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October 2023
to October 2024

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Kirbys Team



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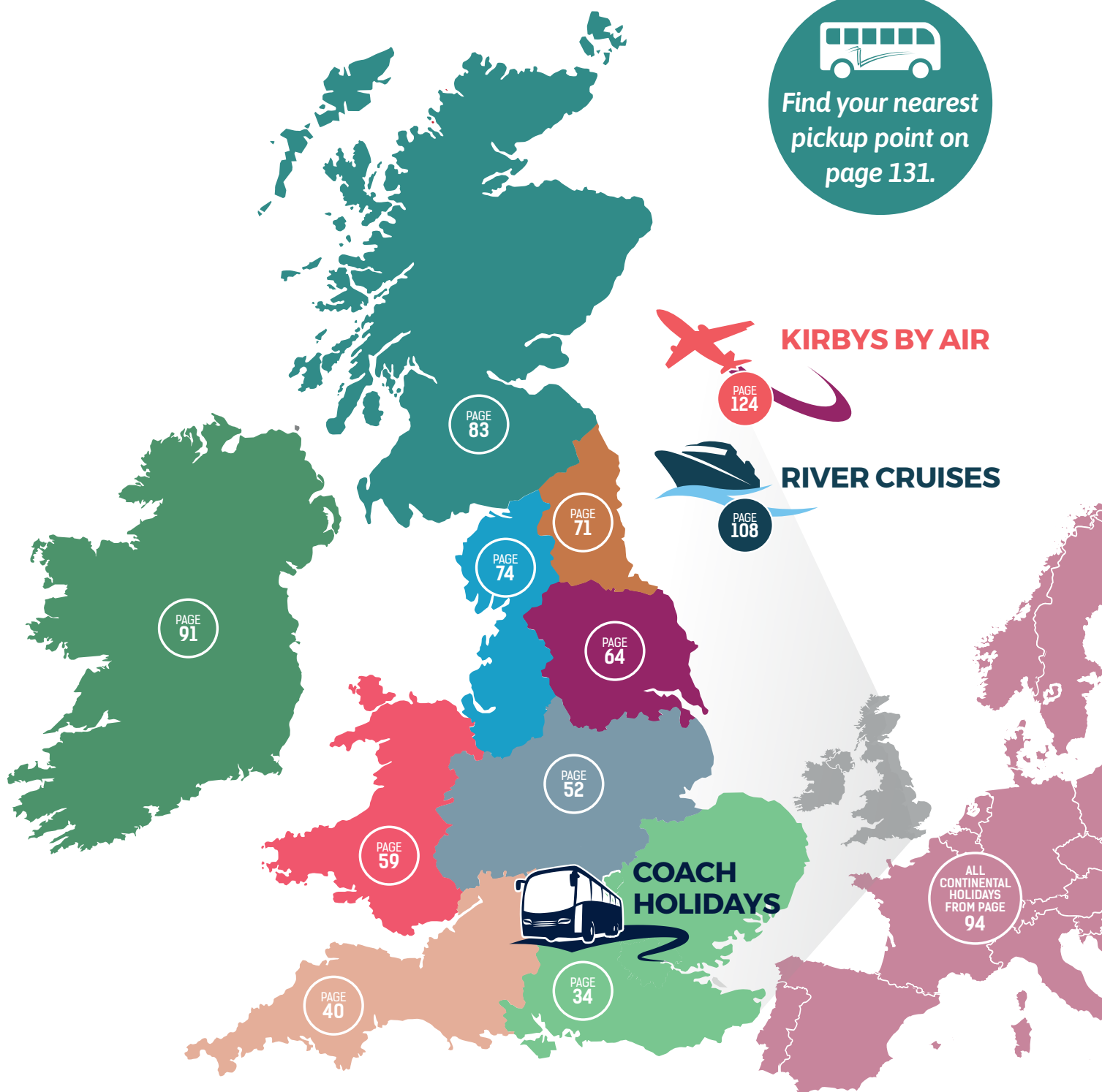
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-  Air Conditioning in room
-  En suite
-  TV in room
-  Hair dryer available
-  Lift to all floors
-  Ground floor rooms available
-  Swimming pool



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Looking after you even more in 2024!

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Please enquire...

For self-drive or coach
 only on any of our holidays!



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This is essential to ensure that we can contact you should there be any delays or emergencies.

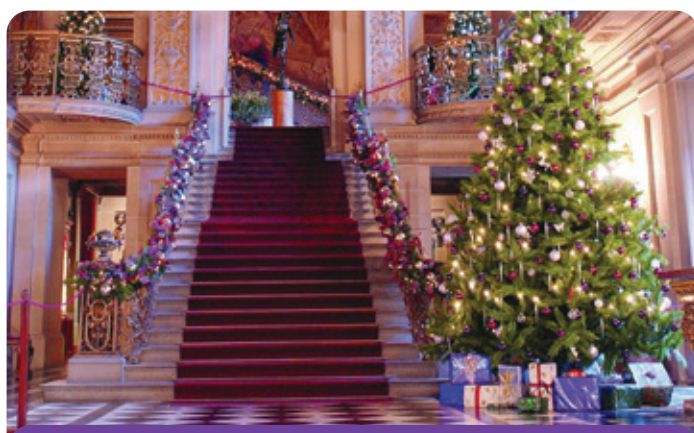
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Mon 9th	Warners Heythrop Park, Oxfordshire	5	£609pp	18
Mon 9th	Autumn Tints of the New Forest	5	£699pp	35
Wed 11th	Morocco by Air	8	Please enquire!	125
Mon 16th	Potters Resorts, Five Lakes	5	£639pp	10
Sat 21st	Autumn Tints of the Rhine	5	£609pp	95
Mon 23rd	Warners Bodelwyddan Castle Hotel, North Wales	5	£525pp	15
Mon 23rd	Autumn Colours in the Golden Cotswolds	5	£625pp	52
Thurs 26th	Scottish Autumn Gold All Inclusive House Party	5	£619pp	84
Mon 30th	Halloween on the Yorkshire Coast	4	£399pp	65
Mon 30th	Weymouth Turkey & Tinsel	5	£475pp	21



