed and English breakfast.

DAY 2 After breakfast, enjoy a sightseeing tour with a difference on an included 'Duck Tour'. Travelling on special amphibious vehicles, this fun and informative tour takes in many of the capital's landmarks by road, before making a splash and driving into the Thames to continue the tour by river! Later, some free time for sightseeing and shopping in London at your own pace.

DAY 3 Depart hotel after breakfast and travel to the banks of the Thames for included 'flight' on the London Eye for a bird's eye view of the city and its iconic skyline. Later, continue to Royal Windsor with free time for optional lunch, a visit to the Castle or shopping. Expected arrival home will be late evening.



Hotel

Hilton Metropole Hotel, London

★★★★

This large and modern hotel is superbly situated in central London, within walking distance of the shops of Oxford Street and numerous attractions of the capital. All en suite bedrooms are well appointed and the hotel has its own restaurant and lounge bars. www.hilton.co.uk



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Bed & English Breakfast • BBC TV Centre Tour
- Sightseeing Tour • London Eye Flight

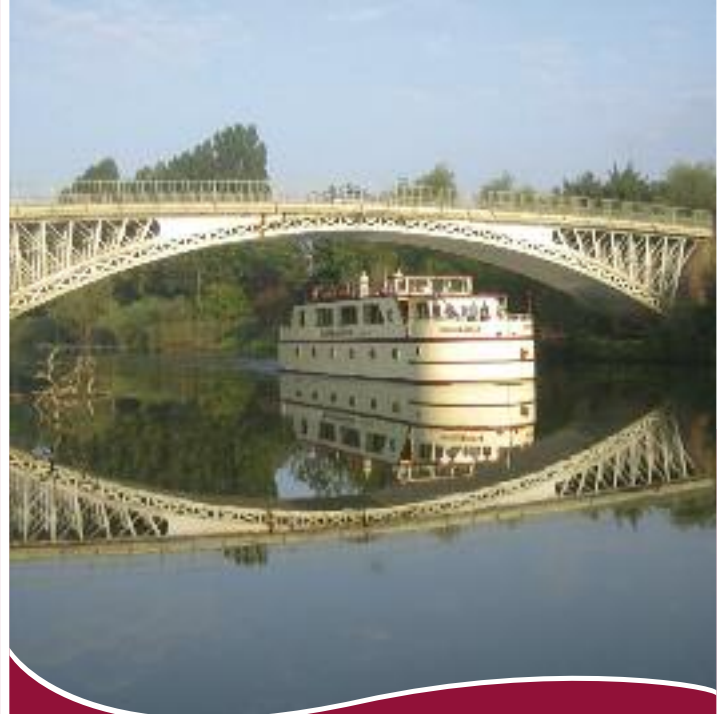
Supplements

Insurance **£20.00**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£102.00**



Deirdre's Tip

A superb tour for the summer and this hotel serves the best buffet breakfasts in the country! Lots of free time and some great new visits will keep all ages interested!



Severn Valley Cruise

Worcester, Gloucester & Steam Railway

21 – 27 August

7 days

£725.00

DAY 1 Morning departure and travel via the Vale of Evesham and idyllic Cotswolds scenery to Gloucester Docks. Board the Edward Elgar late afternoon and cast off for dinner and overnight mooring near Lower Lode.

Whilst on the cruise, the following programme is included:

- Sail to Worcester, passing through 2 impressive locks and enjoying views of the Malvern Hills. On board lunch and some free time to explore local attractions, visit the Cathedral or shopping. After dinner on board there is live entertainment.
- Sail up river through picturesque locks to riverside town of Stourport-on-Severn for on board lunch. Later, a guided tour of the lock basin and dinner on board.
- Coach trip to historic town of Bewdley to board the famous Severn Valley Railway for included trip up to Bridgnorth passing the picturesque riverside villages. Return to boat and cruise to a local riverside restaurant to dine ashore this evening for dinner.
- Sail to Upton-upon-Severn with time for a stroll around this pretty little town with its Heritage Centre and 'pepper-pot' church tower following by lunch on board. Later, cruise down to Tewkesbury with some free time to see the famous 12th century Abbey and enjoy dinner on board.
- Cruise back to Gloucester and enjoy a thrilling ride through the river lock to the main docks for lunch on board. Afterwards, a guided tour of the local sights followed by free time in the city centre or shopping at Gloucester Quays. Dinner this evening is followed by live on board entertainment.

DAY 7 Breakfast on board before disembarking in Gloucester. Re-join coach for homeward journey, expected arrival will be early evening.



Hotel

The 'Edward Elgar' Riverboat Hotel

This river cruiser can navigate the whole of the Severn and much attention has been paid to passenger comfort and relaxation. High quality 2-bedded en suite cabins with climate control and window. With a maximum of 22 passengers, there is an intimate on board atmosphere and we have had 100% client satisfaction for several years.



Price includes

- Coach Transfers • Door to Door Taxi
- En Suite Window Cabin • 5 On Board Dinners & 1 Dinner on Shore
- Full English/Continental Breakfasts on Board • 4 Lunches on Board • 2 Nights Entertainment • Severn Valley Railway Trip
- Guided Tours of Stourport & Gloucester

Supplements

Insurance **£37.50**
SORRY - NO SINGLE CABINS



NEW

West Coast Floral Hotpot

Cruises, Railways & Gardens

22 – 26 August

5 days

£529.00

DAY 1 Morning departure and travel to the Lake District, enjoying a break in the market town of Kendal. Continue to Holker Hall with included admission to the historic house which is filled with family treasures and beautiful gardens with roses and water features. Enjoy included 'Garden History' tour before travelling to hotel to check in for 4 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst on tour, the following programme is included:

- Excursion to coastal favourite Southport with some free time for shopping and optional lunch. Later, included visit to Barton Grange Garden Centre for a demonstration on Patio pots followed by a local cruise with on board cream tea.
- Travel Rawtenstall for included trip on the East Lancashire Railway passing the scenic Pennine Moors en route to Heywood. Re-join coach and continue to Arley Hall with included admission to the award-winning gardens, recently voted one of Britain's top 10. Highlights here include herbaceous borders and walled gardens.



Photo © Sheldon Fleming

Sarah's Tip

From railways to rivers and gardens to cream teas, I love the combination of included visits. A fantastic new tour featuring no less than 3 different regions - definitely the best of the West coast!

- Full day to North Wales, travelling through the Conwy Valley to Bodnant Gardens (NT) for included visit. One of the world's most spectacular garden venues, highlights here include stunning views, terraces, glorious summer flowers and vibrant herbaceous borders.

DAY 5 Depart hotel after breakfast and travel to Merseyside for included 'ferry across the Mersey'. Continue to RHS Ness Botanic Gardens with included admission to see these award-winning and imaginative gardens which overlook the Dee Estuary. Expected arrival home will be early evening.

Hotel

Barton Grange Hotel, Nr Preston

★★★★

This family-run hotel prides itself on first-rate service and a warm welcome. Whilst retaining its traditional manor house charm, recent refurbishments include beautifully decorated bedrooms and stylish guest amenities.

www.bartongrangehotel.co.uk



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Portage
- Entrances to Holker Hall, Arley Hall Gardens, Ness Botanic & Bodnant Gardens
- Railway Trip • Garden Centre Demonstration & Cream Tea Cruise
- Mersey Ferry Trip • Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£32.00**

Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£Nil**



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BANK HOLIDAY SPECIAL!

NEW

Hampshire Coast & Country

Gardens, Authors & Explorers

28 August – 02 September

6 days

£549.00

DAY 1 Morning departure and travel to Hampshire, arriving at our hotel late afternoon to check-in for 5 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in Hampshire, the following programme is included:

- Full day through 'Jane Austen Country' taking a trip on the Watercress Line Railway from Alton to New Alresford. Continue to Winchester with free time for optional lunch and sightseeing in this lovely cathedral city followed by included visit to Hinton Ampner (NT). This elegant country mansion has a fine collection of furniture and superb gardens acknowledged to be a masterpiece of design.
- Excursion to Wisley Gardens with included admission for a full day of garden delights and inspiration! These gardens never fail to impress with their sheer variety, eye-catching layouts and diverse planting with an abundance of shrubs, flowers and borders.
- Coastal day to Portsmouth with included admission to the Historic Dockyard with its many waterfront attractions including the Mary Rose and HMS Victory. Optional visit to the landmark Spinnaker Tower before continuing to West Dean Gardens for included visit. Highlights here include the walled Kitchen Garden, impressive Edwardian Pergola and views over the South Downs.



Sarah's Tip

Such a wonderful county, it's always a pleasure to visit Hampshire with its coastal attractions and rolling hills. Personal highlights include the superb gardens of West Dean, Savill and of course Wisley!

- Excursion to Salisbury with some free time for sightseeing and optional lunch. Continue to Mottisfont Abbey (NT) with included admission to this tranquil estate near the River Test. As well as the treasures of the house, the delightful grounds and walled gardens are home to old-fashioned roses.

DAY 6 Depart hotel after breakfast and travel to Savill Gardens with included admission to see these wonderful ornamental gardens in full summer colour. Expected arrival home will be mid evening.

Hotel

Basingstoke Country Hotel, nr Hook

★★★★

This country house hotel retains much charm and character, whilst offering luxurious accommodation and excellent guest facilities. All bedrooms are furnished to high standards and many have views of the courtyard or surrounding countryside.

www.barcelo-hotels.co.uk



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Portage • Garden Admissions to Wisley, Savill & West Dean
- Entrances to Historic Dockyard, Hinton Ampner & Mottisfont Abbey • Railway Trip
- Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£37.50**

Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£102.00**

NT Members Reduction **£15.00**

(Please advise when booking)



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★★★★
**VALUE
TOUR**



NEW

Scenic South Downs

Sussex Coast & Country

04 – 08 September

5 days

£399.00

DAY 1 Morning departure and travel to rural Sussex to check-in to our hotel for 4 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in Sussex, the following programme is included:

- Excursion to seaside favourite Bognor Regis for a morning break before travelling to lovely Chichester with time for optional lunch. Later, included visit to Goodwood House, home of the Earl of March where we finish with included Cream Tea.
- Excursion to nearby Arundel for included tour of the magnificent Castle. The house boasts a fine collection of antiques whilst the grounds feature restored floral and kitchen gardens and 14th century Chapel. Later, a drive along the coast to the 'city by the sea' Brighton with free time for some seafront shopping or visit to the famous Royal Pavilion.
- Full day across the South Downs to Leonardslee Gardens with included admission to this romantic and spectacular garden. Highlights here include a beautiful series of lakes which reflect the colours of the garden throughout the year. Return to Arundel with some free time in the charming town centre before heading back to the hotel.

DAY 5 Depart hotel after breakfast and travel to the county town of Surrey – Guildford, with time for shopping and optional lunch. Expected arrival home will be early evening.



Hotel

Hilton Avisford Park Hotel, nr Arundel
★★★★

Set in acres of rural tranquillity, this elegant country house style hotel offers a unique atmosphere and excellent accommodation. Stylishly furnished bedrooms and extensive guest facilities including leisure club and café bar. No lift, but ground and lower floor rooms available.

www.hilton.co.uk



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Portage
- Admissions to Arundel Castle & Leonardslee Gardens • Goodwood House Visit inc Cream Tea

Supplements

Insurance **£32.00**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£60.00**



Lancashire Waterways

& Mill Country

9 – 12 September

4 days

£349.00

DAY 1 Morning departure, travel to Lancashire's famous Mill Country, stopping at Botany Bay, a converted 19th century mill with shopping and memorabilia galore. Continue to hotel for 3 night's dinner and breakfast including welcome tea and biscuits on arrival.

Whilst on tour, the following programme is included:

- Depart after breakfast and travel to Northwich for included trip on Anderton Boat Lift. This 19th century engineering marvel was the world's first boat-lift and you can enjoy a river trip and lift to enjoy the surroundings. Continue to the Roman city of Chester with free time for optional lunch, a stroll along the city walls or some shopping. Later, included Afternoon Tea at the elegant Queen Hotel before returning to our hotel.
- Full day excursion travelling to Salford Quays to board our ship for a 6hr cruise along the legendary Manchester Ship Canal. This extensive cruise navigates the canal all the way to Liverpool Quay including a commentary on Britain's waterway heritage and passing some lovely riverside scenery. Re-join coach and return to hotel for dinner.

DAY 4 Depart hotel after breakfast and travel through the Rossendale Valley to Oswaldtwistle Mills for included visit featuring welcome tea and biscuits, free time for shopping and 2 course lunch. Continue to Foulridge for included canal cruise along the edge of the Ribble Valley. Expected arrival home will be early evening.

Hotel

The Menzies Pinewood Hotel, Handforth ★★★★★

Situated in heart of Cheshire with its own extensive gardens, this hotel has been recently refurbished to a high standard. From the stylish restaurant and spacious lounge bar to the well appointed bedrooms, you are sure of a comfortable stay.

www.menzies-hotels.co.uk



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Local Joining Points • Dinner & Breakfast • Portage & Welcome Tea/Biscuits • Anderton Boat Lift & Cruise • Manchester Ship Canal Cruise
- Queen Hotel Afternoon Tea • Mills Visit inc Tea/Biscuits, 2-Course Lunch & Canal Cruise

Supplements

Insurance **£32.00**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£Nil**





NEW

Cotswolds, Vales & Valleys

Tale of 2 Rivers

18 – 22 September

5 days

£399.00

DAY 1 Morning departure and travel to Stratford-upon-Avon with some free time for optional lunch or sightseeing before continuing to hotel for 4 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in Worcestershire, the following programme is included:

- Scenic excursion into the heart of the Cotswolds, taking in some of the quaint villages and honey-coloured stone cottages which typify this area. Our route includes Broadway, Chipping Camden, Stow-in-the-Wold and Bourton-on-the-Water. Return via the Vale of Evesham, the 'kitchen garden' of the county.
- Morning visit to historic porcelain town of Worcester with free time for sightseeing, a riverside stroll or optional lunch. Later, a picturesque drive into the Wye Valley, tracing the Black & White Village Trail, and taking in the timber-framed hamlets of Eardisland, Pembridge and Monkland to name but a few.
- Excursion along the Severn Valley to the historic port of Gloucester with time to see its beautiful cathedral and revitalised docks and riverfront attractions. Return via some of the quaint towns which stand long the river including Tewkesbury and Upton-upon-Severn.
- Two night's entertainment at the hotel featuring a thrilling Race Night and evening of Quiz fun !

DAY 5 Depart hotel after breakfast and travel to the superb Black Country Living Museum with included admission to enjoy a taste of nostalgia with costumed locals and historic attractions galore. Expected arrival home will be early evening.



Hotel

The Bank House Hotel, Worcester

★★★

Dating back to the 17th century, this hotel claims to have a resident ghost and retains much character behind its more modern façade! Contemporary additions include a golf course and comfortably appointed bedrooms .

www.brook-hotels.co.uk



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Portage
- 2 Nights Entertainment • Admission to Black Country Museum

Supplements

Insurance **£32.00**

Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£48.00**



NEW

Colours of Northumbria

& Scottish Borders with Sarah

5 – 9 September

5 days

£449.00

DAY 1 Morning departure and travel to Durham with some free time for sightseeing and optional lunch in this lovely Cathedral city. Later, an included visit to Crook Hall Gardens which surround a medieval hall and are traditionally English in design and planting. Continue to hotel and check in for 4 night's dinner and breakfast including a welcome drink on arrival.

Whilst on tour, the following programme is included:

- Travel to Floors Castle for included visit to see the impressive home of the Dukes of Roxburghe with its grand interiors and expansive grounds featuring a walled garden. Later, a lunchtime break in Peebles before continuing to Dawyck Botanic Gardens for included visit to this renowned arboreta featuring an abundance of exotic and native plants with seasonal colour.
- Northumberland coast excursion travelling to Holy Island of Lindisfarne for included visit to the Heritage Centre and some free time to see the gardens before heading along the coast for a lunchtime break in Seahouses. Later, a visit to Bamburgh with included admission to the landmark Castle which boasts panoramic views of this unspoilt coastline (subject to tidal crossings).
- Excursion to Inveresk Lodge for included visit to this secluded garden with informal planting and seasonal colour and scent. Continue to Edinburgh for included visit to the Royal Botanic Garden and time for optional lunch in the Visitor Centre and a walk around this horticultural haven including its famous Glasshouses.

DAY 5 Depart after breakfast and travel to Alnwick for included visit to the world famous Gardens which have been transformed under the care of the Duchess of Northumberland. Expected arrival home will be early evening.



Hotel

Marshall Meadows Country House Hotel, nr Berwick upon Tweed ★★★

This lovely former Georgian mansion house stands in acres of mature woodland and beautiful gardens. Close to the Scotland and England border, the scenery of the Borders and Northumbrian coast are within easy reach.

www.classiclodges.co.uk



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Portage & Welcome Drink • Admissions to Lindisfarne Heritage Centre, Bamburgh Castle & Floors Castle • Garden Admissions to Crook Hall, Dawyck, Inveresk Lodge, Edinburgh Botanical Glasshouses & Alnwick • Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£32.00**

Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£68.00**



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Sarah's Tip

Such a lovely part of the country and whatever the season, there is always plenty to enjoy from the gardens to the spectacular seascapes of the Northumbrian coast. The Botanical Gardens in Edinburgh are delightful with a magnificent new Visitor Centre!



NEW

Shropshire & Welsh Borders

Black & White Villages Trail

16 – 20 October

5 days

£445.00

DAY 1 Morning departure and travel to the Severn Valley for included trip on the famous Railway from Bridgnorth to Kidderminster. Continue to Ludlow to check into our hotel for 4 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst on tour, the following programme is included:

- Excursion via quaint town of Leominster to Hereford with free time for optional lunch, shopping or a visit to the Cathedral. Later, included visit to Hergest Croft where the gardens cover 70 acres and feature a Kitchen Garden, Maple Grove and colourful turning leaves throughout the Azalea Garden.
- Travel to pretty floral town of Shrewsbury with time for optional lunch and shopping. Return via Craven Arms for included visit to Stokesay Castle, one of the finest medieval manor houses in England, with moated walks and timber-framed gatehouse.
- Free morning in Ludlow to relax at the hotel or enjoy a stroll around the town centre. Later, an excursion into the Welsh Borders, taking in the Black & White Villages trail via Pembridge and Kington. Later, an included visit to Judge's Lodgings for a taste of Victorian 'Upstairs, Downstairs' life and some tasty Autumnal treats with authentic Apple cakes and recipes served in the Dining Room!
- 2 Nights entertainment is arranged at the hotel during your stay – the details remain a mystery surprise!

DAY 5 Depart hotel after breakfast and travel to the Welsh borders for included 2hr canal boat trip from Llangollen Wharf followed by some free time in Llangollen for optional lunch. Expected arrival home will be late afternoon.



Hotel

The Feathers Hotel, Ludlow ★★

Situated in the heart of historic Ludlow, this impressive timber-framed building is internationally recognised for its beautiful Jacobean architecture and medieval heritage. The bedrooms are individually furnished and the hotel has its own award-winning restaurant and comfortable lounge bar.

www.feathersatludlow.co.uk



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage
- 2 Nights Hotel Entertainment
- Entrances to Stokesay Castle & Hergest Croft Gardens • Admission & Refreshments at Judges Lodgings • Severn Railway Trip
- Llangollen Canal Cruise

Supplements

Insurance **£32.00**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£40.00**



NEW

Gloucestershire Arboretum Glory

Seasonal Colours with Sarah!

3 – 7 October

5 days

£469.00

DAY 1 Morning departure, travel to Broadway for optional lunch followed by included visit to Batsford Arboretum. Already one of the country's finest, Batsford has recently expanded with new planting interest, which in autumn is an explosion of reds, oranges and purples. Continue to hotel and check in late afternoon for 4 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in Gloucestershire, the following programme is included:

- Cotswolds excursion enjoying a break in the county seat of Cirencester before continuing to Westonbirt with included admission to this fine arboretum. An outstanding collection of 17,000 trees at their colourful best from Maples to ironwoods and Katsuras. Return via an afternoon break in Tetbury, close to the royal Highgrove estate.
- Morning in Cheltenham for shopping and optional lunch in this elegant former Spa town. Later, an excursion to Winchcombe for included visit to Sudeley Castle where you can see the impressive state rooms of the castle and stroll around the gardens which feature topiary and a Tudor Knot garden.
- Full day to the timeless city of Bath with free time for sightseeing and optional lunch. Continue to Lacock Abbey for included visit to this picturesque village and quirky country house which have been used on numerous films and TV programmes.

DAY 5 Depart hotel after breakfast and travel to Arley Arboretum for included visit to enjoy the kaleidoscope of rich autumnal hues with a carpet of golds and scarlets. Expected arrival home will be late afternoon.



Hotel

Barcelo Cheltenham Park Hotel, Cheltenham ★★

This luxurious hotel enjoys a peaceful setting in its own landscaped gardens and overlooks a lake. The elegant surroundings and superb guest amenities have all been praised for their quality by previous clients. (Single rooms are in hotel annexe with no lift).

www.barcelo-hotels.co.uk



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage
- Admissions to Batsford, Westonbirt, Sudeley Castle, Lacock Abbey & Arley
- Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£32.00**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£Nil**

(Arboretums cover extensive areas and good walking shoes are recommended for these visits)



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Sarah's Tip

What a great end to the gardening season with a visit to Gloucestershire in all of its autumnal glory. The included visits to some of the best arboretums in Europe will be very special at this time of year!



Mystery Breaks

Value Price – Luxury Tour!

8 – 10 April

3 days

£179.00

Always popular and great value for money, our 3 day Mystery Weekends will be on sale throughout 2011 offering a different touring experience each time.

Our first departure is listed here, but further dates will be released during the year – why not join our Mystery Club and be one of the first to receive these details?

From the lowlands of Scotland, to the heritage of the North West, coastal favourites of East Anglia and the Heart of England, these tours take you to some of the UK's most popular holiday regions.

Price includes

- 2 Nights at Minimum 3 star Hotel
- 2 English Breakfasts
- 2 Choice Menu Dinners
- Full Day Touring Excursion
- Included Lunch or Attraction Visit
- A Mystery Surprise!

Supplements

Insurance **£20.00**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£35.00**



BY
POPULAR
DEMAND

Thursford Christmas Spectacular

Festive Carols & Dancers

17 – 18 November

2 days

£189.00

1 – 2 December

2 days

£189.00

DAY 1 Morning departure, travel to the Thursford Collection for included matinee performance of the wonderful Christmas Spectacular featuring; choirs, dancers, bands and light displays. This ultimate festive experience is a blend of Christmas spirit, outstanding music and songs from a cast of over 100 performers in dazzling costumes! Afterwards, travel to Norwich to check into our hotel for overnight dinner and breakfast accommodation.

DAY 2 Free morning in Norwich to see the historic town centre attractions, take an optional river cruise or enjoy some retail therapy in the excellent city centre shops. Mid afternoon departure for home, expected arrival will be early evening.



Hotel

Holiday Inn Norwich City ★★★

This city centre hotel offers excellent accommodation just a short walk from the medieval streets and historic buildings of Norwich. All en suite bedrooms are spacious and stylishly decorated to a high standard.

www.holidayinn.com



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Dinner & Breakfast
- Thursford Show Ticket

Supplements

Insurance **£20.00**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£15.00**



"Connoisseurs Choice"



This selection of 'Connoisseurs Choice' holidays is hand-picked for our discerning clients who want something extra special from their holiday. There are no 'group menus, big tables and games of bingo' on these tours, just 4* hospitality!

You will travel as individuals on a luxurious coach, either our new VIP or a Diamond Traveller vehicle. This new VIP coach offers exceptional comfort and is fitted with luxury leather seats, a walk-in toilet and complimentary on board drinks service from your Tour Escort – a new addition to our 2011 departures. All of these tours will be driven by one of our top professional tour drivers.

In addition to this free on board drinks service, all of the tours will also include a newspaper for your outward journey, on board magazines, chocolates/sweets, a special 'tipple' during one of your day's out stopping at a scenic spot to enjoy this, a welcome holiday pack and our door to door home pick-up service.

All of the tours in this section of the brochure feature flexible dining arrangements where you can book a 'dine at leisure' table for 2, 4, 6 etc people direct with restaurant staff at a time to suit you. Baggage handling on arrival and departure at the hotels is also included and a welcome drink before dinner on the night of arrival begins your stay in style.

All local visits are of course included and have been carefully chosen to appeal to a wide variety of interests. From glorious gardens, historic houses and scenic railways to golf and spa facilities at the hotels, there is something for everyone.

Most hotels featured in this section of the brochure are of a superior 4* standard, a number of which were originally historic houses or stately homes which have evolved into the first class hotels of today. These hotels rarely take traditional 'coach parties' so individual and first class service is assured.



BANK HOLIDAY SPECIAL!

NEW

Connoisseurs South Coast

New Forest & Isle of Wight

29 May – 2 June

5 days

£465.00

DAY 1 Morning departure and travel to the south coast, enjoying a lunchtime break in Oxford. Arrive at hotel late afternoon and check in for 4 night's dinner and breakfast including a welcome drink this evening.

Whilst in Hampshire, the following programme is included:

- Full day across the South Downs into 'Jane Austen Country' for included trip through the idyllic Hampshire countryside from Alton to New Alresford on the Watercress Line Railway. Continue to the handsome city of Winchester with free time for optional lunch, shopping or a visit to the magnificent Cathedral.
- Scenic day into the New Forest National Park, a rural delight with country lanes, ponies and chocolate-box villages. Our route includes Lyndhurst, Brockenhurst and Lymington before enjoying a visit to the superb Motor Museum, Palace and Gardens.
- Full day across the Solent to the Isle of Wight. Enjoy a lunchtime break in the famous yachting town of Cowes. Continue to Godshill for a break in this picture-postcard thatched village.

DAY 5 Depart hotel after breakfast and travel to the Royal town of Windsor with free time for sightseeing, optional lunch or a visit to the famous Castle. Expected arrival home will be mid evening.



Hotel

The Langstone Hotel, Hayling Island

★★★★

This recently refurbished hotel enjoys a superb waterfront location on the shores of Hayling Island. First class guest amenities include a stylish restaurant, lounge bar and luxuriously appointed bedrooms.

www.langstonehotel.co.uk



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage & Welcome Drink • 1 Railway Trip
- Admission to Beaulieu • Isle of Wight Ferry Crossing • Escorted Throughout

Supplements

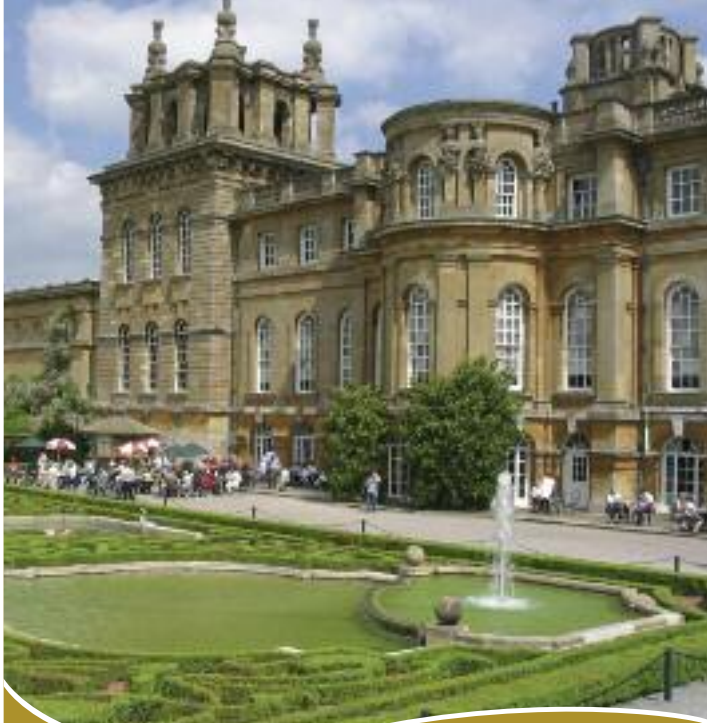
Insurance **£32.00**

Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£82.00**



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Connoisseurs Royal Berkshire

Castles, Palaces & Cruises

26 – 30 June

5 days

£539.00

DAY 1 Morning departure and scenic drive through the Vale of Evesham and idyllic Cotswolds scenery, stopping for a lunchtime break in Broadway – one of the prettiest villages in England. Continue to Royal Berkshire and check in to hotel for 4 night's dinner and breakfast including a welcome drink this evening.

Whilst on tour, the following programme is included:

- Full day along Thames Valley, travelling to Maidenhead for cruise with included on board Ploughman's Lunch. Sail through Boulton's Lock, Cliveden Reach and past the riverside homes of the rich and famous towards Cookham before turning back down river to Maidenhead. Return to hotel via the famous Regatta town of Henley-on-Thames and pretty Marlow with its picturesque Suspension Bridge.
- Excursion to Royal Windsor with included visit to the famous Castle. As one of HM Queen's favourite residences, the Castle remains very much a family home and is full of Royal artefacts. Time in Windsor also for optional lunch, shopping or a stroll to nearby Eton College.
- Excursion to the royal palace by the river – Hampton Court. This magnificent red brick palace is famous for its association with Henry VIII and the impressive State Apartments, Chapel Royal, Great Hall and Tudor Kitchen can be seen as well as the world famous Maze and stunning riverside gardens.

DAY 5 Depart after breakfast and travel to Oxfordshire for included visit to the magnificent Blenheim Palace Estate. Time here to explore the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill and the extensive gardens with water terraces, lakes, Rose Garden and Secret Garden. Expected arrival home, early evening.



Connoisseurs Isle of Wight

Luxury Holiday Isle Special

3 – 8 July

6 days

£749.00

DAY 1 Morning departure, travel to south coast for ferry crossing to the Isle of Wight. Continue to Ventnor for 5 night's dinner and breakfast including a pre-dinner welcome drink this evening.

