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A very warm welcome to our 2026 Holiday Brochure

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It gives us great pleasure to introduce to you our holiday brochure for 2026.

Discover our hand-picked selection of holidays showcasing the very best of what the UK and Ireland has to offer with a small selection of fabulous European destinations too-from picture perfect seaside favourites, world heritage sites and magical hidden gems, you will find the very best of British heritage and culture along with a fantastic range of events and themed breaks, from the glorious floral treats of Cornish Gardens to the spectacular Scottish Highlands and everything in between, wherever you choose, you can look forward to making so many special memories. Great service, top class hotels and inspiring itineraries are all synonymous with what we do and you will sense this from the moment we collect you from your close to home pick-up point and you board one of our modern coaches with their striking design and luxurious interior finish. With over 100 years of service, we believe we know what makes a great holiday: Friendly service, ease of booking, Quality, Comfort and Relaxation - all of which we offer you in abundance!

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- ✓ All coach travel and excursions included in the cost of the tour
- ✓ All admission fees & excursions as specified per itinerary
- ✓ Friendly and experienced drivers
- ✓ Direct coach travel without feeders or coach interchanges
- ✓ No overnight land travel
- ✓ Air-conditioned, luxury tour coaches with toilets
- ✓ Coach seat selection
- ✓ Reclining airline style seats with seat belts
- ✓ All non-smoking
- ✓ Carefully selected quality hotels
- ✓ Private facilities in every room
- ✓ Financial security

Insurance

Holiday insurance not only covers injury or illness but also protects you against having to cancel your holiday, losing your luggage or money, or having your holiday departure delayed. We strongly recommend that you insure for all your holidays.

Tour Excursions

Excursions which are included in the cost of your booking are detailed on the brochure page. As we plan these holidays many months in advance, we do aim to adhere as closely as possible to the planned itinerary. Occasionally this may need to be amended due to availability and unforeseen circumstances.

Experience Tours

This new edition to our tour programme will include a special attraction or experience, for instance an added afternoon tea, a guided behind the scenes tour, a private attraction visit or a demonstration. We also include guaranteed hotel quality & service.



**EXPERIENCE
TOUR**

2027 Holiday Brochure Launch

Join us for the launch of our 2027 Holiday Brochure on **Monday 2nd November 2026** at our premises in High Easter. Whilst here take time to browse the many holiday choices we have on offer for 2027 and enjoy a complimentary cup of tea and slice of cake. Our members of staff will be available to help with any information you may need and there will be wall mounted displays of the holidays we have on offer.

Free coach travel will be available to High Easter (from Chelmsford area only). To reserve a seat please telephone us on **01245 231262**. If you prefer to travel by car, free parking will be available. Booking is essential.

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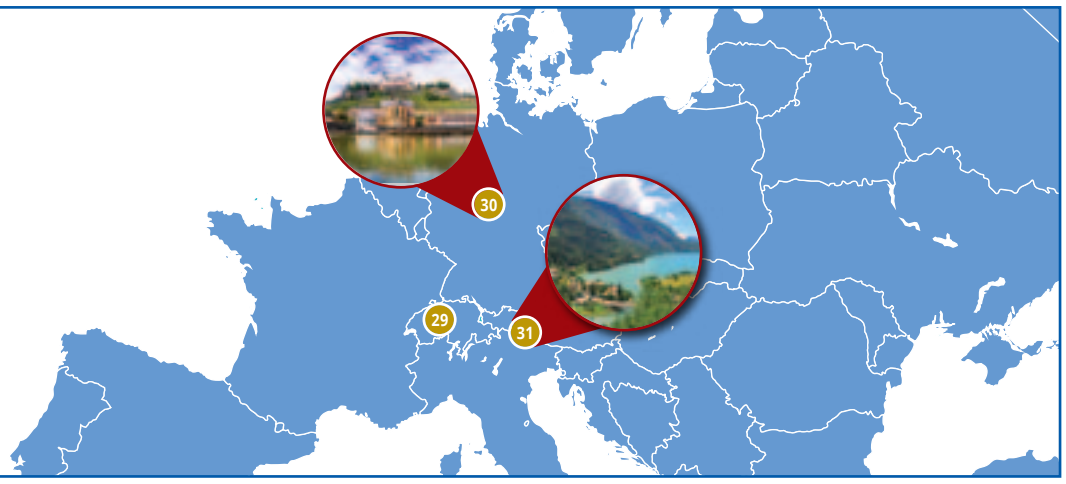
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PREMIUM SEATS

European Tours



5 DAYS
£549.00
PER PERSON



Warners - Thoresby Hall Hotel

DEPART **MON 23RD** | RETURN **FRI 27TH FEB**
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT **£NIL** | ROOM UPGRADE **£20.00PP**

Grade I-listed gem: Housed within a handsome Grade I-listed stately home and boasting views of Robin Hood's Sherwood Forest, Thoresby Hall is a timeless retreat with stylish guest rooms that brim with character. Relax like royalty in the vaulted splendour of the Great Hall, or get involved with a game of croquet, archery or plenty of other included activities on the lawns. Sensational evening entertainment makes every night a surprise, with unique shows and a dancefloor for grooving the night away.

ITINERARY

Day 1 After your local pick-ups, we make our way to Stamford for lunch before heading across to Nottinghamshire arriving early afternoon to check in for the next



4 nights.

Days 2 Today's excursion will be to the Cathedral City of Lincoln. Lincoln is a city in the East Midlands. It's known for the medieval Lincoln Cathedral, with early printed books in a Wren-designed library. Lincoln Castle houses a Victorian prison and a copy of the Magna Carta. The Museum of Lincolnshire Life has social history exhibits in Victorian barracks. The Collection is a museum displaying local archaeology. Nearby, the Usher Gallery has works by Turner and Lowry.

Day 3 Free day to enjoy our hotel. Leisure facilities include swimming pool, sauna, steam room, gym, croquet, putting green, bowls and much more! There is a café, two bars, a library, a gift shop and you can enjoy a full programme of activities during the day.

Day 4 Scenic excursion into the Peak District. Rolling across the Pennines' southernmost hills is the glorious Peak District National Park. Ancient stone villages are folded into creases in the landscape, and the hillsides are littered with stately homes and rocky outcrops. Stopping for lunch in Bakewell.

Day 5 We leave after breakfast and head home, lunch stop at Downtown, Grantham on route back to Chelmsford arriving late afternoon.

HOTEL

Warners Thoresby Hall

Tel: **01623 821000**

The bedrooms adjoin the main house and all have en-suite bathrooms, colour TV hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. Extensive leisure suite with 18m indoor swimming pool, sauna, steam room, bubble pool and fully equipped fitness room. Lunches and snacks are available in the coffee shop, Old House and Fenocchi's restaurant. Lift to all floors.

INCLUSIONS

- 4 night's dinner bed breakfast
- 2 excursions during your stay
- Porterage in and out of hotel
- Executive coach travel
- Entertainment programme
- Free use of all facilities excluding
- Beauty salon treatments and cycle hire.

5 DAYS
£629.00
PER PERSON



Warners Studley Castle Hotel

DEPART **MON 16TH** | RETURN **FRI 20TH MARCH**
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT **£NIL**

Warner Leisure Hotels offer the ideal surroundings for a break, each with their own unique atmosphere and appeal. Exclusively for adults, you'll find a wide range of leisure facilities and fantastic evening entertainment! Studley Castle is a beautiful hotel curating more than 180 years of history, but utterly modern in outlook. It's the perfect setting for our break exploring and relaxing in rural Warwickshire.

ITINERARY

Day 1 After your local pick-ups we make our way to Warwickshire with suitable stops on route arriving late afternoon to check in to our hotel for the next four nights, time to settle in before dinner.

Days 2-4 We have two excursions during your stay. Day 2 we visit Worcester and day 4 we visit Stratford upon Avon. The other day is free to enjoy the wonderful facilities of Studley Castle a Grade II* listed building set in 28 acres of countryside in Warwickshire.

For a moment of calm, opt for a yoga or Pilate's class, which run daily in The Stables Spa. If you'd rather just curl up with a good book, there are plenty of quiet corners in the lounges or in The Stables Spa. Or spend a relaxed afternoon in the castle enjoying vintage board games followed by a traditional afternoon tea. Leisure facilities Swimming pool, Aqua aerobics, gym, beauty facilities. Things to do outdoors Archery, cycling (Pashley bikes), boules, self-guided walks are available on the ViewRanger app, pitch and putt (putting) and croquet.

Day 5 We leave after breakfast and head back to Chelmsford visiting Oxford on the way before arriving in our local area early evening.



HOTEL

Studley Castle Hotel

Tel: **0330 135 9579**

An oasis of calm in the middle of the action, most of the accommodation is in the contemporary Studley wing, close to the restaurants, bars and guest services at the heart of the hotel. Arranged over three floors (with lift access) the 156 rooms are classically elegant and thoughtfully designed with king-size beds and contemporary bathrooms. Many offer a private balcony or patio overlooking Warwickshire's fields and grazing sheep.

INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights dinner bed breakfast
- Porterage in and out of hotel
- Full entertainment programme
- Excursions as described
- Executive coach travel.



5 DAYS
£499.00
PER PERSON

West-Looe, Cornwall

DEPART **MON 30TH MARCH** | RETURN **FRI 3RD APRIL**
RIVER VIEW SUPPLEMENT **£40.00**
RIVER VIEW WITH BALCONY **£80.00**
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT **£NIL** (1 ONLY)

The Cornish coast deserves its international reputation as a coastline of immense natural beauty. Craggy cliffs frame glorious coves with sandy beaches as hillsides fall into the sea. The picturesque little towns and villages which punctuate this coast add character and colour to the scene. Looe is popular with tourists and is still an important fishing port and a busy fish market. East Looe has a maze of interesting narrow streets and a sixteenth century Old Guildhall Museum.

ITINERARY

Day 1 Morning departure from your local pick-up point, we then make our way South West stopping off for lunch, then on via Honiton and Plymouth to West Looe and our hotel.

Day 2 This morning we visit Truro, centre stage is Truro Cathedral with its impressive gothic towers dominating the skyline. In its shadow, a warren of compact streets are home to an impressive array of independent traders. From boutiques to bookshops and designer interiors to delicatessens, this great little city offers a unique shopping experience. We end the day with a visit to Mevagissey with its fishing harbour highly popular with artists.

Day 3 Free day to enjoy your resort. Looe is situated on both sides of the river Looe. The two towns are joined together by the bridge across the river. East Looe contains the harbour and the main shopping centre, West Looe is quieter but also has shops and restaurants.

Day 4 Full day visiting the lovely resort of Padstow famous for its Rick Stein fish restaurants, then in the afternoon we visit Newquay with its lovely beaches both delightful fishing ports and inland coves.

Day 5 After breakfast we make our return journey, travelling homewards stopping on route for refreshments, before arriving back in Chelmsford early evening.



HOTEL

3* Portbyhan Hotel
Tel: **01503 262071**

A family-run hotel overlooking the Looe Harbour, the Portbyhan Hotel offers three-star accommodation. Major refurbishments were completed in 2013, and the hotel was recently awarded "Best Individual Hotel" at the National Coach Tourism awards. All rooms are equipped with tea and coffee making facilities, a TV and telephone, plus all rooms are ensuite.

INCLUSIONS

- 🔹 4 nights', dinner, bed & breakfast
- 🔹 Entertainment on 2 evenings
- 🔹 Excursions as described
- 🔹 Executive coach travel



5 DAYS
£689.00
PER PERSON

EXPERIENCE
TOUR

South Coast Seascapes

DEPART **MON 13TH** | RETURN **FRI 17TH APRIL**
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT **£NIL** | SEA VIEW **£90.00PP**

Bournemouth, with its superb sands, mild climate and every kind of entertainment is an ideal spot for your holiday. The Victorian splendour of the buildings reflects its short history as a town devoted to your leisure. It is renowned as an elegant resort with lots of green spaces, parks and gardens which abound with colour whatever time of year.

ITINERARY

Day 1 Following your pick up, we make our way via Salisbury, where the magnificent cathedral has Britain's tallest spire, after time here we continue to the Hermitage Hotel, Bournemouth for 4 night's half board.

Day 2-4 Experience: Highcliffe Castle: Private Talk, Tea & Cake.

Enter the home of Mr Selfridge, revered as "the most important surviving house of the romantic and picturesque style of architecture", and imagine the life of this 19th-century Grade I listed castle. Admire the skilfully reinvented interior, restored in a massive repair and conservation programme. From the Castle's prestige clifftop position, take in spectacular sea views stretching out to the Isle of Wight.

Experience: Abbotsbury Swannery. Laying on the dramatic Dorset Coast, discover a unique 25 acres sanctuary chosen by over 600 swans as their home. Your tour guide will unveil the history of the sanctuary, from its establishment by Benedictine Monks in the 11th century to being used as a film location for Harry Potter, and reveal all about these regal creatures.

Experience: The Best of the Isle of Wight Tour. Our tour takes us past the majestic Carisbrooke Castle, an 11th-century towering fortress. We wind down the backbone of the island, taking in the rolling hills and quaint villages dotting the landscape. Stop in Old Shanklin for lunch (at guests' own cost), surrounded by charming thatched cottages and beautiful gardens. Gaze in wonder at Needles, a group of three distinctive stacks of chalk rising out of the sea, with the chance to spot local seabirds and seals.

Day 5 After breakfast we make our way into the New Forest. While here we make a stop in Lyndhurst before our journey back to Essex with a suitable stop on route arriving back in Chelmsford early evening.