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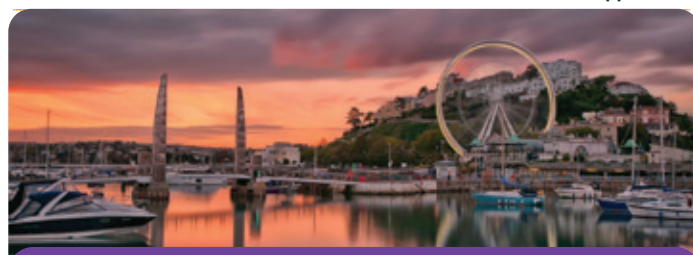
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Fri 17th	Chatsworth House & Christmas Markets	3	£309pp	22
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Mon 27th	Black Forest Christmas Market	5	£679pp	25



DECEMBER 2023

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Mon 18th	Warners Alvaston Hall Hotel, Cheshire	5	£475pp	16
Sat 23rd	Christmas in Pitlochry, Scotland	5	£789pp	30
Sat 23rd	Christmas in Warwickshire	5	£765pp	31
Sat 23rd	Christmas in Winchester	5	£725pp	32
Wed 27th	Twixmas on the Isle of Wight	3	£295pp	33
Thurs 28th	New Year on the Rhine River Cruise	6	£1439pp	109
Sat 30th	New Year in Warwickshire	4	£559pp	33
Sat 30th	New Year in Yorkshire	4	£669pp	33



JANUARY 2024

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Thurs 11th	All Inclusive Burns Break, Scotland	5	£495pp	85
Mon 22nd	Yorkshire Winter Warmer	5	£499pp	66
Mon 22nd	Winter Warmer on the English Riviera	5	£405pp	42

FEBRUARY 2024

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Mon 5th	Warners Nidd Hall Hotel, Harrogate, Yorkshire	5	£479pp	11
Mon 5th	Cornish Smugglers & Murkey Past	5	£439pp	41
Sun 11th	York City Break	3	£289pp	65
Mon 12th	Kirbys Reunion Holiday on the Isle of Wight	5	£489pp	9
Mon 19th	Warners Thoresby Hall Hotel & Spa, Nottinghamshire	5	£569pp	16
Thurs 22nd	Nice Carnival & Menton Lemon Festival	8	£999pp	96
Fri 23rd	Mystery Tour	3	£269pp	8



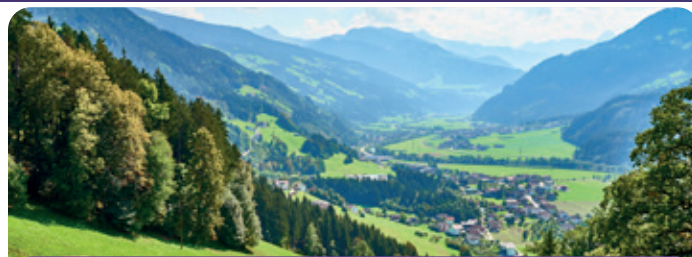
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Sat 2nd	Treasures of the Red Sea, Egypt & Jordan Cruise	8	£3502pp	112
Fri 8th	A Taste of the Best in Reims, France	4	£699pp	95
Sun 10th	Cheshire Spring Break	5	£519pp	76
Fri 15th	Special Entertainment Break in the Lake District	4	£399pp	75
Mon 18th	Warners Bodelwyddan Castle Hotel, North Wales	5	£499pp	15
Fri 22nd	Mystery Tour	3	£269pp	8
Mon 25th	Beauty of the Pembrokeshire Coast	5	£559pp	60
Thurs 28th	Easter in the Cotswolds	5	£599pp	53
Fri 29th	Easter in Sandown, Isle of Wight	4	£445pp	36
Fri 29th	Easter in Wells	4	£499pp	42



APRIL 2024

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Mon 1st	Warners Alvaston Hall Hotel, Cheshire	5	£499pp	16
Sun 7th	Disneyland Paris®	4	£835pp	97
Sun 7th	The Magic of Sicily by Air	8	£1669pp	126
Mon 8th	Right Old Yorkshire Treat	5	£649pp	67
Mon 15th	Cotswolds, Castles & the Wye Valley	5	£549pp	54
Mon 15th	Northumbria, The Farne Islands & The Holy Island	5	£605pp	72
Fri 19th	Keukenhof & Amsterdam, Holland	4	£665pp	97
Fri 19th	Mystery Tour	3	£275pp	8
Sun 21st	Journey through the Malvern Hills	4	£469pp	53
Sun 21st	Discover Sidmouth	5	£559pp	43
Mon 22nd	Warners Lakeside Coastal Village, Hayling Island	5	£429pp	17
Mon 22nd	Warners Sinah Warren Coastal Hotel Hayling Island	5	£429pp	17
Fri 26th	Springtime in the Garden of Holland River Cruise	5	£1045pp	114
Mon 29th	Springtime In Snowdonia, North Wales	5	£589pp	61



MAY 2024

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Sun 5th	Jersey in Style	7	£1145pp	44
Sun 5th	Scarborough & The Stunning Yorkshire Coast	5	£549pp	66
Mon 6th	Delights of North Devon	5	£659pp	43
Thurs 9th	Norfolk & Suffolk Delights Overnight Break	2	£229pp	38
Mon 13th	Elegant Eastbourne	5	£549pp	37
Mon 13th	The Lake District & Yorkshire Dales	5	£599pp	77
Sat 18th	The Magical Isle of Man	6	£995pp	78
Sun 19th	Delights of Donegal, Ireland	7	£999pp	92
Sun 19th	Mayrhofen and the Ziller Valley, Austria	8	£1150pp	98
Mon 20th	Warners Studley Castle, Warwickshire	5	£575pp	18
Mon 20th	Robin Hood County	5	£699pp	55
Thurs 23rd	The Delights of Derbyshire	5	£559pp	56
Fri 24th	Mystery Tour	3	£275pp	8
Sun 26th	Isles of Scilly	7	£1495pp	45
Mon 27th	Cider, Heritage Railway & the Somerset Coast	5	£689pp	46
Mon 27th	Yorkshire's Steam & Summer Wine	5	£699pp	68
Wed 29th	Isle of Wight's Steam & Golden Coast	5	£519pp	37