Whilst on the Isle of Wight, the following programme is included:

- 1 Free day to relax at the hotel and enjoy your luxurious surroundings or perhaps take a stroll into the town centre.
- Excursion to coastal resort of Ryde with free time for sightseeing and optional lunch. Later, enjoy included trip on the famous Isle of Wight Steam Railway to take in the unspoilt natural beauty of the island.
- Full day scenic trip across the island, travelling via Brighstone Bay and Freshwater Bay to the charming resort of Yarmouth. Later, return via the quaint village of Godshill to see the 15th century church and quintessential English thatched cottages of this picture postcard attraction and enjoy included Cream Tea at the Old Smithy.
- Excursion to Shanklin, one of the island's most popular resorts, with free time to explore the town centre and seafront. Later, an included visit to the beautiful Botanical Gardens at Ventnor which will be at their summer best.

DAY 6 Depart after breakfast for ferry crossing back to mainland. Expected arrival home, early evening.



Hotel

The Royal Hotel, Ventnor ★★★★★

This elegant family-run hotel is the island's only 4 star hotel and the epitome of Victorian elegance. Located a short but steep walk from the town centre and surrounded by tranquil gardens. Bedrooms vary in decor and style as befits an historic house. The hotel is renowned for its fine dining.

www.royalhoteliow.co.uk

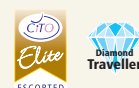


Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Return Ferry Crossings • Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage & Welcome Drink
- Visit to Botanical Gardens • Steam Railway Trip • 1 Cream Tea • Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£37.50**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£Nil**



Hotel

The Swan Hotel, Streatley on Thames

★★★★★

Situated on banks of the River Thames, this luxurious hotel boasts individually decorated bedrooms. Guests can enjoy the riverside terrace bar and award-winning restaurant – all praised by our 2010 clients for excellent accommodation and superb cuisine!

www.swanatstreatley.co.uk



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage & Welcome Drink • Admissions to Blenheim Palace, Windsor Castle & Hampton Court Palace/Gardens • River Cruise inc Ploughman's Lunch • Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£32.00**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£85.00**



Deirdre's Tip

An outstanding hotel with beautiful gardens and hanging baskets in the summer. Food and service are second to none – treat yourself to this Victorian gem!



NEW

Connoisseurs Devon Delights & The Tarka Trail

10 – 15 July

6 days

£635.00

DAY 1 Morning departure and travel to the North Devon coast to check in to hotel late afternoon for 5 night's dinner and breakfast including a welcome drink this evening.

Whilst in Devon, the following programme is included:

- Free day in resort to take a stroll around the local shops, explore the river estuary or relax at the hotel. Later, enjoy included Cream Tea in the elegant hotel lounge.
- Full day across the Exe Valley, travelling via Tiverton to Exeter for included guided tour of one of England's oldest cities followed by free time for optional lunch. Continue to Knightshayes Court (NT) for included visit to see this impressive Victorian mansion with its richly decorated interiors, romantic atmosphere and celebrated gardens featuring a kitchen garden, rare shrubs and seasonal colour.
- Scenic day following the famous 'Tarka Trail' through the Devonshire countryside. Our route takes in Bideford and Great Torrington for included visit to Dartington Crystal to see the craftsmen and engravers at work and even try your hand at glass painting or blowing! Later, an afternoon at RHS Rosemoor Garden with included admission. Nestling in the Torridge Valley, they feature a great variety of formal and informal planting, colour and inspiration.



- Full day via Exmoor National Park to Lynton for a break and chance to take optional cliff railway to the beaches of Lynmouth – a unique Victorian invention. Continue along the coast into Somerset and visit medieval Dunster with free time in this quaint village, followed by included visit to the Castle (NT). Return through the Brendon Hills and across Exmoor via South Molton.

DAY 6 Depart hotel after breakfast for journey home, expected arrival will be early evening.

Hotel

The Imperial Hotel, Barnstaple

★★★★

Part of the prestigious Brend Family group of hotels, this elegant hotel is situated in the town centre, just a short stroll from the local shops and riverside. All of the bedrooms are stylishly furnished with bespoke décor and the formal restaurant serves superb choice menu dinners and breakfasts.

www.brend-hotels.co.uk



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Portering & Welcome Drink • Hotel Cream Tea • Exeter Guided Tour • Dartington Crystal Experience • Entrances to RHS Rosemoor, Dunster Castle & Knightshayes Court
- Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£37.50**
 Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£Nil**
 NT Members Discount **£15.00**
(Please advise when booking)



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NEW

Connoisseurs Riverside Reflections Home Counties Highlights

21 – 25 July

5 days

£499.00

DAY 1 Morning departure and travel to Rutland Water for included cruise on the Rutland Belle. Later, continue to hotel to check-in for 4 night's dinner and breakfast including a welcome drink this evening.

Whilst in Bedfordshire, the following programme is included:

- Excursion to the magnificent estate of Woburn Abbey with included admission and drive through the Safari Park to see some of the lions and other exotic residents! Ample time here to take in the opulent staterooms filled with fine furniture, visit the Antiques Centre, pottery or follow the garden trail.
- Full day to Cambridge with free time for sightseeing, optional punt along the River Cam or lunch in the lovely city centre. Later, return to hotel for included traditional Afternoon Tea.
- Excursion to market town of Buckingham where fine Georgian houses and green spaces are part of its elegant character and the tree-filled streets are lined with local shops. Continue to Bletchley Park with included admission to the home of the famous wartime code-breakers. Step back in time and see the fascinating exhibits and discover how the famous 'Enigma' machine played its role at the height of WWII.

DAY 5 Depart hotel after breakfast and travel to Melton Mowbray, home of the famous pork pies, for included demonstration at 'Ye Olde Porke Pie Shoppe' and some free time for shopping or optional lunch. Expected arrival home will be early evening.



Hotel

The Bedford Swan Hotel, Bedford

★★★★

This hotel is the finest in the area with a lovely location on the embankment of the Great River Ouse. Elegant lounge areas, a bright and spacious restaurant plus recently refurbished bedrooms.

www.bedfordswanhotel.co.uk



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Portering & Welcome Drink • Hotel Afternoon Tea
- Demonstration at Pork Pie Shop
- Admissions to Woburn & Bletchley Park
- Rutland Water Cruise • Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£32.00**
 Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£60.00**



Deirdre's Tip

I visited this hotel and found it to be full of old world charm with nooks and crannies to relax in, abundant hanging baskets and stylish bedrooms. Its superb riverside location makes it ideal for an evening stroll!



NEW

Connoisseurs Thames Valley

"Downton Abbey" & Gourmet Special

21 – 25 August

5 days

£575.00

DAY 1 Morning departure and travel to Waddesdon Manor (NT) with included admission to the former home of the Rothschild Family. No expense was spared from the French palace style exterior to the fine gardens with Victorian parterre and fountains. Continue to hotel and check-in for 4 night's dinner and breakfast including a welcome drink this evening.

Whilst in Berkshire, the following programme is included:

- Full day including a cruise along the Thames to Windsor and some free time here for optional lunch or visit to the landmark Castle. Continue to Savill Gardens with included admission to see the one of the country's greatest ornamental gardens filled with hidden gems and exotic planting.
- Excursion along the Thames Valley, taking in some of the picturesque riverside towns such as Henley-on-Thames, Marlow and Cookham. Continue to Cliveden Estate (NT) with included admission to the beautiful gardens.
- Travel to the Hampshire borders for included visit to Highclere Castle, famous as the setting for hit TV series 'Downton Abbey'. Free time to explore the expansive grounds, gardens, Egyptian exhibition and grand rooms of this magnificent stately house.
- Gourmet hotel inclusions featuring a Table d'Hote Farewell Dinner, 'Foodies' evening featuring a cookery demonstration/tasting and recipe sheet from each dinner to take home!

DAY 5 Depart hotel after breakfast for included visit to the Althorp Estate. Free time here to see the State Rooms and exhibition dedicated to the life of Diana, Princess of Wales before enjoying a sumptuous Afternoon Tea of sandwiches, scones and cakes served on Spencer family china in one of their opulent rooms. Expected arrival home will be early evening.



Hotel

The Grovefield House Hotel, Burnham Beeches ★★★★★

Set in secluded grounds, this country house has been transformed into a luxurious hotel following extensive refurbishment. Luxury bedrooms, elegant lounge bar area and superb cuisine in the award-winning restaurant.

www.classiclodges.co.uk



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Welcome Drink & Porterage • Gourmet Farewell Dinner, Foodies Evening & Recipe Sheets
- Admissions to Savill Gardens, Cliveden, Highclere Castle & Waddesdon Manor
- Entrance to Althorp inc Afternoon Tea
- River Cruise • Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£32.00**
 Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£60.00**
 NT Members Reduction **£18.00**
(Please advise when booking)



Connoisseurs Cotswolds Charms

Gardens, Trains & Cruises

4 – 7 September

4 days

£489.00

DAY 1 Morning departure, travel into the Cotswolds for included visit to Hidcote Manor Gardens. Considered one of England's great Arts & Crafts gardens, there are numerous rare shrubs, unusual plants and a series of 'outdoor rooms' to explore featuring herbaceous borders and formal planting. Continue to hotel for 3 night's dinner and breakfast including a welcome drink this evening.

Whilst on tour, the following programme is included:

- After breakfast, travel via the Vale of Evesham to Worcester with some free time for sightseeing before heading down to the River to enjoy included cruise with on board lunch. Return to Broadway with some free time in 'the prettiest village in England'.
- Full day of river valleys and forests, travelling to Tewkesbury on the banks of the River Severn and onwards to the historic port of Gloucester with time for optional lunch and shopping. Later, a scenic drive through the Forest of Dean, taking in the pretty village of Tintern with its landmark Abbey.

DAY 4 Depart after breakfast and travel to Toddington for included trip on the Gloucestershire and Warwickshire Railway to Cheltenham. Disembark here for optional lunch in this elegant spa town before returning home, expected arrival will be early evening.



Hotel

Barcelo Lygon Arms Hotel, Broadway ★★★★★ Deluxe

Regarded as one of the finest hotels in England, this charming hotel dates back to the 16th century and boasts an impressive heritage. Enjoy the best of both worlds with all the modern comforts typical of a 4 star hotel and the character of beams, open log fires and honey coloured stone walls.

www.barcelo-hotels.co.uk



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage & Welcome Drink • Admission to Hidcote Manor Gardens • 1 Railway Trip • River Cruise inc Lunch • Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£32.00**
 Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£62.00**





Connoisseurs Highlands of Scotland

'Live Like a Laird'

11 – 16 September

6 days

£825.00

DAY 1 Morning departure and travel through the beautiful scenery of the Scottish Borders to our hotel for 5 night's dinner and breakfast including a welcome drink this evening.

Whilst in Scotland, the following programme is included:

- Free day to enjoy the splendour of our Highland retreat. Don't forget to pack your walking shoes, hats and waterproofs if you plan to explore the abundance of walks around the Castle. Later, enjoy included superior Afternoon Tea with traditional Piper accompaniment.
- Tour through Royal Deeside, travelling via Ballater and Banchory to Drum Castle for included visit to the house and gardens. One of the oldest tower houses in Scotland, this fine mansion house features 18th century furniture and the garden is renowned for its historic planting.
- Excursion through Glenshee passing the famous ski resort and onwards into the Grampians. We pass Corgarrif Castle en route to Tomintoul for a break followed by included visit to Speyside Heather centre with time for optional lunch. Later enjoy a return trip on the Strathspey Railway taking in Broomhill, Boat of Garten and Aviemore.
- A day out with a difference, travelling via Pitlochry to House of Bruar with free time for shopping in the 'Harrods of the North' and optional early lunch with fresh local produce in their excellent café. Continue to Aberfeldy and meet kilted local guides for a spectacular Land Rover safari featuring mountains, moors, ancient settlements and forests with a new route and even greater adventure for 2011! Fabulous views of local wildlife such as Red Deer, Grouse and

Eagles may be seen with included stop for tea/coffee, shortbread and wee dram of Whisky at a scenic outcrop. Tours will be split to suit capacity for each safari. Return via the lochs of Lowes, Butterstone, Clunie and Drumellie back to hotel. (Outdoor clothing, binoculars and cameras a must today!)

DAY 6 Depart hotel after breakfast and return via the Firth of Tay for sightseeing in the riverside city of Dundee. Expected arrival home will be early evening.

Hotel

Dalmunzie Castle Hotel, nr Braemar

★★★★

This Baronial Castle is a traditional example of the 'Lairds Manor' situated in its own 6500 acre estate. Surrounded by beautiful mountain scenery, you can enjoy golf, fishing, tennis and clay-pigeon shooting. All bedrooms are individual in style from superior tower rooms to elegant four-poster rooms (supplement applies) to the charm of Dalmunzie and Glenlochside bedrooms. Hearty breakfasts and excellent dinners using local estate produce in the award-winning dining room.

www.dalmunzie.com



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage & Welcome Drink • 1 Afternoon Tea inc Piper
- Admissions to Drum Castle & Heather Centre • 1 Railway Trip • Mountain Safari inc Refreshments • Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£37.50**
Single Room **On Request**
Superior Tower Room **£100.00**
Superior Four Poster Room **£100.00**



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NEW

Connoisseurs Coast & Borders

Castles, Lakes & Seascapes

3 – 7 October

5 days

£599.00



DAY 1 Morning departure and travel to Alnwick with free time in the town centre followed by included visit to the Castle. Afternoon to enjoy the lavish State Rooms including a library, dining room and Renaissance style Drawing Room. Continue to hotel and check-in for 4 night's dinner and breakfast including a welcome drink before dinner this evening.

Whilst on tour, the following programme is included:

- Scenic Tweed Valley excursion travelling via Drumelter and Crook Inn to Moffat. Continue via Grey Mares Tail and St Mary's Loch for included visit to Selkirk Glass before returning via Walkerburn.
- Excursion through the heart of the Borders, travelling via Melrose to Kelso which is regarded as 'the most beautiful village in Scotland'. Later, an included visit to Floors Castle, the largest inhabited castle in Scotland and home to the Dukes of Roxburghe.
- Full day to the beautiful Northumberland Heritage Coast, enjoying a break in Berwick-upon-Tweed. Continue south along the coast passing the Holy Island of Lindisfarne en route to Bamburgh to enjoy superb seascapes with an optional visit to the landmark Castle before ending our day in Seahouses.

DAY 5 Depart hotel after breakfast and travel to the upper Lake District for a scenic drive home. See the autumnal colours as we travel via Keswick, Thirlmere, Grasmere and finally the shores of Lake Windermere. Expected arrival home will be early evening.

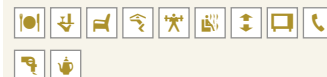
Hotel

The Peebles Hydro Hotel, Peebles

★★★★

This superior hotel has been welcoming our clients for many years and offers accommodation and guest facilities of the highest standards. Highly praised for its superb leisure facilities, quality bedrooms and excellent Scottish fayre served in an elegant dining room.

www.peebleshydro.co.uk



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- 4-Course Dinners & Scottish Breakfasts
- Porterage & Welcome Drink
- Admissions to Alnwick Castle & Floors Castle • Escorted Throughout

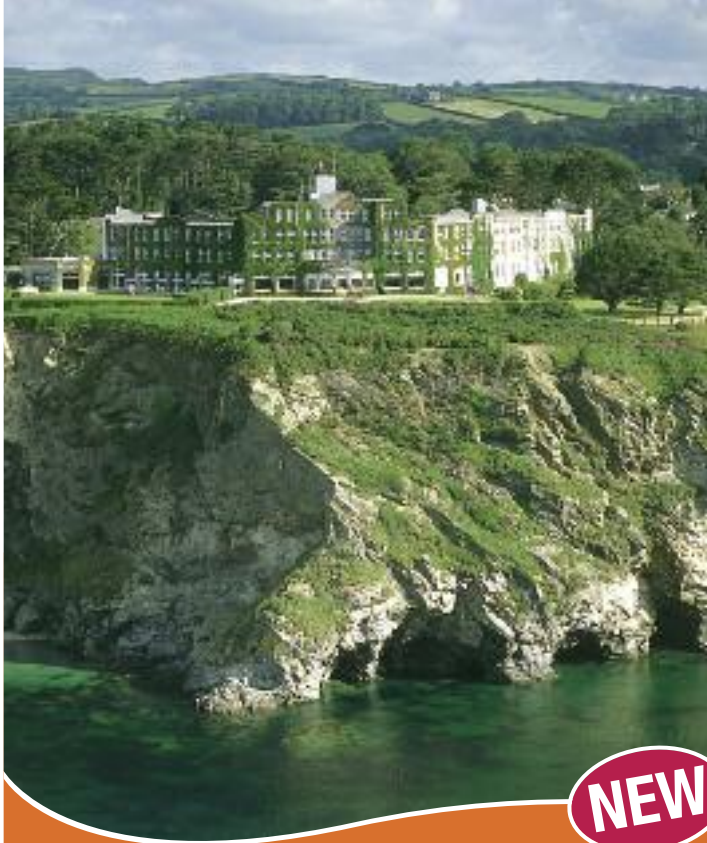
Supplements

Insurance **£32.00**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£10.00**



Deirdre's Tip

Following a successful tour in 2010, we return to Dalmunzie in a different season. The charm of Dalmunzie lies in its service and fine dining and we have had many requests to repeat this tour with its amazing mountain jeep safari!



NEW

Cream of Cornwall

Carlyon Bay & Eden Project

10 – 14 April

5 days

£529.00

DAY 1 Morning departure and travel to Cornwall for 4 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in Cornwall, the following programme is included:

- Full day to The Eden Project to see the enormous 'Biodomes' housing numerous plant species in special climatized zones. A centre for innovation and excellence, the gardens here grow from strength to strength. Return via Lanhydrock House for included visit to the house and lovely gardens featuring stunning collections of Spring flowers.
- Day at leisure to enjoy the luxurious surroundings of this superb coastal hotel. Take a stroll along the cliff-top walks, enjoy the spa, beach or simply relax in one of the lovely lounges.
- Excursion to Pine Lodge Gardens including admission to see 30 acres featuring over 6000 plants including many tender and rare specimens. Continue to Heligan for included visit to the beautifully restored 'Lost Gardens' which feature historic glasshouses and a subtropical valley. Return to hotel for included Cream Tea in beautiful surroundings.

DAY 5 Depart hotel after breakfast and return home, expected arrival early evening.

Deirdre's Tip

Brend Hotels provide the best in service and food, and although expensive, they offer exceptional quality. This tour enjoys some of the best Cornish gardens and super coastal scenery.



Hotel

Carlyon Bay Hotel, nr St.Austell

★★★★

One of Cornwall's premier hotels, set in over 250 acres of secluded grounds and gardens with superb cliff-top views. Guest facilities include award-winning restaurant, choice of bars, spa and seasonal entertainment.

www.brendhotels.com



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage • Entrances to Lanhydrock House/Gardens & Eden Project • Garden Admissions to Heligan & Pine Lodge • Hotel Cream Tea

Supplements

Insurance **£32.00**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£Nil**



Sidmouth

Devon & Somerset Delights

14 – 18 April

5 days

£449.00

DAY 1 Morning departure and travel to Sidmouth for 4 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in Sidmouth, the following programme is included:

- Free day in this delightful floral resort to enjoy the Regency architecture, magnificent Conaught Gardens, local attractions or to just relax on the beach!
- Coastal excursion via pretty Budleigh Salterton to Exmouth, Devon's oldest resort with time for optional lunch. Later, a break in the cathedral city of Exeter with chance for an afternoon cream tea before returning to hotel.
- Full day into Somerset with a break in Taunton for shopping. Continue to Sheppy's Cider Farm for included tour of the orchards and museum with tastings and a delicious Ploughman's meal and apple crumble. Later, a visit to Knightshayes Court with included admission to see the romantic interiors of this medieval style gem and its celebrated gardens filled with seasonal interest and colour.

DAY 5 Depart hotel after breakfast and return home, expected arrival will be early evening.



Hotel

Royal York & Faulkner Hotel, Sidmouth

★★ Superior

This superb family-run hotel stands on the Esplanade overlooking the seafront, close to local shops. Used by us for many years, the hotel continues to receive praise for its excellent cuisine and delicious 5-course dinners which are served.

www.royalyorkhotel.co.uk



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Cider Farm Tour & Lunch • Admission to Knightshayes Court
- Escorted throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£32.00**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£Nil**



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BANK HOLIDAY SPECIAL!

Eastbourne

South Downs & Springtime Blooms

24 – 30 April

7 days

£525.00

DAY 1 Morning departure, travel to Eastbourne and check in to hotel for 6 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in Sussex, the following programme is included:

- One free day in resort to relax at the hotel or explore Eastbourne's local attractions at leisure. This traditional seaside resort has attracted visitors for decades with its elegant seafront and floral displays.
- Full day to Sheffield Park Gardens for included visit to these gardens which are renowned for their unique planting and seasonal colour where the sheer variety is delightful and the 4 lakes beautifully reflect the displays. Later, an afternoon break in the bustling resort of Brighton to enjoy its superb seafront attractions and shops.
- Excursion to the elegant town of Royal Tunbridge Wells with time for shopping and optional lunch. Later, return to the coast travelling via Newhaven to Paradise Park for an afternoon break to enjoy the shops, restaurants and garden centre or pay admission to the Park's attractions.
- Half day excursion across the South Downs to one of the county's prettiest villages, Alfriston. Return along the scenic Cuckmere Valley and Sussex Heritage Coast, home to the famous beauty spots of Beachy Head and Seven Sisters.



- Excursion into '1066 Country' to visit Hastings before continuing via Rye to Sissinghurst Gardens for included visit. Designed by Vita Sackville-West in 1930, Sissinghurst remains one of the world's most celebrated gardens with an abundance of colour throughout the year.

DAY 7 Depart after breakfast for homeward journey, expected arrival will be early evening.



Hotel

The Cavendish Hotel, Eastbourne

★★★

This majestic hotel enjoys a seafront location on the Grand Parade and has been highly praised by previous passengers. Extensively re-furnished to offer good accommodation with a reputation for fine food served in the elegant dining room where guests can dine at leisure.

www.cavendishhotel.co.uk



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage
- Garden Admissions to Sheffield Park & Sissinghurst

Supplements

Insurance **£37.50**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£Nil**
Sea View Room **£60.00**



Isle of Wight

Cowes, Newport & Godshell

21 – 27 May

7 days

£539.00

10 – 16 September

7 days

£569.00

DAY 1 Morning departure, travel to south coast for ferry crossing to the Isle of Wight. Continue to hotel for 6 night's dinner and breakfast including a welcome drink.

Whilst in Shanklin, the following programme is included:

- 2 Free days in resort to enjoy Shanklin's coastal walks, beaches and delightful old thatched town.
- Morning visit to picturesque coastal town of Cowes, famous for its annual Regatta and a sailing favourite. Later, included visit to Osborne House, the island home of Queen Victoria. The house is filled with historic pieces of furniture and personal effects and outside you can enjoy the lovely formal gardens and optional Horse & Carriage rides.
- Full day to Ventnor Botanical Gardens to see the impressive flower beds, borders and shrubs. Continue via Brighstone Bay, stopping at the Isle of Wight Pearl Centre en route to see the famous natural landmark of the Needles and the charming coastal resort of Yarmouth.
- Excursion to Newport to enjoy the bustle and shopping of Market Day. Later, a break in Godshell, a real picture postcard gem with its quaint thatched cottages, 15th century church, abundance of teasops and amazing model village.

DAY 7 Depart after breakfast for ferry crossing back to mainland. Expected arrival home will be early evening.

Déirdre's Tip

Although only 2 star, I have visited this hotel and all of the bedrooms are of a good standard. We receive excellent feedback for the superb food and service and entertainment. Or you may wish to enjoy a walk along the coastal path after dinner!



Hotel

The Shanklin Hotel, Shanklin ★★

This superior hotel enjoys a cliff-top position with panoramic views across the bay and surrounding countryside. The beaches, seafront and local attractions are reached by the nearby cliff lift. Highly praised for its comfortable accommodation and excellent food.

www.shanklinhotel.co.uk



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Return Ferry Crossings • Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage & Welcome Drink
- Admission to Osborne House
- Ventnor Botanical Gardens Visit
- Hotel Entertainment

Supplements

Insurance **£37.50**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£Nil**
Sea View/Superior Room **£30.00**



Bournemouth

New Forest & Dorset Delights

5 – 11 June

7 days

£535.00

DAY 1 Morning departure, travel to Bournemouth for 6 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in Bournemouth, the following programme is included:

- 1 Free day in resort to relax at hotel or visit the local parks and Winter Gardens, stroll along the cliffs and beaches or perhaps some souvenir shopping.
- Excursion to cathedral city of Salisbury for shopping and sightseeing. Continue to Wilton House for included visit to see the opulent State Rooms, fine art treasures and beautiful parkland, finishing with included delicious Cream Tea!
- Half day excursion to superb Abbotsbury with included admission to visit both the beautifully colourful Grade I listed gardens and the famous Swannery to see its feathered residents.
- Excursion via the stylish suburb of Sandbanks to see some of the homes of the county's rich and famous. Continue to Poole with some free time for optional lunch in this lovely harbour town before enjoying included visit to Compton Acres. One of the finest in the south, the gardens boast stunning coastal views and great diversity with international influence.



- Full day into the New Forest, a scenic excursion featuring rugged landscapes, wild ponies and quaint villages galore. Our route includes Lyndhurst and Brockenhurst before returning along the coast to visit the picturesque harbour town of Lymington (some walking involved).

DAY 7 Depart after breakfast and return home, expected arrival early evening.



Hotel

Riviera Hotel, Bournemouth ★★ ★

An old favourite, this hotel has been welcoming our passengers for many years. Located on Alum Chine with a superb outlook over to the Isle of Wight, the Riviera is highly praised for its warm welcome and entertainment, whilst the superb cuisine served is rated as one of the best.

www.rivierabournemouth.co.uk



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage
- Admissions to Compton Acres Gardens & Abbotsbury Gardens/Swannery • Entrance to Wilton House & Cream Tea

Supplements

Insurance **£37.50**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£Nil**



Best of Cornish Gardens

& Isles of Scilly – Tresco Gardens

11 – 18 June

8 days

£819.00

DAY 1 Morning departure and travel to Cornwall, arriving late afternoon for 7 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in Cornwall, the following programme is included:

- Full day by helicopter from Penzance to beautiful Isles of Scilly for included visit with Head Gardener to the world famous Tresco Abbey Gardens. Here you see some superb exotic planting and enjoy seasonal favourites in an idyllic island setting. Alternatively a free day in resort to relax. **(Free day price reduction of £100.00 – please advise when booking).**
- Included visit to Lost Gardens of Heligan, these superbly restored Victorian gardens are complemented by Summerhouses, lakes, fruit-houses and sub-tropical jungle. Return via cathedral city of Truro for shopping or optional Cream Tea.
- Full day visiting two superb privately owned and maintained gardens, starting with Pine Lodge Gardens which feature lakes, borders and idyllic pathways. Continue to Marsh Villa Gardens, highlights here include a tour of the huge natural pond, marshland walks and herbaceous borders which give the garden an informal and home-grown style.



Sarah's Tip

Definitely a highlight of the year for me, I cannot wait to return to the diverse and beautiful gardens of Cornwall. The trip by helicopter to the Isles of Scilly is a day out to remember!

- Excursion to Trebah for a guided tour of the woodland ravine gardens which descend down to a private beach - waterfalls, ponds full of giant Koi Carp and exotic water plants galore. Later, some free time in the popular resort of Falmouth with its excellent waterfront attractions.

- Full day to Trelissick Gardens (NT) for magnificent river and estuary views and acres of rhododendrons, acers and hydrangeas. Later, a visit to Trewithen Gardens with its magnificent collection of rare trees and shrubs.
- Free day in resort to relax at the hotel or enjoy a walk to the local beaches.

DAY 8 Depart after a leisurely breakfast for homeward journey, expected arrival will be early evening.

Hotel

Rosemundy House Hotel, St Agnes

★★★

Used by us for many years, this delightful hotel is always praised by drivers and clients for its woodland gardens and good food. The hotels owners and staff ensure a friendly welcome and a relaxing holiday.

www.rosemundy.co.uk



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage • Garden Admissions to Trebah, Heligan, Pine Lodge, Marsh Villa, Trelissick, & Trewithen • Tresco Helicopter Excursion inc Abbey Gardens Entrance • Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£37.50**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£25.00**



ESCORTED BY SARAH HOPPS



Torquay

English Riviera & Dartmoor

16 – 22 June

7 days

£599.00

DAY 1 Morning departure and travel down to the Devonshire coast, arriving in Torquay for 6 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in Devon, the following programme is included:

- Free day in resort to explore the town centre or relax and enjoy the superb hotel facilities.
- Excursion to cathedral city of Exeter, thought to be the most haunted in England, with time for shopping and optional lunch. Return along the coast overlooking Babbacombe Bay via Dawlish and Teignmouth for an afternoon break.
- Half day excursion along the coast to the popular resort of Brixham with some free time for optional lunch and a seafront stroll. Later, an included visit to the famous Babbacombe Model Village.
- Full day through the Devonshire countryside and scenery of Dartmoor National Park. Our route includes the quaint villages of Bovey Tracey and Widecombe in the Moor, before returning via Buckfast Abbey to see this beautiful 12th century Benedictine Monastery.
- Excursion to Paignton to board the train for a steam railway trip to Dartmouth, taking in the coastal scenery of Devon, followed by included cruise around the harbour. Later, free time for optional lunch or a riverside walk before returning to Paignton for afternoon break overlooking Torbay.

DAY 7 Depart after breakfast and return home, expected arrival early evening.



Hotel

The Imperial Hotel, Torquay ★★★★★

This luxury hotel enjoys a stunning seaside setting overlooking the bay and harbour. The impressive marble reception hall is the epitome of Victorian elegance and superb guest amenities ensure a very comfortable stay.

www.barcelo-hotels.co.uk



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage
- Entrance to Model Village • Steam Railway & Harbour Cruise

Supplements

Insurance **£37.50**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£Nil**



NEW

Cornish Rail, Sail & Smugglers!