HOTEL

4* Hermitage Hotel
Tel: **01202 557363**

The Hermitage Hotel is just metres from Bournemouth's sandy beach. It has an award-winning restaurant, modern bedrooms and wonderful sea views. The cosy bedrooms at Hermitage each have a private bathroom and an LCD TV with Freeview. Rooms also feature a hairdryer, tea/coffee facilities and a trouser press. Some have views across the English Channel. The AA-Rosette-awarded restaurant serves modern British cuisine in elegant surroundings.

INCLUSIONS

- 🔹 4 nights' dinner bed & breakfast.
- 🔹 Highcliffe Castle Visit inc. Talk, Tea & Cake.
- 🔹 Abbotsbury Swannery & Isle of Wight tour with Guide
- 🔹 Excursions as described
- 🔹 Executive coach travel



5 DAYS
£599.00
PER PERSON

The Isle of Portland & Dorset

DEPART **MON 20TH** | RETURN **FRI 24TH APRIL**
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT **£140.00**

Portland is a part of Dorset like no other; wild, natural and ruggedly beautiful. This unique, tied island marks the southernmost point on the Jurassic Coast and is joined to the mainland by Chesil Beach. Its isolated location, quaint villages, and rocky, coastal scenery give the island its own special atmosphere

ITINERARY

Day 1 Departing from your local pick-up points we travel south towards Dorset with a stop in Salisbury on the way. We then continue to Portland and our hotel arriving in time to settle in before dinner.

Day 2 We visit Forde Abbey, one of Britain's great hidden gems for a private guided tour. More than 900 years of history and romance are encapsulated in this elegant former Cistercian monastery and its 30 acres of award-winning gardens. The simple monastic rooms contrast with the grand state rooms of the mansion.

Day 3 Start the day with a visit to Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens – a mixture of formal and informal flowers, world-famous for its Camellia groves and magnolias. It is also noted in Dorset for its Rhododendron and Hydrangea collections and the charming Victorian Garden. Later, we visit West Bay, 'Broadchurch' in the TV drama. With delightful beaches and a wonderful selection of places to eat around the Harbour, West Bay is a favourite destination for visitors.

Day 4 We take in the famous Jurassic Coast with a visit to West Lulworth, where the scenery is stunning, boasting some of the most dramatic geological features including Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door. Later, we enjoy an unforgettable visit at the world's most historically significant collection of armoured vehicles. The museum houses 300 military machines, representing the key battles of every major conflict since the First World War. The awe-inspiring exhibitions tell the story of this British invention; from the mud of the Somme to the beaches of Normandy and the deserts of Iraq – featuring powerful stories from the people that fought in them.

Day 5 We depart Portland after breakfast and make our way to Shaftsbury before the return drive to Chelmsford.

HOTEL

Heights Hotel
Tel: **01305 821361**

The Heights Hotel is set at the heart of the UNESCO World Heritage Coastline on the summit of the Isle of Portland, Dorset. There are stunning panoramic views over Chesil Beach, Lyme Bay and Portland Harbour from the Bar & Bistro. The hotel has a lift. En-suite bedrooms feature TV, radio, and tea/coffee making facilities.

INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Excursions as described
- Entrance to; Abbotsbury Subtropical Garden, Forde Abbey,
- Tank Museum.
- Executive coach travel



5 DAYS
£629.00
PER PERSON

Gower Peninsula and Tenby

DEPART **SUN 10TH** | RETURN **THURS 14TH MAY**
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT **£120.00**

A much-loved Welsh destination, epitomized by the beautiful golden beaches of the Gower Peninsula and the welcoming seaside resort of Tenby. Savour the beautiful land and seascapes on this tour, and explore the award winning national Botanic Garden of Wales.

ITINERARY

Day 1 Morning departure from your local pick-up point then we drive west into Wales arriving in Llanelli late afternoon, making suitable comfort stops on route.

Evening meal at the hotel.

Day 2 Enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Gower Peninsula and the Mumbles, an area renowned for its sandy beaches. Visit the Gower Heritage Centre in a converted watermill where a guide will join the coach for a tour of the Peninsula's highlights before returning to the mill for a guided visit.

This afternoon we visit the Mumbles and have free time in Swansea.

Day 3 Excursion to the historic seaside resort of Tenby. Stroll the narrow-cobbled streets of Tenby itself or sit in one of the many cafes and people watch, or wander along the harbour, this attractive little place is sure to charm you. Return to the hotel for your evening meal.

Day 4 Today we explore Carmarthen, the oldest town in Wales, with its popular Wednesday Market, medieval lanes, and Georgian buildings. This afternoon we enjoy a nostalgic heritage train journey on the Gwili Steam Railway that operates a preserved standard gauge railway line from the site of Abergwili Junction.

Day 5 Departing after breakfast we commence our return journey making suitable comfort stops on the way. Arriving back in Chelmsford about 7.30pm.



HOTEL

3*Best Western Diplomat Hotel, Llanelli
Tel: **01554 756156**

The Diplomat Hotel & Spa, Sure Hotel Collection by Best Western offers character and convenience on the outskirts of Llanelli town centre. Nestled in the peaceful village of Felinfoel, this 18th Century building is now a charming hotel that combines excellent service with good food and comfortable rooms to create the perfect getaway. Bars, free Wi-Fi, gym, indoor pool, lift to some floors, restaurants, and spa pool.

INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights dinner bed & breakfast
- Gower Heritage Centre & Tour
- Gwili Steam Train Ride
- Two nights entertainment
- Excursions as described
- Executive coach travel

Spectacular Swiss Delights & Stylish Gstaad

DEPART **SUN 24TH** | RETURN **SUN 31ST MAY**
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT **£66.00**

Soaring mountains, shimmering lakes and chocolate-box towns provide the setting for this memorable Swiss Alps packaged tour based in the village of Leysin in the Vaud Alps. Ride the traditional Golden Pass train to Montreux, cruise Lake Geneva by paddle steamer, stroll and shop in fashionable Gstaad, and visit a chocolate factory, Gruyere cheese dairy and enjoy a wine tasting as the icing on the cake.





ITINERARY

Day 1 We leave the Chelmsford area about 6.00am and head to Kent for our crossing from Dover to Calais and then make our way through France to our overnight hotel in Dijon D/B/B.

Day 2 We continue south through Europe and cross the border into Switzerland to arrive in the town of Leysin and our hotel for the next five nights

Day 3 We will enjoy a day at leisure in Leysin. We may choose to relax at our hotel, making use of its extensive leisure facilities or make our way to the Berneuse Cable Car, which takes us up to the summit of the mountain for perfect views of Geneva and Mont Blanc on a clear day.

Day 4 This morning, we will head to the Lavaux Vineyards, where we have wine tasting at the outstanding Lavaux Vinorama. After learning all about the wines produced here, we will head for Vevey with time for lunch before embarking on a scenic paddle steamer cruise from Vevey to the elegant town of Montreux, made famous by its yearly jazz festival and its former famous resident, Freddie Mercury. After spending time here, we make our way back to the hotel by coach.

Day 5 This morning we board our coach for the journey across the Col de Mosses through the scenic countryside to the village of Gruyeres. Here we discover how Gruyere cheese is made with a demonstration at La Maison du Gruyere cheese dairy. Afterwards we have time to spend in the village before we travel by bus to Broc, home of the Cailler-Nestle chocolate factory. We find out all about the chocolates made here, with tastings of course! After enjoying the chocolates, we begin our return journey back to Montreux, arriving late afternoon.

Day 6 After breakfast, we head to the chic mountain resort of Gstaad, known as a playground for the rich and famous where we enjoy free time to explore, browsing the designer shops on main street, people watching over coffee or immersing yourself in the mountain scenery.

Later we board our beautiful Golden pass train for a wonderful journey to Lake Geneva, watching the afternoon sun descend to Montreux. On arrival we board our coach back to the hotel.

Day 7 After breakfast, it is time to say goodbye to the fresh mountain air of Switzerland and begin our journey home, with our overnight stay in Dijon.

Day 8 Leave after breakfast and continue our journey, crossing through France to Calais for the return crossing back to Dover, arriving in the Chelmsford area late evening.



HOTEL

Hotel Central-Residence, Leysin, Switzerland

Tel: 0049 244930707

The modern exterior of this 3* hotel belies a traditional Swiss interior of traditional wooden features and furnishings. Each of the 108 bedrooms is decorated in a traditional wooden style with facilities including TV and hairdryer and many have views over the valley. The hotel has a large bar/ lounge area with plenty of space for customers to relax in. The restaurant is also decorated in a traditional wooden décor with a terrace allowing outstanding views across the whole valley. The hotel has extensive leisure facilities including an indoor swimming pool, sauna and steam room.

INCLUSIONS

- 7 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- All excursions as described • Lavaux Vinorama wine tasting
- One way paddle steamer cruise
- Entrance to Gruyere dairy • Guided visit Nestle factory
- One way rail journey from Gstaad to Montreux
- Executive coach travel • Passport Required
- Currency - Euros and Swiss Franc • Return channel crossing





5 DAYS
£689.00
PER PERSON

Hidden Gems of Northumbria

DEPART **MON 18TH** | RETURN **FRI 22ND MAY**
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT **£160.00**

The scenery of Northumberland and the Border area is varied and beautiful. Lush river valleys, charming villages and towns, desolate moorland, and pretty hill country. The situation is perfect for touring the many highlights of this glorious area.

ITINERARY

Day 1 We leave Chelmsford at 7.00am depending on your local pick-up point and travel northwards for a leisurely drive to our hotel in Newton Aycliffe stopping for refreshments during our journey.

Day 2 Our first excursion takes us south through the Pennines countryside to Stanhope. Here we take a short break before heading west along Weardale to Alston. Here we have time for lunch and we enjoy a ride on the South Tynedale Railway. Trains leave from Alston's restored Victorian Station for a delightful ride along the beautiful South Tyne Valley. Leaving here we head across the moors to Hexham, with its historic Abbey, and we take a break here with time for a look around before we head back to our hotel.

Day 3 Morpeth is our first destination today where it is Market Day! We have time to explore the town, browse the market stalls and obtain lunch before we are on our way across the picturesque Northumbrian countryside to Bellingham and Kielder Water. Here we can explore the visitor centre, followed by the Kielder Birds of Prey Centre which boasts one of the largest and most fascinating collections of Birds of Prey in the North of England including Owls, Hawks, Falcons and Vultures.

Day 4 This morning we travel to the ancient and historic city of Durham, acclaimed as a World Heritage Site and dominated by the magnificent Norman Cathedral and Castle, high above the River Wear. We have time to explore and obtain lunch before our afternoon visit to Barnard Castle - known as 'Barry' to the locals - and Bowes Museum, just outside the town. This is one of county Durham's biggest surprises. Housed in a majestic French style chateau, the Museum opened in 1892 and will amaze you with its superb collection, including the famous Silver Swan.

Day 5 We leave after breakfast and make our way homeward returning to Chelmsford with Suitable stops on route.

HOTEL

4*Derwent Manor Hotel

Tel: **01207 592000**

The Best Western Derwent Manor lies within 15 miles of Hadrian's Wall and the Beamish Open-Air Museum. The spacious rooms boast en-suite bathrooms and offer amenities such as one or two comfortable double beds, flat-screen TVs, and coffee makers. This hotel has its own health suite where the facilities include an indoor pool, whirlpool tub and sauna

INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights', dinner bed & breakfast accommodation.
- Entrance to Bowes Museum
- Kielder Birds of Prey Centre
- South Tynedale Railway
- Excursions as described
- Executive coach travel.



5 DAYS
£669.00
PER PERSON

The Spectacular County of Shropshire

DEPART **MON 25TH** | RETURN **FRI 29TH MAY**
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT **£148.00**

Along the upper reaches of the River Severn and the borders between England and Wales, the countryside of Shropshire shelters some of the most beautiful landscapes and unspoilt towns that you can imagine. You will wander through the fortified manor that is Stokesay Castle and travel back in time on the Severn Valley Railway.

ITINERARY

Day 1 Morning collection from your local pick-up point, we then journey to Shropshire with suitable stops on route.

Day 2 Today we take a ride south to Stokesay Castle. Stokesay is the best fortified manor house in Britain. It is a survivor of 700 years of border and civil wars and its buildings are complete and breath-taking. Leaving here we head for historic Ludlow, a medieval town with an imposing castle at the top of the town square, a beautiful market town known for its history, food scene, and breathtaking landscapes.

Day 3 This morning it is Shrewsbury that catches our attention. Here we enjoy a cruise on the River Severn and we have a chance to explore the town and obtain lunch. Our afternoon visit takes us to the impressive Ironbridge Gorge where the world's first Iron bridge forms the centre of this World Heritage Site. Here we go back in time at Blists Hill Victorian Town. An open air museum recreating life in a Victorian town.

Day 4 This morning we head south to Bridgenorth. Here we join the famous Severn Valley Railway for a delightful ride along the beautiful Severn Valley, passing through lovely restored stations on the way to Kidderminster. Enjoy some free time to explore this large market town, once a key location to make speeches with a young Winston Churchill, having spoken at the famous town hall. After time spent here, we have a short ride to the lovely Georgian Severnside town of Bewdley for free time to have a look around before the journey back to our hotel.

Day 5 We depart after breakfast for a leisurely return to Essex, breaking the journey in Stratford-upon-Avon. Arriving back in Chelmsford early evening.