JUNE 2024

DATE	DESTINATION	DAYS	PRICE	PAGE
Sun 2nd	Motor, Steam & Cruise around Worcester	5	£699pp	58
Mon 3rd	Potters Resorts, Hopton-on-Sea	5	£669pp	10
Mon 3rd	Bournemouth, Dorset	5	£589pp	47
Mon 3rd	The Spectacular Pyrenees & Andorra	7	£1049pp	99
Mon 10th	Delightful Dawlish	5	£649pp	47
Mon 10th	Potters Resorts, Hopton-on-Sea	5	£669pp	10
Mon 10th	Fantastic Beasts & Treats	5	£639pp	69
Thurs 13th	Scotland and its Royal Connections	5	£799pp	87
Mon 17th	Warners Nidd Hall Hotel, Harrogate, Yorkshire	5	£589pp	11
Mon 17th	The Spectacular City of Liverpool	5	£679pp	79
Fri 21st	Coronation Street Weekend Break	4	£459pp	80
Sun 23rd	Scotland's North Coast 500	9	£1499pp	88
Mon 24th	Warners Littlecote House Hotel, Hungerford, Berkshire	5	£559pp	12
Mon 24th	Babbacombe, South Devon	5	£479pp	49
Mon 24th	Prague, Dresden and the Castles of Bohemia River Cruise	9	£2999pp	116



JULY 2024

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Mon 1st	Potters Resorts, Hopton-on-Sea	5	£679pp	10
Mon 1st	Gardens, Beaches & Shires, Norfolk	5	£499pp	39
Wed 3rd	Lake Maggiore & Lake Orta	8	£1369pp	101
Sun 7th	Spectacular North Wales	5	£649pp	61
Mon 8th	Warners Holme Lacy House Hotel, Herefordshire	5	£589pp	14
Mon 8th	Discover Durham & The Historic North East	5	£689pp	73
Thurs 11th	The Spirit of Portugal on The Douro River Cruise	8	£2750pp	118
Fri 12th	Isle of Wight's Steam & Golden Coast	5	£519pp	37
Sat 13th	Discover Sidmouth	5	£599pp	43
Mon 15th	Warners Corton Coastal Resort, Suffolk/Norfolk Borders	5	£499pp	13
Mon 15th	Warners Gunton Hall Coastal Resort, Suffolk/Norfolk Borders	5	£499pp	13
Sun 21st	Desirable Dolomites, Northern Italy	8	£999pp	100
Mon 22nd	Warners Norton Grange Coastal Village, Isle of Wight	5	£529pp	14
Tues 23rd	Sandringham Flower Show Overnight Break	2	£219pp	38
Thurs 25th	Wales in a Nutshell	7	£979pp	62
Sun 28th	Les Misérables in Montreuil-sur-Mer, France	2	£275pp	102



AUGUST 2024

DATE	DESTINATION	DAYS	PRICE	PAGE
Mon 5th	Paignton, South Devon	5	£575pp	49
Mon 5th	Warners Cricket St Thomas Hotel, Chard, Somerset	5	£599pp	12
Mon 5th	Warners Bodellwyddan Castle Hotel, North Wales	5	£589pp	15
Thurs 8th	Barge, Blooms & TV in the North West	5	£699pp	81
Sun 11th	Bruges City Break	3	£499pp	103
Mon 12th	A Very Oxford Scandal	5	£699pp	57
Mon 12th	Warners Bembridge Coast Hotel, Isle of Wight	5	£625pp	15
Mon 19th	Elegant Eastbourne	5	£549pp	37
Mon 19th	Ales & Haunted Tales, Lancashire	5	£659pp	82
Tues 20th	Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo	5	£825pp	89
Fri 23rd	Fjords, Glaciers, Lakes & Mountains, Norway	11	£1999pp	104
Mon 26th	Potters Resorts, Five Lakes	5	£669pp	10
Sat 31st	Zundert Flower Show	3	£399pp	103



SEPTEMBER 2024

Mon 2nd	The Glorious Gower & Tenby	5	£679pp	63
Mon 2nd	Potters Resorts, Hopton-on-Sea	5	£719pp	10
Mon 2nd	Delightful Dawlish	5	£649pp	47
Sat 7th	The Swiss Alps & The Bernina Express	8	£1199pp	105
Mon 9th	Warners Lakeside Coastal Village, Hayling Island	5	£499pp	17
Mon 9th	Warners Sinah Warren Coastal Hotel, Hayling Island	5	£525pp	17
Mon 9th	Warners Heythrop Park, Oxfordshire	5	£689pp	18
Sat 14th	The Breathtaking Austrian Tyrol	9	£1259pp	106
Mon 16th	Warners Alvaston Hall Hotel, Cheshire	5	£589pp	16
Mon 16th	Torquay on the English Riviera	5	£469pp	48
Mon 16th	The Heart of Provence and the Camargue, France	8	£1199pp	107
Sat 21st	The Magical Isle of Man	6	£975pp	78
Mon 23rd	Warners Thoresby Hall Hotel & Spa, Nottinghamshire	5	£599pp	16
Mon 23rd	Bournemouth, Dorset	5	£589pp	47
Mon 23rd	Northumbria, The Farne Islands & The Holy Island	5	£645pp	72
Wed 25th	The Beautiful Blue Danube River Cruise	10	£2699pp	120
Fri 27th	The Lake District & Yorkshire Dales	5	£599pp	77
Sun 29th	Connemara, Galway & Westport, Ireland	7	£989pp	93



OCTOBER 2024

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Fri 4th	Mystery Tour	3	£275pp	8
Fri 4th	Weekend in the Delightful Downs & Dorset	4	£399pp	50
Sun 6th	York City Break	3	£299pp	65
Mon 7th	The Best of the West, Panoramic Cornwall	5	£719pp	50
Mon 7th	Enchanting Harrogate	5	£625pp	70
Mon 7th	Warners Holme Lacy House Hotel, Herefordshire	5	£559pp	14
Sun 13th	Montenegro by Air	8	£1145pp	127
Tues 15th	Rail & Sail in the Western Highlands, Scotland	6	£899pp	90
Fri 18th	Blackpool Illuminations & The Lake District	4	£375pp	80
Mon 21st	Autumn Tints of the Rhine	5	£649pp	95
Mon 28th	Warners Corton Coastal Resort, Suffolk/Norfolk Borders	5	£489pp	13
Mon 28th	Warners Gunton Hall Coastal Resort, Suffolk/norfolk Borders	5	£489pp	13