Bodmin Moor & Falmouth

18 – 22 July

5 days

£475.00

DAY 1 Morning departure and travel down to Cornwall, arriving at our hotel late afternoon to check-in for 4 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in Cornwall, the following programme is included:

- Excursion to the edge of Bodmin Moor for included trip on the railway to Bodmin Parkway. Re-join the coach and travel via the Camel Valley to the coast for an afternoon break in the fishing port of Padstow with the chance to have optional lunch in one of its fine seafood restaurants.
- Scenic coastal excursion along the famous 'Smugglers Coast' of Cornwall which was also home to the novelist Daphne du Maurier. Our route includes the picturesque natural harbour town of Fowey with its local shops and galleries, Charlestown and pretty Mevagissey with its picture postcard seafront cottages.
- Full day into southern Cornwall for a visit to the 'Queen of the Cornish Riviera' Falmouth. Some free time here to enjoy the superb seafront attractions before taking included boat trip across the magnificent harbour and along the Fal estuary to Truro. Here there will be some free time for sightseeing or shopping in the charming county 'capital' before returning by coach to hotel.

DAY 5 Depart hotel after a leisurely breakfast for our homeward journey, expected arrival will be early evening.



Hotel

The Cliff Head Hotel, St Austell ★★★

This hotel enjoys a quiet residential location on the cliff top road with access to the coastal path for those who wish to take a stroll. The hotel has its own garden with outdoor seating and a pool area. All bedrooms are comfortably furnished with bath and shower and many offer a seaview. No lift, but ground floor rooms on request.

www.cliffheadhotel.com



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage
- 1 Railway Trip • 1 River Cruise

Supplements

Insurance **£32.00**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£Nil**





Paignton & Torbay

The English Riviera

8 – 15 July

8 days

£635.00

DAY 1 Morning departure, travel to the English Riviera for 7 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in Paignton, the following programme is included:

- 2 Free days in resort to relax at the hotel or take a stroll into the town centre and enjoy the harbour and seafront attractions. Alternatively, you may wish to take local bus to charming olde worlde village of Cockington with its pretty thatched cottages or the regional capital Torquay.
- Excursion to the maritime city of Plymouth with its famous Hoe and Lighthouse. Free time for a seafront stroll, cruise around the harbour or visit to the famous Gin Distillery.
- Travel to Babbacombe with included admission to the charming Model Village to see a slice of Devon life in miniature. Continue along the Torbay coastline, enjoying breaks in the popular resorts of Teignmouth and Dawlish.
- Full day through the Dart Valley to Dartmouth to enjoy a break on the river estuary with time for shopping or optional lunch. Continue along Start Bay passing the beaches of Slapton Sands to Salcombe for a break on the Heritage Coast.



- Scenic day through the Devon countryside and scenery of Dartmoor National Park including the quaint villages of Bovey Tracey and Widecombe in the Moor. Return via an afternoon break at Buckfast Abbey to explore this beautiful 12th century Benedictine Monastery.

DAY 8 Depart hotel after breakfast and return home, expected arrival early evening.



Hotel

The Palace Hotel, Paignton ★★★

Overlooking Paignton's Green, this hotel enjoys a seafront location just a short walk from the town centre. Elegantly furnished lounges and gardens to relax in plus regular entertainment.

www.palacepaignton.com



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Portage
- Admission to Model Village • Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£37.50**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£Nil**



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Eastbourne

Sussex Castles, Trains & Coast

31 July – 6 August

7 days

£675.00

DAY 1 Morning departure, travel to Eastbourne for 6 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in Eastbourne, the following programme is included:

- Free day in resort to enjoy the elegant town centre, beaches, shops and gardens.
- Morning visit to Port Sovereign and its harbour attractions including a huge marina, cafes, boutiques. Time for optional boat trip or lunch here before continuing along the Cuckmere Valley, taking in the local beauty spots of Beachy Head, Seven Sisters and Alfriston, considered one of the prettiest villages in Sussex.
- Excursion to Herstmonceux Castle for included visit to enjoy the superb Elizabethan gardens featuring walled designs, water lily filled moat, woodland walks and Georgian style folly. Continue to Battle for optional lunch before enjoying included trip on the scenic Kent & East Sussex Railway from Bodiam to Tenterden.
- Full day to Sheffield Park Gardens for included visit to see these superb Grade I listed gardens which are full of colour and diversity during the summer. Later, enjoy a trip on the Bluebell Railway through the pretty Sussex Weald countryside before enjoying an afternoon break in the 'city by the sea' Brighton.
- Excursion to the elegant spa town of Royal Tunbridge Wells with its pretty white-washed houses and stylish shops. Later, an included trip on the Spa Valley Railway to Groombridge Place for included visit. Time here to explore the beautiful gardens which are formally laid out and date back to the 17th century. Visitors can also take a walk through the Enchanted Forest inspired by the stories of Tolkien and JK Rowling.

DAY 7 Depart after breakfast and return home, expected arrival early evening.



Hotel

The Cavendish Hotel, Eastbourne

★★★

This majestic hotel enjoys a seafront location on the Grand Parade and has been highly praised by previous passengers. Extensively re-furnished to offer good accommodation with a reputation for fine food served in the elegant dining room where guests can dine at leisure.

www.cavendishhotel.co.uk



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Portage
- Garden Admissions to Herstmonceux Castle, Groombridge Place & Sheffield Park
- 3 Railway Trips

Supplements

Insurance **£37.50**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£Nil**
Seaview Room **£60.00**





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Cornish Coastal Charms

St Agnes, Falmouth & St Ives

1 – 8 August

8 days

£639.00

DAY 1 Morning departure, travel to St Agnes and check-in to hotel for 7 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in Cornwall, the following programme is included:

- Free day in resort to relax at hotel, visit the local attractions or take a stroll to the nearby beach.
- Excursion to Falmouth for included cruise along the River Fal and some free time in this former smugglers haven with its deep harbour and host of waterfront attractions. Later, an included visit to Trebah Gardens to see this sub-tropical paradise where the gardens, streams and waterfalls cascade to a secluded beach.
- Coastal excursion to lovely harbour town of Padstow with free time for sightseeing, optional lunch at its renowned Rick Stein fish restaurant or optional cruise to Puffin Island. Later, an included visit to Pencarrow to see this elegant Georgian house filled with fine furniture and artworks. The Grade II listed gardens feature formal layouts, Victorian rockery and Italian garden.
- Half day excursion to Newquay, Cornwall's most vibrant resort and one of the UK's Top Seaside Towns. Free time here to take in the beaches, seafront shops and sweeping cliff-top views or enjoy a leisurely lunch.
- Excursion to St Ives, an award-winning resort renowned for its rich seafaring heritage as well as its artistic attractions including the Tate Gallery. Local catches are still brought ashore at the natural harbour and quaint cobbled streets wind their way through the picturesque town centre. (Optional bus to town centre payable in resort)
- Coastal excursion visiting some of the quaint fishing ports which are so typical of the rugged Cornish coastline. Stops will be made in colourful Mevagissey with its traditional painted cottages and the infamous former 'Smugglers Cove' village of Charlestown.

DAY 8 Depart hotel after breakfast and return home, expected arrival will be mid evening.



Hotel

Rosemundy House Hotel, St. Agnes

★★★

This privately run hotel continues to be highly praised for its woodland gardens, traditional décor and traditional home-cooked food. Your friendly hosts ensure a warm welcome and although the hotel has no lift, ground floor rooms are available on request.

www.rosemundy.co.uk



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Portage
- Entrances to Trebah Gardens & Pencarrow • Boat Trip

Supplements

Insurance **£37.50**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£25.00**



Sidmouth

Devon & Dorset Coast

23 – 28 August

6 days

£575.00

DAY 1 Morning departure and travel to Sidmouth, checking in to our hotel late afternoon for 5 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in Sidmouth, the following programme is included:

- Full day into Somerset, enjoying a break in the county town of Taunton to see its popular Farmers Market and historic buildings which typify this quintessential English market town. Later, an included visit to Hestercombe Gardens which were recently voted one of the country's best for their variety with breath-taking views, vivid colour and historical interest.
- Free day in resort to enjoy the Regency architecture, magnificent gardens, local attractions or time to just relax on the beach.
- Excursion into Dorset, travelling via West Bay to quaint Abbotsbury with included admission to the famous Swannery and lovely Tropical Gardens which will be at their colourful summer best.
- Travel to Escot Park for included visit to this award-winning estate featuring beautiful gardens, a puzzling maze and wildlife attractions. Included soup and sandwiches lunch in the Coach House restaurant before returning to Sidmouth for afternoon at leisure.

DAY 6 Depart hotel after breakfast and return home, expected arrival will be early evening.



Hotel

Royal York & Faulkner Hotel, Sidmouth

★★ Superior

This highly praised family-run hotel stands on the Esplanade overlooking the seafront and has been welcoming our clients for many years. Within easy reach of the local shops and well placed for a seafront stroll, the hotel is renowned for its excellent cuisine with superb 5-course dinners served.

www.royalyorkhotel.co.uk



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Entrances to Hestercombe Gardens & Abbotsbury Swannery/Gardens • Escot Park Admission inc Soup & Sandwiches Lunch

Supplements

Insurance **£37.50**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£Nil**





Guernsey By Air

St Peter Port

18 – 25 June

8 days

(Les Rocquettes) (Pandora)
£869.00 £699.00

DAY 1 Travel to Manchester Airport for flight to Guernsey. Local coach transfer from airport to hotels for 7 night's dinner and breakfast.

DAY 2 Included half-day island tour (excl admissions) to see the spectacular coastline, quaint villages and floral beauty of Guernsey – your local driver will be your guide.

Whilst in Guernsey, 5 free days to relax or explore the island. Optional excursions available (pay & book with your rep) including:

- Tour of the Cliff Views - Icart Point, Pleimmont Point and Guernsey Gold and Silversmiths.
- Full day including transfers to the Isles of Herm, Alderney or Isle of Sark.
- Tour of the Fortress of Guernsey.
- Visit to the south coast, including Jerbourg Point, a Strawberry Farm, Woodcarvers and the Little Chapel constructed of seashells and crockery.

DAY 8 Transfer to airport for return flight to Manchester and transfer home.

PLEASE NOTE: We act as Retail Agents for Premier Holidays, ATOL Protected 2713.

Flight times will be available approximately 2 weeks before departure. Photographic ID is required at Airport Check-in (e.g. Passport, Driving Licence, Citizens Card) please ensure you have suitable identification prior to departure.



Hotels

The Pandora Hotel, St Peter Port ★★

Friendly hotel set in walled terrace gardens in an elevated position overlooking Havelet Valley with a delightful summer patio for evening drinks.

www.pandorahotel.co.uk



Les Rocquettes Hotel, St Peter Port ★★★

This former mansion house is situated on the outskirts of town offering a good standard of accommodation and excellent leisure facilities. Guests can enjoy the lovely outdoor terrace and attractive gardens.

www.lesrocquettesguernsey.com



Price includes

- UK Airport Transfers • Door to Door Taxi
- Return Flights • Local Airport/Hotel Transfers • Dinner & Breakfast • Portage (Les Rocquettes Hotel) • Local Rep Service
- Half Day Island Tour

Supplements

Insurance **£50.00**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£Nil (Pandora)**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£60.00 (Les Rocquettes)**



BANK HOLIDAY SPECIAL!

NEW

Channel Islands Hopper

Jersey & Guernsey

26 August – 2 September

8 days

£849.00

DAY 1 Travel to Manchester Airport for flight to Guernsey. On arrival, local transfer to St Peter Port and check in to hotel for 3 night's dinner and breakfast.

DAYS 2 & 3 Included half day island tour to see the spectacular coastline, quaint villages and unspoilt scenery of Guernsey. Remainder of your stay is free to relax in resort or venture around the island using local transport.

DAY 4 Depart hotel after breakfast and transfer to harbour for inter-island ferry crossing to Jersey. Local transfer on arrival in Jersey and travel to St Helier to check in to hotel for 4 night's dinner and breakfast.

DAYS 5-7 Included full day coastal excursion with local driver and guide to see some of the beautiful coastal villages and scenery of Jersey. The remainder of your time is free to relax in resort, take an optional bus trip across the island or book an excursion from your hotel.

DAY 8 After checking out of hotel, travel to Jersey airport for return flight to Manchester and coach transfer home.

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Flight times will be available approximately 2 weeks prior to travel. Photographic ID is required at Airport Check-in (e.g. Passport, Driving License, Citizens Card) so please ensure you have suitable identification prior to departure.



Hotels

La Trelade Hotel, St Peter Port ★★★

This modern hotel is situated within easy reach of both the centre of town and coastal walks which offer superb scenery. Bedrooms are stylishly furnished and the hotel restaurant enjoys an excellent reputation.

www.latretrade.guernsey.net



Monterey Hotel, St Helier ★★★

This hotel is located a short walk from the town centre and the island bus network can be taken from outside the hotel to explore at your leisure. There is seasonal entertainment and the hotel offers a good range of guest amenities.

www.morvanhotels.com



Price includes

- UK Airport Transfers • Door to Door Taxi
- Return Flights • Local Airport/Hotel/ Harbour Transfers • Inter-Island Ferry Crossing • Dinner & Breakfast • Hotel Portage • Half Day Guernsey Tour • Full Day Jersey Tour • Services of Local Representative

Supplements

Insurance **£50.00**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£45.00**





Jersey by Air

St Helier

9 – 16 July

8 days

(Ambassadeur) (Monterey)
£729.00 **£785.00**

DAY 1 Coach transfer to Doncaster Airport for flight to Jersey. Local coach transfer from airport to hotels for 7 night's dinner and breakfast.

DAY 2 Full day 'Island Tour' with local coach and driver. This interesting and informative tour will take you to see 'The Best of Jersey' with its lovely coastal scenery and quaint towns and villages.

Whilst in Jersey, free time to explore this charming island. Optional coach/cruise excursions are available (pay & book at your hotel) including:

- Gorey Pottery
- Islands of Sark and Guernsey
- World of Gerald Durrell
- A Carnation Farm, Gold Centre & Pearl Factory
- Underground German Hospital
- St Malo – lovely French medieval walled town and port (Passports required)

DAY 8 After breakfast at hotel, local transfer to airport for return flight to Doncaster and transfers home.

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Flight times will be available approximately 2 weeks prior to travel. Photographic ID is required at Airport Check-in (e.g. Passport, Driving License, Citizens Card) so please ensure you have suitable identification prior to departure.



Hotels

Hotel Ambassadeur, nr St Helier ★★★

This sea-facing hotel stands a mile from St Helier overlooking the sweeping St Clements Bay and many rooms have a sea-view. Situated on the coast road, there is a bus service into town for sightseeing and shopping.

www.hotelambassadeur.co.uk



Monterey Hotel, St Helier ★★★

This hotel is located a short walk from the town centre and the island bus network can be taken from outside the hotel to explore at your leisure. There is seasonal entertainment and the hotel offers a good range of guest amenities.

www.morvanhotels.com



Price includes

- UK Airport Transfers • Door to Door Taxi
- Return Flights • Local Airport/Hotel Transfers • Dinner & Breakfast • Hotel Porterage • Full Day Island Tour • Service of Local Representative

Supplements

Insurance **£50.00**
 Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£56.00**
 (Ambassadeur)
 Single Room (On Request) (Monterey)



The Isles of Scilly

St.Mary's & Tresco Abbey Gardens

14 – 20 July

7 days

£979.00

DAY 1 Early morning departure to Penzance for helicopter flight to St.Mary's. Local transfer to hotel for 6 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst on the Isles of Scilly, the following programme is included:

- Full day guided tour of St.Mary's including the old town and Peninnis Head.
- 1 Free day to explore the island at your own leisure or perhaps take a boat trip from the local quay.
- Full day boat cruise to Tresco for a guided tour of the world famous Abbey Gardens.
- Guided boat trip to island of St Agnes which is rich in marine and wildlife.
- Full day guided boat trip to St Martins to see the Atlantic sea birds.
- Extended Outer Isles tour will be added to one of the full day boat trips to see the seals and seabirds of this wildlife rich area of the UK.

DAY 7 Transfer to airport for return helicopter flight to Penzance. Coach transfer home, expected arrival mid-late evening, subject to flight times.

PLEASE NOTE: Daily tours include walks of about a mile which are mostly on the level. Breaks will be made at local Hostelry's for optional lunches. Good walking shoes and waterproofs are essential. Due to the nature of this tour, adverse weather conditions can result in itinerary changes/cancellations with no notice. The eddie brown tours Group cannot be held responsible for any such cancellations and therefore no monetary refunds can be made.



Hotel

The Atlantic Hotel, St Mary's ★★★

Situated overlooking the sea, this traditional hotel occupies a fine position on this idyllic isle. Similar to the islands themselves, this delightful old Inn is steeped in local history and very popular with all of our clients who have visited the islands. (No lift or ground floor rooms).

www.atlantichotelscilly.co.uk



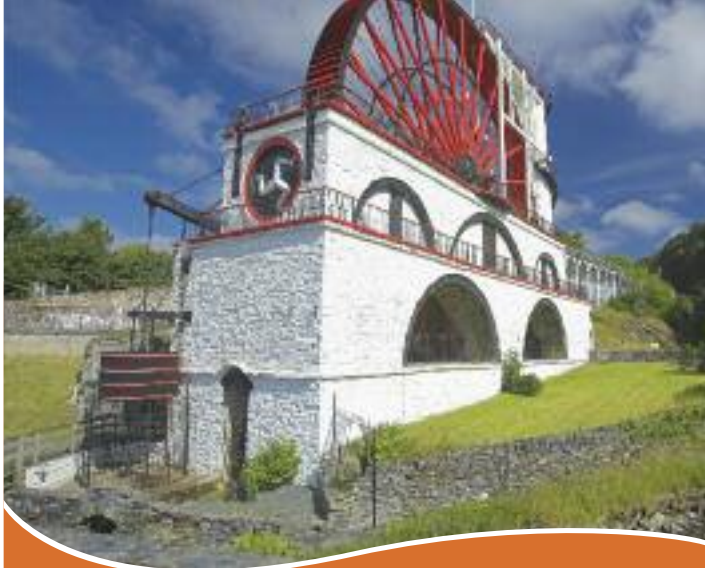
Price includes

- UK Airport Transfers • Door to Door Taxi
- Return Helicopter Flights • Local Airport/Hotel Transfers • Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage • Off Island Cruises & Local Guided Tours • Admission to Tresco Abbey Gardens

Supplements

Insurance **£50.00**
 Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£111.00**
 Sea View Room **£30.00**





Isle of Man

Manx Heritage Highlights

24 – 30 July

7 days

£639.00

DAY 1 Morning departure, travel to Heysham for afternoon ferry crossing to Douglas including on board reserved seating. Continue to hotel for 6 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst on the Isle of Man, the following programme is included:

- Free day to enjoy tranquil setting of the hotel or take local bus to nearby capital Douglas for optional horse-drawn carriage ride along seafront.
- Full day to Castletown with time to explore the historic town centre followed by included visit to 'Old House of Keys'. At this amazing Parliamentary building you can join a debate with costumed clerks and be part of history! Continue to Nautical Museum for tales of smugglers and life on the high seas followed by a drive through moorlands and coastal roads to Peel for included visit to House of Manannan which tells of the island's Viking traditions.
- Excursion to Douglas for included trip on Isle of Man Steam Railway for a nostalgic journey along the old Victorian line passing the picturesque coastline and countryside to Port Erin. Following some free time here, continue to The Sound for stunning views over the Calf of Man with sea birds, seals and wildlife in abundance. Chance for optional lunch in the grass-roofed restaurant before heading to Cregneash for included visit to old Manx thatched cottages, quilt-makers, old farm, school and wood-turners.



- Excursion to Laxey for included visit to the famous Lady Isabella Waterwheel. Continue to the Snaefell Mountain Railway for included trip to enjoy spectacular views over the TT Course and the Seven Kingdoms.

- Full day visiting Douglas with free time or chance to take optional train to Ramsey. Coach continues to Ramsey via scenic west coast road and Ramsey Bay with free time to enjoy the local shops, long promenade and working harbour. Return to hotel via part of the world famous TT course.

DAY 7 Depart after early breakfast and return to Douglas for ferry crossing to Heysham including reserved seating. Expected arrival home will be early evening.

Hotel

Mount Murray Hotel & Country Club, Santon ★★★★★

Timeless elegance is assured at this spacious hotel set in the heart of rolling hills deep in the beautiful Manx countryside. All bedrooms are luxuriously appointed and the elegant dining room serves fresh local produce.

www.mountmurray.com



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Return Ferry Crossings inc Reserved Seating • Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage
- Admissions to Cregneash, Laxey Wheel, House of Keys, Nautical Museum & House of Manannan • 2 Railway Rides

Supplements

Insurance **£50.00**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£75.00**



BANK HOLIDAY SPECIAL!

NEW

Welsh Borders

Chester & Llangollen

30 May – 3 June

5 days

£449.00

DAY 1 Morning departure, travel to Chester for a guided walking tour of this former Roman walled city. Later, some free time for optional lunch or shopping before continuing to hotel for 4 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in Wales, the following programme is included:

- Scenic day through the Dee Valley and over the spectacular Horseshoe Pass to Llangollen for included cruise along its picturesque Canal known as the 'Stream in the Sky'. After time for optional lunch in the town centre, continue to Erddig Hall (NT) for included visit to this magnificent stately home with its unusual servants quarters which were lived in until the mid 1970's.
- Coastal excursion to lovely Victorian seaside resort of Llandudno for optional lunch or stroll along the Promenade. Later, included visit to Ruthin Castle & Hotel with time to see the lovely gardens and peacocks before enjoying a traditional Welsh Tea served in this magnificent medieval setting.
- Full day to the Snowdonia National Park, a picturesque drive through the mountains and river valleys to Bala to enjoy included trip on the Bala Lake Railway. Return to hotel via Blaenau Ffestiniog and the quaint village of Betws-Y-Coed.

DAY 5 Depart after breakfast and travel to the rural town of Nantwich for a morning break. Continue to Biddulph Grange (NT) with included admission to the spectacular compartmented gardens featuring unique specimens and a formal Italian garden. Expected arrival home will be early evening.



Hotel

Llyndir Hall Hotel, nr Chester ★★★

Elegant country house hotel, set in secluded grounds with a number of resident animal statues gracing the lawns! Choice of stylish lounge areas and individually decorated bedrooms furnished to a high standard. No lift, but ground floor rooms on request.

www.feathers.uk.com/llyndir



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage • Canal Cruise • Railway Trip • Guided Tour of Chester • Admissions to Erddig Hall & Biddulph Grange • Ruthin Castle Gardens & Welsh Tea

Supplements

Insurance **£32.00**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£60.00**
NT Members Discount **£13.00**
(Please advise when booking)





Tenby

& Best of Pembrokeshire

22 – 27 May

6 days

£579.00

DAY 1 Morning departure, travel via the scenic Wye Valley with its pretty villages and riverside beauty spots to Tenby for 5 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in Wales, the following programme is included:

- 2 Free days in resort to relax in the hotel's gardens admiring the views or exploring the town centre at your own pace. Optional cruise to Caldey Island will be offered to see the ancient Priory and Monastery gardens.
- Included visit to local Woodcarvers will be arranged by driver in resort.
- Full day via the tiny cathedral city of St. David's before heading to the coastline of Fishguard Bay. Return via the Pembrokeshire National Park for included visit to Picton Castle to see the beautiful gardens featuring wild flowers, ancient trees, woodlands and rhododendrons.
- Excursion to the market town of Camarthen for shopping and optional lunch in the oldest town in Wales. Return via Colby Woodland Garden for included visit to see this informal garden which features wooded pathways through magnolias and bluebells.

DAY 6 Depart after breakfast and travel to the quaint town of Bluith Wells for optional lunch before returning home. Expected arrival will be early evening.



Hotel

The Fourcroft Hotel, Tenby ★★★

Family-owned hotel located on sea-front overlooking private gardens which lead down to the north beach with lovely views across the harbour and Carmarthen Bay. Town centre shops and attractions are a short walk away and the hotel has been highly praised by all clients who have visited.

www.fourcroft-hotel.co.uk



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage
- Admissions to Woodcarvers, Picton Castle & Colby Woodland Garden
- Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£37.50**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£60.00**



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Llandudno & Snowdonia

Welsh Blooms & Tracks

18 – 22 July

5 days

£475.00

DAY 1 Morning departure, travel through the Peak District National Park, stopping for optional lunch in the elegant spa resort of Buxton. Continue to North Wales, arriving in Llandudno for 4 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in North Wales, the following programme is included:

- Free day in resort to relax at hotel, enjoy a stroll around the town centre shops or perhaps enjoy the seafront attractions of the majestic Promenade. For spectacular views, there is the opportunity to take a trip to the top of Great Orme.
- Full day to nearby Conwy, with some free time to explore the cobbled streets and see the mighty 13th century Castle. Continue through the Conwy Valley for included visit to Bodnant Gardens, considered one of the most beautiful in the country and set over 80 acres.
- Coastal excursion taking in the Menai Straits en route to the royal city of Caernarfon with some free time for sightseeing and optional lunch. Continue to the Snowdonia National Park for a stop in Llanberis at the foot of Mount Snowdon for included trip on the lake railway along the shore of Llyn Padarn. Return to hotel via the pretty crafts village of Betws-Y-Coed.

DAY 5 Depart after breakfast and travel to Roman city of Chester with free time to take a walk along the historic City Walls, see the Amphitheatre ruins or enjoy some shopping on the Rows. Expected arrival home will be late afternoon.



Hotel

The Merrion Hotel, Llandudno ★★★

This family-run hotel is located on the central Promenade and prides its reputation on fine food, personal service and a welcoming atmosphere. The hotel offers nightly entertainment with plenty of variety from live music to dancing.

www.merrion-hotel.com



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage
- Admission to Bodnant Gardens
- Lake Railway Trip

Supplements

Insurance **£32.00**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£34.00**



OVER £50
OF VISITS
INCLUDED!



Heart of Wales

Brecon Beacons & Valley Railways

16 – 20 August

5 days

£439.00

DAY 1 Morning departure, travel to floral town of Shrewsbury for optional lunch and shopping. Continue to Llandrindod Wells for 4 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in Wales, the following programme is included:

- Full day to the Brecon Beacons and Black Mountains, stopping in Brecon with its elegant streets fronted by Georgian and Jacobean buildings. Later, a lunch break in market town of Builth Wells before included visit to Abbey-Cwm-Hir for a tour of the Hall and some of the 52 rooms which are filled with original features and Victorian memorabilia. There will also be time to see the restored walled gardens and grounds at their summer best.
- Excursion to Welshpool for included visit to Powis Castle & Gardens to see the magnificent interiors and delightful gardens. After time for optional lunch here, travel to the nearby train station for an afternoon trip on the Light Railway to Llanfair before returning to hotel by coach.



- Coastal excursion over the Cambrian Mountains to Aberystwyth with free time to see the lovely local gardens or enjoy optional lunch near the beach. Later, an included trip on Vale of Rheidol Steam Railway from Aberystwyth to Devil's Bridge where we re-join the coach and return to hotel.

DAY 5 Depart hotel after breakfast and return through the 'Black and White' villages of Herefordshire and picturesque Severn Valley. Expected arrival home, early evening.

Hotel

The Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells ★★★★★

This charming hotel has been a favourite with our clients for many years and praised for its guest facilities and excellent cuisine using local produce and traditional Welsh delicacies.

www.metropole.co.uk



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage
- 2 Railway Trips • Admission to Powis Castle • Tour of Abbey-Cwm-Hir Hall

Supplements

Insurance **£32.00**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£40.00**



NEW

South Wales Splendour

Cardiff, Swansea & The Brecons

8 – 13 September

6 days

£479.00

DAY 1 Morning departure and travel to the elegant spa town of Cheltenham for optional lunch and sightseeing. Continue to Wales, arriving late afternoon at hotel for 5 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in Wales, the following programme is included:

- Free time in Cardiff Bay to enjoy the superb waterfront shops and attractions such as the Lightship, Sennedd building and craft centre. After time for optional lunch, an included visit to Cardiff Castle including a guided tour of the Apartments and time to see the Wartime Tunnels, Roman Wall and much more. (Involves steps to access some parts of Castle)
- Full day excursion to the much acclaimed Museum of Welsh Life, set in the grounds of St Fagan's Castle. Considered one of the best open air museums in Europe, there are a host of attractions on site to explore including stunning gardens and Victorian Arcades.
- Excursion to the waterfront city of Swansea with free time for sightseeing and optional lunch. Continue around Swansea Bay to the quaint villages of Oystermouth and The Mumbles for a break on the edge of the Gower Peninsula.



- Scenic day into the Brecon Beacons National Park, stopping in the famous cheese town of Caerphilly, en route to the historic market town of Brecon for optional lunch and shopping. Later, enjoy a trip on the picturesque Brecon Mountain Railway before returning to Cardiff.

DAY 6 Depart hotel after breakfast and return home through Monmouthshire and the Wye Valley. Expected arrival home will be early evening.

Hotel

Parc by Thistle Hotel, Cardiff ★★★★★

This grand Victorian building is one of the city centre's landmark properties and has undergone a multi-million pound refurbishment. All of the public rooms offer elegant décor and the luxuriously appointed bedrooms are furnished to the highest standards.

www.thistle.com/cardiff



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage
- Admission to Museum of Welsh Life
- Entrance & Guided Tour of Cardiff Castle
- Railway Trip

Supplements

Insurance **£37.50**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£75.00**





NEW

Ireland's Garden Coasts

3 Counties in Bloom!

20 – 26 June

7 days

£624.00

DAY 1 Morning departure to Stranraer for mid afternoon sailing to Belfast. Continue to the city for 3 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in Ireland, the following programme is included:

- Morning visit to the Botanical Gardens with included admission to see the roses, Palm House and Tropical Ravine. Later, an included visit to the Ulster Folk & Transport Museums, a superb living folk park with authentically recreated dwellings, shops and a fine collection of vintage vehicles from cars to steam trains.
- Co.Antrim excursion with included visits to 2 of its finest gardens. Enjoy a tour of Ballyrobert Cottage Gardens which boasts a wealth of traditional plants, ending with tea and scones in the Garden Room. Continue to Benvariden Estate, an award-winning site featuring its own river, walled, kitchen and wild gardens.
- Depart Belfast and travel to Co.Down for included visit to Mount Stewart Gardens which feature a magnificent collection of 'outdoor rooms', rare plants and vibrant parterres. Lunchtime break in pretty town of Hillsborough before continuing to Co.Donegal to check in to our hotel for 3 night's dinner and breakfast.
- Full day into Glenveagh National Park for included visit to the Castle Gardens, an oasis of horticultural beauty featuring Victorian gardens, diverse planting and rare specimens.
- Excursion to the county's southern gardens with included admission to Ballyloughan House Gardens which overlook Donegal Bay with collections of flowering shrubs and perennials. A lunchtime break in Donegal town followed by visit to Salt Hill

Sarah's Tip

I am thrilled to be heading back to Ireland and the northern counties offer such good value for money! With an abundance of visits to varying types of gardens, lovely scenery and superb hotels, this tour will be very popular.