HOTEL

4* Mercure Telford

Tel: **1952 217680**

The 4* Mercure Telford Centre Hotel is perfectly located for business and leisure guests. Situated in the heart of Shropshire at the foot of the Wrekin leading into the Shropshire Hills it's the perfect base to explore the surrounding countryside. With flat-screen satellite TV's, a seating area and sleek, modern bathrooms, the bedrooms at Mercure Telford Centre Hotel are stylish and spacious, boasting fresh vibrant colours and fabrics. All rooms feature tea/coffee making and ironing facilities.

INCLUSIONS

- 4 night's dinner bed & breakfast accommodation
- Blists Hill Museum,
- Stokesay Castle
- Severn Valley Railway & River Severn Cruise
- Executive coach travel
- Excursions as described.

5 DAYS
£589.00
PER PERSON

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Golden Age of Railways, Canals and Rivers

DEPART **MON 8TH** | RETURN **FRI 12TH JUNE**
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT **£NIL**

For this tour, we are based close to Chester and experience three different days out. We have a visit to scenic Dee Valley and Llangollen, a day in historic Chester itself and a day out to the Wirral Peninsula and Liverpool for a boat trip on the River Mersey.

ITINERARY

Day 1 Once we have completed our pick-ups, we head north making our way to North Wales and arrive late afternoon at the Beaufort Park Hotel with time to settle in before our evening meal. Tea and biscuits on arrival.

Day 2 A drive through the pleasant Cheshire countryside brings us to Chester for the day. The historic city offers lots to see and do. Explore the unique 'Rows' of two-tiered shops for some retail therapy, take a stroll around the city walls, meander down to the River Dee and enjoy lunch in a riverside pub, or just relax and watch the world go by.

Day 3 Leaving after breakfast, we travel around the Wirral coast via Hoyslake, with its famous golf courses, and through the tunnel into Liverpool. We spend the morning here with time to explore this fascinating city. See the magnificent cathedrals, or just wander around the city. We also include a boat trip on the River Mersey. This afternoon we travel through the Mersey Tunnel to Port Sunlight, where we visit Sunlight Vision. Enjoy a guided tour of Port Sunlight Village, built by William Hesketh Lever for his factory workers and named after his famous sunlight soap. Discover how the village was planned with the happiness of his workers in mind and visit the gift shop.

Day 4 Today's excursion takes us through some lovely Welsh scenery, including the spectacular Horseshoe Pass, to the Dee Valley where we join the Rheilffordd Llangollen Railway for a journey on a nostalgic train. We also take a ride on the stream in the Sky, the Llangollen Canal-gliding gently over the country's biggest navigable viaduct.

Day 5 We depart after breakfast wending our way back through the Peak District, stopping in Bakewell, before our return to Essex for early evening.

HOTEL

Beaufort Park Hotel

Tel: **01352 758646**

The Beaufort Park Hotel is an independently run hotel located just a short drive from the historic market town of Mold set in the attractive North Wales countryside a friendly and relaxing place to stay within easy reach of North Wales attractions including the ever-popular city of Chester, the beautiful Snowdonia National Park and the many historic castles of North Wales. Our hotel does not currently have a lift, if you require a ground floor room, please contact us.

INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights dinner bed & breakfast
- Llangollen Railway
- Pontcysyllte Aquaduct Canal trip
- Sunlight Village, Port Sunlight
- Mersey Ferries River Cruise
- Executive coach travel
- Excursions as described.

5 DAYS
£699.00
PER PERSON

A Sailing Story from the Solent to Sussex

DEPART **SUN 14TH** | RETURN **THURS 18TH JUNE**
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT **£180.00**

Explore a fascinating seafaring history from the D-Day Landings to Sir Christopher Cockerell's unique hovercraft and the Sussex Coast.

ITINERARY

Day 1 Depart from your home area travelling to Hampshire with suitable stops on route arriving at the Langstone Quays Resort for a 4 night's stay with dinner bed and breakfast.



Day 2 Meet your local guide for the day who will bring to life some of the world famous local history including a visit to the D-Day Story Museum telling the moving story of Liberation in Europe. Enjoy free time in the historic village of Southwick with its own D-Day story to tell and perhaps enjoy lunch in one of the local pubs. This afternoon continues to the fascinating Fort Nelson, a Victorian fortress overlooking Portsmouth harbour with 19 acres of ramparts and tunnels packed with artillery from across the world.

Day 3 Enjoy a trip across the Solent today on the world's only year round passenger hovercraft service, whisking you from the shoreline at Southsea to the charming resort of Ryde on the Isle of Wight, with plenty of time to explore this quaint seaside town at leisure. You may wish to visit the unique Donald McGill naughty postcard museum or browse the great independent shops and cafes on offer.

Day 4 Today we spend time in Portsmouth setting you down at Gunwharf Quays where you can enjoy the shopping and eateries or try the Spinnaker Tower for a bird's eye view of Portsmouth and across to the Isle of Wight. Also in this area is the Portsmouth Historic Dock offering a look into some amazing maritime history.

Day 5 We leave the hotel after breakfast and head back making a stop in the historical town of Arundel with its impressive castle and arrive back in our local area early evening.

HOTEL

3* The Langstone Quays Resort

Tel: **023 92465011**

Overlooking the Langstone Estuary and Harbour, yet close to major road networks, the Langstone Quays Resort, Portsmouth is ideally located for both the leisure and business traveller. The Waterside Restaurant serves freshly prepared cuisine in comfortable surroundings. The Lifestyle Health and Leisure Club with its indoor pool, gymnasium, hot tub, sauna and steam room is complimentary for the duration of your stay. This 4* hotel is the perfect base for a short break to Hayling Island and the surrounding Hampshire countryside.

INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights dinner bed & breakfast
- Full day step on guide
- D-Day story Southsea, Fort Nelson
- Hovercraft return crossing
- Excursions as described
- Executive coach travel

Scotland's North Coast 500

DEPART **SUN 31ST MAY** | RETURN **SUN 7TH JUNE**
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT **£175.00**

Regarded as a trip of a lifetime. Discover Route 500- Scotlands Route 66- a jaw dropping journey skirting the very top of the UK's Northwest coastline passing deserted beaches and ancient castles. 430 miles of some of the most unspoilt and picturesque scenery in Europe, with its diverse array of wildlife and a culture which has little changed in generations.



8 DAYS
£1259.00
 PER PERSON



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ITINERARY

Day 1 We leave from your local pick-up point and head north. Stopping for refreshments on the way, across the border into Scotland for our overnight stay.

Day 2 West Highlands & To Skye: Begin your journey along the picturesque shores of Loch Lomond, then venture through Glen Coe, known as the Weeping Glen, and continue along the Great Glen, where you'll be treated to breath-taking loch and mountain vistas. Make a stop at the iconic Eileen Donan Castle before reaching your Skye hotel for two nights.

Day 3 Isle of Skye: Discover the rich history and stunning landscapes of Skye, visiting landmarks like the capital, Portree and Dunvagen Castle, the ancestral home of the Macleod Clan. Take in the dramatic coastal views of the Cullins as you explore the Island with an experienced guide.

Day 4 Via Gairloch to Ullapool: From Skye head northwards to the vast region of Wester Ross. Along the shores of Loch Maree, regarded as one of Scotland's bonniest lochs. Time free to take in the Highland air in Gairloch with its pretty harbour before continuing to Ullapool where the next night will be spent.

Day 5 Caithness & Sutherland on Route 500: Experience the rugged beauty of Caithness and Sutherland along the North Coast 500, featuring dramatic cliffs, serene lochs and pristine beaches. Enjoy lunch at Smoo Cave Hotel in Durness before arriving in Thurso for a two-night stay.

Day 6 John o Groats and Distillery visit: Explore the historic Castle of Mey, once a retreat for Queen Elizabeth and the Queen Mother and indulge in a whisky tasting experience at Wilfburn Distillery. If time permits, we stop at John o Groats for some memorable photos.



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Day 7 Inverness & Pitlochry: Drive along the coastal road, passing through historical sites like Helmsdale and Brora and capturing photos of Dunrobin Castle. Enjoy free time in the Highland Capital of Inverness before continuing through the picturesque Spey Valley and Drumochter Pass. Spend your final night near Perth.

Day 8 Today we leave Scotland and make our way home through the borders and into Northern England before heading south back to Chelmsford for our early evening drop offs.

HOTELS

3*Kings Arms Hotel, Isle of Skye
3*The Caledonian Hotel, Ullapool
3*The Station Hotel, Thurso
2 x overnight
Glasgow area
Perth area

INCLUSIONS

- 7 night's dinner bed breakfast
- Half day Skye Guide
- Entry to Dunvegan Castle
- Lunch at Smoo Cave Hotel
- Castle of Mey
- Wolfburn Distillery
- Excursions as described
- Executive coach travel



5 DAYS
£669.00
PER PERSON

EXPERIENCE
TOUR

Joyful Journeys in the Ribble Valley

DEPART **MON 22ND** | RETURN **FRI 26TH JUNE**
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT **£120.00**

Visit Hoghton Tower with its panoramic views across Lancashire, here we traverse through centuries on a private tour. Join Mr Entwistle, our award-winning guide, and meander through the happy Ribble Valley. Step back to nostalgic times with a ride on a 19th-century heritage railway. Taste Lancashire heritage at the third-generation Dewlay Cheesemakers.

ITINERARY

Day 1 Morning departure from your local area, then travel to Lancashire, arriving late afternoon at the Foxfields Country Hotel for our four night's stay.

Day 2-4 Experience: East Lancashire Railway & Bury Transport Museum

Steam back into nostalgic times with a ride on one of the UK's best-kept heritage railways. Hop on board lovingly restored vintage carriages, sit back and relax as you are taken through the beautiful Irwell Valley. Visit Bury Transport Museum and speed back through the North West's industrial history, brought to life by hands-on exhibits and full-size vehicles.

Experience: Dewlay Cheesemakers

Dewlay Cheesemakers has earned a reputation for producing the very best range of Lancashire cheese. Today, its third-generation owners continue to produce award-winning cheese using the same traditional methods used in the 1950s.

Experience: Ribble Valley Coach Guided Tour

Join the award-winning Simon Entwistle on a captivating coach tour through the enchanting Ribble Valley. Meander through quaint villages, rolling hills and the historic Stoneyhurst College, a majestic 1595 masterpiece turned private school.

Experience: Hoghton Tower Private Tour

Spy spectacular views reaching all the way from Lancashire to the Lake District and North Wales from the heights of Hoghton Tower, situated 650 ft above sea level. A private tour with friendly expert guides will bring the ancestral home to life.

Day 5 Our homeward journey takes us south with suitable stops before arriving back in Chelmsford about 7.00pm.

HOTEL

Foxfields Country Hotel

Tel: **01254 822556**

Situated in the heart of the beautiful Ribble Valley, this hotel aims to impress with its 3-star luxury accommodation, leisure club and Foxfields Restaurant. Close to Clitheroe and Blackburn, Foxfields Country Hotel features an award-winning restaurant and an impressive leisure club where you can find a gym, swimming pool, sauna and steam room. No Lift.

INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights dinner bed & breakfast
- East Lanc's Railway & Bury Transport Museum
- Dewlay Cheesemakers
- Coach guided tour
- Private tour Hoghton Tower.
- Executive coach travel
- Excursions as described



5 DAYS
£679.00
PER PERSON

EXPERIENCE
TOUR

Welsh Dreams under a Riviera Sky

DEPART **THURS 2ND** | RETURN **MON 6TH JULY**
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT **£160.00**

Castles, cruises, and a tippie at Penderyn; a Welsh escapade with a touch of Mediterranean charm. Walk through the cobbled streets of Italy without ever leaving the UK! Follow in the footsteps of King Charles, in the castle he was given his previous title as 'Prince of Wales'. Enjoy a front-row seat to Welsh landscapes and wildlife as they guide you down Conwy's waterways. Experience the revival of Welsh whisky first-hand with a tour and tasting.

ITINERARY

Day 1 After our morning collection from Chelmsford we journey to North Wales arriving at our hotel late afternoon. Porterage

Days 2-4: Experience: Portmeirion Village & Gardens Guided Tour

Enter the vibrant world of Portmeirion on your private guided tour and roam around a fanciful collection of colourful buildings with a heavy Italian influence, masterminded by the Welsh architect Sir Clough Williams-Ellis.

Experience: Caernarfon Castle

Caernarfon Castle has been a proud and imposing fortress of English kings since 1283. His majesty, King Charles was given his previous title as 'Prince of Wales' in a ceremony in this exact castle! Climb the towers for a panoramic view of the Menai Strait or visit the Royal Welch Fusiliers Museum to have a look at the armoury of one of the oldest regiments of the British army.

Experience: Penderyn Llandudno Lloyd St Distillery

Feel the warmth of Welsh whisky and hospitality on a tour and tasting at the award-winning Penderyn Llandudno Lloyd St Distillery. Join an immersive journey into the world of "wisgi Cymreig" (Welsh whisky), set in an 18th-century boarding school.

Experience: Sightseeing Cruises Conwy

Sail through Conwy's waterways and fix your gaze on the graceful Egrets, Europe's majestic shorebirds. Operated by a passionate local family for three generations, this river cruise offers a front-row seat to Welsh waters and wildlife, with the possibility of capturing unforgettable snapshots.

Day 5 We bid farewell to North Wales and leave the hotel after breakfast, making our way back to Chelmsford with suitable refreshment stops on the way.