NOVEMBER 2024

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Fri 1st	Mystery Tour	3	£275pp	8
Mon 4th	Weymouth Turkey & Tinsel	5	£489pp	21
Mon 4th	Holly & Ivy Bournemouth	5	£509pp	21
Mon 4th	Torquay Turkey & Tinsel	5	£469pp	22
Thurs 21st	Royal Marines Christmas Spectacular	2	£235pp	23

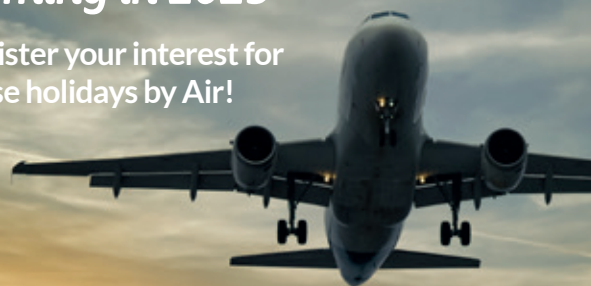


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Mon 2nd	Eastbourne Turkey & Tinsel	5	£509pp	27
Thurs 5th	Bruges Christmas Market Overnight Break	2	£259pp	27
Fri 6th	Longleat at Christmas & Winchester Christmas Market	4	£459pp	26
Sat 28th	New Year in Paris River Cruise	5	£1399pp	122

Coming in 2025

Register your interest for these holidays by Air!



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South Africa Safari

Hosted by
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**Will it be at the seaside,
city, or countryside?**
Only your driver will know!

Friday 6th October 2023 // 3 Days
Friday 10th November 2023 // 3 Days
Friday 23rd February 2024 // 3 Days
Friday 22nd March 2024 // 3 Days
Friday 19th April 2024 // 3 Days
Friday 24th May 2024 // 3 Days
Friday 4th October 2024 // 3 Days
Friday 1st November 2024 // 3 Days

Mystery Tours

Simply book the date you wish to travel and leave the rest to us!
Our Mystery Tours are perfect for you to sit back and relax.
Don't forget to pack for all weather forecasts and bring your
swimwear in case there are any leisure facilities to enjoy at the hotel.

PRICE INCLUDES

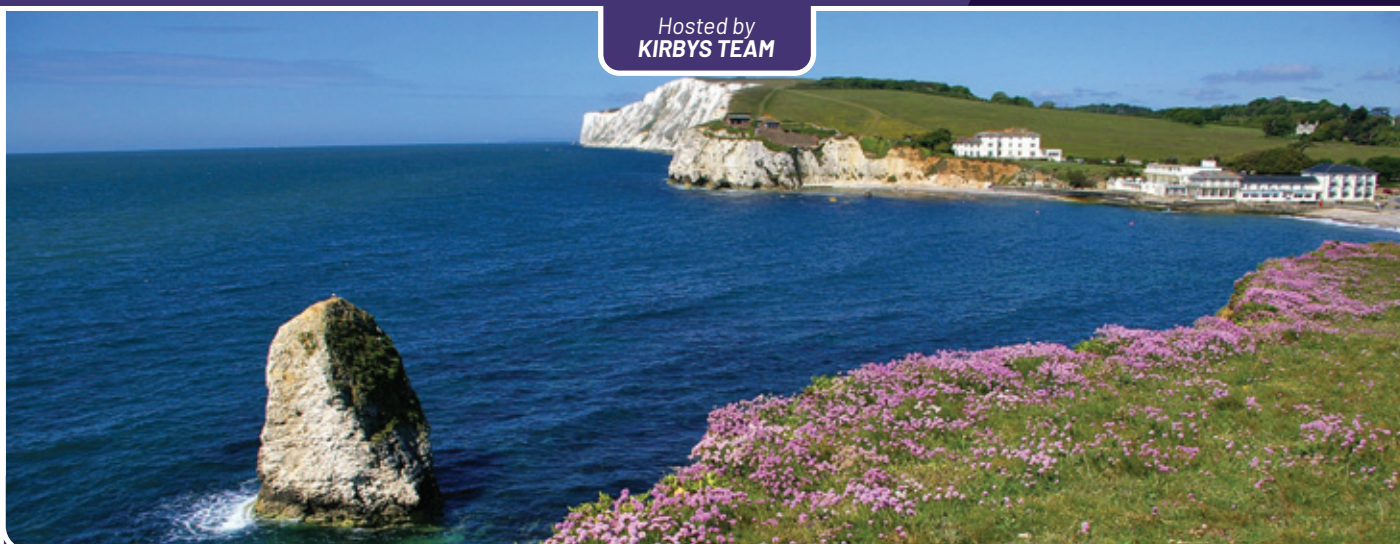
- 2 night dinner, bed & breakfast
- A surprise entrance/inclusion

Single Supplement £40 / Travel Insurance £32.10

OCT 23-MAR 24 **£269 PP**

Single Supplement £40 / Travel Insurance £32.10

APR-NOV 24 **£275 PP**

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KIRBYS TEAM

Kirbys Reunion Holiday

Isle of Wight

Monday 12th to Friday 16th February 2024 // 5 Days

Our 2024 Reunion will be held on the Isle of Wight, staying at the fabulous and entertaining Trouville Hotel, located on Sandown's seafront offering us spectacular views of the Atlantic. We would love for you to join the Kirbys Team to celebrate our 72nd year. The friendly staff at the Trouville have been welcoming us for many years. On this break, as well as visiting some of the Isle of Wight's top attractions, it will be full of laughter and fun, with a fancy dress competition and an awards ceremony hosted by Karen Kirby! Come along, you will not want to miss this holiday!

DAY 1 Travel to the Isle of Wight, stopping on route to obtain lunch before our short ferry crossing over the Solent. We arrive at our hotel mid-afternoon and are welcomed with a tea/coffee in the lounge whilst our luggage is taken to our rooms. Time to freshen up before our evening meal followed by entertainment.