Gardens, renowned for their planting of herbaceous flowers, mixed borders and walled gardens.

DAY 7 Depart after breakfast and return to Belfast for early afternoon ferry crossing to Stranraer. Expected arrival home will be mid evening.

Hotels

Park Avenue Hotel, Belfast ★★★★★

Stylish hotel located in a quiet suburb offering luxury accommodation and traditional Irish hospitality. All bedrooms recently refurbished and guest amenities include an elegant restaurant and cosy lounge bar. (3 Nights)

www.parkavenuehotel.co.uk



Kee's Hotel, Ballybofey ★★★

Award-winning family run hotel located in the foothills of the Bluestack Mountains, offering a warm welcome with friendly service. Comfortably furnished bedrooms and restaurant which prides itself on a fine dining experience. (3 Nights)

www.keeshotel.ie



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Return Ferry Crossings • Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage • Garden Admissions to Belfast Botanic, Mount Stewart, Benvariden, Glenveagh Castle, Ballyloughan & Salt Hill • Garden Tour of Ballyrobert inc Tea & Scones • Entrance to Ulster Folk & Transport Museums
- Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£62.50**

Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£84.50**



ESCORTED BY SARAH HOPPS



NEW

The Kingdom of Down

& Titanic Heritage

2 – 5 October

4 days

£399.00

DAY 1 Morning departure, travel to Stranraer for afternoon fast ferry crossing to Belfast. Continue to County Down and check in to hotel for 3 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in Ireland, the following programme is included:

- Depart after breakfast for a full day guided excursion into the Kingdom of Down and the Mourne Mountains. Our route takes us past the sights of Dundrum Castle, the village of Maghera and the former smugglers haven of Hilltown. After optional lunch in Rostrevor (the Riviera of the North), continue via Carlingford for views across the lough and the mountain of Slieve Foy where legend claims the remains of giant Finn McCool are laid to rest. Coastal drive back to the hotel via Kilkeel harbour and Annalong.
- After breakfast, travel into the heart of 'St.Patrick Country' with a stop at the ancient Down Cathedral in Downpatrick and included visit to the St Patrick Centre devoted to the life of Ireland's most celebrated son. Continue past Strangford Lough to Mount Stewart for included visit to the House and Gardens which were created in the 1930's and boast a display of exotic variety which flourishes in the region's mild climate.

DAY 4 Depart hotel after breakfast and travel to Belfast to meet local guide for a tour of the city's famous dockyards which are celebrating the upcoming 100th anniversary of the launch of Titanic. See where the famous ship was built with its Pump House and hear its fascinating story before returning to Belfast Port for afternoon ferry crossing to Stranraer. Expected arrival home will be late evening.



Hotel

Slieve Donard Resort & Spa, Newcastle ★★★★★

This luxurious hotel has its roots in the heyday of rail travel and was built as a luxury stopover at 'the end of the line'. Following a multi-million pound refurbishment, the hotel offers spacious accommodation and first-class amenities. www.hastingshotels.com



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Local Joining Points • Return Ferry Crossings • Dinner & Breakfast • Admissions to Mount Stewart & St Patrick Centre • 2 Local Guides

Supplements

Insurance **£37.00**

Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£82.00**



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NEW

Tall Ships in Ireland

Maritime Memories & Killarney

29 June – 5 July

7 days

£659.00

DAY 1 Morning departure to Holyhead for afternoon ferry crossing to Dublin. Continue to Bray for overnight dinner and breakfast at 3 star Ramada Woodland Court Hotel.

Whilst in Ireland, the following programme is included:

- Travel to Ireland's southern coast, stopping at Cashel to see the famous 'Rock' before enjoying a break in the city of Cork. Continue to Midleton, arriving late afternoon to check in to our hotel for 4 night's dinner and breakfast.
- Visit to the Old Midleton Distillery Museum which houses the world's largest pot still for a tour and tasting of Irish Whiskey. Continue to Kinsale, regarded as the 'Gourmet Capital of Ireland' for its local cuisine and enticing eateries, with time for optional lunch. Later, a visit to Cobh, the Titanic's last port of call, for included visit to the 'Queenstown Story' which tells the story of countless emigrants who sailed to America.
- Excursion to Waterford, Ireland's oldest city founded by the Vikings. The waterfront will be graced by the arrival of the world famous Tall Ships and there will be time to see these magnificent vessels moored prior to the next leg of their journey. Optional lunch or shopping can be enjoyed before continuing for included visit to the Crystal Factory where tools and techniques have changed little since the 18th century.
- Full day to County Kerry, travelling via Macroom to Killarney. This award-winning town continues to be a favourite with its colourful shops and attractions such as Muckross House and we enjoy included Jaunting Car ride through the National Park.
- Depart after breakfast and travel via 7th century town of Lismore and Knockmealdown Mountains to medieval Kilkenny for an afternoon break. Continue to Dublin for overnight dinner and breakfast at 3 star Ashling Hotel.

DAY 7 Depart hotel after early breakfast and return to Dublin Port for ferry crossing to Holyhead. Expected arrival home will be early evening.



Hotel

Midleton Park Hotel, Midleton ★★★

This contemporary and modern hotel is situated away from the bustle of Cork and is noted for its warm welcome and elegant surroundings. Guest amenities include a popular restaurant and state-of-the-art leisure complex and spa.

www.midletonpark.com



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Return Ferry Crossings • Dinner & Breakfast • Resort Hotel Porterage • Admissions to Waterford Crystal, Midleton Distillery & Queenstown Story • Jaunting Car Ride • Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£62.50**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£111.00**



ESCORTED BY
JOHN & SUE



NEW

Ireland's Lake District

Fermanagh & Titanic Coast

29 July – 3 August

6 days

£599.00

DAY 1 Morning departure to Stranraer for mid afternoon sailing to Belfast. Continue to the city for 2 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in Ireland, the following programme is included:

- Visit to the Ulster Folk & Transport Museums, a superb living folk park with authentically recreated dwellings, shops and a fine collection of vintage vehicles from cars to steam trains. Later, an included boat trip and 'Titanic Tour' of the city's famous shipyard sights, including the iconic giant cranes nicknamed 'Samson & Goliath'.
- Depart Belfast and travel to Fermanagh, stopping for a morning break in Hillsborough. Continue to Castle Coole for included tour of this impressive country house with its formal rooms and fascinating Servants quarters. Late afternoon arrival at hotel for 3 night's dinner and breakfast.
- Fermanagh excursion travelling to Belleek Pottery for included tour of this world famous factory. Continue to Killadeas to board the 'Lady of the Lake' for a cruise around Lower Lough Erne with on board soup and sandwiches lunch. Return via included visit to Sheelin Irish Lace Museum with over 700 exhibits of this delicate local handicraft.
- Excursion across the border to Sligo, a charming city famous for its connections to WB Yeats, with free time to enjoy the riverside walks, shops and optional lunch. Return via the grand estate of Florence Court for a tour of the beautiful Georgian mansion which was home to the powerful Cole family.



DAY 6 Depart after breakfast and travel back to Belfast for early afternoon ferry crossing to Stranraer. Expected arrival home will be mid evening.

Hotels

Park Avenue Hotel, Belfast ★★★★★

Stylish hotel located in a quiet suburb and offering luxury bedrooms and traditional Irish hospitality. All bedrooms recently refurbished and guest amenities include an elegant restaurant and cosy lounge bar. (2 Nights).

www.parkavenuehotel.co.uk



Killyhevlin Hotel, nr Enniskillen

★★★★★

Award-winning hotel situated less than a mile from the town centre, standing in its own grounds with sweeping lawns down to the water's edge. Spectacular views along Lough Erne can be enjoyed from the restaurant whilst enjoying superb 4-course evening meals. (3 Nights).

www.killyhevlin.com



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Return Ferry Crossings • Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage • Titanic Boat Trip
- Admissions to Belleek Pottery, Lace Museum & Ulster Folk/Transport Museums
- House Tours of Florence Court & Castle Coole • Lough Erne Cruise & Lunch

Supplements

Insurance **£50.00**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£75.00**
NT Members Reduction **£8.00**
(Please advise when booking)





NEW

Galway Coast & Connemara

Kylemore Abbey & Lough Corrib

10 – 15 September

6 days

£569.00

DAY 1 Morning departure and travel to Holyhead for afternoon ferry crossing to Dublin. Continue to Bray for overnight dinner and breakfast at 3 star Ramada Woodland Court Hotel.

Whilst in Ireland, the following programme is included:

- Travel west across the heart of Ireland for a break in the historic market town of Athlone which stands on the shores of the mighty River Shannon. Continue to Galway and check in to our hotel for 3 night's dinner and breakfast.
- A free morning in the vibrant city of Galway, known as the 'City of Tribes' with its rich medieval merchant history and cosmopolitan atmosphere. After time for optional lunch, enjoy an included trip on board the Corrib Princess for a scenic cruise on Lough Corrib including afternoon tea and scones.
- Scenic excursion to the Connemara National Park to enjoy its rugged mountain landscapes, stopping in Clifden which stands on Ireland's impressive Atlantic coastline. Continue to Kylemore Abbey for included visit to this picturesque lakeside castle with free time to immerse yourself in its tranquil ambience and explore the restored Victorian Walled Garden.



- Depart hotel after breakfast and travel back across Ireland, stopping at Kilbeggan for included visit to Locke's Distillery for a tour and tasting. Continue via Tullamore to Kildare for afternoon break at the new Outlet Village before arriving in Bray for overnight dinner and breakfast at 3 star Ramada Woodland Court Hotel.

DAY 6 Early morning departure from hotel with a 'Grab & Go' snack breakfast and return to Dublin Port for return ferry crossing to Holyhead including on board breakfast. Expected arrival home will be late afternoon.

Hotel

Menlo Park Hotel, Galway ★★★★★

Situated within easy reach of the city centre, this hotel offers the highest standards of accommodation combining modern comforts with traditional hospitality. As well as spacious and well appointed bedrooms, the hotel has its own restaurant, lounge and bar for evening relaxation. (3 Nights).

www.menloparkhotel.com



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Return Ferry Crossings • 1 Ferry Breakfast • Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage at Resort Hotel • Cruise inc Tea & Scones
- Admission to Kylemore Abbey • Distillery Visit & Tasting • Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£62.50**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£92.00**



ESCORTED BY
JOHN & SUE



BANK HOLIDAY SPECIAL!

Royal Deeside

Castles, Gardens & Fine Foods

21 – 25 April

5 days

£459.00

DAY 1 Morning departure and travel 'North of the Border' to our hotel for 4 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in Scotland, the following programme is included:

- Scenic tour of Royal Deeside including Banchory and Ballater before heading to the Balmoral Estate for included visit. Generations of the Royal Family have enjoyed holidays in the Scottish Highlands here and the house remains very much a family home.
 - Excursion into nearby Aberdeen 'The Granite City' famous for its oil ports, old town, Winter Gardens, historic University and Maritime Museum. Later, an included visit to Fyvie Castle to discover its spooky myths, superb art collections and recently restored grounds and gardens.
 - 'Tastes of Scotland' excursion via Alford and Huntly, stopping at Dean's Shortbread factory shop. Continue to Baxters Fine Foods Village, an abundance of unusual shops offering traditional crafts and gifts and chance for a few tastings and optional home-made pancakes!
- DAY 5** Depart hotel after breakfast for homeward journey, expected arrival will be early evening.

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Hotel

Mercure Ardoe House Hotel & Spa, Aberdeen ★★★★★

Inspired by its neighbour, the royal residence of Balmoral, this former 19th century mansion house has been transformed into an elegant hotel. Superb guest facilities include a restaurant, choice of lounge bars and state of the art leisure club with pool, gym and beauty spa.

www.mercure.com



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage
- Entrances to Balmoral & Fyvie Castle

Supplements

Insurance **£32.00**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£102.50**



2 CENTRE SPECIAL



NEW

Isle of Arran

Western Lochs & Isles

6 – 11 May

6 days

£549.00

DAY 1 Morning departure, travel via lovely county town of Ayr to Ardrossan for mid afternoon ferry crossing to Brodick. Continue to hotel and check-in for 3 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in Scotland, the following programme is included:

- West coast tour featuring Arran's beautiful seascapes, fishing villages and mountain peaks. Travel via ancient Stone Circles of Auchgallon, Moss Farm Road and Machrie Moor to Balmichael Heritage Centre for included visit to this craft, antiques and pottery site. Later, a drive along northern tip of the island where Lochranza Castle is reputed to be the landing site of King Robert the Bruce.
- Southern island excursion passing the Iron Age Torr, Chaisteal Fort and onwards via Whiting Bay and Lamlash Bay to Brodick, the island's capital. Free time for optional lunch or shopping followed by included visit to Brodick Castle with its fine collection of furniture, art and beautiful woodland gardens featuring stunning bay views.
- Depart after breakfast and travel to Lochranza for ferry crossing to the Kintyre peninsula. Continue along the shores of Loch Fyne to Inverary and check-in to our hotel for 2 night's dinner and breakfast.
- Morning at leisure in Inverary for optional visit to the famous Jail or Castle and optional lunch. Later, an excursion through Glen Croe via the 'rest and be thankful' road to Loch Lomond for included cruise with a special 'Whisky Coffee'.



DAY 6 Depart hotel after breakfast and travel to Stirling, known as the 'Gateway to the Highlands', for optional lunch. Expected arrival home will be mid evening.



Hotels

The Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot

★★★

This family-run hotel enjoys superb coastal views in a charming village setting. Used by us for many years and always praised for its hospitality, good food and unrivalled scenery. (3 Nights).

www.bestwestern.co.uk



The Loch Fyne Hotel, Inverary

★★★★

This lovely hotel enjoys an idyllic setting above the banks of Loch Fyne with stunning views across the water. The character of the old building is complemented by modern additions and amenities. (2 Nights).

www.crerarhotels.com



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Return Ferry Crossings • Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage • Heritage Centre Visit • Admission to Brodick Castle
- Loch Lomond Cruise inc Coffee

Supplements

Insurance **£37.50**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£30.00**



NEW

Highland Gardens & Railways

Loch Ness & Kyle of Lochalsh

12 – 17 May

6 days

£579.00

DAY 1 Morning departure, travel via Forth Bridge to Branklyn Garden for included visit to see one of the country's finest gardens and its famous displays of alpines, primulas and rhododendrons. Late afternoon arrival at hotel for 5 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in Scotland, the following programme is included:

- Scenic day by train with included trip from Inverness along the spectacular Kyle Line to Kyle of Lochalsh. Regarded as one of the 'Great Railway Journeys of the World' this remarkable rail experience passes rivers, glens and lochs galore. Free time in Lochalsh to enjoy wonderful views across to the Isle of Skye before returning by coach to Inverness.
- Travel to Clansman Harbour for included Jacobite cruise across the deepest part of Loch Ness to view the ruins of Urquhart Castle. Return to Inverness with some free time for optional lunch before travelling to Cawdor Castle & Gardens for included visit. This fairytale castle is famous for its Macbeth connections and is surrounded by delightful gardens.



Sarah's Tip

My first visit to Scotland this year will be a real treat for me as many of the gardens we are visiting are personal favourites. Following my Railways tour last year, I cannot wait to take to the 'tartan tracks' once more!

- Full day via Dornoch Firth for included visit to Dunrobin Castle and Gardens. This stunning castle resembles a French chateau with almost 200 rooms, whilst outside the gardens capture 150 years of historical planting and floral interest. Return via Falls of Shin and Bonar Bridge to Glenmorangie Distillery for included tour and wee dram.

- Excursion along the Moray Firth via Nairn and Elgin to Baxters Fine Foods for optional lunch at this superb village attraction. Later, enjoy an included trip on the Keith & Dufftown Railway, known as 'The Whisky Line', through the Speyside scenery.

DAY 6 Depart after breakfast and travel into Perthshire for included visit to Glendoick Gardens, one of Europe's top gardens for its collections of rhododendrons and azaleas. Expected arrival home will be mid evening.

Hotel

The Columba Hotel, Inverness

★★★★

This recently refurbished hotel dates back to the 19th century and enjoys an enviable location in the heart of the city on the banks of the River Ness. The hotel has been updated to blend modern comforts with traditional Victorian heritage and style.

www.oxfordhotelsandinn.com/columba



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage • Loch Ness Cruise • Distillery Tour & Tasting
- Garden Admissions to Branklyn & Glendoick • Entrances to Cawdor Castle/Gardens & Dunrobin Castle/Gardens
- 2 Railway Trips • Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£37.50**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£75.00**





Hebridean Odyssey

Lewis, Harris, Uist & Barra

9 – 15 June

7 days

£749.00

DAY 1 Morning departure, travel via the Lake District to Renfrewshire for overnight dinner and breakfast at 4* Erskine Bridge Hotel.

DAY 2 Continue our journey north, travelling to Oban where we board the ferry for crossing to the Isle of Barra. Check in to hotel for 2 night's dinner and breakfast including evening meal on arrival.

Whilst in the Outer Hebrides, the following programme is included:

- Full day at leisure on Barra to enjoy the tranquillity, beaches and scenery. The island is most famous as the location for film favourite 'Whisky Galore' and there are many coastal walks to enjoy.
- Island hopping day visiting 7 islands, many of which are renowned for their sandy white beaches and stunning coastal views. Take ferry from Barra to Eriskay and then onto South Uist with its long sandy beach. Continue past Bonnie Prince Charlie's hiding place, travelling from South Uist via causeway to Benbecula for included coffee stop. Later, travel across North Uist where the land is half-covered by water, to join a scenic ferry crossing to Isles of Harris. Complete our journey through the beautiful scenery of the western isles on Lewis to our hotel in Stornoway for 2 night's dinner and breakfast.
- Scenic day with local guide around Lewis, taking in the island's ancient history and landmarks such as the Calanais Standing Stones (Scotland's own Stonehenge). Our route also includes the Butt of Lewis Lighthouse to see the seals at play followed by included visits to the ancient Arnol Blackhouses and Gèarrannan village to see life as it really was for local inhabitants 80 years ago.

DAY 6 Morning free in Stornoway, the largest town of the Western Isles, before departing for early afternoon ferry crossing to Ullapool. Continue by coach through mountain scenery to the Spey Valley for overnight dinner and breakfast at 3* Nethybridge Hotel in the Highlands.

DAY 7 Depart after breakfast and return via Stirling for optional lunch and shopping. Expected arrival home will be mid evening.



Hotels

Isle of Barra Hotel, Barra ★★ Superior

Superb location overlooking a white sandy beach with panoramic views of Halman Bay. Family run, the hotel's restaurant specialises in fresh local seafood, beef and lamb. No lift. (2 Nights).

www.isleofbarrahotel.co.uk



Cabarfeidh Hotel, Stornoway ★★★

Island's finest hotel, set in acres of attractive gardens overlooking Lewis Castle. The hotel prides itself on friendly hospitality and fine cuisine using fresh local produce. (2 Nights).

www.calahotels.com



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- All Ferry Crossings • Dinner & Breakfast
- Admissions to Blackhouses, Gèarrannan Village & Calanais Stones • Coffee & Biscuits Stop • 1 Day Local Guide

Supplements

Insurance **£50.00**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£94.50**



Picturebook Perthshire

Pitlochry & Royal Scotland

20 – 24 June

5 days

£499.00

DAY 1 Morning departure, travel via Edinburgh with time for optional lunch and shopping. Continue to Perthshire for 4 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in Scotland, the following programme is included:

- Excursion to Blair Castle with included admission to the home of the Atholl Highlanders with its richly decorated interiors and historic artefacts. Later, a scenic drive taking in Queen Victoria's favourite view of Loch Tummel followed by included tour and wee dram at Edradour – Scotland's smallest Distillery.
- Scenic day via Strath Arde and Tay Valley visiting Dunkeld and continuing along the scenic 5 lochs drive featuring Lowes, Clunie, Kinloch and Butterstone and onwards via Blairgowrie. Later, an included visit to Scone Palace where highlights include the splendid Long Gallery, delightful gardens and peaceful woodlands. Return to hotel for included tour of its pretty gardens.

- Full day into the Highlands, travelling via Glen Garry and Glen Truim to Kingussie for included visit to the Highland Wildlife Park. Enjoy a guided tour of the park and its wild and endangered inhabitants before continuing to Aviemore for lunchtime break. Later, a trip along the scenic Strathspey Railway down the line to Broomhill to re-join coach and return to hotel.

DAY 5 Return home via the colourful Scottish Borders, stopping in Peebles for optional lunch. Expected arrival home will be mid evening.



Hotel

Atholl Palace Hotel, Pitlochry ★★★★★

Impressive Victorian hotel overlooking parklands high above the town centre. Following a multi-million pound refurbishment, the superb guest facilities include leisure complex and refined dining in the epitome of Baronial splendour.

www.athollpalace.com



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage
- Hotel Gardens Tour • Admissions to Scone Palace, Blair Castle & Wildlife Park
- Railway Trip • Whisky Tour & Taster

Supplements

Insurance **£32.00**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£60.00**





Dundee Explorer

Castles, Lochs & Gardens

16 – 21 July

6 days

£525.00

DAY 1 Morning departure, travel through the Scottish Borders with their famous colourful scenery and quaint villages. Late afternoon arrival in Dundee for 5 night's dinner and breakfast including welcome tea and coffee.

Whilst in Scotland, the following programme is included:

- Full day with included visit to Glamis for a tour of the Castle and free time to explore the lovely gardens. A lunchtime break at the coastal resort of Arbroath, home of the famous 'Arbroath Smokies' followed by included visit to the House of Dun. This beautiful Georgian mansion overlooks the waters of Montrose Basin and stands in superb Victorian gardens with specialist trees and planting.
- Free time in Dundee for sightseeing, perhaps a visit to Discovery Point to see Scott's expedition ship or Mills Observatory. Later, a drive over the Tay Bridge to famous golfing town of St. Andrew's and the Fife coastal towns of Crail and Anstruther.

- Scenic 'Five Lochs' excursion featuring the waterways of Maree, Clunie, Butterstone, Craigluch and Lowes Lochs. A stop in Dunkeld before heading to Pitlochry for optional lunch and continuing via Aberfeldy to Crieff. Here we enjoy included tour and tasting at Scotland's oldest distillery – The Famous Grouse Experience.

- Scenic excursion via Blairgowrie and through the stunning mountain range of Glen Shee to Royal Deeside. Lunchtime break in Braemar followed by included visit to Balmoral, the royal estate Queen Victoria described as her 'paradise in the Highlands'. Free time here to see the exhibitions and glorious estate gardens at their summer best.

DAY 6 Depart after breakfast and travel via Moffat to return through the lovely scenery of the Lake District. Expected arrival home will be early evening.

Hotel

The Landmark Hotel, Dundee ★★★★★

This former Scottish mansion house has been recently refurbished to a very high standard and is situated a short drive from the city centre in its own grounds. All of the bedrooms are stylishly decorated and guest facilities include a conservatory style restaurant.

www.thelandmarkdundee.co.uk



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage
- Welcome tea/coffee • Admissions to House of Dun, Glamis Castle & Balmoral Estate • Whisky Tour & Tasting • Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£37.50**

Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£118.00**



ESCORTED BY SARAH HOPPS



Deirdre's Tip

What a wonderful hotel with a superb conservatory restaurant overlooking lovely gardens. The ancient Baronial house now offers luxurious bedrooms and stylish public areas. This will be a very enjoyable new tour featuring Sarah's company and a wee dram!



Wester Ross & Orkney

Scotland's Far North

25 July – 1 August

8 days

£849.00

DAY 1 Morning departure and travel north to Fort William for overnight dinner and breakfast at 3* Alexander Hotel.

Whilst in Scotland, the following programme is included:

- Travel into the heart of the Highlands and enjoy a break in Inverness for sightseeing and optional lunch. Continue to Ullapool to check in to our hotel for 3 night's dinner and breakfast.
- Full day through the Wester Ross highlands for included visit to Inverewe Gardens which are renowned for their exotic plants and diversity. Later, an included lunch in the pretty harbour village of Gairloch at the Old Inn before completing our circular drive back to the hotel.
- Day at leisure in Ullapool to relax at the hotel, visit the local Museum or enjoy the waterfront views.
- Depart after early breakfast for journey to Scrabster to board ferry for Stromness including a light lunch on board. Join local guide on arrival for a tour of Orkney featuring Skara Brae, Skail House, Ring of Brodgar and Standing Stones of Stenness. Continue to hotel for 2 night's dinner and breakfast.
- Full day in Orkney with local guide visiting the Italian Chapel, Kirkwall, St Magnus Cathedral and tour of the Highland Park Distillery.
- Early breakfast and departure from hotel, returning to the port for morning ferry back to the mainland. Included visit to the beloved retreat of HM Queen Mother at Castle Mey with its lovely gardens and stunning views before heading to Stirling for overnight dinner and breakfast at 3* Golden Lion Hotel.

DAY 8 Depart hotel after breakfast for homeward journey, stopping in the Scottish Borders for optional lunch and shopping. Expected arrival will be mid evening.



Hotels

The Royal Hotel Ullapool ★★★

This hotel is popular with tour groups for its excellent service and on-going refurbishment to ensure guests enjoy a comfortable stay. Newly decorated lounge area and private dining during our stay. No lift, but some ground floor rooms. (3 Nights).

www.royalhotel-ullapool.com



The Stromness Hotel, Orkney ★★★

This traditional hotel is located in the centre of Stromness and has recently benefitted from redecoration of its public rooms and dining room. The hotel has its own Victorian gardens, a restaurant which serves local produce and a bar featuring over 100 whiskies! (2 Nights).

www.stromnesshotel.com



Price includes

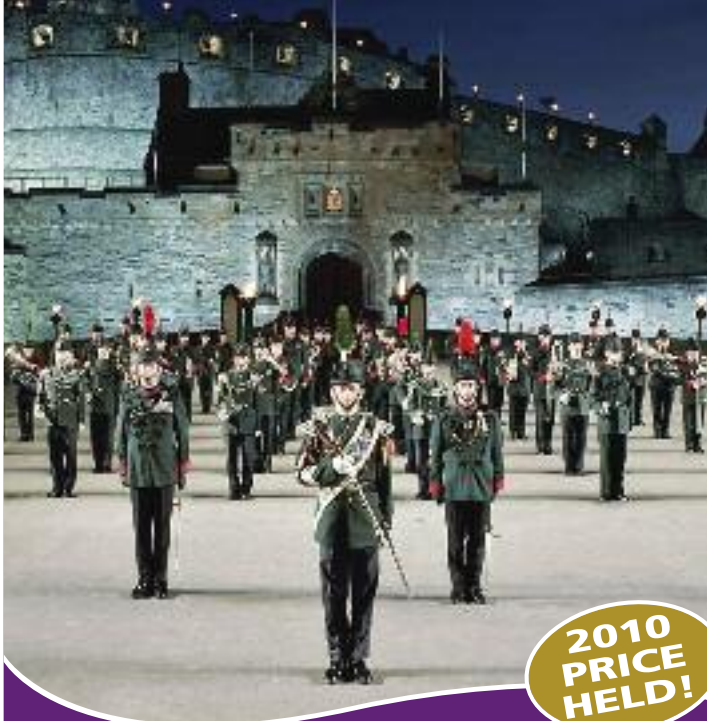
- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage
- Admissions to Inverewe Gardens, Castle of Mey & Distillery • 1 Local Lunch
- Return Ferry Crossings inc 1 Light Lunch
- Local Orkney Guide for Full & Half Day Excursions

Supplements

Insurance **£50.00**

Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£107.00**





**2010
PRICE
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Edinburgh Tattoo

The Lakes & Lanarkshire

7 – 9 August

3 days

£289.00

DAY 1 Morning departure, travel to the Upper Lake District for optional lunch and sightseeing before continuing to Livingston to check in to our hotel for 2 night's bed and breakfast. Dinner is also included tonight and the evening is at leisure to relax.

DAY 2 Excursion to Edinburgh including guided tour of this beautiful city to see the historical sights. Some free time for exploring the Royal Mile, shopping on Princes Street or optional Royal Yacht Britannia visit (admission extra) followed by own evening meal arrangements in the city centre. Included evening transfer to Edinburgh Castle for the spectacular Royal Military Tattoo - a musical extravaganza featuring massed pipes and drums, Highland dancers and the Lone Piper. Very late return to hotel, after midnight.

DAY 3 Depart hotel after a leisurely breakfast and travel south to Lanarkshire for included visit to the award-winning World Heritage Village for a step back in time. Here you can enjoy the interactive attractions, shows and have optional lunch before our return home, expected arrival will be early evening.

Important Note: The Tattoo is outdoors on an historic site – seating is only accessible by many steps and an inclined walk from coach drop off area.