HOTEL

3* Celtic Royal Hotel

Tel: **01286 674477**

Ideally situated a few hundred yards from Caernarfon Castle, this 3* hotel, once visited by Queen Victoria, boasts 112 elegantly furnished bedrooms. Unwind in the complimentary leisure club which features a 16-meter heated indoor swimming pool, gym, sauna, bubble pool and steam room. Additional amenities include a 24-hour front desk and room service for the utmost convenience. Hotel has a lift.

INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Entrance Portmeirion Village & tour, Caernarfon Castle, Penderyn
- Distillery and Conwy sightseeing cruise.
- Executive coach travel
- Excursions as described.

You are required to provide this information, updated to reflect your own specific terms and conditions where highlighted, to all customers at the time of booking or prior to travel. It can be sent out as a hard copy document, and/or displayed on your website and/or in your brochures.

1. Financial Protection Your contract is with JW Lodge & Sons Ltd (Trading as Lodge Coaches) of the Garage, High Easter, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 4QR. When you book a holiday with us, which does not include a flight, the money you pay us for the booking will be protected by Bonded Coach Holidays (BCH) and the Association of Bonded Travel Organisers Trust Limited (ABTOT), this is a Government approved consumer protection scheme. The scheme will also ensure your repatriation in the event the company becomes insolvent. Our Trading Charter and Booking Conditions set out clearly and simply the responsibility we have to you and in turn, you have with us, when a contract is made. Please see the Consumer Guarantee at <https://www.abtot.com/bch-abtot-members-directory/> There is no financial protection if you purchase just transport or accommodation-only from us. We fully comply with the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018. The combination of travel services offered to you is a package holiday within the meaning of the Regulations. Therefore, you will benefit from all rights applying to package holidays. JW Lodge & Sons Ltd will be fully responsible for the proper performance of the holiday and providing assistance if you are in difficulty. Your key rights will be in the details of the tour which will be provided prior to booking.

2. Booking and Payment When a booking is made, the 'lead name' on the booking guarantees that he or she is 18 or over and has the authority and accepts on behalf of the party the terms of these booking conditions and pays the deposit indicated in the brochure and as confirmed in the pre-contract information. After we receive your booking and all appropriate payments, if the arrangements you wish to book are available, we will send you or your booking agent a confirmation invoice within 14 days. This confirmation will include any special requests we have agreed. A binding agreement will come into existence between us when we have received the deposit and dispatched this invoice to the 'lead name' or your booking agent. Please check the confirmation carefully to ensure all the information is correct. This contract is governed by English Law, and the jurisdiction of the English Courts.

Single occupancy of rooms, when available, may be subject to a supplementary charge and these will be shown in the brochure. You can book by paying a deposit for each person named on the booking, but our commitment is always conditional upon the balance being paid as below.

Deposit £75.00 per person.

The balance of the price of your holiday must be paid at least 8 weeks before your departure. If you book within our balance due period, you will need to pay the total holiday cost at the time of booking. If the balance is not paid in time, we reserve the right to cancel your holiday, retain your deposit, and apply the cancellation charges set out in the paragraph below. The date of cancellation will normally be the date we receive your written confirmation that you intend to cancel or 15 days after the balance due date, whichever comes first.

Where optional items are purchased as part of the holiday, 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 refunded unless we obtain a refund from the supplier we use.

Whilst these terms are applicable to all bookings of any number of customers, for some group bookings there may be additional terms or information – we will provide those to you at the relevant time.

3. Brochure Accuracy Although JW Lodge & Sons Ltd make every effort to ensure the accuracy of the brochure information and pricing, regrettably errors do sometimes occur, and where they do we reserve the right to correct prices and other details. You must therefore ensure you check the price and all other details of your holiday with us at the time of booking and when you receive our confirmation invoice.

4. Our Pricing Policy JW Lodge & Sons Ltd endeavour to ensure that the most up to date and correct prices are shown in our brochure. Occasionally, an incorrect price may be shown, due to an error. When we become aware of any such error, we will endeavour to notify you at the time of booking (if we are then aware of the mistake) or as soon as reasonably possible. We reserve the right to cancel the booking if you do not wish to accept the price which is applicable to the holiday. Local Authorities in many towns and cities throughout Europe have

introduced new tourist taxes which must be paid directly to the hotel by all guests in person. These taxes are not included in our prices, but we will notify you when applicable.

Holiday prices include all travel, hotel accommodation and meals as specified in the holiday description and VAT payable in the UK where applicable. The price of the holiday will not be subjected to any surcharges except those arising from exchange rate changes, transportation including the price of fuel, air & ferry operator fares and tolls, embarkation or disembarkation fees at terminals, duties and taxes (including the rate of VAT). If this means the total cost of the holiday increases by more than 8% then you are entitled to cancel your holiday and receive a full refund of all monies paid except any insurance premium and amendment charges. We will communicate the options with you either through email or letter, with a reminder if necessary. If you exercise the right to cancel, we must receive written notice within 20 days of the date of the surcharge invoice. The currency exchange rate used in the holiday costings are based on rates as at November 1st 2025

5. If you change your booking If, after our confirmation has been issued, you wish to change to another of our holidays or change departure date, we will do our utmost to make the changes, but we cannot guarantee to do so. However, notification must be received in writing at our offices from the person who signed the booking form, at least 6 weeks before departure. This must be accompanied by a payment of £Nil to cover our administrative costs, plus costs we incur in making the amendment. Alterations cannot be made within 6 weeks of departure and any such request for an alteration will be treated as a cancellation of the original booking and will be subject to the cancellation charges set out in paragraph below. Some arrangements cannot be changed without paying a cancellation charge of up to 100% of the ticket cost.

6. Transferring your booking You can transfer your booking to somebody else, but the person must satisfy all the conditions of the holiday and you must inform us either by letter or email no less than 7 days before departure. This transfer will cost Nil plus reasonable costs to make the transfer. You will remain responsible for ensuring payment before the balance due date. This is in addition to (and does not affect) the separate liability of the transferee to us.

7. If you need to cancel your holiday You or any member of your party, may cancel your holiday at any time provided the cancellation is made by the person signing the booking form and is communicated to us in writing via the office who made your original booking. You must pay cancellation charges to cover our administration costs and to compensate for the risk of us not reselling the holiday. If the holiday is resold a refund will be made. Your cancellation will take effect from the date on which we or our agent receive your written confirmation of your cancellation. You must also return any tickets or vouchers 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. Where bought in supplies, such as ferries, hotel accommodation etc have been bought in on your behalf, and where the terms and conditions of the supplier are non-refundable, these products will be charged to you at the full retail rate. If this applies, the non-refundable items will be deducted from your holiday costs and the following scale of charges will be applied to the remainder:

More than 56 days	Deposit Only
55-49 days	30% or deposit if greater
48-22 days	50%
21-8 days	70%
7-1 days	100%

You may cancel your holiday without paying any termination fee before the start of the holiday, in the event of unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances occurring at the place of destination or its immediate vicinity, for instance, if there are serious security problems at the destination which are likely to affect the package.

8. Alterations to your holiday by us We hope that we will not have to make any change to your holiday but, because our holidays are planned many months in advance, we sometimes do need to make minor changes. We reserve the right to do this at any time. We will let you or your booking agent know about any important changes as soon as possible, including the minimum number of passengers required on the trip. If after booking, and before departure, we make a major change to your holiday, you will have the option of withdrawing from the holiday without penalty or transferring to another holiday without any charge. In either case, we will pay you compensation, according to the scale set below. A major change includes the time of your departure or return time by more than 12 hours, a change in departure point, location of resort or type of hotel, a change in cross channel travel, or specification of the coach. If we tell you about any of these changes after we have confirmed your

holiday booking (other than force majeure), you may either:

accept the new arrangements offered by us; or- accept a replacement holiday from us of equivalent or similar standard and price (at the date of the change), if we can offer you one; or cancel your holiday with us and receive a full refund of all monies.

Either way, we will pay you compensation, using the Compensation table shown,

More than 42 days	Nil
42-29 days	£5.00
28-15 days	£10.00
14-8 days	£15.00
7-0 day	£20.00

IMPORTANT NOTE Compensation will not be payable if the holiday is cancelled because the number of persons booked is less than the number required, or for events beyond our control, which include: war, threat of war, riots, civil disturbances, terrorist activity and its consequences, industrial disputes, natural and nuclear disasters, fire, epidemics, health risks and pandemics, unavoidable and unforeseeable technical problems with transport for reasons beyond our control or that of our suppliers; hurricanes and other actual or potential severe weather conditions and any other similar events. You are also advised to check with The Foreign and Commonwealth Office Advice Unit regularly at <https://www.gov.uk/browse/abroad/travel-abroad> prior to travel.

All holidays operate if the minimum number of participants is met. However, in no case will we cancel your holiday less than 6 weeks before the scheduled departure date, except where you have failed to pay the final balance or because of force majeure (force majeure means an event which we or the suppliers of the services in question could not foresee or avoid and is therefore beyond our control).

9. Our responsibility to you We accept responsibility for ensuring the holiday which you book with us is supplied as described in our publicity material and the services offered reach a reasonable standard and if you are in difficulty, we will assist you. If any part of our holiday contract is not provided as promised, you may terminate the contract without paying a termination fee and we will pay you appropriate compensation if this has affected your enjoyment of your holiday. We will, however, not be liable if there are any unforeseeable or unavoidable actions of a third party not connected with our travel services (as confirmed in the confirmation invoice and any other information we provided to you regarding the services), or there were unavoidable or extraordinary circumstances, or the lack of conformity is due to a traveller in the party. We accept responsibility for the acts and/or omissions of our employees, agents and suppliers except where they lead to death, injury or illness. Our liability in all cases shall be limited to a maximum of three times the value of the original holiday cost (not including insurance premiums and amendment charges). We accept responsibility for death, injury, or illness caused by the negligent acts and/or omissions of our employees or agents together with our suppliers and sub-contractors, servants and/or agents of the same whilst acting within the scope of, or during their employment in the provision of your holiday. We will accordingly pay to our clients such damages as might have been awarded in such circumstances under English Law. In respect of carriage by air, sea, tunnel and rail and the provision of accommodation our liability in all cases will be limited in the manner provided by the relevant international convention.

If we make any payment to you or any member of your party for death or personal injury or illness, you will be asked to assign to us or our insurers the rights you may have to act against the person or organisation responsible for causing the death, personal injury or illness. This clause does not apply to any separate contracts that you may enter for excursions or activities during or outside of your holiday. 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 holiday, we may offer guidance and where legal action is contemplated and you want our assistance, you must obtain our written consent prior to any proceedings (We limit the cost of our assistance to you or your party to £5,000 per party)

10. If you have a complaint If you have a problem during your holiday, please inform your Tour Manager, your driver or the relevant supplier/resort representative immediately who will endeavour to put things right. If your complaint cannot be completely resolved locally, you must complete a Holiday Report Form which can be obtained by your driver or local representative, which you should keep. Our contact number, for unresolved complaints will be our office number on 01245231262 (open in office hours) If you remain dissatisfied please follow this up within 14 days of your return home by writing to JW Lodge & Sons Ltd giving your original booking reference number and all other relevant information, including

the reference of the Holiday Report Form. It is therefore a condition of this contract that you communicate any problem to the supplier of the services in question AND to our representative whilst in resort and obtain a written report form. If you fail to follow this simple procedure, we cannot accept responsibility as we have been deprived of the opportunity to investigate and rectify the problem. Should you wish to pursue the complaint further, BCH ABTOT have an Alternative Dispute Resolution scheme and full details are available from them. Please contact them at ABTOT 69 Leadenhall Street London EC3A 2BG.

11. Our Coaches We will always use our reasonable endeavours to provide a coach to the specification in our brochure or advert but reserve the right to substitute an alternative vehicle should there be unforeseen circumstances. There is a seating plan but, in some cases, operational reasons may require a coach with a different configuration. We reserve the right to alter a coach seating plan and allocate seats other than those booked. Single passengers may be required to share a double seat with other single passengers. When your booking is confirmed, you will be offered the best seats that are available at that time. If you feel that you require two seats, then these must be booked and paid for in advance, at the time of booking. If you fail to do this and it transpires that the seat allocated to you is insufficient for your needs and there is no alternative seating available, then you will be refused access to the coach and any payments made will be liable to forfeiture.

Specific seats will not be allocated on coaches operating a feeder service between joining points and main holiday departure points or on coaches that carry out transfers between airports, seaports etc.

NO SMOKING is allowed on our coaches (including E-Cigarettes) and we do not allow pets or any other animals, although we accommodate registered assistance dogs, but not on overseas holidays.

12. Hotel Facilities Some hotel facilities and entertainment may be withdrawn for routine maintenance or be subject to seasonal availability and provision of the facilities cannot be guaranteed. Single occupancy of rooms may be subject to a supplementary charge.

13. Health and Safety 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. There may be countries that we visit that have special medical requirements for tourists. These regulations are subject to change and our clients are responsible for complying with entry and current health requirements. If you are not sure of the health requirements for the country you are visiting, you are advised to check with your own GP before travelling. You are also advised to refer to the Department of Health leaflet "Health Advice for Travellers".

Some people may be at risk from discomfort or deep vein thrombosis (DVT) if they remain immobile on a journey for a long period. If you are planning to undertake a journey of more than three hours, you should consult your doctor, if you have ever had DVT, pulmonary embolism, a family history of clotting conditions, cancer or treatment for cancer, stroke, and heart or lung disease or if you have had major surgery in the past three months.