DAY 2 After breakfast we visit the historic town of Newport, the principal town on the Island and in the centre of the island. Here we will find plenty of shops to look around with a mixture of well-known chains and independent shops, a small market takes place in the towns square for us to browse*. We have time here to purchase lunch before we re-join the coach to Quarr Abbey. Founded in 1132 and set in serene and beautiful surroundings of walled gardens, this is still a working monastery of Benedictine Monks. Time to explore the Abbey, Art Gallery, Monastery Shop, Visitor Centre, and cafe before we return to our hotel.

DAY 3 We start our day in Godshill, a pretty village with many quaint and interesting shops, visit The Old Smithy or the Old Cider Works. Please note that some shops may be closed due to the time of the year. Afterwards, we take a scenic coastal ride to the Isle of Wight Pearl for a short visit to see this family owned shop dedicated to the art of jewellery. The showroom offers unmissable spectacular views over the English Channel. We continue to our final stop, Ryde. There is a great selection of boutique shops, museums, and galleries for us to visit and a number of cafes and restaurants along the seafront and in the town itself.

DAY 4 Spend the morning at leisure, take a walk along Sandown's promenade and along the Pier or into the high street. Kirbys Team will be available today between 9:30am to 11am to ask questions or to book any holidays or day trips for 2024/2025. At 11:15am there will be a fun quiz with prizes, come along and we will put you in teams. This afternoon at 2pm we are invited to the Ballroom where there will be the Awards Ceremony hosted by Karen Kirby. There is a small gift for those who attend. Afterwards, take part in the optional fancy dress competition, Mr & Mrs competition and Bingo, all with great prizes. We have time to relax before our evening meal and our last night of entertainment.

DAY 5 After breakfast we bid farewell to the Trouville Hotel and make our way to the ferry for our return journey home.



PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Return ferry crossing
- Tea/coffee on arrival
- Evening entertainment each night
- Awards Ceremony & afternoon in-house activities hosted by Karen & Kirbys Team
- Coach excursions as described
- Hosted by Kirbys Team

TROUVILLE HOTEL, SANDOWN ★★★

The Trouville Hotel has a prominent position overlooking the glorious Sandown Bay. There is a lovely lounge area to relax in or to enjoy a pre-dinner drink before dinner. There is a superb choice of evening meals served by their friendly waiting staff. There is a lift to all floors.



637 Reviews

Single Supplement £160 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£489^{PP}



Potters Resorts Hopton On Sea

This fabulous Resort located on the Norfolk coast is situated in 65 acres of beautiful grounds and offers a wide range of entertainment breaks.

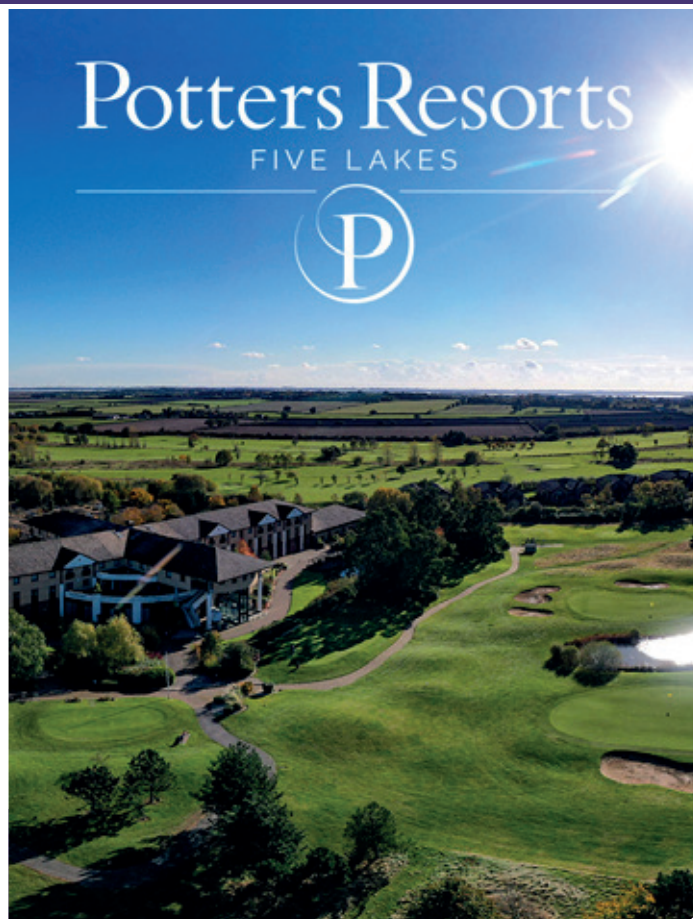
As well as comfortable accommodation, there are four meals a day for each full day of the holiday at Potters, daytime activities range from exercise and dance classes to Segways and quizzes, leisure facilities including indoor swimming pool, gym, crazy golf, badminton courts, indoor bowling green, choice of bars and tennis courts. There is plenty to do! There is also a beauty salon on site and spa facilities (extra cost). In the evening, the resort really comes alive with the Potters Theatre Company taking to the state-of-the-art Atlas Theatre stage to perform some fantastic shows.

Monday 4th December 2023, 5 Days	From £709pp
Monday 3rd June 2024, 5 Days	From £669pp
Monday 10th June 2024, 5 Days	From £669pp
Monday 1st July 2024, 5 Days	From £679pp
Monday 2nd September 2024, 5 Days	From £719pp

All prices are per person and based on Bungalow Plus Accommodation. Please enquire if you would like to book a hotel room.

PRICE INCLUDES

- All-inclusive accommodation* (except for lunch on arrival & departure)
- Live evening entertainment
- Free use of hotel leisure facilities
- Daytime activities
- Midnight supper
- 2 x coach excursions during your stay



Potters Resorts Five Lakes Resort, Essex

Potters Resorts Five Lakes is a hidden giant that's packed with countryside charm and character

Throughout your stay at Potters Resorts Five Lakes, you can enjoy a wide range of sports, activities and leisure facilities designed to give you the best possible short break, included as standard in the price.