Hotel

The Ramada Hotel, Livingston ★★★

This popular touring hotel has been used successfully for a number of years and is well received for its modern and contemporary style, very comfortable accommodation and quality facilities.
www.ramadajarvis.co.uk

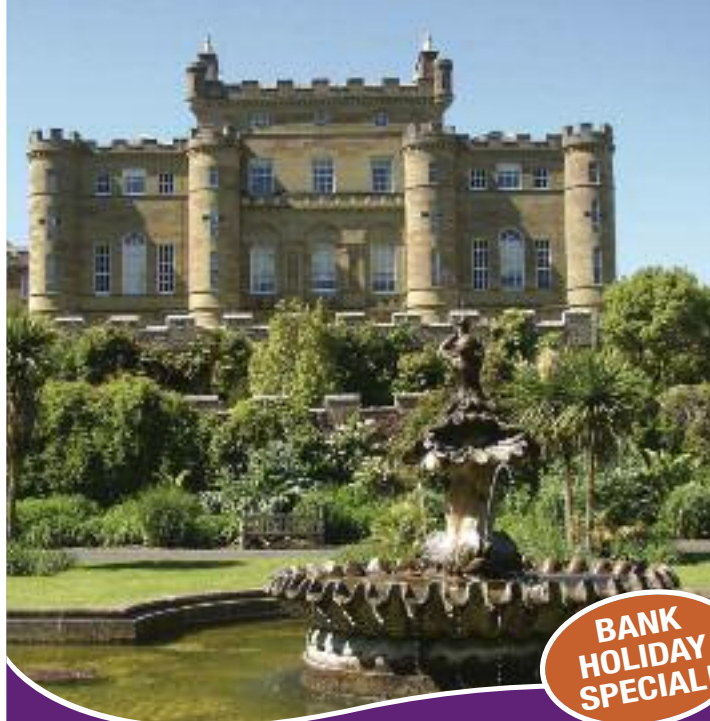


Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Bed & Scottish Breakfast • 1 Hotel Dinner • Tattoo Ticket
- Guided Tour of Edinburgh • Entrance to New Lanark Village

Supplements

Insurance **£20.00**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£40.00**



**BANK
HOLIDAY
SPECIAL!**

Ayrshire & Isle of Bute

Castles & Burns Country

29 August – 2 September

5 days

£449.00

DAY 1 Morning departure and travel to the Lake District, stopping on the shores of Lake Windermere en route to Scotland's west coast. Late afternoon arrival in Irvine and check in to hotel for 4 night's dinner and breakfast including welcome tea and shortbread.

Whilst in Scotland, the following programme is included:

- Coastal drive via Troon to the county town of Ayr with some free time for shopping and optional lunch in this elegant former Victorian seaside resort. Later, an included visit to Culzean Castle with its stunning views across the Firth of Clyde. One of the finest houses in Scotland, Culzean is renowned for its Adam's interiors, gardens and Home Farm centre.
- Excursion to Robbie Burns country, visiting his birthplace Alloway and included admission to the Burns National Heritage Park to see the Burns Monument, Museum and Burns Cottage. Later, included visit to National Museum of Rural Life to see the story of Scottish country life including a working farm, gardens and award-winning exhibition.
- Coastal drive along the shores of Firth of Clyde to Wemyss Bay for ferry crossing to Isle of Bute. Some free time in the small island capital of Rothesay for optional lunch before included visit to Mount Stuart. This spectacular Victorian Gothic house is renowned for its splendid interiors and mature gardens.
- 1 Night entertainment featuring traditional Scottish fayre, Piper, Scottish dancers and Burns poetry reading.

DAY 5 Depart after breakfast and travel through the scenic Scottish Borders for lunch break in Peebles and time for shopping before returning home via Jedburgh. Expected arrival will be early evening.



Hotel

Menzies Hotel, Irvine ★★★★★

This hotel has been extensively refurbished to offer comfortable accommodation in the heart of Robbie Burns Country. Facilities include luxurious lounge areas and a stylish cocktail bar.

www.menzies-hotels.co.uk



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage & Welcome Tea/Shortbread • 1 Night Hotel Entertainment • Isle of Bute Ferry Crossings • Admissions to Burns National Heritage Park Attractions, Museum of Rural Life, Culzean Castle & Mount Stuart House/Gardens

Supplements

Insurance **£32.00**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£62.00**





NEW

Tartan Tracks & Isle of Skye

Highland Lochs & Isles

19 – 23 September

5 days

£449.00

DAY 1 Morning departure and travel to the Western Highlands via Loch Lomond and Glencoe. Late afternoon arrival in Ballachulish to check in to our hotel for 4 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in Scotland, the following programme is included:

- Excursion by coach to the popular port town of Oban with some free time before boarding the lunchtime train to Crianlarich which travels through Glen Lochy and around the head of Loch Awe. Re-join coach and return via a scenic drive across Glen Coe and the shores of Loch Leven.
- Full day by train from Fort William to Mallaig with some free time to take in the superb views across the Sound of Sleat. Continue over the impressive Skye Bridge to Skye for afternoon break on this idyllic island with its rugged scenery and quaint 'capital' Portree. Return via the Kyle of Lochalsh, overlooked by picturesque Eilean Dolan Castle.

- Excursion across the Highlands to Loch Ness for included cruise from Fort Augustus on this famous stretch of water. Continue to the regional capital city of Inverness with time for sightseeing and shopping before returning to hotel.

DAY 5 Depart hotel after breakfast for homeward journey, expected arrival will be early evening.



Hotel

The Ballachulish Hotel, Ballachulish

★★★

This hotel enjoys a stunning location at the foot of Glencoe, at the edge of Loch Leven with dramatic mountain views. Bedrooms are traditionally decorated and the restaurant serves locally sourced fresh fayre.

www.akkeronhotels.com



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage
- Loch Ness Cruise • 2 Train Journeys

Supplements

Insurance **£32.00**

Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£80.00**



NEW

Highlands Autumn Colours

Singles with Sarah

17 – 21 October

5 days

£475.00

DAY 1 Morning departure and travel through the Scottish Borders, stopping near Galashiels for included visit to Priorwood Garden. This charming walled garden has undergone a recent renovation with new borders and features alongside its speciality of dried flowers. Continue to Pitlochry and check in to hotel for 4 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in Scotland, the following programme is included:

- Full day through the Tay Valley to county town of Perth with time for shopping and optional lunch before enjoying included visit to Scone Palace with its rich heritage of Royal connections and ceremonial Crownings. Return via the pretty village of Dunkeld for an afternoon break.
- Scenic day into the Highlands, travelling via Loch Tummel to see the views beloved by Queen Victoria at Queens View. Continue through Glen Garry to Dalwhinnie Distillery for a tour and wee dram before heading to Newtonmore. Here we enjoy included visit to the Highland Folk Museum with its recreated township, traditional farm and living museum attractions.
- Full day of lochs and autumn scenery, enjoying a break in Aberfeldy en route to Crieff for optional lunch. Continue via Loch Earn to see the Falls of Dochart before returning via shore of Loch Tay.

DAY 5 Depart hotel after breakfast and travel to Edinburgh to enjoy a guided tour of the beautiful Scottish capital and enjoy a lunchtime break before returning home. Expected arrival will be early evening.

Sarah's Tip

Always popular, be sure to book early for these Singles tours. Scotland appeals whatever the season and the spectacular turning leaves and colours in the Highlands will make each day a feast for the eyes!



Hotel

The Fishers Hotel, Pitlochry ★★★

This 19th century hotel stands in award-winning gardens close to the town centre and blends an historic façade with modern comforts and amenities. The hotel offers a choice of bar areas including the Kingfisher Pub with seasonal entertainment.

www.swallow-hotels.com



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage
- Admissions to Priorwood Gardens, Scone Palace & Highland Folk Museum • Whisky Tour & Tasting • Guided Tour of Edinburgh
- Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£32.00**

Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£Nil**



ESCORTED BY SARAH HOPPS



French Alps with Deirdre

Annecy, Mont Blanc & Lake Geneva

21 – 28 August

8 days

£899.00



DAY 1 Morning departure and travel to Dover for lunchtime ferry crossing to Calais. Continue to Belgian Ardennes for overnight dinner and breakfast at 3* Arlux Hotel in Arlon.

DAY 2 Depart after breakfast and travel to the Alps, arriving in our resort of La Clusaz for 5 night's dinner and breakfast including a welcome drink.

Whilst in France, the following programme is included;

- Excursion to Annecy – the 'Venice of the Alps'. This charming town is criss-crossed by a network of pretty canals which wind their way past arcaded streets, pastel coloured houses and narrow bridges. Today we enjoy an included cruise on the shimmering waters of Lake Annecy followed by free time for sightseeing or shopping.

- Excursion to mighty Mont Blanc and the popular resort of Chamonix which nestles at its foot in a deep Alpine valley. Free time here to browse the local shops, take a trip on the mountain railway or enjoy a leisurely optional lunch at one of the local alpine hostellers. Later, return via the resort of Megeve and travel back to La Clusaz to enjoy included visit to local farm and cheese-maker.

Deirdre's Tip

The mountains and scenery of the French Alps provide the backdrop for this new tour. As well as visiting old favourites like Chamonix and Annecy, there will be some interesting new excursions, like Yvoire and its pretty gardens, which come highly recommended.

- Full day to the French shores of Lake Geneva to visit the famous spa town of Evian-les-Bains where the famous mineral water is produced. Continue to the medieval village of Yvoire, renowned for its 14th century ramparts and floral displays. Here we enjoy an included visit to the fragrant 'Garden of the Five Senses'.
- Free day in resort to relax at hotel, take an optional horse and carriage ride through the village or cable-car trip into the mountains for panoramic alpine views.

DAY 7 Depart after breakfast and return to Belgium for overnight dinner and breakfast at 3* Arlux Hotel in Arlon.

DAY 8 After breakfast, return to Calais for afternoon ferry crossing to Dover. Expected arrival home will be late evening.



Hotel

Hotel Beauregard, La Clusaz ★★★

This traditional chalet style hotel is situated in popular resort of La Clusaz in the heart of the Alps. All of the spacious bedrooms have a balcony with views of the town or nearby mountains.

www.hotel-la-clusaz.com



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Return Ferry Crossings • Overnights inc Dinner & Breakfast • Choice Menu Dinners & Buffet Breakfasts in Resort • Resort Hotel Porterage & Welcome Drink • Lake Annecy Cruise • Admission to Yvoire Gardens • Visit to Local Farm/Cheese-Maker • Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£67.50**

Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£167.00**



ESCORTED BY DEIRDRE BROWN





Tyrolean Valleys

Alpine Lakes & Trains

4 – 11 June

8 days

£825.00

DAY 1 Morning departure and travel to Dover for lunchtime ferry crossing to Calais. Continue to Metz area for overnight dinner and breakfast at 3* hotel.

DAY 2 Continue journey over the Austrian border to arrive in Stans for 5 night's dinner and breakfast including welcome drink this evening.

Whilst in Austria, the following programme is included:

- Travel to the regional capital Innsbruck for included guided sightseeing tour and a return trip on the Hungerburg funicular railway for panoramic views across the city. After some free time for shopping or lunch, return via the pretty town of Hall in Tirol to enjoy a guided tour.
- Excursion to Lake Achensee for included cruise across the waters between Pertisau and Achenkirch. Continue to the nearby Castle Tratzberg for included visit to this impressive 16th century castle which is renowned for its Renaissance opulence with painted courtyard walls, lavishly decorated rooms and period furniture. Later, return to hotel via a visit to one of the local dairy farms.
- Travel to Fügen for included visit to the Alpine Dairy Museum followed by a steam train trip along the Ziller Valley to Mayrhofen enjoying music and a glass of schnapps on board! Free time in Mayrhofen before returning by coach back to Stans.
- Free day in resort to relax at the hotel and make the most of its extensive leisure and guest amenities.

Deirdre's Tip

A stunning hotel in a beautiful location, I am sure this luxury tour will prove to be popular. A great variety of local visits are included as you enjoy the pretty Tyrolean scenery each day!

- 2 Nights entertainment including guided Lantern walk and Dance evening with live music.

DAY 7 Depart after breakfast and return to hotel in Metz area for overnight dinner and breakfast at 3* hotel.

DAY 8 Depart after breakfast and return to Calais for afternoon ferry crossing to Dover. Expected arrival home will be late evening.

Hotel

Schwarzbrunn Hotel, Stans ★★★★★

This superior hotel in rustic Tyrolean Chalet style is a haven of luxurious comfort. All en suite bedrooms are traditionally furnished with blond wood and many rooms have a balcony. The hotel offers extensive guest amenities including a Wellness Centre with pools, sauna, spa, gym, tennis and much more. (All twin rooms are 'Austrian' style with 1 bedframe and 2 mattresses).

www.schwarzbrunn.at



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Return Ferry Crossings • Overnights inc Dinner & Breakfast • 4-Course Menu/ Buffet Dinners & Buffet Breakfasts in Resort
- Resort Hotel Portage & Welcome Drink
- 2 Nights Entertainment • Lake Achensee Cruise • Guided Tours of Innsbruck & Hall
- Hungerburg Funicular Train • Zillertal Steam Train inc Music & Schnapps
- Entrances to Castle Tratzberg & Alpine Dairy Museum • Stans Farm Visit
- Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£67.50**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£128.00**



Italian Lakes & Mountains

Paganella & The Dolomites

11 – 18 June

8 days

£725.00

DAY 1 Morning departure, travel to Dover for lunchtime ferry crossing to Calais. Continue to Metz for overnight dinner and breakfast at 3* Mercure Centre Hotel including a welcome drink.

DAY 2 Continue journey to Italy, crossing over the Brenner Pass into the Dolomites to Paganella for 5 night's dinner and breakfast including a welcome drink.

Whilst in Italy, the following programme is included:

- Scenic drive to Merano in southern Tyrol. Free time to explore this historic spa town surrounded by rolling hills and vineyards or enjoy a stroll along the shopping streets or riverside. Return via wine village of Caldaro.
- A fun day in Fai with your host Fausto to discover the beauty of the local area with included picnic lunch of pizza and wine!
- Excursion south through Brenta Dolomites passing country villages to enjoy a stop in Andalo. Continue past local trout lakes of Molveno to enjoy an old favourite - Riva del Garda. Later, a drive along shores of Lake Garda to the moated and fortified lakeside town of Sirmione.
- Spectacular excursion into the magnificent Dolomites, enjoying delightful Alpine villages and the opportunity for a cable car ride as you venture through snow-capped mountain scenery.
- Special hotel inclusions • Grolla evening • Quiz night • Wine-tasting • Farewell candlelit dinner with music • Daily free bar between 6pm-10.30pm featuring beer, wine, local spirits and soft drinks • Wine and water with dinner.

DAY 7 Depart hotel after breakfast and return to France for overnight dinner and breakfast at 3* Mercure Centre Hotel in Metz including a welcome drink.

DAY 8 Return to Calais for early afternoon ferry crossing to Dover. Expected arrival home will be late evening.



Hotel

Hotel Paganella, Fai della Paganella ★★★★★

Situated in the Brenta Dolomites, this picturesque hotel offers quality in charming surroundings. Family-run, the hotel prides itself on excellent service and was highly praised by clients for its welcoming hosts and superb evening meals with wine.

www.hotelpaganella.it



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Return Ferry Crossings • Overnights inc Dinner & Breakfast • Choice Menu Dinners inc Wine & Buffet Breakfasts in Resort
- Portage & Welcome Drink at Hotels
- Free Bar, Grolla Night, Wine Tasting, Quiz & Farewell Dinner • Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£67.50**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£92.00**



Deirdre's Tip

A delightful hotel with family-run hospitality and food. The day with your host is such fun and the area is very beautiful with lakes and mountain scenery.



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Normandy Coast

& Battlefield Memories

5 – 9 June

5 days

£469.00

DAY 1 Early morning departure and travel to Dover for lunchtime ferry crossing to Calais. Continue into Normandy and check in to hotel for 4 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in France, the following programme is included:

- Excursion along the Normandy coast, taking in some of the famous Landing Beaches. Travel to Arromanches for included visit to the Landing Museum, housed at the remains of the Mulberry Harbour and dedicated to the advances of the British after the landings. Later, continue along the British and Canadian beaches of Gold, Juno and Sword to the museum at Pegasus Memorial. Dedicated to the 6th British Airborne Division, the original Pegasus Bridge is located in the grounds of the museum.
- Full day on the Norman Riviera coast, travelling to the stylish resort of Deauville, popular with Parisians for its casino, horse-racing and wide sweeping beaches. Time here to wander through the market before continuing to Honfleur. This popular resort has been a haven for artists for decades and its narrow streets and timber-framed houses remain beautifully unspoilt.
- Excursion to Bayeux for included visit to the famous Tapestry. Measuring over 50m long, this unique masterpiece tells the story of William the Conqueror's conquest of England. Later, continue along Omaha Beach visiting the American cemetery before heading to Pointe du Hoc. A former German fortification, it is also the scene of Colonel Rudder's Rangers heroic exploits.



DAY 5 Depart hotel after breakfast and travel to Calais for late afternoon crossing to Dover. Expected arrival home will be late evening.



Hotel

Mercure Deauville Pont l'Evêque Hotel, Saint Martin Aux Chartrains ★★★

This hotel is set in landscaped gardens, midway between Deauville and Pont l'Evêque. All en suite bedrooms are well appointed and the hotel has its own restaurant offering panoramic views of the countryside and outdoor swimming pool.

www.mercure.com



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Return Ferry Crossings • Dinner & Breakfast • Admissions to Landing Museum & Bayeux Tapestry • Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£62.50**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£134.00**



ESCORTED TOUR



Spain & Portugal

Galicia & The Douro Valley

5 – 14 June

10 days

£1049.00

DAY 1 Early morning departure and travel to Plymouth for overnight sailing to Spain. Evening free to relax on-board with included en-suite 2-bedded cabins (meals payable on board).

DAY 2 Morning at leisure on board before arriving in Santander around lunchtime. Disembark and travel to Reboredo and check in to our hotel for 3 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst on tour, the following programme is included:

- Welcome meeting with local guide Ken followed by some free time at hotel. Later, a coastal drive featuring spectacular coves and bays, the picturesque village of Combarro and O Grove for included cruise in a glass-bottomed catamaran to see the shellfish platforms.
- Excursion to Santiago de Compostela, a beautiful granite city and the third of the Holy Cities with its cathedral, museums and palaces. Some free time here to enjoy the pedestrianised shopping streets with something for everyone.
- Depart after breakfast and travel south, enjoying a break in Ponte de Lima on the banks of the River Lima. Continue into Portugal's Douro Valley for included tour, light lunch and tasting of wines and port at the Quinta da Pacheca Estate. Complete our journey to Peso da Regua and check in for 3 night's dinner and breakfast.
- Excursion to Amarante in a gorge of the River Tâmega Valley, before continuing to the Quinta da Aveleda for a stroll through the lovely gardens, a glass or two of wine and included lunch. Later, travel to the Regua Wine Cooperative for chance to taste and purchase port wines to take home.
- Morning at leisure at the hotel for a riverside stroll or chance to relax by the pool. Later, a walk to the railway station for included steam train trip along the river and through narrow gorges and vine-clad hillsides.

DAY 8 Depart hotel after breakfast and return to northern Spain to Santillana del Mar for overnight dinner and breakfast at 3* Hotel Los Infantes.

DAY 9 Some free time after breakfast in the lovely historic village centre before returning to Santander for lunchtime departure of overnight sailing back to the UK (meals payable on board).

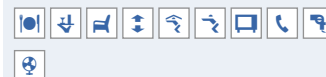
DAY 10 Afternoon arrival in Portsmouth and rejoin coach for homeward journey. Expected arrival will be late evening.

Hotels

Hotel Bosque Mar, Reboredo, Spain ★★★

This family run hotel enjoys an idyllic location and is highly recommended for its superb facilities, excellent cuisine and warm welcome. (3 Nights).

www.bosquemar.com



Hotel Regua Douro, Peso da Regua, Portugal ★★★★★

This lovely hotel is situated on the banks of the River Douro within walking distance of the town centre. Evening meals include a glass of wine/water and tea/coffee. (3 Nights).

www.reguadourohotel.com



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Overnight Ferry Crossings inc En Suite Cabin • Dinner & Breakfast at Resort Hotels • Resort Hotels Portage • 5 Days Local Guide • Estuary Cruise • 2 Wine Estate Tours inc Tastings & Lunch • Steam Train Trip • Local Escort

Supplements

Insurance **£67.50**
Single Room/Cabin (Ltd Supply) **£100.00**





NEW

Swiss Alps with Elaine

Lake Constance & Voralpen Express

2 – 10 July

9 days

£1075.00

DAY 1 Morning departure and travel to Dover for lunchtime ferry crossing to Calais. Continue to Reims for overnight dinner and breakfast at 3* Quality Hotel.

DAY 2 Travel across to Switzerland and onwards to Lake Thun to check-in for 3 night's dinner and breakfast and welcome drink with your local host Elaine.

Whilst in Switzerland, the following programme is included:

- Free morning in lovely lakeside resort of Thun with its famous wooden bridges and medieval streets. Later, included cruise across the lake to Interlaken for a short break before cruising back to Thun.
- Full day to the mountain passes of the Col du Pillon, Col des Mosses and the Juan Pass in the French speaking part of Switzerland. Our route includes the fashionable resort of Gstaad and pretty village of Gruyeres with its hilltop Castle.

- Depart Thun and travel via Brunig Pass to Lucerne to join the Voralpen Express for included train ride from the lakeside to the rolling hills of Lake Constance. Check in to our resort of Walzenhausen for 3 night's dinner and breakfast.



- Excursion to the German shore of Lake Constance, travelling via Tettngang to Ravensburg, the 'Town of Many Towers'. Continue to Lindau with some free time, followed by included boat trip across the lake to Bregenz on the Austrian shore, before returning back to hotel.
- Full day to delightful canton of Appenzel for a combination of scenic journeys including a trip on the little train from Altstätten to Appenzel. This quaint village is home to pretty painted houses and we enjoy included tours and tastings at the local cheese dairy and Appenzel Bitters Distillery.

DAY 8 Depart after breakfast and travel to Schaffhausen for a break at the spectacular Rhine Falls. Later, return to Reims for overnight dinner and breakfast at 3* Quality Hotel.

DAY 9 Depart hotel and return to Calais for afternoon ferry to Dover. Expected arrival home will be late evening.



Hotels

Hotel Freienhof, Lake Thun ★★★★★

Situated in the town centre on a small peninsula, the peaceful location of this hotel is emphasised by the sound of the River Aare nearby. The picturesque old town is a short stroll away. (3 Nights).

www.hotelfreienhof.ch



Hotel Walzenhausen ★★★★★

This traditional hotel is situated in 'the balcony of Lake Constance' with elevated views across the lake. All bedrooms are comfortably furnished and the restaurant boasts a panoramic viewpoint. (3 Nights).

www.swissdreamshotels.com



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Return Ferry Crossings • Overnights inc Dinner & Breakfast • Choice Menu Dinner & Buffet Breakfast in Resort • Resort Hotels Porterage & Welcome Drinks
- Lake Thun Cruise • 2 Train Rides
- 1 Boat Trip • Dairy & Distillery Tours/Tastings • Local Escort

Supplements

Insurance **£67.50**

Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£110.00**



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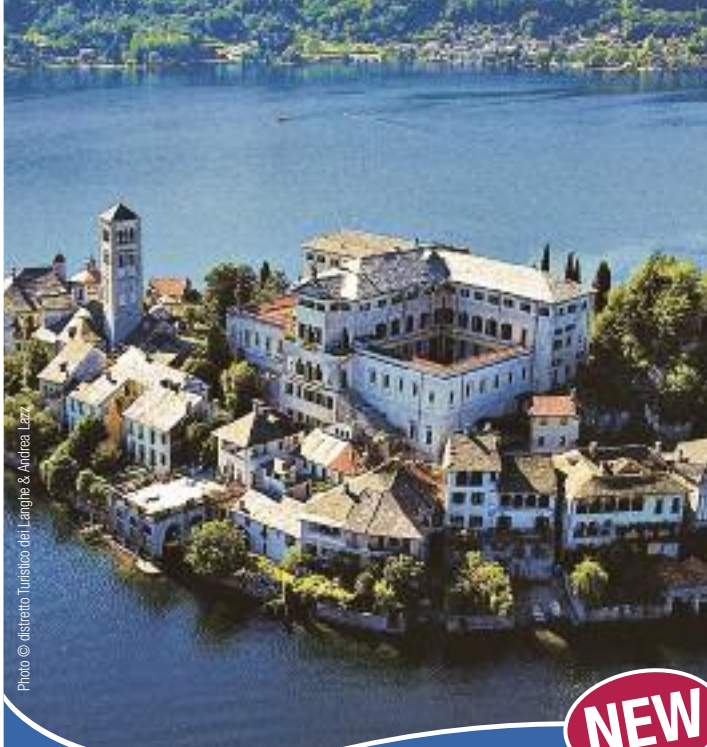


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Secret Italy

Lakes Orta & Maggiore

NEW

26 June – 3 July

8 days

£769.00

DAY 1 Morning departure and travel to Dover for lunchtime ferry crossing to Calais. Continue to Saarlouis for overnight dinner and breakfast at 3* Victors Residenz Hotel.

DAY 2 Continue journey to northern Italy, arriving in resort of San Giulio for 5 night's dinner and breakfast including a welcome drink this evening.

Whilst in Italy, the following programme is included:

- Day in resort to relax at hotel and enjoy its peaceful setting and wonderful views. Take a stroll into town to explore the narrow streets lined with shops and cafes followed by included boat trip across the shimmering waters to San Giulio Island.
- Scenic excursion along Lake Maggiore into Switzerland, stopping in Ascona and beautiful lakeside resort of Locarno on market day. Continue around the eastern shore, returning by ferry from Laveno to complete our journey back to Orta.
- Full day into the rugged Anzasca Valley, where gold mines once thrived, for a break in Macugnaga which is overlooked by Monte Rosa. Later, a visit to Domodossola to see the lovely medieval centre with its elegant arcaded houses.



- Excursion to one of Maggiore's most stylish resorts, Stresa. Free time here to take in the historic town trail lined with beautiful buildings, market shopping or an optional boat trip to the picturesque Borromeo Islands.

DAY 7 Depart hotel after breakfast and travel back to Saarlouis for overnight dinner and breakfast at 3* Victors Residenz Hotel.

DAY 8 Depart after breakfast and return to Calais for afternoon ferry crossing to Dover. Expected arrival home will be late evening.

Hotel

Hotel La Bussola, Orta San Giulio

★★★★

This charming hotel enjoys a peaceful elevated location overlooking the lake and medieval town which is a few minutes walk away. The hotel is surrounded by its own gardens and terrace. The restaurant serves traditional cuisine and local specialities.

www.hotelbussolaorta.it



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Return Ferry Crossings • Overnights inc Dinner & Breakfast • Choice Menu Dinners & Buffet Breakfasts in Resort • Resort Hotel Porterage & Welcome Drink
- Laveno Ferry Crossing • Island Boat Trip
- Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£67.50**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£81.00**



'Scentsational Ardennes'

Best of Belgium's Gardens

3 – 7 July

5 days

£549.00

DAY 1 Morning departure, travel to Dover for lunchtime crossing to Calais. Continue over the Belgian border to check-in to the hotel for 4 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in Belgium, the following programme is included:

- Excursion to the 'smallest town in the world' Durbury with free time to take in the cobbled streets and enjoy included visit to the Parc des Topiaires with its eye-catching leafy figurines. Continue to one of the jewels of the Ardennes, La Roche for a lunchtime break. Later, an afternoon at leisure in the riverside city of Dinant, and chance for optional visit to cathedral of Notre Dame or cable car to the Citadel fortress.
- Full day to Chateau Annevoie for included visit to these 18th century water gardens which feature graceful fountains and waterfalls. Continue to Namur with some time for optional lunch followed by included guided tour of the Guy Delforge Perfumery which is housed in the cellars of the Citadel. Later, an included cruise along the Meuse River before returning to hotel.
- Travel to Hasselt for included visit to the Japanese Garden, the largest in Europe and modelled on a 17th century tea garden. Highlights here include water features and exceptional plants. Return via the stylish city of Liege on the banks of the Meuse River with free time for shopping or a coffee break.

DAY 5 Depart hotel after breakfast and travel to Meise for included visit to the National Botanical Garden to see a treasure trove of plants with outdoor displays and majestic greenhouses filled with exotic specimens. Continue to Calais for late afternoon crossing to Dover, expected arrival home late evening.

Hotel

Best Western Castel de Pont-a-Lesse Hotel, nr Dinant ★★

This hotel enjoys a rural setting, within easy reach of the city of Dinant. The bedrooms are recently renovated and superb guest facilities include indoor pool, stylish bar and restaurant with panoramic views of the countryside.

www.bestwestern.be



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Return Ferry Crossings • Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage • Garden Admissions to Annevoie, Parc des Topiaires, Japanese & National Botanical
- River Cruise • Perfumery Guided Tour
- Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£62.50**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£91.00**



Sarah's Tip

A welcome return to this lovely part of Belgium with some exciting new gardens to visit. The wonderful Perfumery tour and river cruise were a real favourite last time round!



Black Forest & Alsace Villages

Vines, Trains & Waterfalls

20 – 27 July

8 days

£859.00

DAY 1 Morning departure, travel to Dover for lunchtime ferry crossing to Calais. Continue to the Belgian Ardennes for overnight dinner and breakfast at 3* Hotel Arlux near Arlon.

DAY 2 Depart after breakfast and travel to the Black Forest, arriving at hotel for 5 night's dinner and breakfast including a meeting and welcome drink with our host Elaine.

Whilst in Germany, the following programme is included:

- Excursion by local coach to pretty town of Furtwangen for included visit to the Black Forest Clock Museum. Later, return to Lake Titisee for optional lunch followed by included lake cruise with a stop to enjoy included coffee and Black Forest cake.
- Scenic excursion by way of the Schauinsland mountain road for included cable car ride through the valley. Continue to the beautiful Cathedral city of Freiburg on market day before crossing the Rhine into France to visit the Alsace wine village of Riquewihr. Later, a stop in Ribeauville for included wine tasting at a local cellar.
- Full day to southern Black Forest for included journey on the romantic old Sauschwanzle Bahn steam railway. Rejoin coach and continue across the Swiss border to see the fantastic Rhine Falls at Schaffhausen before returning by way of the pretty monastery village of St. Blasien.
- Black Forest excursion travelling via St. Margen and St. Peter for included visit to the Open Air Museum in Gutach to enjoy the gardens and spectacular wooden houses. Later, enjoy a break in Triberg with included visit to Germany's highest waterfalls.
- Entertainment includes a farewell Black Forest buffet dinner, a B-B-Q evening and Folklore evening with live music and dancing.

DAY 7 Depart after breakfast and travel to Strasbourg with some free time for sightseeing in this picturesque town. Continue over the Belgian border to Arlon for overnight dinner and breakfast at 3* Hotel Arlux.