We reserve the right to refuse any booking in the absence of a doctor's certificate confirming that you are fit to travel. Where we provide comfort stops you are encouraged to walk around. Exercise reduces any discomfort, which may be caused by periods of immobility.

14. Travel documents, itineraries, pick-up points and passports We can only provide general information regarding entry, passport, visa, immigration requirements and safety and health formalities applicable to your package itinerary. It is your responsibility to check such requirements (in good time before departure), in order to make your decisions to fulfil such requirements regarding your destination and/or the country(ies) through which you may be transiting through.

Such information which you may need to check includes (but is not limited to) passport requirements including (but not limited to) how valid your passport must be after return date, whether your passport must be machine readable, or which visas may be required for entry such as ETA for UK travel and/or ETIAS for EU travel.

You must check requirements for your own specific circumstances with the relevant bodies as applicable. We have provided a few useful resources below, though **it is your responsibility to check and see if such body would be relevant to yourself.**

- The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office ("FCDO", <https://www.gov.uk/travelaware>) (applicable to UK residents);
- UK Passport Office (0870 5210410 or <https://www.gov.uk/browse/citizenship>).
- Embassies, High Commission and/or Consulates;
- own doctor.

For UK residents booking European travel, you should obtain a UK Global Health Insurance Card (UK GHIC) prior to departure unless you are able to rely upon an existing European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). For travel to Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Switzerland, UK GHIC and EHIC can not be used for medical treatment. Passengers to these destinations should obtain comprehensive medical insurance prior to departure, including cover for emergency medical treatment and associated costs.

We do not accept any responsibility if you cannot travel, or incur any other loss because you have not complied with any entry, passport, visa, immigration requirements or health formalities. You agree to reimburse us in relation to any fines or other losses which we incur as a result of your failure to comply with any entry passport, visa, immigration requirements or health formalities.

You are responsible for ensuring you are at the correct departure point, at the correct time and with the correct documents. JW Lodge & Sons Ltd reserve the right to modify itineraries to conform with requests from competent authorities both within the UK and abroad.

15. Special Requests & Excursions All special needs and requests, if agreed, should be entered on the booking form and be included in the confirmation of the holiday. These cannot be guaranteed except where confirmed as part of our holiday commitment to you and are detailed on your holiday booking confirmation. We are keen to ensure that we plan the arrangements for your holiday so that special needs and requests can be accommodated as far as possible. If you will need assistance or may be unable to fully enjoy all aspects of your holiday you must tell us in advance so that we can maximise your enjoyment of the holiday. We will need to know if you will need special facilities in the hotel, taking part in the excursions or have difficulty boarding and travelling on the coach or other means of transport. Before booking your holiday, you should be sure that you and your party are both physically and mentally capable of completing the itinerary. If you need advice or further information either you or your booking agent should contact 01245231262. If you will require a special diet please tell us at the time of booking, or as soon as you are medically advised, together with a copy of the diet.

Excursions which are included in the cost of your booking are detailed on the brochure page and refunds will not be made for excursions not taken. Optional excursions booked and paid for in resort do not form part of your booking. Admission fees to buildings may not be included in the price of the holiday, please check.

16. Passengers with disabilities We want everyone to enjoy our travel arrangements. We are happy to advise and assist you in choosing a suitable holiday. It is important that, when booking, you advise us of any disability, specific need or complex need you may have and any special requirements that will make sure the holiday is suitable. If a passenger requires personal assistance (for example, assistance with feeding, dressing, toileting, mobilising) then this passenger must travel with an

able-bodied companion or carer and written confirmation that such assistance will be provided for the entirety of the holiday is required at the time of booking. Coach drivers/Tour Managers are unable to provide such assistance.

Important You must tell us if you have an existing medical condition, disability or complex need that may affect your holiday or other group members' enjoyment of it before you book your holiday. We reserve the right to request a doctor's certificate confirming the passenger is fit to travel. If, in our reasonable opinion, your chosen holiday is not suitable for your medical condition or disability, we reserve the right to refuse your booking. You are responsible for bringing with you the proper clothing and equipment, which we advise you about in our printed trip information. We want you to enjoy your holiday and will help you select an appropriate trip.

17. Passenger Behaviour We want all our customers to have a happy and carefree holiday. You are responsible for your behaviour and hygiene and the effect it may have on others. If you or any other member of your party is abusive, disruptive or behaves in a way that could cause damage or injury to others or affect their enjoyment of their holiday or which could damage property, we have the right to terminate your contract with us and we will have no further liability or obligation to you. The coach driver/representative, ship's captain, or similar, authorised official 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. If on your return journey, we have the right to terminate the contract with you. We also request that mobile telephones are not used on the coach.

18. Travel Insurance We strongly advise that you take out personal travel insurance for the trip. Get a Quote or call Wrightsure Travel Insurance on 01329828228. You may use an alternative insurer, but you must advise us. The insurance should cover medical and repatriation costs, personal injury, loss of baggage and cancellation charges. If you do not have adequate insurance and require our assistance during your 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. You must advise us if you use an alternative insurer, the policy number and 24-hour contact number.

19. Luggage Please restrict your luggage to a suitcase weighing no more than 18 kgs per person. We cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage to luggage unless through our negligence. Please do not leave valuable items in your suitcase when left on the coach. Please contact us for our policy on mobility scooters.

20. Conditions Of Suppliers Many of the services which make up your holiday are provided by independent suppliers. Those suppliers provide these services in accordance with their own terms and conditions which will form part of your contract with us. Some of these terms and conditions may limit or exclude the supplier's liability to you, usually in accordance with applicable International Conventions. Copies of the relevant parts of these terms and conditions are available on request from us or the supplier concerned.

21. Advanced Passenger Information A number of Governments are introducing new requirements for our suppliers to provide personal information about all travellers to the Authorities prior to travellers arriving at the destination. The data will be collected either at the time of or after a booking is made. Where we collect this data, we will treat it in accordance with our Privacy Policy.

22. Emergency Contact

Our emergency contact details are Tel: 01245231262

Email: administrator@lodgecoaches.co.uk

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Upcoming changes for travel to Europe

The European Union is introducing two important changes for travel to Europe. These are:

- EU Entry/Exit System (EES), which is planned to launch on 10th November 2024
- European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS), due in mid-2025

EU Entry/Exit Scheme (EES)

The EU Entry/Exit system is a new electronic system that will replace the physical stamping of passports when you go through passport control when arriving in and departing from your destination. It will register all entries and exits to and from the participating European countries, which basically means it will register your movements every time you cross a border in or out of the EU/Schengen area.

European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS) - expected mid-2025

ETIAS is the EU's new travel authorisation which you will need to apply for ahead of your travels.

It is due to be introduced in mid-2025, but there is not yet an exact date as to when it will come into force.

ETIAS will only cost 7 Euros, around £6. ETIAS is free for those aged 71 and over and valid for 3 years.

There is one official website to apply for an ETIAS which is www.europa.eu/etias. However, as ETIAS is not currently operational, applications via the website are not yet live.

5 DAYS
£669.00
PER PERSON



Hidden Corners of Yorkshire (Back by popular demand)

DEPART **MON 13TH** | RETURN **FRI 17TH JULY**
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT **£120.00**

This tour covers a splendid variety of magnificent scenery and contrasting countryside, with quaint Yorkshire towns and villages. We also feature a ride on the Wensleydale railway, reopened after 50 years, re-living rural railway travel as it used to be all those years ago, as well as a boat trip on the Tees to Yarm.

ITINERARY

Day 1 We leave Chelmsford at 7.00am depending on your local pick up point and travel northwards for a leisurely drive to the Blackwell Grange Hotel, stopping for refreshments during our journey. Tea/coffee and biscuits on arrival.

Day 2 We travel over the moors, across Blakey Ridge, through picturesque Hutton-lee-Hole to Pickering, where we join the North Yorkshire Moors Railway for a steam train journey through rugged moorland to Whitby - passing through Goathland 'Aidensfield' in TV's Heartbeat. Whitby is a maritime town, bursting with character and quite unique. Wander the alleyways and narrow streets and climb the steps up to Whitby Abbey.

Day 3 We begin with a drive to historic Richmond, high above the river Swale. Here you will find the Richmond Museum, which houses the set from 'All Creatures Great and Small'. Leaving Richmond, we head for the 'Wensleydale Railway' for a nostalgic ride through rural scenery from Leyburn to Leeming Bar where we re-join the coach. Afterwards, we head to Thirsk, home of James Herriot, and a chance to take in the acclaimed world of James Herriot Centre.

Day 4 Our first visit today is to Preston Park and Hall Museum. In the museum, you will find a delightful collection of memorabilia from times gone by. At Preston Hall, we join the 'Teeside Princess' and take a gentle cruise on the River Tees through beautiful countryside to the cobbled town of Yarm. In the afternoon, we drive through Bilsdale "Little Switzerland" past the Sun Inn. We then pass Rievaulx Abbey, and drop into Helmsley with its 12th century castle. On our way back to the hotel we journey over the spectacular Sutton Bank.

Day 5 We leave after breakfast and make our way homeward returning to Chelmsford early evening. Suitable stops on route.

HOTEL

The Blackwell Grange Hotel

Tel: **0330 102 7238**

This is a stunning 17th Century mansion, which enjoys an enviable setting in the beautiful County Durham countryside. The hotel is nestled in wooded parkland in Darlington, located between the North Yorkshire Moors and the Pennines. Hotel facilities include leisure club with heated indoor swimming pool, spa and sauna. All bedrooms are ensuite and have television, radio, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities.

INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights', dinner bed & breakfast
- Guide services for 3 days
- North York Moors Railway
- Wensleydale Railway • Preston Park Museum
- Teesside Princess River Cruise
- Excursions as described • Executive coach travel.

5 DAYS
£669.00
PER PERSON



**EXPERIENCE
TOUR**

Mystical and Magical Malverns

DEPART **MON 20TH** | RETURN **FRI 24TH JULY**
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT **£100.00**

Timeless craftsmanship, world-class artistry and enchanted gardens beckon in the mystical Malverns! Dive into the largest collection of Worcester porcelain in the world, unlock the gates to the legendary Morgan Motor Company and join our whimsical horticultural journey around the world at Ralph Court Gardens.

ITINERARY

Day 1 Morning collection from your local pick up point and then we travel to the heart of England breaking our journey in the historic town of Gloucester. We continue our journey to Worcester arriving at the hotel late afternoon.



Day 2 – 4 Museum of Royal Worcester: Hear the extraordinary stories of Britain's most famous porcelain during a guided tour of the museum of Royal Worcester. Granted their royal warrant in 1788, unearth 250 years of ceramic design, skill and innovation in the original factory building, displaying over 8,000 objects including exclusive Royal commissions and some of the earliest porcelain made in England. A porcelain expert will bring unique perspective with a private talk and handcrafting demonstration, followed by tea/coffee and biscuits.

Morgan Motor Company: Embark on a factory tour of the Morgan Motor Company, the oldest privately owned car manufacturer in the world. Experience their unconventionality first hand, walking the production line within meters of the vehicles being handcrafted.

Ralph Court Gardens: Crafted to reflect their love of the arts, mythology and culture, owners Stephen and Paula have designed asset of 14 quirky themed gardens. After an introductory talk, venture around the world and into distinct fantastical lands complete with water features and sound effects. Then delve into a delightful cream tea, served with homemade strawberry jam, clotted cream and a pot of 'Phileas Fogg' breakfast tea.

Day 5 We depart our hotel after breakfast and travel through the Cotswolds, Broadway and Stow-on-the-Wold, arriving back in Chelmsford early evening.

HOTEL

4* Worcester Whitehouse Hotel

Tel: **01905 24308**

The Whitehouse Hotel offers a city centre location in comfortable surroundings and attentive service. The hotel has 84 superbly furnished rooms, boasting power showers and cotton duvets. Full health club facilities include an indoor pool, spa bath, sauna and fully equipped gym.

INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Museum of Royal Worcester
- Morgan Motor Company
- Ralph Court Gardens
- Excursions as described
- Executive coach travel.

Wine and the Romantic Road in Germany

DEPART **SAT 18TH** | RETURN **SAT 25TH JULY**
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT **£139.00**

Germany's Franconia region is a wonderful area of Germany that combines fascinating history with excellent food and drink. Enjoy the beautiful landscapes and picturesque medieval towns of Wurzburg, Rothenburg ob der Tauber and Nuremburg together with visits to a traditional winery and brewery. Offering great value, our hotel features dinner with drinks included & an evening of entertainment



8 DAYS
£1299.00
 PER PERSON



ITINERARY

Day 1 An early morning departure from Chelmsford, depending on your local pick up point and transfer to Dover for the short crossing to the Continent. We make our way through France to our overnight hotel in Laon.

Day 2 After breakfast we continue through France towards Strasbourg and cross into Germany making our way to Heilbronn and onto our main stay hotel in Schlusselfeld.

Day 3 After breakfast, we drive through the Franconian vineyards to the scenic city of Würzburg. Our city tour includes the Rococo-style little chapel of Kappel, the stunning Marienberg Fortress in a magnificent riverside location and St Kilians Cathedral with its intricate sculptures, vaulted ceilings and stained glass windows. In the afternoon, we continue to the beautiful half-timbered town of Tauberbischofsheim for a short guided tour including the neo-Gothic town hall with a Glockenspiel. For our return journey, we travel via the beautiful Lauda-Königshofen to Weikersheim with the opportunity to visit the castle and magnificent baroque garden. Afterwards, we return to our hotel for dinner and entertainment.