Enjoy the scenery with fantastic outdoor activities: take a peaceful row on the boating lake, take aim for archery or air rifle shooting or play a round of chip and putt.

There's also a wealth of indoor activities and facilities including an indoor pool, sauna, table tennis, badminton, snooker, darts and so much more included. With so much choice at your disposal, your break can be as active or relaxed as you'd like.

Monday 16th October 2023, 5 Days	From £639pp
Monday 26th August 2024, 5 Days	From £669pp

Please note: Your driver will not be staying with you for the duration of this holiday. All prices are per person and based on Premier Accommodation. Please enquire if you wish to upgrade your room.

PRICE INCLUDES

- All-inclusive accommodation* (except for lunch on arrival & departure)
- Live evening entertainment
- Free use of hotel leisure facilities
- Daytime activities
- Midnight supper

**Drinks are inclusive from 3.00pm on arrival day and from 8.30am until close of bars every other day, up until 10am on your departure day. Potters actively discourage irresponsible drinking and so drinks with ultra-high Alcohol By Volume or caffeinated drinks, such as Shots, Liquors and Energy Drinks, are not included. Potters also carry a list of premium items for purchase, for alternatives to the popular brands which are already included. This includes a Premium Wine list in addition to the 8 grape varieties they offer - including for example Moët Champagne instead of the free Prosecco. They also have a premium spirits menu on request with, for example, Grey Goose Vodka instead of Smirnoff Vodka that is included along with most other popular spirit brands.*



Nidd Hall Hotel

Harrogate, Yorkshire

Built in the 18th century by a wealthy Bradford wool merchant, Nidd is a potpourri of architectural styles. Rumour has it that Edward VIII met Wallis Simpson at a party here. Nidd is set in 45 acres of award winning gardens. You can cast a rod on the fishing lake or, from some of the rooms, cast your eyes over the spectacular Yorkshire countryside.

ACTIVITIES & FACILITIES

- Live nightly entertainment
- Swimming pool
- Aqua Aerobics
- Archery
- Croquet
- Dance Social
- Darts
- Grounds Tour
- Historic Talk
- Laser Pistol
- Matinee/Evening Cabaret
- Movies
- Pool/Snooker
- Sauna
- Gym
- Shuffleboard
- Spa Treatments (extra cost)
- Steam Room

PLEASE ENQUIRE ABOUT UPGRADING YOUR ROOM!

Monday 5th February 2024, 5 Days

From £479pp

Monday 17th June 2024, 5 Days

From £589pp



Warner Leisure Holidays

If you're looking for a unique holiday in the UK then Warner's have the perfect break to suit your needs. From live music and shows in the evening to a whole host of things to do during the daytime. There's everything from archery to walking rugby as well as bowls, fencing and rifle shooting to give your holiday that something extra or you can enjoy a more relaxing break by strolling through the gardens or taking a dip in the pool. If this still sounds too active for a holiday then its fine to do absolutely nothing at all, just sit back, relax and enjoy your well-deserved holiday. It's just good to know it's all there if you want it.

PLEASE NOTE: Warner hotels no longer take cash, all payments must be made by card during your stay. Porterage is no longer offered as standard but will be offered to those who require it. Some dining arrangements are self-service, if you need assistance please speak to staff at the restaurant.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Standard Room/Chalet accommodation (please enquire about upgrading your room)
- Free use of the hotel leisure facilities
- Daytime activities
- Evening entertainment each night
- 2 x coach excursions during your stay



Cricket St Thomas Hotel

Chard, Somerset

A star in its own right; the elegant charms of Cricket St Thomas graced 'To the Manor Born'. Before then, Sir John Soane's classic design played host to nearly two centuries of landed gentry. Now it's your turn to enjoy the class that oozes from this Grade II gem tucked away in the Somerset countryside.

ACTIVITIES & FACILITIES

- Live nightly entertainment
- Swimming pool
- Aqua Aerobics
- Archery
- Games Room
- Croquet
- Curling
- Dance Social
- Darts
- French Boules
- Grounds Tour
- Matinee/Evening Cabaret
- Movies
- Nordic Walking
- Pool/Snooker
- Rifle Shooting
- Sauna
- Gym
- Shuffleboard
- Spa Treatments (extra cost)
- Steam Room
- Table Tennis

PLEASE ENQUIRE ABOUT UPGRADING YOUR ROOM!

Monday 6th November 2023, 5 Days From £529pp
Monday 5th August 2024, 5 Days From £599pp



Littlecote House Hotel

Hungerford, Berkshire

Love, murder, scandal, and romance. The history of Littlecote House is packed with drama. Built in the mid-1500s, this beautiful Grade I listed Tudor manor has a truly unique story. History is literally on your doorstep: the stunning location has played host to occupying Romans, a Tudor tryst and even a Civil War army. The grounds contain an ornate Roman mosaic floor and settlement remains. Henry VIII courted Jane Seymour here, and the D-Day landings were planned within the house.

ACTIVITIES & FACILITIES

- Live nightly entertainment
- Swimming pool
- Aqua Aerobics
- Archery
- Bowls
- Croquet
- Curling
- Dance Social
- Grounds Tour
- Historic Talk
- Matinee/Evening Cabaret
- Movies
- Pistol Shooting
- Pool/Snooker
- Rifle Shooting
- Sauna
- Gym
- Shuffleboard
- Spa Treatments (extra cost)
- Steam Room
- Table Tennis
- Tennis

PLEASE ENQUIRE ABOUT UPGRADING YOUR ROOM!

Monday 24th June 2024, 5 Days From £559pp





Corton Coastal Resort

Suffolk/Norfolk Borders

Corton is sandwiched between the beautiful English coast and the rambling waterways of the Norfolk Broads. All bedrooms are ensuite chalets and located around the resort which has many indoor and outdoor facilities.

ACTIVITIES & FACILITIES

- Live nightly entertainment
- Swimming pool
- Aqua Aerobics
- Archery
- Bowls
- Crazy Golf
- Curling
- Dance Social
- Darts
- French Boules
- Grounds Tour
- Historic Talk
- Matinee/Evening Cabaret
- Movies
- Pool/Snooker
- Rifle Shooting
- Sauna
- Gym
- Shuffleboard
- Spa Treatments (extra cost)
- Steam Room
- Table Tennis

PLEASE ENQUIRE ABOUT UPGRADING YOUR ROOM!