DAY 8 Return to Calais for afternoon ferry crossing to Dover. Expected arrival home, late evening.

Hotel

Best Western Hofgut Sternen Hotel, Titisee ★★ ★★

This family run hotel is situated in extensive parklands in the heart of the picturesque Black Forest. Highly recommended for its friendly hosts and praised by all previous clients for its food, service and entertainment.

www.drubba.com



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Return Ferry Crossings • Overnights inc Dinner & Breakfast • Choice Menu Dinners & Buffet Breakfasts in Resort • 2 Themed Evening Meals • Resort Hotel Porterage & Welcome Drink • 1 Evening Music/Dancing Entertainment • 2 Museum Entrances
- Lake Cruise inc Coffee & Cake • Wine Tasting • Steam Train & Cable Car Rides
- Triberg Falls Entrance • Local Escort

Supplements

Insurance **£67.50**

Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£97.00**



ESCORTED BY
ELAINE



Luxembourg

& Little Switzerland

1 – 5 August

5 days

£389.00

DAY 1 Early morning departure and travel to Folkestone for Eurotunnel crossing to Calais. Continue through France, Belgium and into Luxembourg, arriving in Vianden to check in to our hotel for 4 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in Luxembourg, the following programme is included:

- Half day excursion to the scenic area of Luxembourg known as 'Little Switzerland' with a stop in the pretty town of Echternach. Later, return to Vianden for a free afternoon to relax at the hotel and explore the town centre at leisure.
- Excursion to Luxembourg City where we enjoy an included guided tour of the sights. Later, there is free time for optional lunch, shopping or further sightseeing with chance to explore the Grand Ducal Palace and Cathedral of Notre Dame.
- Full day to Trier, the oldest city in Germany, and home to a wealth of ancient Roman history and monuments including the impressive Porta Nigra. Time here for optional lunch before continuing along the Moselle Valley to enjoy included wine tasting and tour of the vineyards.

DAY 5 Depart hotel after breakfast and return to Calais for Eurotunnel crossing to Folkestone and homeward journey. Expected arrival home will be late evening.



Hotel

Grand Hotel Vianden, Vianden ★★ ★★

This family-run hotel is located just a few minutes from the attractive centre of town and has proved a popular choice with previous clients. The bedrooms are comfortably appointed and the hotel has its own restaurant, lounge bar and lift to most floors.

www.grandhotelvianden.com



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Eurotunnel Crossings • Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage • Wine Tasting & Vineyard Tour • Guided Tour of Luxembourg City • Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£62.50**

Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£48.00**





Parisien Chateaux & Champagne *Versailles & Monet's Gardens*

3 – 8 August

6 days

£729.00

DAY 1 Early morning departure and travel to Dover for lunchtime ferry crossing to Calais. Continue south to Paris area and check in to hotel for 5 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in France, the following programme is included:

- Travel to Giverny for included visit to gardens of painter Claude Monet to admire the colourful planting and views which inspired the artist throughout his life. Continue to Palace of Versailles with time to admire the opulent Staterooms of the 'Sun King' and take a stroll through the impressive formal gardens and water features.
- Excursion featuring included visits to two superb Chateau properties. At the stunning Chateau de Breteuil, enjoy a guided tour of the house and its treasures including the priceless Table d'Europe and free time to explore the landscaped gardens. Chateau Vaux le Vicomte is a 17th century masterpiece featuring sumptuous rooms, a carriage museum and magnificent ornamental gardens.
- Full day in Paris, the 'City of Light' and one of the most beautiful capital cities in the World. Included Seine river cruise taking in some of the city's iconic sights and buildings followed by free time for optional lunch at a local bistro, shopping or sightseeing.
- Excursion to the heart of Champagne country and a visit to Epernay for included tour by train through the cellars and tasting at Mercier Champagne, followed by some free time in Epernay for optional lunch.

Sarah's Tip

A much longed for return to France and chance to re-visit the wonderful gardens of Claude Monet at Giverny. The addition of a daytrip to Champagne country will add some sparkle to this lovely tour!

DAY 6 Depart hotel after breakfast and return to Calais for early afternoon ferry crossing back to Dover. Expected arrival home will be late evening.



Hotel

Chateau Hotel de Maffliers ★★★ Superior

Situated to the north of Paris in parkland and private grounds, this 19th century chateau building has been transformed into a lovely hotel. The traditional exterior is complemented by modern bedrooms and a stylish restaurant with terrace and bar.

www.novotel.com



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Return Ferry Crossings • Buffet Dinners & Breakfasts • Porterage • Entrances/Tours of Chateaux Breteuil, Vaux le Vicomte & Palace of Versailles • Entrance to Monet's Garden • Seine River Cruise • Champagne Tour & Tasting • Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£62.50**

Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£164.00**



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NEW

Venice Lagoon Cruise

& River Po

15 – 24 August

10 days

£1269.00

DAY 1 Early morning departure and travel to Dover for lunchtime ferry crossing to Calais. Continue to the German border for overnight dinner and breakfast at 3* Mercure Europlatz Hotel in Aachen.

DAY 2 After breakfast, travel through Germany to Munich area for overnight dinner and breakfast at 3* Mercure Neuperlach Sued Hotel.

DAY 3 Complete our outward journey via Austria and the Dolomites to arrive in Venice for waterbus transfer to board MV Michelangelo for 4 night's full board cruise.

Whilst in Venice, the following programme is included:

- Early morning cruise towards Taglio di Po on the Adriatic Sea and lunch on board before joining coach for included guided tour of Padua, the town of St Antoine di Padova, also famous for art and pilgrimages. Later, rejoin our cruiser at Polesella in time for dinner.
- Excursion to Ferrara, a UNESCO world heritage site, with lunch on board followed by coach excursion to Verona with its famous Romeo and Juliet connections. Return to the cruiser at Polesella before sailing to Taglio di Po and enjoying on board gala dinner.
- Early morning sailing towards Chioggia, arriving mid-morning to explore this typical Adriatic fishing port, originally built by the Romans. Return to the ship for lunch and cruise back to Venice for afternoon guided visit to the Doge's Palace and St. Mark's Square. Return to the cruiser for dinner on board.

- A cruise to the lagoon islands of Burano and Murano which is famous for its glasswork and the fine churches of St. Maria and St. Donato. The fishing island of Burano is known for its traditional lacework. Return to cruiser for lunch on board followed by free time for further sightseeing or optional gondola trip.

DAY 8 Disembark after breakfast and rejoin coach for return journey to Munich for overnight dinner and breakfast at 3* Mercure Neuperlach Sued Hotel.

DAY 9 Depart after breakfast and retrace journey back to Aachen for overnight dinner and breakfast at 3* Mercure Europlatz Hotel.

DAY 10 After breakfast, return to Calais for afternoon ferry crossing to Dover. Expected arrival home will be late evening.

Cruise

MS Michelangelo

This modern twin deck vessel offers comfortable en suite double cabins, all of which are located above water level and offer panoramic views of the scenery. On board amenities include a sun deck with recliners and deck chairs, gift shop and swimming pool. (4 Nights).



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Return Ferry Crossings • Overnights inc Dinner & Breakfast • Full Board on Cruise
- Porterage • Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£67.50**

Upper Deck Cabin **£65.00**

Sorry – No Singles





Zakopane & Tatra Mountains

A Polka Through Poland!

24 August – 3 September

11 days

£1025.00

DAY 1 Morning departure, travel to Dover for lunchtime ferry crossing to Calais. Continue to Belgium for overnight dinner and breakfast at 4* NH Hotel in Genk.

DAY 2 Depart after breakfast and travel across Germany to 4* NH Hotel Magdeburg for overnight dinner and breakfast.

DAY 3 Continue over the border to Poland to arrive in Wroclaw for 2 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in Poland, the following programme is included:

- Full day in beautiful city of Wroclaw with guided tour to see its many historical sights including traditional squares and impressive gothic Cathedral.

- Travel via Wieliczka for included visit to the famous Salt Mines to see this amazing underground attraction (numerous steps). Continue to the beautiful Tatra Mountains and check in at our hotel in Zakopane for 4 night's dinner and breakfast.

- Free day in Zakopane to make the most of the breathtaking mountain scenery and fresh air. Within easy reach of the hotel is Poland's most famous street, the Krupowki, lined with traditional wooden buildings and shops.

- Scenic excursion into the spectacular Tatra Mountains, Poland's only Alpine region, which forms part of the Carpathian mountain range. Our guided tour includes the Dunajec Valley, Chochołow, Debno and its 15th century church and of course the Dunajec River.

- Full day to Krakow for included guided sightseeing tour where highlights include Wawel Castle, the Cathedral, many beautifully preserved Renaissance buildings and St Mary's Church with its famous wooden alter.

DAY 9 Depart after breakfast and travel to Dresden for overnight dinner and breakfast at 4* NH Hotel.

DAY 10 After breakfast, make our way back to Belgium for overnight dinner and breakfast at 4* NH Hotel in Genk.

DAY 11 Depart after breakfast and return to Calais for afternoon ferry to Dover. Expected arrival home will be late evening.

Hotels

Park Plaza Hotel, Wroclaw ★★★★★

Modern hotel located in the town centre, close to the historical attractions of Wroclaw. Bedrooms are spacious and well appointed, whilst the restaurant serves local and international dishes. (2 Nights). www.beph.pl



Hotel Litwor, Zakopane ★★★★★

This superior hotel is a modern take on the area's traditional hunting lodges and many bedrooms have superb views of the surrounding mountains. The hotel is within easy reach of the local shops and attractions and highly praised by our previous clients. (4 Nights). www.litwor.com



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Return Ferry Crossings • Overnights inc Dinner & Breakfast • Choice Menu Dinners & Buffet Breakfasts in Resort • Resort Hotels Porterage • Admission to Salt Mines
- Guided Tours of Wroclaw & Krakow
- Local Guide for Tatra Mountains Daytrip
- Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£76.50**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£246.00**





NEW

Moselle Valley

Rivers, Vines & Railways

26 June – 1 July

6 days

£549.00

DAY 1 Early afternoon departure and travel to Dover area for overnight bed and breakfast at 3* hotel. Evening at leisure to relax after journey or enjoy optional evening meal.

DAY 2 Join tour coach and transfer to Dover Port for morning ferry crossing to Calais. Continue through Belgium and into Germany to arrive at hotel for 4 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in Germany, the following programme is included;

- Some free time to explore Cochem at your own pace and enjoy included cruise along the Moselle, through the Fankel Locks to the pretty little village of Beilstein. Continue for included visit a local vintner where we enjoy a traditional wine tasting.
- Excursion across the Hunsrück Hills to Boppard for included trip on the Hunsrück Railway, a steep train journey which climbs to Emmelshausen. Rejoin coach for scenic drive to Bacharach with time for optional lunch and a walk around the ancient town walls. Later, an included magical river trip through the rapids of the Rhine under the watchful eye of the Lorelei, before returning to hotel by coach.
- Travel through the Eifel Hills to Engeln for included trip with reserved carriage seating on the Vulkan Express, a picturesque train journey which winds its way through the Ahr Valley to Brohl. Enjoy a lunchtime break in pretty Rhineland town of Andernach, before crossing the Rhine to visit the massive working Benedictine Monastery at Maria Laach which boasts a garden centre, bookshop and restaurant.

DAY 6 Depart hotel after breakfast and return to Calais for ferry to Dover. Arrive back in UK early evening for homeward journey. Expected arrival will be very late evening, after midnight.



Hotel

Alte Thorschenke, Cochem ★★★

This quaint and historic hotel is located in the heart of Cochem and guests can enjoy its traditional décor and comfortable accommodation. It is just a short walk to the promenade or Old Town Square and the hotel has its own cosy wine bar and restaurant.

www.thorschenke.de



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Return Ferry Crossings • Overnight inc Bed & Breakfast • Dinner & Breakfast in Resort • Resort Hotel Portage • Wine Tasting • 2 River Trips • 2 Railway Trips • Monastery Visit • Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£62.50**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£75.00**



Croatia & Opatija Riviera

21 September – 1 October

11 days

£879.00

DAY 1 Early morning departure and travel to Dover for lunchtime ferry to Calais. Continue through France to 3* Novotel Metz Hauconcourt for overnight dinner and breakfast.

DAY 2 Continue south through Germany to Kufstein in Austria for overnight dinner and breakfast at 3* Thaler Hotel in Hinterthiersee.

DAY 3 Travel through Austria and Slovenia to Croatia and check-in to hotel for 6 night's dinner and breakfast including a welcome drink this evening.

Whilst in Croatia, the following programme is included:

- 2 Free days in resort to relax at the hotel or explore the resort's local attractions and beach.
- Full day guided tour along the Istrian Riviera featuring the attractive coastline and Roman town of Pula with its amphitheatre and large harbour. Continue to medieval town of Rovinj to see its lovely Venetian influences and the ancient town of Porec, home to the 6th century Euphrasius Basilica – a Byzantine masterpiece.
- Half day excursion across Slovenian border to underground world of the Postojna Caves. Included train ride through the caves and a guided walk to view the amazing formations of stalactites and stalagmites. (Steep inclines and steps – not suitable for passengers with restricted mobility).
- Relaxing day out to enjoy the Riviera's charm by boat with included panoramic cruise along the Adriatic coastline with views of pebbled beaches, sunny bays, inlets and villages.

DAY 9 Depart after breakfast and return through Slovenia to the Austrian Tyrol for overnight dinner and breakfast at 3* Thaler Hotel in Hinterthiersee.

DAY 10 Continue back into France for our final overnight stay at 3* Novotel Metz Hauconcourt including dinner and breakfast.

DAY 11 After breakfast, return to Calais for afternoon sailing to Dover and homeward journey. Expected arrival will be late evening.



Hotel

Hotel Bristol, Opatija ★★★★★

This luxurious and stylish hotel is located in the centre of Opatija, within easy reach of the shops, bars and coastline. The hotel's striking early 1900's architecture complements its more recent renovations including extensive leisure facilities.

www.hotel-bristol.hr



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Return Ferry Crossings • Overnights inc Dinner & Breakfast • Porterage & Welcome Drink in Resort • Choice Menu Dinners & Buffet Breakfasts in Resort • Full Day Local Guide • Admission to Postojna Caves • Boat Cruise • Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£76.50**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£185.00**





NEW

Austrian Tyrol

'Till the Cows Come Home!'

22 – 29 September

8 days

£589.00

DAY 1 Early morning departure and travel to Dover for ferry crossing to Calais. Continue through Belgium and into Germany to Kaiserslautern for overnight dinner and breakfast at 3* Novotel.

DAY 2 Travel through Germany and into Austria, arriving at our hotel in Kirchberg to check-in for 5 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in Austria, the following programme is included:

- Full day to enjoy the celebrations to 'welcome home' the dairy herds from the mountains. Rich in tradition throughout the Tyrol, the festival features a parade of cows in colourful head-dresses, herders in traditional costumes and a village fair with music.
- Excursion via the Thurnpass and along the valley to Zell am See with some free time in this pretty town on the shores of the beautiful lake. Later, travel to popular resort of Kitzbühel before completing our scenic drive back to the hotel.
- Full day of Alpine delights beginning with included visit to a local dairy in Fügen for a tasting of Tyrolean cheeses and visit to the old smoke-house to taste some of the local smoked bacon. Later, included trip on the Zillertalbahn Railway to Mayerhofen for optional lunch. Continue to the high mountain plateau of Wildschönau for included visit to the Farmhouse Museum before returning via a stop at the oldest copper distillery in the Tyrol.



- Excursion to the beautiful city of Salzburg which was immortalized in the film the 'Sound of Music' and was also the birthplace of Mozart. Included guided walking tour of the city followed by free time for sightseeing, shopping or optional trip on the little funicular railway to Hohensalzburg Fortress for superb views across the city.

DAY 7 Depart hotel after breakfast and return across Germany to Kaiserslautern for overnight dinner and breakfast at 3* Novotel.

DAY 8 After breakfast, return to Calais for afternoon ferry crossing to Dover. Expected arrival home will be late evening.

Hotel

Hotel Rosslwirt, Kirchberg ★★★★★

This family-run hotel is made up of 2 buildings and located in the heart of Kirchberg. The hotel offers a warm and friendly welcome and is furnished with pine wood in a traditional Alpine style. All bedrooms have a balcony or terrace.

www.roesslwirt-kirchberg.at



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Return Ferry Crossings • Overnights inc Dinner & Breakfast • Choice Menu Dinners & Buffet Breakfasts in Resort • Resort Hotel Porterage • Dairy & Smoke House Tastings • 1 Railway Trip • Guided Tour of Salzburg • Admissions to Farmhouse Museum & Distillery • Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£67.50**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£70.00**



NEW

Berlin

& Harz Mountains

1 – 8 October

8 days

£859.00

DAY 1 Morning departure, travel to Dover for lunchtime ferry crossing to Calais. Continue to Dusseldorf for overnight dinner and breakfast at 4* NH Hotel.

DAY 2 Continue across Germany, travelling via Hannover for a short break before heading to Potsdam to check-in to our hotel for 2 night's dinner and breakfast including welcome drink.

Whilst in Germany, the following programme is included:

- Full day to Berlin including guided tour of the city sights such as Checkpoint Charlie, the Reichstag building and Brandenburg Gate. Afterwards, free time for shopping or further sightseeing in this cosmopolitan city.
- Depart after breakfast and travel to Sanssouci Park Palace for included guided tour of this elegant 18th century palace with its superb Prussian interiors. Later, continue to the Harz National Park to check in to our hotel for 3 night's dinner and breakfast including welcome drink.
- Free day to relax at the hotel and enjoy its superb leisure amenities or take the optional hotel shuttle bus into the town centre where you can visit the historic Castle or enjoy a leisurely lunch.
- Full day to pretty town of Goslar with its ancient timber-framed houses, cobbled streets and sparkling fountains. Return to hotel via a scenic drive through this picturesque region, stopping in the lovely town of Wernigerode.

DAY 7 Depart hotel after breakfast and travel to the famous 'Pied Piper' town of Hamlyn with time for sightseeing and optional lunch in the quaint town square which was the setting for this fairytale favourite. Continue to Belgium for overnight dinner and breakfast at 3* Novotel Diegem Hotel near Brussels.



DAY 8 Depart after breakfast and return to Calais for early afternoon ferry crossing to Dover. Expected arrival home will be late evening.

Hotels

Dorint Hotel Sanssouci, Potsdam

★★★★

This modern hotel is located a few minute's walk from the city centre. All of the bedrooms are well appointed and stylishly furnished. (2 Nights).

www.dorint.com



Maritim Berghotel, Braunlage

★★★★

This hotel is situated in the Harz Nature Reserve at the foot of Mt Wurmberg and surrounded by lush pine forests. Superb leisure facilities include indoor and outdoor activities and there is a restaurant and bar with panoramic views. (3 Nights).

www.maritim.de



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Return Ferry Crossings • Overnights inc Dinner & Breakfast • Buffet Breakfasts & Choice Menu Dinners in Resort • Welcome Drinks & Porterage at Resort Hotels • Guided Tour of Berlin • Tour of Sanssouci Palace & Park • Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£67.50**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£140.00**





NEW

Rhine in Bloom

Buga Garden Festival Special

4 – 8 June

5 days

£499.00

DAY 1 Mid afternoon departure, travel to Hull for overnight ferry crossing to Rotterdam including 2-berth en suite cabin. Evening free to enjoy optional dinner or perhaps make use of the on board facilities from cinema and shopping to lounges and bars.

Whilst on tour, the following programme is included:

- Disembark after optional on board breakfast and travel to Cologne for included visit to the city's famous Lindt Chocolate Museum on the banks of the Rhine – a wonderful tour and chocolate as experienced by Deirdre! Some free time for optional lunch before continuing to Koblenz to check in to hotel for 2 night's dinner and breakfast.
- Full day on the Rhine starting with a 2hr river cruise taking in one of the most important sections of the river en route to Boppard. Re-join coach and continue to the BUGA with included admission to this very special horticultural event. Afternoon free to enjoy a cable-car trip for superb views of the floral displays and chance to take in this colourful spectacle at leisure.
- Depart hotel after breakfast and return to Holland, stopping in Valkenburg for a lunchtime break. Return to Rotterdam early evening and check-in for overnight sailing to UK and evening at leisure on board.

DAY 5 Disembark in Hull after optional on board breakfast and return home, expected arrival will be late morning.



Hotel

Diehls's Hotel, Koblenz ★★★★★

This family-run hotel enjoys a fine riverside location in Koblenz, on the doorstep of Germany's Horticultural Show event. Bedrooms are stylishly furnished and many have a view of the river or old town. The restaurant enjoys an excellent reputation and there is a sunny outdoor terrace.
www.diehls-hotel.de



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Return Ferry Crossings inc En Suite Cabin
- 3-Course Dinners & Buffet Breakfasts at Hotel • Hotel Portage
- River Cruise • Flower Show Entrance inc Cable-Car Trip • Admission to Chocolate Museum

Supplements

Insurance **£62.50**
 Single Room/Cabin (Ltd Supply) **£113.50**
 Window Cabin **£15.00**
 Lower Berth Inside Cabin **£10.00**
 2 Ferry Dinners & Breakfasts **£45.00**



NEW

Walking the Pyrenees

& Barcelona

2 – 11 October

10 days

£829.00

DAY 1 Very early morning departure and travel to Plymouth for overnight sailing to Spain. Evening free to relax and enjoy on-board facilities. En suite 2-bedded cabin included (meals payable on board).

DAY 2 Morning at leisure on board before disembarking in Santander at lunchtime and travelling to 3* Hotel Tibur in Zaragoza for overnight dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in Spain, the following programme is included:

- Drive to Lleida for included guided tour of the cathedral followed by free time for optional lunch. Continue to Camprodon and check in to hotel for 5 night's dinner and breakfast.
- Full day of walking, heading first to the village of Sant Pau de Seguries before joining the Roman road of Capsacosta for a walk through pine forests and along the best preserved part of the road featuring milestones and original paving. Pause for included packed lunch before viewing the waterfall and the basaltic columns of the lava flow below the town of Sant Joan les Fonts. Continue into the heart of La Garrotxa Volcanic Zone Natural Park to the famous volcano Croscat, the youngest and highest volcano on the Iberian Peninsula (total walking approx 10 km).
- Early morning drive to Ribes de Freser to enjoy included rack and pinion railway ride through the dramatic gorges to the sanctuary of Nuria at 1950m high in the eastern Pyrenees. From Nuria, walk towards the rocky pastures, ideal for bird watching and home to Finches, Ouzels and the magnificent Lammergeier. Retrace walk back to board the return train and travel by coach to the Romanesque Monastery of Santa Maria in Ripoll for included visit. See the spectacular sculpted doorway and its many famous carvings. A packed lunch is included today (total walking approx 2km).
- Full day coach excursion to Barcelona, a city of contrasts with beaches, elegant boulevards, wide squares and stunning architecture. Included guided walking tour and free time to explore at your own pace.
- A walk to the little church of Sant Antoni perched above Camprodon, a steep but

rewarding walk to reach the pastures below the peak, for lovely 360° views of the eastern Pyrenees from the peak itself. Included picnic lunch in the meadows before walking back via Font del Boix to refill our water bottles at this wonderful natural spring (total walking approx 4km).

DAY 8 Depart after breakfast and travel to Carcassonne for lunchtime break before continuing to Lourdes for overnight dinner and breakfast at 3* Mercure Imperial Hotel.

DAY 9 After breakfast, return to Santander for overnight crossing to UK with en suite cabin included (meals payable on board).

DAY 10 Afternoon arrival in Portsmouth and rejoin coach for homeward journey. Expected arrival will be late evening.

(NB. This tour requires suitable walking shoes & clothing and is only for people with at least moderate walking ability).

Hotel

Hotel Camprodon, Camprodon ★★★

Located in a picturesque village in the Catalan Pyrenees, this neoclassic hotel was built in 1914 and offers a warm, friendly atmosphere. Guests can relax and enjoy the gardens or games room after a day of walking.(5 Nights).

www.hotelcamprodon.com



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Return Ferry Crossings inc 2-Bedded Cabin
- Overnights inc Dinner & Breakfast
- Dinner & Breakfast in Resort • Resort Hotel Portage
- 3 Packed Lunches
- Guided Tours of Llieda & Barcelona
- 1 Railway Trip • Admission to Monastery
- Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£67.50**
 Single Room/Cabin (Ltd Supply) **£170.00**
 2-Bedded Window Cabin **£45.00**





NEW

Corsica & Sardinia

Mediterranean Magic

9 – 20 September

12 days

£1299.00

DAY 1 Early morning departure and travel to Dover for lunchtime ferry crossing to France. Continue to Reims for overnight dinner and breakfast at 3* Mercure Cathedrale Hotel .

DAY 2 After breakfast, continue south to 3* Holiday Inn Garden Court in Lyon for overnight dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in France and Italy, the following programme is included:

- After breakfast, travel to beautiful city of Avignon with some free time before continuing to Toulon for overnight ferry crossing to the island of Corsica including cabin accommodation (meals payable on board).
- Morning arrival in Corsica and disembark for leisurely drive across this beautiful island to Ajaccio for 3 night's dinner and breakfast.
- Free day in Napoleon's birthplace, Ajaccio which is set in a beautiful bay with long sandy beaches and cafe bars on the palm-lined avenues. Later, an optional mini-cruise around the Bay of Ajaccio and its tiny islands known as Les Iles Sanguinaires (cost approx €30).
- Full day scenic excursion along the western coast to Cargese, a Greek village founded in the early 18th century. Continue to Piana, built entirely from pink granite and set against a backdrop of beautiful wooded slopes and impressive mountain peaks. Later, a visit to Porto, a tiny fishing village on one of the prettiest coastlines in Corsica. Return via the beautiful mountain region of Evisa.

- Depart after breakfast and travel to Filitosa, a religious and artistic centre of prehistoric Corsica. Some time here before heading to picturesque mountain town of Sartene for optional lunch. Later, travel to Bonifacio and board ferry for sailing to Sardinia and continue to the outskirts of Alghero for 2 night's dinner and breakfast at 3 star Hotel dei Pini.
- After breakfast, a spectacular coastal drive to Bosa for a morning break in the old town. Continue via Bosa Marina to ancient city of Alghero, recognized as the most Italian of Sardinia's towns with its labyrinth of narrow streets to explore. Free time to explore or enjoy optional cruise to Capo Caccia grottos.

- Depart hotel after breakfast for a scenic drive to the beautiful coastline of the Emerald Coast including pretty Porto Cervo, with its multi-coloured buildings and yacht harbour. Continue to city of Olbia and later transfer to the Port for overnight sailing to Livorno including cabin accommodation (meals payable on board).
- Disembark in Livorno and travel through northern Italy into the French Alps for overnight dinner and breakfast at 3* Best Western International Hotel in Annecy.

DAY 11 After breakfast, continue north through France to Reims for overnight dinner and breakfast at 3* Mercure Cathedrale Hotel.

DAY 12 Return to Calais for mid-afternoon ferry crossing to Dover. Expected arrival home will be late evening.



Hotels

Best Western Hotel, Ajaccio ★★★

This new hotel is located on the sea front, a short distance from the centre of town and offers sea and harbour views. (3 Nights).

www.bestwestern-ajaccio.com



Hotel dei Pini, nr Alghero ★★★★★

Situated on a beautiful beach on the edge of Porto Conte Natural Park, all bedrooms offer sea or mountain views. From its superb location, panoramic views over the bay can be enjoyed from the restaurant or private beach. (2 Nights).

www.hoteldeipini.it



Price includes

- Luxury Coach Travel • Door to Door Taxi
- Return Channel Ferry Crossings
- Dinner & Breakfast • Resort Hotels
- Porterage • Island Ferry Crossings inc En Suite Inside Cabin • Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£76.50**

Single Room/Cabin (Ltd Supply) **£440.00**



ESCORTED TOUR

ALL INCLUSIVE
SPECIAL DEPARTURE



NEW

Madeira Flower Festival

Atlantic Floral Isle with Sarah

2 – 9 May

8 days

£1149.00

DAY 1 Early morning transfer to Newcastle Airport for flight to Madeira. Late morning arrival at Funchal Airport and transfer to hotel for 7 night's all inclusive accommodation.

Whilst in Madeira, the following programme is included:

- Free day in resort to relax at the hotel or take free transfer into the centre of Funchal for some sightseeing or shopping at leisure.
- Half day excursion to the Palheiro Estate with included visit to the famous Botanical gardens which are set in hills 500m above sea level. Renovated by the Blandy family in the 19th century, many early plantings can still be seen including a unique collection of trees and exotic flowers.
- Full day tour around the island to see the amazing local flora and fauna which Madeira is renowned for and take in some of the spectacular and unspoilt coastal views with included local lunch.
- Half day excursion to Monte Palace Gardens, a tropical paradise offering superb sea views and a plethora of horticultural and ornithological delights. Thousands of plant species including Azaleas, Orchids, Heathers and a rare Cycads collection can be viewed alongside a central lake populated by black swans and majestic peacocks. Optional ride down in the hillside in traditional basket style toboggans will be offered today.
- 2 Full days to enjoy the activities of the island's annual Flower Festival. There are special events across the island including traditional music, the making of flower carpets, decorated shops, shows and much more. The main attraction is a stunning parade through Funchal on Sunday afternoon featuring floats decorated with local flowers which perfume the air.
- All inclusive at hotel featuring buffet lunch with drinks, buffet dinner with drinks plus soft drinks, tea/coffee and alcoholic beverages available between 11.00am - 11.00pm every day all included in the tour cost.

DAY 8 Depart hotel after breakfast and travel to Funchal Airport for lunchtime return flight to Newcastle and transfer home. Expected arrival will be early evening.

NB: For this tour we act as retail agents for Atlantic Holidays, ATOL protected 2704, whose booking terms and conditions apply.