Day 4 Today we head for Northern Bavaria's old town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber for a fascinating 90-minute guided walking tour to see its medieval architecture, preserved gate houses and the gothic-styled St Jakob's Church. With free time, we may have the opportunity to visit the numerous museums. This afternoon, we travel to Ippesheim the "Franconian Wine Paradise" located in the middle of scenic Franconian wine country. Firstly we enjoy a guided walking tour through the vineyards including coffee and cake before returning to a traditional winery in Ippesheim to relax and enjoy a typical Franconian snack with four local wines selected by our hosts. Return to hotel.

Day 5 This morning we have a guided walking tour of one of Germany's smallest towns of Schlusselfeld. The picturesque town's Stadtmuseum is also worth a visit. This afternoon, we visit a typical Franconian family brewery with beer tasting included. Well-known in the area for producing beer, we'll find out about the process and then decide for ourselves which beer we like the best. Return to hotel for dinner and entertainment.

Day 6 We will have a full day trip to the city of Nuremberg with a 90 minute guided walking tour of the town including the towering St Lawrence Church, Gothic Church of our Lady as well as the Imperial Castle. After the tour there will be the opportunity for lunch and exploring the city at leisure.

Day 7 We start our journey home after breakfast making our way back across Germany into Belgium and our overnight hotel in Leuven.



Day 8 Leaving our hotel we head for Calais and our return ferry to Dover and back to Chelmsford

(This tour is not suitable for those with severe mobility issues or wheelchair users)

HOTEL

Hotel Gasthof Zum Storch

Tel: 0049 9552 9240

Our 3-star superior hotel is located directly on the historic market square in Schlusselfeld and offers modern comfort in a family atmosphere. The rooms are spread over two separate buildings, which are only 100 meters apart. Our highlights: Cozy, modern rooms with free Wi-Fi, daily breakfast buffet with regional specialties, restaurant with Franconian cuisine and seasonal dishes.

Ibis Laon Hotel 1 night outward

Novotel Leuven Centrum 1 night return

INCLUSIONS

- 7 Nights Dinner, Bed, Breakfast
- Full day guided tour Würzburg
- Guided tour Tauberbischofsheim
- 90 minute walking tour Rothenburg
- Franconian wine tour with tea/cake
- Walking tour of Schlusselfeld ➤ Brewery Tour & tasting
- Guided walking tour of Nuremberg
- Return Channel Crossing ➤ Excursions as described
- Executive Coach Travel
- Passports required ➤ Currency Euros



Isle of Man, Island Getaway

DEPART **SUN 26TH JULY** | RETURN **SAT 1ST AUGUST**
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT **£116.00**

Right in the centre of the British Isles lies a treasure island with spectacular coastal and country scenery; it lies only 60 miles from the mainland yet has its own currency, language and laws. It offers a wide variety of scenery ranging from vast stretches of open moorland, thickly wooded glens to 100 miles of unspoilt coastline. The town has a lovely promenade with gardens, a delightful fishing harbour, a steam railway, horse drawn trams, the electric railway and shops.

ITINERARY

Day 1 We leave Chelmsford at 7.30am depending on your local pick-up point and make our way north to our overnight hotel in Preston, Lancashire.



Day 2 Leisurely morning before we make our way to Heysham where we join the ferry for the 3-hour crossing to Douglas. We arrive on the Isle of Man early evening, transfer to our hotel for the next 5 nights, evening meal on arrival.

Day 3 Board the Isle of Man Railway as it carries you through the Manx countryside to the popular resort of Port Erin. Continue to the Sound Café and Visitor Centre down on the coast where there are wonderful views of the calf of man. Then visit Cregneash Folk Village, an historic chapter in Island life and living illustration of a farming and crofting community in the late 19th Century. On the return journey to Douglas visit Castletown to see Castle Rushen and the old school house.

Day 4 We head west to Tynwald Hill to see where the islands Parliament meets in the open air once a year in true Norse tradition. We also take in Tynwald craft centre before heading for Peel, the smallest city in the British Isles, sitting grandly at the mouth of the harbour it is an attractive seaside resort complete with castle, flat sandy beach, heritage centre and smoked kipper factory. We return to our hotel in time for dinner.

Day 5 Our journey today takes us via the coast road to Laxey to see the "Lady Isabella", the largest water wheel in the world, named after the wife of the Governor of the island, the wheel is a credit to Victorian engineering. After lunch we board the Snaefell Mountain Railway where you can enjoy the old mountain railway for a breathtaking but gentle ride to the top of Snaefell Mountain on the islands historic electric railway system. On a clear day you can see not only the whole of the island, but England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

Day 6 Free day. The pretty capital of this tiny island nation sits on the shore of a



beautiful bay into which the River Douglas flows. It is an easy town to walk around, including a 3k promenade with excellent views of the harbour, bay and the Tower of Refuge on its tiny island. Attractive buildings line the streets, such as the Legislative Building, home of the Manx parliament, and the Villa Marina and Gardens, which hosts regular outdoor concerts.

Day 7 After an early breakfast we board the ferry back to Heysham. On arrival journey south taking the motorway, with stops on route, arriving in Chelmsford late evening.

HOTEL

3* Empress Hotel, Douglas

Tel: **01624 661155**

The location of our hotel is situated in the centre of the promenade in Douglas with panoramic views across Douglas Bay. The elegant hotel is very comfortable with all modern facilities and services. There is a conservatory, which spans the whole length of the hotels exterior where you can relax at all times. All rooms are tastefully furnished, with ensuite facilities, TV and hospitality tray; there is a lift to all floors. This quality hotel offers sauna, gym, and steam room.

Overnight Hotel: Garner Preston, Samlesbury Hotel. Tel: 0177 2868000

INCLUSIONS

- 6 nights dinner, bed, breakfast
- Return ferry, Isle of Man Steam Packet
- Isle of Man Railway
- Cregneash Village
- Snaefell Mountain Railway
- Executive coach travel
- Excursions as described

4 DAYS
£599.00
 PER PERSON



Edinburgh Military Tattoo

DEPART **FRI 28TH** | RETURN **MON 31ST AUGUST**
 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT **£135.00**

This four-day break takes us "North of the Border". The spectacular Edinburgh Tattoo is held each year in the grounds of Edinburgh's magnificent castle. The massed pipes, drums and band of the Scot's Guards, combine to bring spectacular music, colour and pageantry to Scotland's world-famous military event.

ITINERARY

Day 1 We leave the Chelmsford area early morning and head north, stopping en-route for refreshments, crossing the Scottish Border late afternoon and arriving in Cumbernauld early evening.

Day 2 Later start after a hearty Scottish breakfast we make a late morning departure to drive into Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland, where you spend the day at your leisure. Explore the famous "Royal Mile"; visit the Palace of Holyroodhouse situated at the end of the Royal Mile, walk up to Arthur's Seat in Holyrood Park or shop at the famous Jenners Store. Your evening meal is not included today so you are free to choose one of the many restaurants in Edinburgh. In the evening we rejoin the coach and head up to the Castle where you take your reserved seats for the highlight of the tour, the performance of the spectacular Edinburgh Tattoo, performed on the ramparts of the castle. After the show we re-board our coach for our return journey to Cumbernauld.

Day 3 Another later start as we make our way to Callander with free time here before we take a tour of the Trossachs. This National Park boasts some of the most stunning scenery in the world from the breath-taking mountains and glens of the Trossachs to the vast tranquil beauty of Loch Lomond, we travel via Loch Venacher and Brig o' Turk to Aberfoyle as we tour this spectacular location. Return to our hotel for evening meal.

Day 4 After an early breakfast we begin our journey home, heading back across the Scottish Borders into England, stopping en-route for refreshments, and arriving back in the Chelmsford area mid-evening.



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HOTEL

4* Westerwood Hotel, Cumbernauld

Tel: **01236 457171**

Experience true comfort at our Glasgow hotel, where relaxation and tranquillity await you. Nestled in the peaceful countryside of central Scotland, our Cumbernauld hotel offers a warm welcome and a cosy bed for the perfect getaway. Take a refreshing dip in our spacious heated indoor pool, or simply unwind in the comfort of your room and enjoy some well-deserved serenity.

INCLUSIONS

- 2 Nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- 1 Night Bed & Breakfast
- Edinburgh Tattoo
- Executive coach travel
- Excursions as described
- Entrance to the Tattoo

Desirable Dolomites & Stunning South Tyrol

DEPART **SUN 6TH** | RETURN **SUN 13TH SEPT**
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT **£96.00**

The Dolomites is an Italian region bursting with natural beauty and diversity. Our wonderful packaged itinerary not only includes a free bar at the main hotel each evening, but you will also experience the best of the area with a wine tasting, a typical Trentino dinner and a Grolla evening, plus, of course, the fantastic views and scenic drives! With stunning scenery, incredible inclusions and hospitality that is second to none, this will make for an unforgettable holiday.



8 DAYS
£1099.00
 PER PERSON



ITINERARY

Day 1 Morning departure, we travel to Folkstone for our channel tunnel crossing to Calais. Once in France we travel into Belgium and through Germany to our overnight hotel in Saarbrücken for dinner and breakfast.

Day 2 After breakfast we continue our journey to Italy, crossing over the Brenner Pass up into the Brenta Dolomites to Paganella for 5 night's dinner and breakfast. We are welcomed by Fausto and his family with a glass of Prosecco.

Day 3 Free day in our resort including a guided walk around the village with your host Fausto. Enjoy a picnic with great company, food and wine and start to get into the relaxed Paganella way of life in the mountains.

Day 4 Today we arrive in one of Italy's best kept secrets-stunning merino! In true sound of music fashion, this beautiful spa town sits nestled between the Dolomites. The town centre abounds with shops, restaurants and cafés oozing with delicious strudel. For a bird's eye view of the city, take the chair lift up to the panoramic view point. In the afternoon, we head for the historic winery of Cantina Martinelli, where we enjoy a tour and tasting of some top quality wines.

Day 5 Today we drive north towards Moena, based in the heart of the dolomites, and ascend towards the vibrant town of Canazei. From here it's just a short drive to get to the Sella pass, an incredible viewing platform, from where we can enjoy lunch and appreciate the amazing 360 degree views across the Dolomites spectacular jagged peaks. We continue down into the alluring Val Gardena, a historic valley known for its wood making traditions and unique ancient language, Ladin, which is only spoken here. Enjoy a break in the picturesque village of Ortisei and relax over a delicious plate of strudel, or perhaps shop for one of the other local specialities handmade cuckoo clocks.

Day 6 Our route this morning takes us past the lesser known but incredibly scenic lake Molveno, and from here we enjoy the relaxing route taking us through to the back of Lake Garda. Riva offers a lakeside historic centre and is the most northerly point in Europe where olive trees grow! We have free time to explore Riva and perhaps enjoy a delicious lunch or drink in the main square.

Day 7 We sadly leave our small village in the Italian Dolomites and make our way back into Germany to our overnight hotel.



Day 8 Continue on our final leg up the Rhine Valley and travel to Calais for the return journey to Folkstone and onto Chelmsford arriving early evening.

Italian room tax of between 2 and 5 euros per person per night to be paid to the hotel on arrival

HOTEL

Hotel Paganella 3* Fai della Paganella

Tel: 0039 0461 583116

This small and friendly 3* family run hotel is ideally located for touring in this area. Fausto and his family ensure a warm welcome in this typically Austrian chalet style dwelling. There is a cosy bar, a traditional restaurant serving excellent home made fare, and a comfortable lounge and sitting areas. Bedrooms are well appointed and all have en suite facilities with hairdryer, satellite TV and telephone. There is a lift to all floors.

Overnight outward and return will be at the Best Western Victors Residenz-Hotel, Saarbrücken
 Tel: 004968141020

INCLUSIONS

- 7 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Porterage in and out
- Grolla Evening with Wine Tasting
- Cantina Martinelli wine tasting
- Guided walk with picnic • Wine and water with dinner
- Welcome drink • Return ferry crossings
- Executive coach travel • Passports required
- Currency Euros

Enchanting Highlands

DEPART **SUN 20TH** | RETURN **SAT 26TH SEPT**
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT **£214.00**

Unearth the spectacular Scottish treasures, rich heritage, and Highland culture on this jam-packed adventure! We include the Hairy Coo Safari in Rothiemurchus, a Celtic Experience to Clava Cairns, Culloden Battlefield, Ballindalloch Castle known as the "Pearl of the North," a prime example of Scottish Baronial architecture and Knockando Woolmill, winner of the prestigious European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage.



7 DAYS
£1129.00
 PER PERSON

EXPERIENCE
TOUR



ITINERARY

Day 1 We leave from your local pick-up point and head north, stopping for refreshments on the way, cross the border into Scotland to The Holiday Inn Dumfries for our overnight stay.

Day 2 Departing after a fine Scottish breakfast, we take a scenic route travelling via the Trossachs to Fort William, then onward to Spean Bridge and through Monarch of the Glen Country to our hotel in Grantown on Spey.

Day 3 -5 Experience: Ballindalloch Castle and Gardens

Home of the Macpherson-Grant family for over 450 years, Ballindalloch Castle is known as the "Pearl of the North", a perfect example of Scottish Baronial architecture and is one of the few privately owned castles continuously lived in by its original family.

Experience: Hairy Coo Safari

Led by one of Rothiemurchus' expert Rangers, meet the beloved Hairy Coos up close, feed the resident red deer herd by hand, all while you learn about the deep connection between the land, its people, and wildlife in Highland's culture. Complete the day with a light lunch amidst the natural splendour of the Highlands.