Monday 15th July 2024, 5 Days From £499pp

Monday 28th October 2024, 5 Days From £489pp

Please note: you will be sharing the coach with passengers travelling to Gunton Hall.



Gunton Hall Coastal Resort

Suffolk/Norfolk Borders

Gunton Hall combines the best of coast and countryside. Comfortable en-suite chalets are placed within 50 acres of secluded woodland and a freshwater lake.

ACTIVITIES & FACILITIES

- Live nightly entertainment
- Swimming pool
- Aqua Aerobics
- Archery
- Games Room
- Bowls
- Croquet
- Dance Social
- Darts
- French Boules
- Grounds Tour
- Historic Talk
- Matinee/Evening Cabaret
- Movies
- Pool/Snooker
- Rifle Shooting
- Sauna
- Gym
- Shuffleboard
- Spa Treatments (extra cost)
- Steam Room
- Table Tennis

PLEASE ENQUIRE ABOUT UPGRADING YOUR ROOM!

Monday 15th July 2024, 5 Days From £499pp

Monday 28th October 2024, 5 Days From £489pp

Please note: you will be sharing the coach with passengers travelling to Corton.





Holme Lacy House Hotel

Herefordshire

Set in 20 acres of gardens in the Wye Valley, Holme Lacy is one of Herefordshire's treasures. As you look out across the landscaped gardens from this Grade I Georgian country house, you almost expect to see Mr. D'Arcy striding across the lawn toward you. Elegant drawing rooms, imposing staircases, fantastic views; be prepared for the 18th century charms of Holme Lacy to sweep you off your feet.

ACTIVITIES & FACILITIES

- Live nightly entertainment
- Swimming pool
- Aqua Aerobics
- Archery
- Croquet
- Curling
- Dance Social
- French Boules
- Grounds Tour
- Historic Talk
- Matinee/Evening Cabaret
- Movies
- Rifle Shooting
- Sauna
- Gym
- Shuffleboard
- Spa Treatments (extra cost)
- Steam Room
- Table Tennis
- Tennis

PLEASE ENQUIRE ABOUT UPGRADING YOUR ROOM!

Monday 9th October 2023, 5 Days	From £559pp
Monday 8th July 2024, 5 Days	From £589pp
Monday 7th October 2024, 5 Days	From £559pp



Norton Grange Coastal Village

Isle of Wight

With its tropical palms, beach on the doorstep, picturesque fishing, yachting and ferry port of Yarmouth nearby, a stay at Norton Grange feels almost like being abroad. You will, of course, still enjoy home comforts including 3 course dinners, comfortable accommodation as well as fantastic leisure facilities and the very best in entertainment every night. All bedrooms are en-suite chalets located around the resort.

ACTIVITIES & FACILITIES

- Live nightly entertainment
- Swimming pool
- Aqua Aerobics
- Archery
- Axe Throwing
- Games Room
- Bowls
- Croquet
- Cycling
- Dance Social
- Darts
- Fitness Classes
- French Boules
- Grounds Tours
- Historic Talk
- Matinee/Evening Cabaret
- Movies
- Nordic Walking
- Pool/Snooker
- Rifle Shooting
- Sauna
- Gym
- Shuffleboard
- Table Tennis
- Wellness Sessions

PLEASE ENQUIRE ABOUT UPGRADING YOUR ROOM!

Monday 22nd July 2024, 5 Days	From £529pp
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Bodelwyddan Castle Hotel

North Wales

Soak up the rolling Welsh hillsides from Bodelwyddan's ivy clad battlements. Bodelwyddan (pronounced bod-el-wi-than), is a Grade II listed Victorian property on the North Wales coast. The hotel offers a superb range of leisure facilities, numerous daily activities and nightly live entertainment.

ACTIVITIES & FACILITIES

- Live nightly entertainment
- Swimming pool
- Aqua Aerobics
- Archery
- Bowls
- Croquet
- Cycling
- Dance Social
- Darts
- Fitness Classes
- French Boules
- Grounds Tour
- Matinee/Evening Cabaret
- Movies
- Nordic Walking
- Pool/Snooker
- Rifle Shooting
- Sauna
- Gym
- Shuffleboard
- Spa Treatments (extra cost)
- Steam Room
- Table Tennis

PLEASE ENQUIRE ABOUT UPGRADING YOUR ROOM!

Monday 23rd October 2023, 5 Days	From £525pp
Monday 18th March 2024, 5 Days	From £499pp
Monday 5th August 2024, 5 Days	From £589pp



Bembridge Coast Hotel

Isle of Wight

You can stroll out from your room and dip a toe in the sea at Bembridge Coast Hotel, with spectacular views over The Solent. This secluded shoreline retreat is just the place to take in the sea air and leave the hustle and bustle of the mainland behind.

ACTIVITIES & FACILITIES

- Live nightly entertainment
- Swimming pool
- Aqua Aerobics
- Archery
- Games Room
- Bowls
- Dance Social
- Darts
- French Boules
- Grounds Tour
- Historic Talk
- Matinee/Evening Cabaret
- Movies
- Pistol Shooting
- Pool/Snooker
- Rifle Shooting
- Sauna
- Gym
- Shuffleboard
- Spa Treatments (extra cost)
- Steam Room
- Table Tennis

PLEASE ENQUIRE ABOUT UPGRADING YOUR ROOM!

Monday 12th August 2024, 5 Days	From £625pp
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Alvaston Hall Hotel

Cheshire

Explore this Grade II listed 19th-century Victorian property, Alvaston Hall is a half-timbered country house that is the perfect place to relax or use as a base for exploring the local area. Located just five minutes from the Cheshire riverside town of Nantwich, this wonderful hotel delivers a memorable experience with its well-kept gardens and impressive historical features.

ACTIVITIES & FACILITIES

- Live nightly entertainment
- Swimming pool
- Aqua Aerobics
- Archery
- Games Room
- Croquet
- Curling
- Dance Social
- Darts
- Grounds Tour
- Historic Talk
- Matinee/Evening Cabaret
- Movies
- Rifle Shooting
- Sauna
- Gym
- Shuffleboard
- Spa Treatments (extra cost)
- Steam Room

PLEASE ENQUIRE ABOUT UPGRADING YOUR ROOM!