Hotel

The Pestana Bay Hotel, nr Funchal

★★★★

Part of the prestigious Pestana Hotels group, this modern hotel is located on Formosa Beach with magnificent ocean views. The hotel offers a free transfer service into Funchal town centre and all well appointed bedrooms have balcony and ocean views.

www.pestana.com



Price includes

- UK Airport Transfers • Door to Door Taxi
- Return Flights • Local Airport/Hotel Transfers • Dinner, Lunch, Breakfast & Free Bar • Porterage • Services of Local Rep
- 2 Half Day Excursions inc Garden Entrances • Full Day Island Tour inc Lunch
- Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£67.50**

Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£225.00**

Superior Garden View Room **£86.00**



ESCORTED BY SARAH HOPPS



Lake Garda

Verona & The Dolomites

9 – 16 May

8 days

£1125.00

DAY 1 Transfer to Leeds/Bradford Airport for flight to Milan-Bergamo. Once in Italy, join local coach for transfer to hotel and check in for 7 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in Italy, the following programme is included:

- 2 Free days to relax or explore the lovely resort of Riva with its shops, café bars and cobbled streets. Alternatively, you may wish to take a cruise on the lake to one of the nearby towns.
- Excursion to Verona for a guided tour of the 'greatest of Italy's small cities'. Verona is situated on the Adige River and famously provided the setting for Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet'. Highlights of the tour include Juliet's Balcony and magnificent Roman amphitheatre.
- Full day along Garda's shore including stops in Malcesine and the pretty moated town of Sirmione which stands on a peninsula offering panoramic lake views.
- Scenic day into the Dolomites, our route includes some of the majestic winding roads with scenic hairpin bends and snow covered peaks which typify the region.
- OPTIONAL excursion to Merano to explore this historic spa town with its lovely shops set against rolling hills and lush vineyards.

DAY 8 After breakfast, its 'Arrivederci' to Lake Garda and return to Milan-Bergamo Airport for flight back to the UK.



Hotel

Hotel Du Lac & Du Parc, Riva Del Garda ★★★★★

Surrounded by beautiful gardens and set in extensive parkland, this hotel's impressive amenities include a luxury spa, swimming pools, lounge areas and bar. All en suite bedrooms are air-conditioned and luxuriously appointed – one of the lake's finest hotels!

www.dulacetduparc.com



Price includes

- UK Airport Transfers • Local Airport/Hotel Transfers • 4-Course Dinners & Buffet Breakfasts • Hotel Porterage • Local Coach for Excursions • Guided Tour of Verona • Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance **£67.50**

Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£225.00**

Superior Garden View Room **£64.00**

ESCORTED BY DEIRDRE BROWN

Deirdre's Tip

A rare chance to stay at one of the finest hotels in Lake Garda, a stunning setting in parkland and gardens. As well as enjoying your luxury hotel, the excursions to Verona, Sirmione and the magnificent Dolomites mountains will be beautiful at this time of year!



The Amalfi Coast

Sorrento, Capri & Pompeii

6 – 13 April

8 days

£1039.00

21 – 28 October

8 days

£1039.00

DAY 1 Morning departure and transfer to regional airport for flight to Naples. On arrival, local transfer to resort and check in to hotel for 7 night's dinner and breakfast.

Whilst in Italy, the following programme is included:

- Full day in Minori with included walking tour visiting a ceramics workshop and Limoncello makers including a tasting.
- Full day with ferry crossing from Amalfi to the Isle of Capri to visit Anacapri and enjoy a guided tour.
- Guided excursion to Pompeii with included admission to see the excavated streets, amphitheatre, villa remains and bath house, amongst many fascinating sights of this infamous town.
- Cruise from Minori along the famous Amalfi coastline followed by free time in picturesque Amalfi. Later, continue to the capital of the coast – Sorrento with free time for exploring the delightful town with its shops, boutiques and stunning views over the Bay of Naples and Vesuvius.
- Guided excursion to the hilltop town of Ravello for spectacular views of the bay.
- 1 Free day in resort to explore at leisure, or optional cruise with your Escort (weather permitting) to Positano with its famous painted and white-washed houses which cling to the side of the cliffs.

Deirdre's Tip

What a great find this hotel was, the feedback from clients has been excellent regarding the warm family atmosphere and hospitality of your hosts. Evening meals are always delicious and the village walk is a real taste of local life. I hope you can join me and discover this wonderful corner of Italy for yourselves!

- Hotel activities and entertainment will be from a selection including pasta making, Minori film show, Limoncello tasting, Baba making and tasting (local speciality cake), music and dance evening, pizza demonstration and tasting.

DAY 8 Depart hotel after breakfast and travel to Naples Airport for return flight to UK and return transfer home.

Hotel

Hotel Villa Romana, Minori ★★★★★

This family-run hotel is ideally situated a few minute's walk from the seafront promenade in Minori. All bedrooms are spacious and many have a balcony. The hotel has a cosy lounge area and the restaurant serves superb 4-course dinners with regional specialities.

www.hotelvillaromana.it



Price includes

- UK Airport Transfers • Door to Door Taxi
- Return Flights • Dinner & Breakfast
- Porterage • Guided Walking Tour of Minori • Guided Tour to Pompeii inc Admission • Capri by Ferry inc Anacapri & Local Guide • Guided Tour to Ravello
- Amalfi Coast Cruise • Evening Entertainment • Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance from **£42.00**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£130.00**



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Norway's Spectacular Fjords

& Norway in a Nutshell!

9 – 15 June

7 days

£1569.00

DAY 1 Departure from home and travel to Gatwick Airport for flight to Bergen. Transfer by local coach via fjords and mountains to Loftus and check in to hotel for 6 night's dinner & breakfast.

Whilst in Norway, the following programme is included:

- Scenic drive along Hardangerfjord with its fruit orchards and stunning views of snow-capped mountains. Continue to Tyssedal for included tour of Hydro Power Museum followed by visit to Mage Gardsbutikk to see a traditional Hardanger Farm Shop. Continue to Utne for included visit to the Folk Museum with its display of fiddles, costumes and historic Norwegian homesteads.
- Free day in the small village of Lofthus to enjoy the superb hotel facilities. Included guided walk through the local orchards and to the church, enjoying a refreshing glass of local apple juice.
- Excursion along Eidfjord to Voringfossen, Norway's most spectacular waterfall. Later, a wonderful drive onto Hardangervidda Plateau stopping for optional lunch at Halne. Continue to the Hardangervidda Nature Reserve to enjoy a movie flight over the fjords and see life on the plateau as visiting the museum, cafe & shops – an outstanding scenic day!
- Excursion via Odda to Lattefoss and Vidfossen Waterfalls – 2 of the most photographed waterfalls in Norway. Continue to Roldal Stave Church for included visit before returning to the hotel.

- Excursion by ferry from Brimnes to Brumavik and onwards to Voss on the shores of lovely Vangsvatnet Lake. Here we enjoy included ride on the famous 'Norway in a Nutshell' mountain train to Flam, followed by a stunning fjords cruise along Naeroyfjord, the narrowest in Norway. Continue via the famous Stalheim scenic road for picturesque valley views.

DAY 7 Depart hotel after breakfast and return to Bergen Airport for return flight and homeward transfers.

Hotel

Hotel Ullensvang, Lofthus ★★★★★

Owned by the Utne family, this superior hotel enjoys an idyllic fjordside location with luxury accommodation on a grand scale. All bedrooms with fjord views and guests can enjoy the fjordside gardens, outdoor seating and free rowing boats! Superb Scandinavian buffet breakfasts and Hardanger buffet dinners served.

www.hotel-ullensvang.no



Price includes

- Door to Door Taxi • UK Airport Transfers
- Return Flights • Buffet Dinners & Breakfasts in Resort • Hotel Porterage
- Local Coach/Driver in Norway
- Admissions to Hydropower Museum, Nature Centre & Folk Museum • Guided Village Walk inc Apple Juice • All Local Ferry Crossings • Norway in a Nutshell Train Ride & Fjord Cruise • Stave Church Admission • Escorted Throughout

Supplements

Insurance from **£42.00**
Single Room (Ltd Supply) **£229.00**



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NOW!**

2011/12 CITO Air & Cruise Brochure

Following an outstanding first year of sales in 2010, the new Worldwide Air & Cruise Holidays brochure from CITO is now available with a first class choice of destinations for departures during 2011 and early 2012.

This superb new brochure features a hand-picked selection of high quality escorted holidays across Europe and Worldwide. With included home pick-up service on all departures, this series of air and cruise holidays is set to meet and exceed the expectations of today's more discerning travellers.

Cruise Highlights



We are offering a choice of 2 summer cruises sailing from Southampton with the award-winning Celebrity Cruises to the Mediterranean. Travelling on board the newest addition 'The Celebrity Eclipse' you are assured of a great cruise experience with its exceptional service and stylish accommodation. Further afield there is a choice of cruise to South America or the islands of the Caribbean. Closer to home, we continue our partnership with the prestigious Croisi Europe river cruise operator sailing along the Danube, Main or Rhone and also the beautiful coastline of Croatia. New for 2011 is a winter departure to cruise the Nile with Viking Cruises.



Caribbean

25 Feb-15 March 2011
South America featuring
Cape Horn & Chilean Fjords

14-22 May 2011
Danube Cruise featuring
Vienna & Budapest

04-18 June 2011
Italian Mediterranean Cruise
featuring Florence & Rome

06-14 July 2011
Croatia & Montenegro Cruise

08-16 August 2011
Rhone Valley Tour featuring
The Camargue River

28 Sep-14 Oct 2011
Western Mediterranean &
Adriatic Coast Cruise

02-16 October 2011
Danube, Main & Rhine
Valleys Cruise

28 Nov-08 Dec 2011
Nile Cruise featuring Valley
of the Kings & Pyramids

10-25 February 2012
Caribbean Cruise featuring
Barbados, Antigua &
Grenada

Air Holiday Highlights



From the mountain scenery of Andorra and cliff side villages of Italy's Amalfi Coast to the island of Madeira and historic cities of Russia, our new choice of European holiday destinations is better than ever. For those wishing to spread their wings further afield, there are also departures to the breathtaking Canadian Rockies, the Fall colours of New England and old favourites South Africa and New Zealand. Working closely with established overseas tour companies, each holiday itinerary has been carefully arranged to ensure you get the best out of your visit – and don't forget the excursions are all included in your holiday price with no hidden extras!



Red Square, Moscow



Canadian Rockies

**06-13 Apr &
21-28 Oct 2011**
Italy's Amalfi Coast

07-14 May 2011
Island of Malta

**17-25 May
& 11-18 Oct 2011**
Island of Cyprus

02-09 June 2011
Principality of Andorra

07-20 June 2011
Canadian Rockies
& Vancouver

09-15 June 2011
Norway's Spectacular Fjords

21-28 June 2011
Tuscany & Florence

21-30 July 2011
Prague, Tatra Mountains
& Krakow

27 Sep-07 Oct 2011
New England in the Fall

10-17 October 2011
Island of Madeira

14-21 October 2011
Moscow & St Petersburg

09-28 November 2011
South Africa
& Victoria Falls

21-28 December 2011
Christmas in Cyprus

06 Feb-02 Mar 2012
New Zealand

Request a copy of the brochure today by calling **01423 321246**

Cruising with Fred. Olsen

2011 sees eddie brown tours continuing to work with Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines transporting clients from regional departure points to join their cruise ship 'Balmoral' on selected departures. Following an excellent first year of selling these cruises, we are delighted to offer a vast choice of sailings from your doorstep!

A personal view from our Tour Director

"I enjoyed a Caribbean cruise with Fred Olsen aboard the 'Braemar' which is a lovely ship carrying approx 800 passengers at a time. The friendly staff really made this cruise complete with everyone from the restaurant to bar staff getting to know us and our names very quickly.



The on board entertainment is adapted for 50+ market with excellent comedians, dancing shows, cabaret nights, musical quartets, Irish music and dancing from Salsa to Ballroom on a nightly basis around the ship. Generally there are 2 formal evenings where passengers and staff have the opportunity to dress up, plus Themed Nights such as a 'Red, White & Blue Night' and a 'Cowboy Night'. Most of the other nights spent on board are more casual.

Whilst at sea, your days are filled with lots of entertainment including classes on a variety of subjects such as Astrology, Writing, Chess, Bridge, Dance etc - so much to choose from and all included in the cruise cost. You never have the chance to be in need of refreshment tea/coffee is available around the clock and your cruise includes breakfast, morning tea & coffee, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner across 2 sittings. The ships of 'Fred's' as they are affectionately known are all very similar in style and size, you won't find any over the top glitz and oversized proportions. Instead you can relax in an intimate atmosphere, with the opportunity to get to know your fellow travellers, whilst enjoying different ports and visits most days".

Deirdre Brown



All prices are based on twin occupancy of an inside cabin (I Grade), further cabin types and upgrade supplements available on request.

For all of these cruises we act as booking agents for Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines whose terms and conditions apply to these departures. When signing one of our booking forms, you are agreeing to the Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines terms and conditions, copies of which can be found in their Worldwide 2011/12 2nd Edition brochure on request.

N.B. A daily fuel surcharge rate will be added to your final invoice (at time of print this is £2.50pp per day). This amount may vary according to fuel supplied to Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines during the cruise period on sale in this brochure.

The Ships

Fred. Olsen ships are big enough to offer the comforts expected of a cruise, but small enough for you to feel completely at home. Each ship is individual and all have the character and style for which the cruise line is famous for.

Balmoral

This vessel carries around 1300 passengers and is the largest in the fleet. Public rooms are designed on a Scottish theme with a very British atmosphere throughout. There is a choice of 4 restaurants including an informal buffet restaurant, 2 show lounges and a quiet Observatory Lounge, plus leisure facilities including swimming pools, spa and gym and even a well stocked library. Standard cabins start from approx 160 sq ft and are equipped with interactive TV, hairdryer, safe and bathroom with shower and/or bath.



Braemar (pictured below left)

This vessel carries approx 900 passengers and its 5-deck atrium creates a light and spacious interior with a modern feel. There is a choice of dining with 3 restaurants including an informal buffet restaurant, 2 show lounges and a stylish Observatory. Passenger facilities include 2 open-air pools, stylish public rooms with luxurious furnishings and an Arts & Crafts room for activities. Standard cabins start from approx 130 sq ft and are equipped with interactive TV, hairdryer, safe and bathroom with shower.

Boudicca

In passenger terms, the smallest of these 3 ships carrying approx 800 passengers with a large proportion of larger cabins with sea views. The public rooms are very modern and elegant and large picture windows offer magnificent views. There is a choice of 3 restaurants including a formal dining room and 'Lost Gardens of Heligan' themed restaurant, plus the Secret Garden buffet restaurant. Standard cabins start from approx 140 sq ft and are equipped with TV, hairdryer, safe and bathroom with shower.



ONCE ON BOARD

You can do as much as you like with plenty of daytime activities and excellent entertainment, or simply relax, unwind and do nothing. All of the ships have extensive libraries and from deck games and sunbathing on the terraces outside to spa treatments, card/board games and fitness classes, there is plenty to choose from. After dinner, you can watch a host of entertainment from cabaret shows and dancing to comedy and West End reviews.

The dining is a real highlight for any cruise and with Fred. Olsen there is plenty on offer to suit appetites of all sizes. Start the day with a choice of continental or full English breakfast, enjoy lunch by the pool or in a relaxing café followed by an evening of elegant cocktails and formal dining or a late night supper buffet.

If you can tear yourself away from the comfort of the ships, many of the cruises feature on board lectures and discussions about forthcoming ports of call to whet your appetite for a trip ashore. The Shore Tours service is available to assist with a range of superb on shore excursions with English-speaking guides using reputable tour companies to make the most of your local visits. (All shore excursions are charged extra and can be booked in advance of your cruise on request)

Iberian Highlights

13 Nights on Braemar

19 June-2 July 2011

M1113

from **£1299** per person (I)

Cruise Schedule

Day 1: Sail from Dover
Days 2-4: Cruising
Day 5: Gibraltar
Day 6: Cartagena, Spain
Day 7: Barcelona, Spain
Day 8: Cruising
Day 9: Seville, Spain
Day 10: Portimao, Portugal
Day 11: Lisbon, Portugal
Days 12 & 13: Cruising
Day 14: Return to Dover



Captivating Cities of Iberia

14 Nights on Boudicca

14-28 July 2011

D1114

from **£1389** per person (I)

Cruise Schedule

Day 1: Sail from Greenock
Days 2-4: Cruising
Day 5: Malaga, Spain
Day 6: Cartagena, Spain
Day 7: Gibraltar
Day 8: Cadiz, Spain
Day 9: Portimao, Portugal *
Day 10: Lisbon, Portugal
Day 11: Leixoes for Oporto, Portugal
Days 12 - 14: Cruising
Day 15: Return to Rosyth



Mediterranean Italy

16 Nights on Braemar

12-28 October 2011

M1122

from **£1599** per person (I)

Cruise Schedule

Day 1: Sail from Dover
Days 2-3: Cruising
Day 4: Lisbon, Portugal
Days 5 & 6: Cruising
Day 7: Cagliari, Sardinia
Day 8: Trapani, Sicily
Day 9: Civitavecchia for Rome, Italy
Day 10: Livorno for Florence & Pisa, Italy
Day 11: Genoa, Italy
Day 12: Cruising
Day 13: Almeria, Spain
Days 14 - 16: Cruising
Day 17: Return to Dover



St.Petersburg, Estonia & Denmark

14 Nights on Balmoral

13-27 May 2011

L1104

from **£1489** per person (I)

Cruise Schedule

Day 1: Sail from Southampton
Day 2: Cruising
Day 3: Cruise the Kiel Canal
Day 4: Cruising
Day 5: Saaremaa, Estonia
Day 6: Tallinn, Estonia
Day 7: Helsinki, Finland
Days 8 - 10: St Petersburg, Russia
Day 11: Cruising
Day 12: Copenhagen, Denmark
Day 13: Aalborg, Denmark
Day 14: Cruising
Day 15: Return to Southampton



* Anchor port-tenders

Cities of Norway

11 Nights on Balmoral 30 May–10 June 2011 L1106

from **£1209** per person (I)



Cruise Schedule

Day 1: Sail from Southampton
Day 2: Cruising
Day 3: Kristiansand, Norway
Day 4: Bergen, Norway
Day 5: Molde, Norway
Day 6: Trondheim, Norway
Day 7: Olden/Nordfjord, Norway
Day 8: Flam/Sognefjord, Norway*
Day 9: Eidfjord/Hardangerfjord, Norway
Day 10: Farsund, Norway
Day 11: Cruising
Day 12: Return to Southampton

Spitsbergen & Norway

15 Nights on Braemar 15–30 July 2011 M1115

from **£1579** per person (I)



Cruise Schedule

Day 1: Sail from Dover
Days 2 & 3: Cruising
Day 4: Bodo, Norway
Day 5: Cruising
Day 6: Honningsvag/North Cape, Norway
Day 7: Cruising Bear Island, Svalbard
Day 8: Cruising Magdalenefjord /Moffen, Svalbard
Day 9: Ny Alesund, Svalbard
Day 10: Longyearbyen, Svalbard
Day 11: Cruising
Day 12: Tromso, Norway
Day 13: Cruising
Day 14: Bergen, Norway
Day 15: Cruising
Day 16: Return to Dover

Denmark, Sweden & Norway

7 Nights on Boudicca 27 September–4 October 2011 D1121

from **£759** per person (I)



Cruise Schedule

Day 1: Sail from Newcastle
Day 2: Cruising
Day 3: Copenhagen, Denmark
Day 4: Gothenburg, Sweden
Day 5: Oslo, Norway
Day 6: Kristiansand, Norway
Day 7: Cruising
Day 8: Return to Newcastle

Lisbon & The Canary Islands

13 Nights on Boudicca 10–23 April 2011 D1106

from **£1149** per person (I)



Cruise Schedule

Day 1: Sail from Liverpool
Days 2 - 4: Cruising
Day 5: Funchal, Madeira
Day 6: Santa Cruz, La Palma
Day 7: Santa Cruz, Tenerife
Day 8: Las Palmas, Gran Canaria
Day 9: Arrecife, Lanzarote
Day 10: Cruising
Day 11: Lisbon, Portugal
Days 12 - 13: Cruising
Day 14: Return to Liverpool

The Canary Islands with Lisbon

15 Nights on Boudicca 16–31 October 2011 D1123

from **£1239** per person (H)



Cruise Schedule

Day 1: Sail from Newcastle
Days 2 - 3: Cruising
Day 4: La Coruna, Spain
Days 5 - 6: Cruising
Day 7: Santa Cruz, La Palma
Day 8: Santa Cruz, Tenerife
Day 9: Las Palmas, Gran Canaria
Day 10: Arrecife, Lanzarote
Day 11: Cruising
Day 12: Lisbon, Portugal
Days 13 - 15: Cruising
Day 16: Return to Newcastle

Dublin & Around Britain

10 Nights on Balmoral 8–18 August 2011 L1112

from **£1079** per person (I)



Cruise Schedule

Day 1: Sail from Southampton
Day 2: St. Peter Port, Guernsey*
Day 3: Cruising
Day 4: Holyhead, Wales
Day 5: Dublin, Ireland
Day 6: Greenock for Glasgow, Scotland
Day 7: Tobermory, Isle of Mull*
Day 8: Scrabster, Scotland*
Day 9: Cruising
Day 10: Harwich, England
Day 11: Return to Southampton



* Anchor port-tenders

Fred. Olsen
Cruise Lines

INFORMATION

DOOR TO DOOR TRAVEL



On all tours of 5 days or more, we provide a home collection service to the tour coach. This FREE service is available to every passenger living within a 10 mile radius of York, Harrogate and Wetherby. A free return service also operates. Full details and maps showing these areas are available on request from our Travel Centre – please call 01423 321246 for more information.

If you live in any of these towns or villages, you are eligible for our **FREE** Door to Door Travel service!

York Area

Acomb	Huby	Stamford Bridge
Bilton	Huntington	Stillington
Bishopthorpe	Linton on Ouse	Stockton on Forest
Cawood	New Earswick	Strensall
Copmanthorpe	Nunthorpe	Sutton on Forest
Dunnington	Osballdwick	Tadcaster
Easingwold	Pocklington	Thorganby
Elvington	Rawcliffe	Tockwith
Escrick	Riccall	Tollerton
Fangfoss	Raskelf	Upper Poppleton
Fulford	Sand Hutton	Wheldrake
Green Hammerton	Sherriff Hutton	Wilberfoss
Haxby	Shipton	York
Helperby	Skelton	

Harrogate Area

Alwoodley	Dacre	Pateley Bridge
Beckwithshaw	Hampsthwaite	Pool
Bilton	Harewood	Ripley
Bishop Monkton	Harrogate	Ripon
Blubberhouses	Killinghall	Scotton
Boroughbridge	Knaresborough	South Stainley
Boston Spa	Marton	Spofforth
Bramhope	North Deighton	Summerbridge
Burley in Wharfedale	Otley	Walshford
Collingham	Pannal	Wetherby

Wetherby Area

Aberford	Church Fenton	Sherburn in Elmet
Bramham	Garforth	Thornor
Barwick in Elmet	Seacroft	Thorp Arch

DEPOSITS

We ask for a deposit of £70 per person on all UK/European coach holidays, £100 per person for tours with included 'Seat' tickets and a min of £150 per person for all Air/Cruise holidays PLUS the relevant insurance premiums if applicable.

Balance payments are due **6 WEEKS** before departure for **coach holidays** and **10 WEEKS** before departure for **air/cruise holidays**.

CREDIT & DEBIT CARD BOOKINGS

We accept the following cards for payment, no charges are made for using these cards.



Door to Door Travel Conditions of Service

- The 10 mile radius is worked out on road miles (and may not be possible on unadopted roads) and is at the discretion of our office.
- It may be necessary for you to share your taxi or 7-seater with other passengers and this is done at the company's discretion.
- The address or addresses for this service MUST be provided at time of booking.
- This service will operate to/from the tour coach changeover point designated by the company.
- Any attempt to re-arrange taxis direct with our appointed taxi company or taxi driver will nullify our provision of the service and render the client liable for the full fare.
- No responsibility will be accepted for errors caused by such re-arrangement.
- For bookings made within 14 days of departure, this service is subject to availability, please check when booking. If this service is not available, it is the customer's responsibility to arrange transport to the designated coach changeover point at their own expense.
- This service does not apply to holidays less than 5 days in duration, special offers advertised outside this brochure and Supersaver Direct branded holidays.
- On your return, it is important that you show the taxi driver your voucher and ensure he is prepared to accept it for carriage. Should you board a taxi other than the one intended, eddie brown tours will not be liable for the taxi payment.
- Vouchers for this service will be posted to the address supplied approx 5 days prior to departure. If you forget your vouchers, you will be asked to pay for the service by the driver and this CANNOT be reclaimed from us. Vouchers are not always necessary for services operated by our own fleet of 7-seaters.

If you live outside of these areas, please ask for availability and prices from your home to the tour coach.

Your Holiday Insurance

Choosing the right travel insurance is an essential part of your holiday plans. That is why we have arranged a comprehensive travel insurance policy at a great price with the travel insurance specialists Travel & General Insurance Company plc. Your premiums should be added to your deposit when booking your holiday.

The schedule of the cover below sets out a summary of the cover provided by our tailored insurance. The cover is underwritten by Travel & General Insurance Company plc. Eddie Brown Tours is an Appointed Representative of Travel & General Insurance Company plc. All companies are authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority, full details can be found at www.fsa.gov.uk

Single trip policy – Schedule of cover

Section	Sum insured per person	Excess per person
Cancellation and curtailment	Up to £1,500 UK Up to £3,500 Europe and Channel Isles	£50** £50**
Emergency medical expenses and repatriation (Not UK)	Up to £5,000,000	£50
Hospital benefit (Not UK)	£20 for each 24 hour period to a maximum of £500	Nil
Remains repatriation	Up to £3,000	£50
Relative support expenses	£750	£50
Emergency assistance in the UK	Up to £2,000	£50
Repatriation in the UK	Up to £300	£50
Personal accident	Up to £15,000 (age limit applies)	Nil
Travel delay	Up to £60	Nil
Abandonment	Up to £1,500 UK/Up to £3,500	£50
Missed departure	Up to £600	£50
Missed connection	Up to £600	£50
Personal possessions	Up to £1,500	£50
Delay baggage (after 12 hours)	Up to £100	£50
Travel documents	Up to £200	£50
Personal money	Up to £200	£50
Personal liability	Up to £2,000,000	£50
** Loss of Deposit excess £10		

Medical Conditions

In common with all travel insurance, our policy requires that if you, or anyone your trip relies upon, have a pre-existing medical condition, even if your doctor has given you clearance to travel, you must inform Health Check. Health Check can assist Eddie Brown Tours holidaymakers by tailoring your policy to suit your needs. Depending on pre-existing conditions an additional premium may be payable.

Lines are open Mon-Fri 9am-5.30pm;
Saturday 9am-1pm

Failure to do so may result in your claim being declined.

If in doubt call Health Check
on 0845 408 0585

Our 24 hour Medical Emergency Assistance Company, Global Response, is on hand to ensure your safe return home should you be outside the UK.

There is a no quibble 14-day money back guarantee on your insurance premium, meaning that should you get home and read the policy and feel that it is not appropriate, you are eligible to claim back the premium you have paid. Should you have your own travel insurance that is not with Eddie Brown Tours you will be required to show proof of this and complete an Insurance Disclaimer Form.

JOINING POINTS

Tours 4 Days or Less

ACOMB	York Road, opp Police Station
BOROUGHBRIDGE	Cemetery Gates
EASINGWOLD	Opposite Co-op, Long Street
HARROGATE-KINGS RD	Old Post Office
HARROGATE	Montpellier Stand
HARROGATE-KNARESBORO RD	Harrow Pub
HARROGATE	Skipton Road/Junction Norwich Drive
HARROGATE	Devonshire Place
HAXBY	Memorial Hall
HELPERBY	Oak Tree Corner
HEWORTH	Memorial Church Hall
HUNTINGTON	Opposite Sessions
KILLINGHALL	Opp Otley Road Church
KNARESBOROUGH	York Place Coach Park
NEW EARSWICK	Outside the Shops
RIPLEY	Village Bus Stop
RIPON	Coach Park /Bus Station
SKELTON	The Blacksmiths Pub
SPOFFORTH	The Castle Pub
STARBECK	Methodist Chapel
TADCASTER	Bus Station
TOLLERTON	The Village Shop
THIRSK	Millgate Coach Park
WETHERBY	Wetherby Whaler
WIGGINTON	The Pond
YORK	Clarence Street Coach Park
	Kent Street Coach Park
	Blossom Street
	Melrosegate

The tour coach does not cover all pick-ups and feeder coaches will be used. We aim to keep your pick-up transfer time to a maximum of 1 ¼ hours when possible.

Additional Pick-up Points on Tours 5 Days & Over

For those passengers living outside our '10 Mile' radius for free Door to Door travel, taxi supplements are available from the following areas;

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|-------------------|-------------------------|
| • ILKLEY | NORTH LEEDS AREA |
| • KIRKBYMOORSIDE | • LS5 |
| • MALTON | • LS15 |
| • MARKET WEIGHTON | • LS18 |
| • MASHAM | • LS19 |
| • NORTHALLERTON | • LS20 |
| • PICKERING | • LS29 |
| • SCARBOROUGH | |
| • SELBY | |
| • SKIPTON | |
| • THIRSK | |

Please contact us for a price and availability from your home to the tour coach.

FREE

Door to Door Travel

For pick-up points on all tours 5 days or more, we offer FREE home pick-up service if within our specified '10 Mile' radius of York, Wetherby and Harrogate.

(For full details, see page 63)

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	Acomb Travel
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	Co-op Travel
	Royal Baths TIC
	Manns Newsagents
HAXBY	Conexo Travel
HESLINGTON	Post Office
HEWORTH	Post Office
HUNTINGTON	Post Office
ILKLEY	Travelwise
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	Castle Courtyard TIC
LEEDS	Oakwood Travel
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MALTON	Co-op Travel
	Hays Travel
NEW EARSWICK	Post Office
NORTHALLERTON	Co-op Travel
NORTON	Directions Travel
OTLEY	Waye & Son Travel
PICKERING	Hays Travel
POCKLINGTON	Hays Travel
RIPON	Hays Travel
SCARBOROUGH	Co-op Travel
SKELTON	Costcutter
STAMFORD BRIDGE	Post Office
STARBECK	Post Office
TADCASTER	Woodlands Post Office
TOLLERTON	Village Shop
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Trading Charter

EDDIE BROWN TOURS LTD – TRADING CHARTER

Eddie Brown Tours Ltd of Unit 370, Thorp Arch Estate, Wetherby – OUR TRADING CHARTER WITH YOU. This Charter applies to all holidays within this brochure and any subsequent leaflets issued during 2011.