Experience: Knockando Woolmill

Knockando Mill, one of the last operational mills in the UK, is a Grade A listed property that highlights the intricate process of wool production, from raw fleece to finished fabric. Witness the vintage machinery in action and discover how traditional methods of carding, spinning, and weaving are preserved.

Experience: Celtic Experience

Accompanied by our expert guide, immerse yourself in Scotland's rich history as you explore key sites linked to the Jacobite uprising and Highland heritage. Begin your journey at Culloden Battlefield, where the final battle on mainland Britain unfolded, and delve into its story at the Visitor Centre. Enjoy free time in



Inverness, where you can explore the city at your own pace over lunch. In the afternoon we make a visit to Inverness Castle, set to reopen after refurbishment in 2025.

Day 6 This morning we bid farewell to the Cairngorm Mountains and make our way south, passing Pitlochry, Dunkeld and Perth, perhaps a stop at one of these for lunch. Enjoying the beautiful scenery during our journey to our overnight stop in Dumfries.

Day 7 We travel south through North Yorkshire stopping for refreshments on the way and to arrive back in Chelmsford mid evening.

HOTEL

4* Grant Arms Hotel, Granttown on Spey

Tel: **01479 872526**

The Grant Arms Hotel offers 50 en-suite bedrooms all with tea and coffee making facilities, toiletries, hair dryer, colour TV and direct dial phone.

INCLUSIONS

- 6 night's dinner, bed breakfast
- Ballindalloch Castle & Gardens, The Hairy Coo Safari, Knockando
- Woolmill & a Celtic Experience Guided tour.
- Excursions as described
- Executive coach travel





Western Ireland`s Coastal Delights inc. Galway

DEPART **SUN 13TH** | RETURN **SAT 19TH SEPT**
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT **£170.00**

The West of Ireland in all its glory including a visit to the fabulous Cliffs of Moher Visitor Centre, an ocean drive, a visit to Galway and the changing landscapes of the Burren.

ITINERARY

Day 1 After your morning pick-ups we head north into Wales to our overnight hotel with suitable stops on-route.

Time to settle in before your evening meal.

Day 2 Early start as we set off to Holyhead for our sailing to Ireland, breakfast on board the ferry, then head through the rich pastures of Kildare, home to the Irish National Stud, lyrical Limerick and Bunratty, home to Irelands oldest Pub Dirty Nelly`s before arriving in Ennistymon for 4 nights stay.

Day 3 From the sheer drop of the Cliffs of Moher into the Atlantic to the stark moonscapes of the Burren, northern Co. Clare is a must for all visitors to this region. Call at the Cliffs of Moher Visitor Centre for an introduction to the Burren, a large limestone cap stretching for miles. From here head for Doolin for lunch, known as the music capital of Ireland. This afternoon, travel via Listoonvarna, where the famous match making festival takes place in September. Follow the dramatic coastal route where on a clear day you can spot the Arran Islands, make your way around Black Head and Ballyvaughan Bay before returning to your hotel.

Day 4 Full day tour to Galway city, once a humble fishing village and now western Irelands adopted capital. Enjoy the Buzzing Café culture in Eyre Square, visit the cathedral and museums or watch the salmon fishermen on Lough Corrib.

Day 5 Free Day. Enjoy a casual stroll into Ennistymon a thriving market town, with a bustling local economy. Numerous independent shops line the streets, each decorated in a way that stays true to the history of the town.

You'll find bookshops, bakers, butchers, hardware shops, cafes, restaurants, and pubs, each offering a warm welcome and fascinating product. You could also make use of the many hotel facilities.(8 minute taxi ride to Lahinch Beach)

Day 6 From Co. Clare it's not a long way to Tipperary and a visit to Cahir heritage town with its well-preserved castle built on a rocky island on the River Suir. Continue to Waterford for time in Ireland's oldest city before a final overnight close to Wexford.

Day 7 Ferry this morning from Rosslare to South Wales and then our journey home to Essex.



HOTEL

4* Falls Hotel

Tel: **00353 657071004**

The spacious rooms at the Falls Hotel are decorated in warm colours and feature flat-screen TVs. Rooms have work desks and an extensive room service menu is available. The modern and stylish Cascades Restaurant overlooks the river and serves traditional Irish and international food. Dylan Thomas Bar has a bar menu, conservatory and memorabilia of the famous poet. The Aqua & Fitness Room boasts a steam room and a sauna. The River Spa offers a range of treatments, massages and body wraps.

INCLUSIONS

- 6 nights dinner bed & breakfast
- Return ferry crossings
- Entrance Cliffs of Moher visitor experience
- Excursions as described
- Executive coach travel
- Passport required
- Currency euro.

5 DAYS
£709.00
 PER PERSON



Lake District & High Adventure

DEPART **MON 28TH SEPT** | RETURN **FRI 2ND OCT**
 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT **£NIL**

The sheer beauty of the Lake District has inspired poets and artists for centuries and on this tour we paint a picture that will last in your memory for years to come. We stay in Keswick, an old market town and now a busy Lakeland resort, which lies snuggled along the shores of Lake Derwentwater with the Skiddaw Mountains watching over this lovely town. We have also included The Mountain Goat High Adventure and a day around the Dales. One of our longest running tours and most popular hotels.

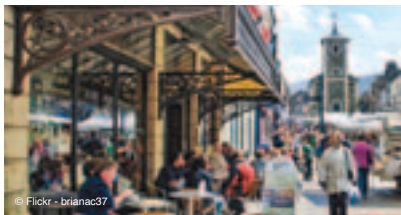
ITINERARY

Day 1 We leave Chelmsford at 7.00am depending on your local pick-up point and we travel to Keswick with stops on route arriving at The Skiddaw Hotel in Keswick early evening.

Day 2 Free time in Keswick this morning, after lunch we enjoy a short drive along the beautiful Borrowdale Valley with a visit to Grasmere, returning to enjoy all the wonderful scenery that the Lake District has to offer on our way back to the hotel.

Day 3 Mountain Goat High Adventure; Discover the beautiful sights of the Western Lake District on this adventurous full-day tour. This tour in mini-buses, going where the big coaches cannot go, will take you off the beaten track as you discover the magnificent scenery of the Lake District with its beautiful mountains and dramatic lakes. Taking in Langdale Valley and Wrynose Pass travelling via hairpin roads over the steepest passes in England then onto Hardknott Pass where you drive past the extraordinary remains of Hardknott Roman Fort, 1,000 feet up on the fells, then down into Eskdale Valley stopping at a traditional country inn. Later continue to Britain's favourite view at Wastwater framed by England's highest mountain Scafell Pike before making our way back to the hotel.

Day 4 A full day tour via Ullswater where we enjoy an included cruise, viewing the length of Ullswater before rejoining the coach and travelling over the Kirkstone Pass to Windermere. Free time here for lunch and shopping before we head to Ambleside and Grasmere past Helvellyn the mighty mountain, back into Keswick.



Day 5 We make our way home via the Roman road to Appleby and Brough in the Dales arriving in Chelmsford about 7.30pm.

HOTEL

4* Skiddaw Hotel, Keswick

Tel: **01768 772071**

The Skiddaw Hotel is set in the picturesque market town of Keswick, this hotel is the ideal base to enjoy the area and all it has to offer with stunning lakes and fells on the doorstep. Experience the high standard of comfort in one of the 43 ensuite bedrooms, one of the finest hotels in Keswick. Hotel has a lift.

INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights', dinner bed & breakfast
- Cruise on Lake Ullswater
- Mountain Goat Tour
- Excursions as described
- Executive coach travel

6 DAYS
£799.00
PER PERSON



Relaxing Regency Sidmouth

DEPART **FRI 11TH** | RETURN **WED 16TH SEPT**
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT **£NIL**

Now one of our favourites, this picturesque town is situated on the glorious South Devon coast set between deep red cliffs on the edge of Devon's heathery uplands. The Regency style esplanade overlooks a sunny bathing and boating beach, and there are lovely floral gardens. Plenty of opportunity for wonderful seaside walks along the esplanade, with a well-preserved compact shopping centre.

ITINERARY

Day 1 Leaving Chelmsford early morning, we make a leisurely journey to Sidmouth stopping on route for refreshments, arriving at the hotel late afternoon with time for you to settle in before our evening meal.

Day 2 After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to Bicton Park Botanical Gardens, a privately owned garden with ten feature gardens, a historic feature garden inspired by Versailles, a countryside museum, a woodland railway and much more. In the afternoon we visit The Donkey Sanctuary a tranquil corner of the Jurassic Coast near Sidmouth that hundreds of friendly donkeys call home.

Day 3 A free day in this delightful floral resort to enjoy the Regency architecture, magnificent Conaught Gardens, local attractions or just relax on the beach.

Day 4 Today we visit Buckfast Abbey, home to a community of 13 Benedictine monks. We then board the South Devon Railway to relive the golden days of travel on a journey on the multi-award-winning South Devon Railway, along seven miles of stunning valley countryside from Buckfastleigh to Totnes.

Day 5 After a leisurely breakfast we head to Exeter, segmented into district quarters. The Cathedral quarter is worth a visit and you could even go up to the roof for a tour. In the afternoon we continue to Exmouth for a circular cruise on the calm and sheltered waters of the beautiful River Exe, these cruises are the best way to see the stunning scenery, wildlife and nature of the Exe Estuary.

Day 6 After our final breakfast we take our leave of Sidmouth and make our journey homewards, stopping on route for refreshments, arriving in Chelmsford early evening.

HOTEL

3* Royal York & Faulkner Hotel, Sidmouth

Tel: **01395 5130043**

Royal York & Faulkner Hotel is situated on the esplanade overlooking the sea, close to the shopping centre. All bedrooms are en-suite with colour TV, telephone and tea/coffee making facilities. The restaurant offers four course table d'hôte dinner with choice at each course followed by coffee. The hotel facilities include three spacious lounges for you to relax in, two bars and a full-size snooker table. There are lifts to all floors.

INCLUSIONS

- 5 nights dinner bed & breakfast
- Entrance to Bicton Park
- Buckfast Abbey
- South Devon railway
- Donkey Sanctuary
- River Exe cruise
- Excursions as described • Executive coach travel

5 DAYS
£659.000
PER PERSON



Steam, Craft & Tipples of Somerset

DEPART **MON 12TH** | RETURN **FRI 16TH OCT**
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT **£NIL**

On this tour to Somerset, we enjoy a delightful heritage steam ride on the Lynton & Barnstaple Railway, learn what goes into producing Sheppy's Cider and watch the fine craftsman at work at Dartington Crystal. Alongside this we have visits to the lovely seaside of Ilfracombe, market day in Bideford and the county town of Tiverton.

ITINERARY

Day 1 After your early morning pick-ups, we head over to the west country stopping for coffee and lunch on the way, before continuing our journey south into the beautiful county of Somerset and arriving at our hotel late afternoon.

Day 2 Our excursion today begins with a visit to the ancient seaport of Bideford where it is market day. Browse the farmers market and enjoy free time exploring this town with its elegant Georgian buildings. Later we journey the short distance to Dartington Crystal. We enjoy a behind the scenes factory tour with skilled craftsmen demonstrating how they handcraft glass into luxury homeware items.

Day 3 We begin the day with a visit to the county town of Taunton where you are free to explore at your own leisure and have the chance to enjoy lunch. Our visit this afternoon is to Sheppy Cider producing cider here since 1917. We will enjoy a guided tour of the facility to learn what goes into producing this fine cider before enjoying tasting.

Day 4 After a leisurely breakfast this morning we travel west to visit the Victorian seaside resort of Ilfracombe, known as the jewel in the North Devon Coast. Discover a quaint quayside and harbour, whitewashed villas, lovely beaches, coastal paths and an abundance of cafes and shops. After lunch we journey the short distance to enjoy a steam ride on the Lynton & Barnstaple Railway. Board the heritage carriages as you enjoy a traditional steam ride through the rolling countryside offering picturesque views of the moorland and rugged coastline.

Day 5 Sadly we must leave Minehead and travel homewards, stopping for lunch along the way. We continue homewards arriving in the Chelmsford area in the early evening.

HOTEL

3*Northfield Hotel, Minehead

Tel: **012643 705155**

The Northfield is located within nearly two acres of beautiful gardens. All bedrooms benefit from en-suite facilities, television, dressing gowns, bottled water and hospitality tray. The Northfield boasts an indoor heated swimming pool, steam room and gym. The landscaped gardens are rumoured to have been laid out by Gertrude Jekyll. On-site is an attractive restaurant that offers a British menu using fresh produce. There is a bar menu in the lounge bar and food may also be taken on the outdoor terrace.

INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Entrance to Dartington Crystal & Sheppy's Cider.
- Lynton & Barnstaple Railway
- Excursions as described
- Executive coach travel



5 DAYS
£539.00
PER PERSON

St Agnes – Cream of Cornwall

DEPART **SAT 31ST OCT** | RETURN **WEDS 4TH NOV**
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT **£NIL**

St Agnes is a charming unspoilt village situated to the north of Truro, which still retains links with Cornwall's industrial past and is an ideal centre for our tour. Our Autumn holiday includes the magnificent sandy beaches, quaint villages and tranquil wooded estuaries, with a visit to the Eden Project.