1. WHY SHOULD I READ THIS PAGE?

Because it is very important. Our Trading Charter forms a key part of our agreement with you and forms the basis of a legally binding contract between you as the lead name making the booking, anyone else in your party and us. When you make this booking as the lead name you undertake that you have the authority to accept, and do accept, on behalf of your party the terms of these booking conditions. This contract is made subject to the terms of these booking conditions, which are governed by English Law, and the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts and is accepted by the signing of our booking form. If your holiday involves any travel by air your contract will be with an ATOL Licence Holder, see relevant brochure pages for ATOL details. These contract terms and financial guarantees will not apply to any holiday involving any type of flight. Instead, you will be supplied with the full booking conditions of the ATOL holder arranging your holiday. Our Head Office will give you a copy on request prior to booking your holiday from Unit 370, Thorp Arch Estate, Wetherby, LS23 7EG.

If you did not see this Trading Charter before you made your booking and you are not happy to proceed with the booking now that you have seen it, please return all documentation to us or the agent through whom you booked within 7 days of receiving this charter. Your booking will then be cancelled and your monies returned in full, provided you have not commenced your travel.

2. HOW AND WHEN DO I MAKE THIS CONTRACT WITH YOU?

We welcome you making contact with us in a number of ways. You can write to us, telephone or email us. Whichever way you contact us the contract is made when you complete and sign an eddie brown tours Group booking form, your booking is entered on to our reservation system and we issue a confirmation of booking. We will send you the confirmation of your booking within 7 working days. Please check this confirmation very carefully to ensure all the information is correct and tell us immediately of any errors.

3. HOW IS MY HOLIDAY MONEY PROTECTED?

We subscribe to the Code of Conduct of the Bonded Coach Holidays Group ("BCHG") of the Confederation of Passenger Transport UK. BCHG requires a bond to be taken out to provide protection for your holiday money in the unlikely event that a Member cannot, for financial reasons, carry out their obligations to their passengers. BCHG Consumer Guarantee

The Bonded Coach Holiday Group guarantees to bona fide customers that in the event of failure of a bona fide Member, it will:

- (1) Wherever possible, arrange for a holiday or tour to be completed;
- (2) Where failure occurs after a holiday has begun, arrange for customers to be returned by an appropriate means of transport to their UK area of departure;
- (3) If the holiday or tour cannot be completed as planned, the reimbursement of payments made by the customer to the BCHG Member.

4. WHEN DO I NEED TO PAY FOR MY HOLIDAY AND HOW MUCH?

At the time of booking you will need to pay a deposit for each person named on the booking. The balance must be paid by the date printed on your booking confirmation. If you book within our balance due period you will need to pay the total holiday cost at the time of your booking. If you do not pay the outstanding balance for your holiday on or before the date when it is due we may cancel your booking and you will be required to pay the cancellation charges detailed in point 10. The date of cancellation will normally be the date you confirm in writing that you intend to cancel or 15 days after the balance due date, whichever comes first.

Deposit – £70.00 per person (Coach Holidays) £100.00 per person (Theatre Breaks) minimum £150.00 per person (Air/Cruise Holidays)

Your balance is due 10 weeks (Air/Cruise Holidays) or 6 weeks (Coach Holidays) prior to departure. The balance due date is shown at the foot of your confirmation. No reminders are sent, you will then be contacted by telephone if this balance is not received.

Where optional items are purchased as part of the tour package these are payable on the balance due date except where items, such as theatre tickets, have been specifically purchased for you. In this case the cost will be payable at a separate date notified to you and will not normally be refundable unless we obtain a refund from the supplier we use.

5. IF I USE AN AGENT WHO DOES MY MONEY BELONG TO?

Your agent will hold your deposit on your behalf until we issue a confirmation of your booking. The agent then holds this money on our behalf. The agent holds the balance you pay on our behalf until the date the balance is due. The agent will then forward to us.

6. CAN YOU CHANGE THE PRICE OF MY HOLIDAY AFTER YOU HAVE ISSUED THE BOOKING CONFIRMATION?

Yes we can, but only in very limited circumstances. The price of your holiday is subject to change for an increase or decrease in any of the following costs:-

- Transportation costs including fuel (including fuel tax), ferry operator fares and tolls, embarkation or disembarkation fees at terminals.
- Exchange rates applied to the particular holiday booked.
- Dues and taxes (including the rate of VAT).

In the case of any small variation, an amount equivalent to 2% of the holiday price, which excludes insurance premiums and any amendment charges, will be absorbed or retained. For larger variations, this 2% will still be absorbed for increases, but not retained from refunds. In either case, there will be an amount to cover agents commission. If this means that you have to pay an increase of more than 10% of the price of your holiday, you may cancel it and receive a full refund of all monies paid, except for any amendment charges. We will consider an appropriate refund of insurance premiums paid if you can show that you are unable to transfer or reuse your policy. Should you decide to cancel for this reason,

you must exercise your right to do so within 14 days from the issue date printed on your final invoice. Alternatively, you may prefer to take a comparable alternative holiday of equivalent or superior quality, if available, or an alternative holiday of lower quality, if available. You may then transfer payment made in respect of the original holiday to the alternative holiday. If the cost of the alternative holiday is less than the original holiday, the difference in price will be refunded. Please note that travel arrangements are not always purchased in local currency and some apparent changes have no impact on the price of your holiday due to contractual and other protection in place.

In addition to sterling we use the following currencies in calculating our holiday prices. Below are the equivalent exchange rates to £1 sterling from the Traveler Corporation dated 12 November 2010.

Country Exchange Rates Used

Croatia	Kuna	8.06
Euro	€	1.14
Norway	Krone	9.03
Poland	Zloty	4.22
Switzerland	Franc	1.51

7. MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS

It is necessary for there to be a minimum number of 25 passengers in order to operate a tour. If this minimum number is not achieved before the balance due date the tour could be cancelled or surcharged to make up the shortfall. In such circumstances we therefore may have to cancel your holiday. If this should occur we will return to you all the monies you have paid to us for that holiday or offer you a suitable alternative. However, we will not cancel your holiday;

- A) Immediately prior to the departure date unless you have not paid for your holiday in full.
- B) After the balance due date, except in unforeseen circumstances as a result of hostilities, political unrest or other circumstances amounting to 'force majeure' (war, threat of war, civil strife, natural disasters, fire, bad weather, technical problems to transport, the closure of airports or ports, terrorist activity, industrial action). If we have to cancel your holiday at any time, eddie brown tours Group is liable only for any monies you may have paid to us at the time of the cancellation.

8. CAN I CHANGE MY HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS?

After we have issued our booking confirmation we will do our best to accommodate any changes you may want to make but we cannot guarantee to do so. Any changes must be notified to us in writing and signed by the person who signed the booking form. If we are able to make the changes an amendment fee of £25.00 per booking confirmation will be payable plus any additional charge for the facilities requested. Any significant alteration after the balance due date will be treated as a cancellation of the original booking and will be subject to the cancellation charges detailed below. A significant alteration would include a change of departure date, holiday or hotel, or number of people travelling.

9. CAN I TRANSFER MY BOOKING TO SOMEONE ELSE?

You can transfer your booking to someone else provided you give us reasonable notice. This person must be able to satisfy all the conditions for the holiday and a change cannot normally be made later than fourteen days prior to departure. We will make an administration charge of £25.00 per person for every transfer we make plus any reasonable additional costs caused by the transfer. You will remain responsible for ensuring that the holiday is paid for by the balance due date. Insurance premiums CANNOT be transferred.

10. HOW CAN I CANCEL MY HOLIDAY?

You, or any member of your party, may cancel at any time provided that the cancellation is made by the person who signed the booking form and is communicated to us in writing via the office at which you made your original booking. You will have to pay cancellation charges set out in the scale below to cover our estimated loss resulting from the cancellation. If you are insured against cancellation you may be able to recover the charges from your insurers. Your cancellation will take effect from the date when either the travel agent or we receive your written confirmation of your cancellation. You must also return any tickets or vouchers that you have received. A reduction in room occupancy may increase the charges for the remaining passengers by the application of supplements for low occupancy of rooms.

Scale of Cancellation Charges

Period before departure within which written cancellation is required

Amount of cancellation charge shown as % of holiday price

COACH HOLIDAYS

More than 42 days	Deposit
42-29 days	50%
28-15 days	70%
14 days – departure date (or later including voluntary termination whilst on holiday)	100%

AIR TOURS

More than 56 days	Deposit
56-43 days	30%
42-29 days	60%
28-7 days	90%
6 days – departure date (or later including voluntary termination whilst on holiday)	100%

11. WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU CHANGE MY HOLIDAY?

The arrangements for your holiday will usually have been made many months in advance. Sometimes changes are unavoidable and we reserve the right to make them. Most of these changes are likely to be minor and we will do our best to keep you informed. We will tell you before your booking is confirmed if there have been any changes since the brochure was published. If, after booking and before departure, we

make a significant change to your holiday you will have the option of withdrawing from the holiday without penalty or alternatively you may transfer to another holiday without paying an administration fee. In either case we will pay you compensation according to the scale set out below. A significant change would involve a change in departure date or time by more than 12 hours, departure point, location of resort or quality of hotel, (excluding single overnight hotels on touring holidays). On all of our holidays we reserve the right to use either a ferry or Channel Tunnel crossing for the journey between England and France.

If you withdraw from the holiday because we have made a significant change or if we have to cancel your holiday for any reason other than non-payment by you we will offer you the choice of:

- A comparable replacement holiday if available; or a replacement holiday of lower quality together with a refund of the price difference;
- or
- A full refund of the money you have paid, to include any insurance premiums if these cannot be transferred or re-used.

When we have notified you of the changes and options available, you must tell us your decision as soon as possible and within any timescale we may need to set bearing in mind the need to safeguard the holiday arrangements of other customers.

Scale of Compensation

We will pay you compensation for significant changes on the following scale:

Period before departure in which significant change is notified to you or your agent

	Amount per person	
	5 Days or More	Tours up to 5 Days
Over 42 days	Nil	Nil
25 to 41 days	£10	Nil
15 to 24 days	£15	£7
8 to 14 days	£20	£10
0 to 7 days	£25	£15

Payment of compensation according to the scale set out above will not affect your statutory right to claim further compensation if, in all the circumstances, you remain dissatisfied. If, prior to departure, we make a significant change to your holiday arrangements or cancel your holiday we will pay you compensation on the above scale unless;

- A) The package is cancelled because the number of persons who agreed to take it is less than the minimum number required, and you were informed of the cancellation in writing within the period indicated in the description of the package.
- B) The package is cancelled by reason of unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control (e.g. war, terrorist activity, fire, health risks, port closures, adverse weather etc), the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all due care had been exercised.

If, after departure, we need to make a change to a significant proportion of your holiday we will do our best to make suitable alternative arrangements at no extra cost to you. If it proves impossible to make suitable alternative arrangements or if you have reasonable grounds for refusing the alternative offered, we will arrange transport back to your point of departure or to an alternative location that we agree to.

12. WHAT IS THE EXTENT OF YOUR LIABILITY?

We accept responsibility if you or any member of your party is killed or injured as a result of an activity forming part of your holiday arrangements which you booked with us before your departure; or if any part of your holiday arrangements, booked with us in the UK, is not as described in the brochure or not of a reasonable standard; if the failure in your holiday arrangements or any death or personal injury is due to any fault on our part or that of our agents or suppliers whilst acting in the course of their employment. We do not accept responsibility if the failure, death or personal injury is not caused by any fault of ours or of our agents or suppliers or is caused by you or someone not connected with your holiday arrangements; or if the failure, death or personal injury is due to unusual or unforeseen circumstances which, even with all due care, we, our agents or suppliers, could not have anticipated or avoided. Where you, or any member of your party, participate in sports or any other activity that involves an element of risk whilst on holiday and this has been arranged completely independently of eddie brown tours Group it should be understood that participation is at the individual's own risk and it is their own responsibility to obtain the relevant insurance. For claims which do not involve personal injury, illness or death, the most we will have to pay if we are liable to you is twice the price the person affected paid for their holiday (not including insurance premium and amendment charges). We will only have to pay this maximum amount if everything has gone wrong and you have received no benefit from your holiday. The eddie brown tours Group does not accept any liability for any changes or delays to any form of transportation where this does not form any part of the holiday you have booked with us. If you or any member of your party is killed, injured or becomes ill as a result of transport by ship, train or coach, any liability which we may have to pay compensation is limited in line with the Athens Convention (applies to transport by ship), the Berne Convention (applies to transport by rail) and the Geneva Convention (applies to transport by road). You can get copies of the relevant conventions from us if you ask. You should also note that these conventions may limit or remove the carrier's liability to you and the amount which the carrier has to pay you.

If we make any payment to you or any member of your party for death, personal injury or illness, you will be asked to assign to us or our insurers the rights you may have to take action against the person or organisation responsible for causing the death, personal injury or illness. Our suppliers (such as accommodation or transport providers) have their own booking conditions or conditions of carriage, and these conditions are binding between you and the supplier. Some of these conditions may limit or remove the relevant transport provider's or other supplier's liability to you. You can get copies of such conditions from our offices, or the offices of the relevant supplier.

13. WHAT DO I NEED TO DO IF I HAVE TO COMPLAIN?

If you have a complaint during your holiday you should tell the driver/representative or supplier at the earliest opportunity so that they can do their utmost to resolve the problem immediately. If they are

unable to resolve the problem to your satisfaction you should complete a Complaint Form which is available from the driver/representative. You will be given a copy of this report which you should keep. If, on your return from holiday, you remain dissatisfied you should write within 28 days to Head Office, Unit 370, Thorp Arch Estate, Wetherby, LS23 7EG.

In your letter you will need to quote your booking reference number, holiday name, departure date and the number of the Complaint Form which you completed at the time. If you do not tell us at the earliest opportunity about a problem giving rise to your complaint we cannot take steps to investigate and rectify it. In deciding how to respond to your complaint we will take into account the date you first drew the problem to the attention of our driver/representative or supplier.

14. IF I DO NOT AGREE WITH YOUR DECISION CAN I REQUEST ARBITRATION?

Yes you can. If we cannot resolve your complaint amicably you may request that the dispute is referred to an independent arbitration scheme established by the Confederation of Passenger Transport UK (CPT). Full details of this scheme will be provided on request or you can obtain a copy from BCHG, Imperial House, 15-19 Kingsway, London WC2A 6UN. This arbitration scheme provides a simple and inexpensive method of arbitration on documents alone with restricted liability on the customer in respect of costs. This scheme does not apply to claims for an amount greater than £1500 per person. There is also a limit of £7500 per booking. Normally there is a time limit of 9 months from the date of return from your holiday within which to request arbitration but in exceptional circumstances the scheme can be used beyond this date. This scheme does not apply to claims that arise mainly in respect of physical injury or illness or the consequences of any illness or injury.

15. CHILDREN'S REDUCTION

On all UK centred holidays and some foreign holidays % reductions are available for children aged between 4 and 12 providing the child shares a room with 2 full fare paying passengers. Please enquire at time of booking.

16. COACH SEATING

Requests for particular seats can be made on most holidays when booking but because allocations are made on a first come, first served basis you are recommended to book early. When your booking is confirmed you will be offered the best seats that are available at that time. If you know someone who may want to book later but sit near you please discuss this with the booking clerk at the time you make your booking.

There is a seating plan of the coach for each holiday, but it is possible that on occasions operational reasons will require a coach with a different configuration to be used. We therefore reserve the right to alter a coach-seating plan and allocate seats other than those you have booked. Specific seats will not be allocated on coaches which operate on feeder services between joining points and main holiday departure points, on coaches which carry out transfers to and from seaports or on Eddie Brown Tours Ltd connecting services. All tour coaches for holidays of 3 days or more will have reclining seats, toilet, drinks machine and air-conditioning. Tours with coach transfers only (e.g. to ports, airports, docks etc) where the coach does not travel with the group will be our standard vehicles.

17. HEALTH & SAFETY ON HOLIDAY

In some foreign countries, standards of infrastructure, safety and hygiene may be lower than those to which we are accustomed in the UK. You should therefore exercise greater care for your own protection. Further information can be obtained from your GP who can provide you with the leaflet "Health Advice for Travellers" published by the Department of Health. Some people may be at risk from discomfort or deep vein thrombosis (DVT) if they remain immobile on a journey for a long period of time. If you are planning to undertake a bus or coach journey of more than 3 hours you should consult your doctor if you have ever had DVT or pulmonary embolism, a family history of clotting conditions, cancer or treatment for cancer, a stroke, heart or lung disease or if you have had major surgery in the past 3 months. We reserve the right to refuse any booking in the absence of a doctor's certificate confirming that you are fit to travel. During the journey we will provide comfort stops as frequently as possible. During these stops you are encouraged to get off the coach and walk around. Exercise reduces any discomfort which may be caused by periods of immobility. During any journey you should drink alcohol only in moderation as it leads to dehydration.

18. PASSENGER BEHAVIOUR

We want all our customers to have a happy and carefree holiday. But you must remember that you are responsible for your behaviour and the effect it may have on others. If you or any member of your party is abusive or disruptive or behaves in a way which, in our reasonable opinion, could cause damage or injury to others or affect their enjoyment of their holiday, or which could damage property, we have the right, after reasonable consideration, to terminate your contract with us. If this happens we will have no further obligations or liability to you. The coach driver/representative, ship's captain, or authorised official of other means of transport is entitled to refuse you boarding if in their reasonable opinion you are unacceptably under the influence of drink or drugs or you are being violent or disruptive. If you are refused boarding on the outward journey we will regard it as a cancellation by you and we will apply cancellation charges according to the scale in section 10. If the refusal is on the return journey we have the right to terminate the contract and will have no further obligations or liability to you.

19. NO SMOKING POLICY

We operate a strict no smoking policy on all our coaches used for brochure tours throughout the world. We make frequent comfort stops.

20. PETS

We do not allow pets to be taken on our holidays. Registered Assistance Dogs will normally be accommodated on UK holidays but not on overseas holidays.

21. PICK UP POINT, ITINERARIES, TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND PASSPORT

You are responsible for ensuring that you are at the correct departure point, at the correct time, with the correct documents and you cannot be held liable for any loss or expense suffered by you or your party because of an incorrect passport or late arrival at the departure point. If you are a British citizen travelling outside the United Kingdom

you must have a full UK passport valid for a minimum of three months after your scheduled date of return. Non-UK citizens must seek passport and visa advice from the consulates of the countries you plan to visit prior to making a booking for one of our holidays. The name on the passport must match the name on the ticket. If someone in your party changes name after the booking is made you must tell us immediately so that we can issue the ticket in the new name. When you have paid the balance we will send you all the necessary labels so that you receive them in good time for your holiday. Pick up times will be sent 5 days prior to departure. Certain travel documents may have to be retained by us and your driver/courier will then issue them to you at the relevant time. If you lose a travel document after it has been issued to you we will require you to meet the direct cost charged by the carrier/supplier for the issue of a duplicate or replacement. Eddie Brown Tours Ltd reserve the right to modify itineraries to conform with requests from the competent authorities in the United Kingdom and any other sovereign state through which the tour will operate. Included excursions are detailed on the relevant brochure page and refunds will not be made for any excursion not taken. All visits and excursions are carefully planned ahead of time. Should one have to be omitted or changed, this will be done on local advice or as a result of unforeseen problems. In this instance, we cannot be held responsible and no compensation can be claimed. We will of course endeavour to substitute a similar product/resort/route. Optional excursions may be booked and paid for in resort but these will not form part of the package booked with us. Admission fees to buildings, grounds etc. are included in the price of the holiday and are listed in the Price Includes section of each tour. Any visits not shown in this panel are NOT included and must be paid by the individual.

22. WHAT HAPPENS IF I AM DELAYED?

Your travel insurance may cover you for some delays. In addition where you are delayed for more than six hours in any one day we will seek to minimise any discomfort and where possible, arrange for refreshments and meals.

23. DO I NEED TO TAKE OUT TRAVEL INSURANCE?

It is strongly recommended that all our customers take out travel insurance to cover medical and repatriation costs, personal injury, loss of baggage and cancellation charges. You do not need to take out OUR travel insurance but you should have insurance, which is at least as good or better than the insurance we offer. Insurance cover is mandatory for all European/Worldwide holidays. If you do not have adequate insurance and require our assistance whilst on holiday, we reserve the right to reclaim from you any medical repatriation or other expenses which we may incur on your behalf which would otherwise have been met by insurers. If you do not advise us at the time of booking that you do not want to take out our insurance, we will automatically add the premiums for our recommended insurance to your holiday price.

24. WHAT ASSISTANCE WILL YOU GIVE ME IF THINGS GO WRONG WHEN IT IS NOT YOUR FAULT?

If you, or any member of your party, suffer death, illness or injury whilst overseas arising out of an activity which does not form part of your package travel arrangements or an excursion arranged through us in the UK, we shall at our discretion, offer advice, guidance and assistance. Where legal action is contemplated and you want our assistance, you must obtain our written consent prior to commencement of proceedings. Our consent will be given subject to you undertaking to assign any costs, benefits received under any relevant insurance policy to ourselves. We limit the cost of our assistance to you and any member of your party to £5000 per party.

25. SPECIAL NEEDS

Unfortunately, many hotels overseas do not provide adequate facilities for guests with mobility problems or who suffer from other disabilities. But whether you are planning a holiday overseas or in the UK, please notify us before you book if you or any member of your party has special needs or suffers from any disability. We are keen to plan arrangements for your holiday so that special needs and requests can be accommodated as far as possible. If you will need assistance or special facilities in the hotel, or may have difficulties in taking part in excursions or boarding and travelling on the coach or other means of transport you must let us know in advance. Not all the holidays in this brochure may be suitable for you. We want you to enjoy your holiday and will try to help you select an appropriate trip. If you need advice or further information you should contact our Head Office on 01423 321246.

26. SPECIAL DIETARY REQUESTS

If you will require a special diet please tell us before booking, or as soon as you are medically advised, and send us a copy of the diet. We will notify the hotel or hotels on your holiday but please note that some hotels may not have facilities to cope with special diets and we cannot be held liable for their failure to do so. Where we think this is likely to happen we will tell you prior to your booking confirmation being issued so that you can exercise your right to cancel your holiday booking without charge. Any extra costs incurred must be paid to the hotel by you prior to departure from the hotel. We cannot guarantee hoteliers compliance with your requests.

27. SPECIAL ROOM REQUESTS

You should detail any other requests, for example, low floor rooms, particular rooms or locations on the special requests section of the booking form. We will pass your request to the relevant supplier but this does not necessarily mean that your request will be fulfilled and we cannot be held responsible for any discrepancies for requests we pass onto hoteliers on your behalf. If a request can be fulfilled you may incur an extra charge payable either to us or direct to the hotel. Please note that requests cannot be guaranteed unless we confirm on your booking confirmation that this is a guaranteed requirement and a charge for this guarantee may be made.

28. SINGLE OCCUPANCY

Single occupancy of rooms when available may be subject to a supplementary charge and this will be shown on the brochure page.

29. ENTERTAINMENT

Some of our hotels arrange additional entertainment. Where this is part of the holiday details are given on the respective brochure page. Where it is not specified it may still be available but is at the discretion of the hotel and is not guaranteed. It may be withdrawn if there is a lack of demand or for operational reasons.

30. AMENITIES

Please remember that some amenities (e.g. hotel lifts, swimming pools etc) require servicing and cleaning and may not therefore be available at all times. Some services may be affected by weather conditions and their availability is entirely at the discretion of the provider of the service. Some excursion itineraries include the use of ferries and other forms of transport which can be affected by inclement weather and may be cancelled or arrangements changed. Whenever possible a suitable alternative excursion will be offered.

31. DATA PROTECTION ACT

In order to process your booking and to ensure that your travel arrangements run smoothly and meet your requirements we, and your travel agent, need to use the information you provide such as name, address, any special needs/dietary requirements etc. We take full responsibility for ensuring that proper measures are in place to protect your information. We must pass the information on to the relevant suppliers of your travel arrangements such as hotels, transport companies etc. The information may also be supplied to security or credit checking companies, public authorities such as customs/immigration if required by them, or as required by law. Additionally, where your holiday is outside the European Economic Area (EEA), controls on data protection in your destination may not be as strong as the legal requirements in this country. We will not, however, pass information on to any person not responsible for part of your travel arrangements. This applies to any sensitive information that you give to us such as details of any disabilities or dietary/religious requirements. If we cannot pass this information to the relevant suppliers, whether in the EEA or not, we cannot provide your booking. In making this booking, you consent to this information being passed on to the relevant persons. Please note that where information is held by your travel agent, this is subject to your agent's own data protection policy. Your data controller is Any Tour Manager at our Head Office. You are entitled to a copy of your information held by us. If you would like to see this, please contact us. We retain your full contact details and other information in secure files and electronic storage facilities. We may use this information to contact you by mail, telephone or electronic means. We will provide you with details of other goods and services including those of selected third parties. If you do not wish to receive the further information about products and services please write to the data controller.

HOLIDAY INFORMATION (NOT PART OF CONTRACT)

1. HOTEL STAR/SUN RATINGS

These vary considerably – an AA 2 star Rating in the UK could be better than a German 3 star equivalent. We quote the Star or Jersey Sun ratings as published by the hotels. If the hotel is a chain hotel with no star rating, we have used the word 'standard' to advise clients the hotel is alike a 3 star standard for example. We cannot be held responsible for them not coming up to your perceived standards.

2. LUGGAGE

We ask you to keep luggage down to 1 medium sized suitcase (max 20kgs) per person, but a small hold-all can also be taken on board the coach on British tours. Excess luggage will only be taken if coach space permits – otherwise you may have to have excess luggage around your feet. Each item must have a luggage label attached. All baggage and personal belongings are carried at owners risk and the company will not accept any responsibility for loss or damage except where such loss or damage is caused by the proven negligence of the company's employees. May we draw your attention to the fact that soft suitcases are more susceptible to damage without any negligence on the part of our staff. On Continental tours 1 small overnight bag per person is also recommended in addition to the luggage allowance above.

3. EXTRAS

Most hotels are able to supply you with the following: newspapers, morning/afternoon teas, bar snacks and beverages, some rooms also have fridges with alcoholic contents, telephones, bedroom Video Channel, all these are extras and are to be paid for by the individual before leaving the hotel, possibly at the same time as you hand in your key.

4. EMERGENCY 24 HOUR PHONE NUMBER

Emergency use only, please call 01423 321240 for details of our on-call duty manager or 07736 692702. Calls other than emergencies will NOT be dealt with.

5. COACH SEATING

All seat numbers are allocated at the discretion of eddie brown tours Group. We reserve the right to alter seat numbers allocated as and when necessary.

6. ASSISTANCE & MOBILITY

Due to Health and Safety Laws, please note that our drivers/escorts and other ancillary staff are not permitted to assist passengers on or off coaches, boats, trains, etc. featured in the tour itineraries. Further more some local visits, such as gardens, require a certain amount of walking and are not suitable for those with mobility problems.

7. INFECTIOUS OR CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

Due to Health & Safety Laws, we cannot carry passengers who have an infectious or contagious medical condition which may result in a hotel refusing accommodation to the passenger concerned. If you have suffered from such a problem within 14 days of travel, please advise us and supply a doctor's confirmation that you are no longer contagious. We reserve the right to terminate your holiday as a result of such a medical condition if required and in such circumstances we are unable to offer refunds.

8. AIR & CRUISE HOLIDAYS

As we act as Retail Agents for our UK & Worldwide air and cruise holidays, these tours must be booked direct with our Head Office travel centre and not via any of our appointed booking agents.

9. UK VAT RATES

All UK holidays are costed at the revised 2011 VAT rate of 20%.

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Booking Form

TOUR DATE **TOUR DESTINATION**

LEAD PASSENGER – To which all correspondence/Travel Documents will be sent

TITLE **NAME** – include full christian name/s as it appears on your birth certificate

ADDRESS

POST CODE

EMAIL

TELEPHONE NO.

NEXT OF KIN (Name & Tel No)

TO BE COMPLETED BY EACH PERSON TRAVELLING

TITLE	NAME – include full christian name/s as it appears on your birth certificate	ADDRESS	DATE OF BIRTH (Air/Cruise Only)	REQUESTS – NOT guaranteed – see terms and conditions	INSURANCE* Delete as required
					Yes/No
					Yes/No
					Yes/No
					Yes/No

* INSURANCE – If insurance is required, please include correct premium with deposit. If you do not wish to take our insurance, you MUST give details of alternative policy below.

NAME OF INSURER

POLICY NO.

COACH SEATING PREFERENCE

PICK-UP POINTS

Do you wish to use our Door-to-Door Service (as per conditions)? **Yes/No**

Alternative point is:

ROOM TYPE SINGLE / DOUBLE / TWIN / TRIPLE

FERRY ACCOMMODATION INSIDE CABIN / WINDOW CABIN

DEPOSITS

£70 per person General UK & European, £100 per person Theatre Breaks, minimum £150 per person Air & Cruise Holidays

PAYMENT DETAILS

Number of persons Cost Total Cost

Deposit/Full Balance (if paying less than 6 weeks prior)

..... @ £

Insurance

..... @ £

Total Enclosed

..... £



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Card No.

Expiry Date: _____ Issue No: _____

Start Date: _____ Sec Code: _____

Exact Name on Card: _____ Cardholder's Signature: _____

I hereby accept the booking conditions laid down in this brochure and understand the Complaints Procedure and the special information regarding infectious diseases. I have also read and accept the conditions applicable to the Insurance Cover. I declare to the best of my knowledge that no material information, in respect of the above members of my party, has been withheld. Copies of Booking Terms and Conditions are available – Please ask for a copy.

SIGNATURE

DATE

Travel Club Member

Yes No

Please return completed form and payment to our office below or any of our appointed agents.

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