ITINERARY

Day 1 We leave Chelmsford at 7.00am depending on your local pick up point and travel southwards to Devon and Cornwall over Bodmin Moor to St Agnes making suitable stops on route arriving at the hotel in time to settle in and enjoy our evening meal.

Day 2 We have a tour today enjoying a coastal drive, seeing some world class scenery of Cornwall whilst on our way to the delightful 'olde worlde' fishing port of St Ives. Nestling in the gentle St Ives Bay, the town enjoys a pleasant climate and is a haven for artists from all over the world. A mini shuttle bus service operates from the coach park into the town centre, or you can take a pleasant walk downwards into the town.

Day 3 This morning we have an included visit to the Eden Project- a gigantic global garden housed in bio domes, accommodating a fascinating array of plants from all over the world. (A significant amount of walking is involved in visiting the bio domes). We return to St Agnes by mid-afternoon, giving you some free time to explore in this unspoilt village.

Day 4 Our excursion today sees us travel to Truro, centre stage is Truro Cathedral with its impressive gothic towers dominating the skyline. In its shadow, a warren of compact streets are home to an impressive array of independent traders. This afternoon we go on to the lovely resort of Falmouth basking on the shoreline of the world's third natural harbour, with quaint narrow streets and interesting shops for you to browse at leisure.

Day 5 We make an early start after breakfast for our return journey with sufficient refreshment stops before arriving back at your original departure point early evening.



HOTEL

3* Rosemundy House Hotel

Tel: **01872 552101**

The Rosemundy House Hotel is a family hotel that offers forty-six tastefully appointed bedrooms. All bedrooms are centrally heated and have private bathrooms or shower rooms, flat screen colour TV with Freeview, direct dial telephones, hairdryers and beverage tray. There is no lift. The hotel is set in over four acres of private secluded gardens and woodland and is within easy walking distance of the quaint and unspoilt coastal village of St Agnes.

INCLUSIONS

- 🔹 4 nights dinner, bed, breakfast
- 🔹 Excursions as described
- 🔹 Entrance to The Eden Project
- 🔹 Executive coach travel



5 DAYS
£499.00
PER PERSON

Weymouth and the Dorset Coast

DEPART **MON 9TH** | RETURN **FRI 13TH NOV**
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT **£100.00**

The Isle of Portland, which shelters Weymouth harbour, is a plateau of rock joined to the mainland by a narrow causeway of shingle which is part of the 10 mile stretch of Chesil Beach. Our tour explores Weymouth, Dorchester and the Dorset coast at Swanage

ITINERARY

Day 1 Departing from your local pick-up points we travel south towards Dorset with a stop in Salisbury on the way. We then continue to Weymouth and our hotel arriving in time to settle in before dinner.

Day 2 A morning scenic drive around the Isle of Portland, viewing the famous Portland Bill Lighthouse, and Portland Castle before visiting Weymouth – with its fine Georgian seafront, 3 miles of golden sands and its pretty harbour, Weymouth is always a firm favourite.

Day 3 Today we travel to Dorchester, the county town of Dorset and the birthplace of author Thomas Hardy. We'll continue to Bridport, a vibrant town with a fascinating antiques quarter, before following the coast along magnificent Chesil Beach and calling at Abbotsbury. This historic village sits in a secluded valley, sheltered by the Ridgeway Hills and there is a range of interesting and independent shops to be discovered.

Day 4 We travel through the attractive countryside of the Isle of Purbeck, stopping off in the historic riverside town of Wareham. We continue to the delightful old-fashioned resort of Swanage for our lunch break and time to explore before returning to our hotel

Day 5 We depart Weymouth after breakfast and make our way to Shaftsbury before the return drive to Chelmsford.



HOTEL

The Heights Hotel, Isle of Portland, Dorset

Tel: **01305 821361**

Set on the summit of Portland with stunning sea and coastal views over Weymouth and Chesil beach towards Lyme Bay. Bar, bistro & coffee shop with wonderful panoramic views. Bar & bistro are situated on the first floor accessible via a lift or two small flights of stairs. All bedrooms are situated on ground and first floor only. First floor rooms are not easily accessible via the lift so anyone with walking difficulties should request a ground floor room.

INCLUSIONS

- 🔹 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- 🔹 Excursions as described
- 🔹 Executive coach travel



5 DAYS
£589.00
PER PERSON

Warners – Heythrop Park

DEPART **MON 16TH** | RETURN **FRI 20TH NOV**
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT **£NIL** | UPGRADED ROOM **£25.00PP**

Heythrop Park is the newest property in the Warner Hotels portfolio and is located on the edge of the Cotswolds in Oxfordshire countryside. Nestled amidst 440 acres of stunning landscape, this splendid estate boasts a rich history dating back to the 18th century and has recently undergone an extensive refurbishment.

ITINERARY

Day 1 After your local pick-ups we make our way to Oxford with a suitable stop on route, arriving late afternoon to check in to our hotel for the next four nights, time to settle in before dinner.

Day 2 Stratford-upon-Avon – best known as Shakespeare's birthplace. For those who admire the bard, there are endless museums and attractions dedicated to his life and work. Alternatively, why not browse the quaint shops and cafés or stroll down the delightful River Avon.

Day 3 Free to enjoy the wonderful facilities of Heythrop. Unwind in the luxurious spa or on our championship 18-hole golf course and savour Heythrop Park's breathtaking surroundings and grand past. With a choice of two unique entertainment venues, the hotel dates back to 1707 when the Duke of Shrewsbury built Heythrop House. Relax or explore on your terms with laser clay pigeon shooting, a cocktail making workshop or a cycle ride around the stunning grounds. You could even Indulge in afternoon tea on the terrace.

Day 4 Firstly Royal Leamington Spa, renowned for its famous spa for centuries, Royal Leamington Spa now not only offers history, but has architecture, arts and a quirky side to explore. We'll then visit the beautiful market town of Banbury - parks & gardens, canal sidewalks and museums, and the wonderful Castle Quay mall.

Day 5 We leave after breakfast and head for Bicester shopping village then head back to Chelmsford arriving early evening.



HOTEL

Heythrop Park
Tel: **01460 30111**

The hotel now features luxurious bedrooms, choice of restaurants, a selection of lounge areas, and two entertainment venues. There's also a sumptuous spa and an 18-hole golf course and the opulent manor's extensive grounds provide the perfect setting for parkland walks and bike rides plus, there's a hidden waterfall to discover. Heythrop Park is your escape into elegance, entertainment, and natural beauty, all within a rich historical setting.

INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights dinner bed breakfast
- Portage in and out of hotel
- Full entertainment programme
- Excursions as described
- Executive coach travel.



5 DAYS
£639.00
PER PERSON

EXPERIENCE
TOUR

Yorkshire Winter Delights

DEPART **MON 23RD** | RETURN **FRI 27TH NOV**
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT **£120.00**

Celebrate the magic of the season with a Christmas Extravaganza in Harrogate, one of Britain's happiest places to live and a renowned Victorian spa town. Indulge in a festive cream tea. Visit Harewood House, exquisitely transformed each year with imaginative displays. Jingle and mingle at the Harrogate Christmas Fayre, where an eclectic mix of local and European stalls awaits, all set against the backdrop of spectacular Christmas light displays.

ITINERARY

Day 1 After our local pick-ups we leave Chelmsford and travel north with suitable stops on route, arriving in the afternoon for our 4 night stay. Welcome Yorkshire-themed drinks of local ale and gin on arrival.

Day 2 -4 Explore **Harrogate's very own festive market** boasting an eclectic mix of local traders and traditional European stalls, a must see with spectacular Christmas light displays.

Experience: Christmas at Harewood House

The majestically decorated Harewood House and grounds will take you on a wonderful Christmas journey. Explore imaginatively themed festive displays that change each year, enjoy a magical walk along the twinkling Lakeside Path, visit All Saints' Church, or do some last-minute shopping in the Courtyard and House, where you'll find a luxurious range of unique gifts and collectibles.

Experience: York Christmas Market - St Nicholas Fair

Stroll around one of the best Christmas markets in the UK at York St Nicholas Fair for 'magical memories that you'll never forget' as you wander along Parliament Street and St Sampson's square to spot snowy alpine chalets hosting unique stocking fillers, special gifts and tasty treats.

Day 5 After breakfast we begin our journey homeward back to Essex, with suitable stops for coffee and lunch on route.



HOTEL

4* Cedar Court hotel, Harrogate
Tel: **01423 858585**

Located in the heart of historic Harrogate, the Cedar Court Hotel Harrogate offers exceptional accommodation overlooking 200 acres of the pristine Stray parkland. The property is a historical site, dating back to 1671. Our Harrogate hotel offers our guests modern facilities and superfast Wi-Fi. Also, it is only a quick stroll away from some of the must-visit attractions in the city centre. Hotel has a lift.

INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights dinner bed & breakfast
- Christmas at Harewood house
- York Christmas Market.
- Hotel winter warmer programme.
- Executive coach travel
- Excursions as described



3 DAYS
£1029.00
PER PERSON

**EXPERIENCE
TOUR**

Belmond British Pullman – Festive Bath

DEPART **SUN 29TH NOV** | RETURN **TUES 1ST DEC**
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT **£140.00**

Celebrate the season in timeless style aboard a festive train journey from London to Bath aboard the iconic Belmond British Pullman, sister train to the Orient Express.

ITINERARY

Day 1 Morning departure from your local pick-up point, we have a stop at Polehill Garden Centre before continuing to Brooklands Motor Museum to explore airplanes, racing cars and buses at the world's first purpose-built racetrack. Our evening meal will be in a local restaurant walking distance from the hotel.

Day 2 Celebrate the season in timeless style aboard a festive train journey from London to Bath aboard the iconic Belmond British Pullman, sister train to the Orient Express. Step into the golden age of rail travel, where the journey itself is a celebration. Travel in beautifully restored 1920s carriages, adorned with plush armchairs, handcrafted marquetry, and elegant art deco touches, as liveried stewards provide impeccable service throughout. Your holiday adventure begins with a lavish three-course brunch, accompanied by a sparkling Bellini, as you glide through the winter-kissed countryside en route to the enchanting city of Bath – celebrated for its Georgian splendour, thermal waters, vibrant Christmas markets, and recognition as one of the Michelin Guide's 10 most exciting foodie destinations in 2025. The festive indulgence continues on your return journey with a champagne reception and an opulent four-course dinner, perfectly complemented by fine wine and presented on bespoke china and crystal. (Two and a half hours free time in Bath).

Day 3 Experience: Windsor Castle

Windsor Castle, perched gracefully on a hill overlooking the Thames, is one of the oldest and largest occupied castles in the world. A favourite weekend retreat of Queen Elizabeth II, this majestic residence has housed British royalty for over 1,000 years. Visitors can explore its opulent State Apartments, adorned with masterpieces by renowned artists, and the stunning St. George's Chapel, a Gothic masterpiece that is the resting place of ten monarchs. We then make our way back to Chelmsford after our visit.

HOTEL

Sir Christopher Wren Hotel & Spa, Windsor

Tel: **01753 442400**

This 17th-century house is between the banks of the River Thames and Windsor Castle. It is now a 4-star hotel and has free Wi-Fi, air-conditioned rooms, and an award-winning restaurant. All rooms are individually decorated in a modern style. All rooms feature a TV, a luxury private bathroom and a spacious work area, whilst some overlook the River Thames and Eton Bridge.

INCLUSIONS

- Belmond British Pullman return train journey
- Entrance to Windsor Castle & Brooklands Museum
- Excursions as described
- Executive coach travel



5 DAYS
£809.00
PER PERSON

Harrogate, Skipton & the Yorkshire Dales for Christmas

DEPART **WED 23RD DEC** | RETURN **SUN 27TH DEC**
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT **£NIL**

Our base for this tour is the pleasant spa town of Harrogate, well known for its tea shops, antique shops, and Turkish baths. We also see some stunning Dales scenery and visit a couple of Dale's towns.

ITINERARY

Day 1 Following your local pick up, we make our way north and into Yorkshire with suitable stops on-route. Tea/coffee on arrival with time then to settle in and prepare for our three course evening dinner.

Day 2 Christmas Eve We visit York, a famous city with roman roots and a Viking past. We return in time to explore Harrogate or relax around the hotel if you would prefer.

Day 3 Christmas Day After breakfast maybe a little wander around Harrogate. Three course served traditional Christmas lunch with Christmas pudding. Sherry and Christmas cake with the Kings speech (board games, chess & books available). Light evening buffet.

Day 4 Boxing Day A circular tour of the Dales with a short stop in Pateley Bridge and a longer lunch time stop in Skipton. Skipton has a 900-year-old castle as well as an impressive marketplace and a historic cobbled high street. It is rich in both history and natural beauty.

Day 5 We depart Yorkshire after breakfast and begin our journey home with a stop on-route arriving back in our local area late afternoon after a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas.



HOTEL

4* Crowne Plaza Harrogate

Tel: **01423 849988**

In the heart of historical Harrogate, Crowne Plaza Harrogate offers a modern fitness centre and free WiFi. With wonderful views across the Yorkshire Dales The stylish rooms are decorated in natural colours, and each features air conditioning, tea/coffee facilities, a spacious work desk and Freeview TV. All rooms have a private bathroom, and many have scenic views. The Springs Restaurant is open daily for breakfast and dinner is served daily from 6.30pm. The Springs Bar is open daily from 10.00 am serving food and drinks.

INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Christmas Itinerary provided by the hotel includes 1-night live entertainment, 2 nights in house entertainment
- Porterage
- Excursions as described
- Executive coach travel

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