Monday 18th December 2023, 5 Days From £475pp

Monday 1st April 2024, 5 Days From £499pp

Monday 16th September 2024, 5 Days From £589pp



Thoresby Hall Hotel & Spa

Nottinghamshire

Set in acres of rolling parklands on the edge of Sherwood Forest. One of Nottinghamshire's most important houses, Thoresby's original features are still enjoyed by guests today. There are deep armchairs in the vaulted splendour of the Great Hall and the house's broad terrace overlooks a croquet lawn and acres of classic parkland.

ACTIVITIES & FACILITIES

- Live nightly entertainment
- Swimming pool
- Aqua Aerobics
- Archery
- Croquet
- Curling
- Dance Social
- Darts
- Grounds Tour
- Historic Talk
- Matinee/Evening Cabaret
- Movies
- Pool/Snooker
- Rifle Shooting
- Sauna
- Gym
- Shuffleboard
- Spa Treatments (extra cost)
- Steam Room

PLEASE ENQUIRE ABOUT UPGRADING YOUR ROOM!

Monday 19th February 2024, 5 Days From £569pp

Monday 23rd September 2024, 5 Days From £599pp





Lakeside Coastal Village

Hayling Island

With a bright courtyard at its centre and situated by the sea on Hayling Island in Hampshire, Lakeside makes for a great seaside break. You'll be bowled over by the warm, friendly atmosphere that captures the hearts of all who visit here. Meet and make friends at the central courtyard, friendly café or cosy bar at the heart of this charming village. As with any thriving village there is lots to do, from bars, nightly entertainment and dining, to pitch and putt, archery and indoor bowls.

ACTIVITIES & FACILITIES

- Live nightly entertainment
- Swimming pool
- Aqua Aerobics
- Archery
- Games Room
- Bowls
- Curling
- Cycling
- Dance Social
- Darts
- Fitness Classes
- French Boules
- Grounds Tour
- Historic Talk
- Matinee/Evening Cabaret
- Movies
- Nordic Walking
- Pool/Snooker
- Rifle Shooting
- Sauna
- Gym
- Shuffleboard
- Spa Treatments (extra cost)
- Steam Room
- Table Tennis

PLEASE ENQUIRE ABOUT UPGRADING YOUR ROOM!

Monday 22nd April 2024, 5 Days From £429pp
Monday 9th September 2024, 5 Days From £499pp

Please note: you will be sharing the coach with passengers travelling to Sinah Warren Coastal Hotel.



Sinah Warren Coastal Hotel

Hayling Island

This superbly accommodating hotel is set right in the heart of all things nautical on Hayling Island. Take an invigorating stroll along the shingle beach next to the hotel and take in the harbour views. After the sun sets, enjoy the very best in live entertainment in a friendly, welcoming atmosphere.

ACTIVITIES & FACILITIES

- Live nightly entertainment
- Swimming pool
- Aqua Aerobics
- Archery
- Axe Throwing
- Games Room
- Bowls
- Croquet
- Cycling
- Dance Social
- Darts
- Fitness Classes
- French Boules
- Grounds Tour
- Historic Talk
- Matinee/Evening Cabaret
- Movies
- Nordic Walking
- Pistol Shooting
- Pool/Snooker
- Rifle Shooting
- Sauna
- Gym
- Shuffleboard
- Spa Treatments (extra cost)
- Steam Room
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Traditional Archery

PLEASE ENQUIRE ABOUT UPGRADING YOUR ROOM!

Monday 22nd April 2024, 5 Days From £429pp
Monday 9th September 2024, 5 Days From £525pp

Please note: you will be sharing the coach with passengers travelling to Lakeside Coastal Resort.





Studley Castle

Warwickshire

Studley Castle is a Grade II listed building set in rural Warwickshire, 13 miles from Stratford upon Avon. Built in 1834 in the Gothic Revival style, it's now a luxurious hotel boasting two contemporary restaurants and a spa.

ACTIVITIES & FACILITIES

- Live nightly entertainment
- Swimming pool
- Aqua Aerobics
- Archery
- Games Room
- Croquet
- Curling
- Cycling
- Dance Social
- Fitness Classes
- French Boules
- Historic Talk
- Laser Clay
- Matinee/Evening Cabaret
- Movies
- Rifle Shooting
- Sauna
- Gym
- Spa Treatments (extra cost)
- Steam Room
- Table Tennis
- Wellness Sessions

PLEASE ENQUIRE ABOUT UPGRADING YOUR ROOM!

Monday 11th December 2023, 5 Days From £609pp
Monday 20th May 2024, 5 Days From £575pp

Please Note: Whilst this is at a Warners property, staying at this hotel is a different experience to that of their other resorts. There are no daytime activities on offer, but guests are encouraged to make use of the spa facilities (extra cost), relax in the lounge areas or take a walk around the grounds.



Heythrop Park

Oxfordshire

Heythrop Park has been a feature in the Cotswolds since 1710. Then, a look-at-me manor of lofty arches and columns, it's now Grade II listed, still with showmanship but stylishly refurbished. It has everything to elevate a country escape – golf, a spa, traditional sports and 440 acres of parkland. This is a new kind of hotel experience, designed just for adults.

ACTIVITIES & FACILITIES

- Live nightly entertainment
- Swimming pool
- Archery
- Games Room
- Bowls
- Croquet
- Curling
- Cycling
- Dance Social
- Fitness Classes
- French Boules
- Grounds Tour
- Laser Clay
- Matinee/Evening Cabaret
- Movies
- Nordic Walking
- Pool/Snooker
- Rifle Shooting
- Sauna
- Gym
- Spa Treatments (extra cost)
- Steam Room
- Wellness Sessions

PLEASE ENQUIRE ABOUT UPGRADING YOUR ROOM!

Monday 9th October 2023, 5 Days From £609pp
Monday 9th September 2024, 5 Days From £689pp

Please Note: Whilst this is at a Warners property, staying at this hotel is a different experience to that of their other resorts. There are no daytime activities on offer, but guests are encouraged to make use of the spa facilities (extra cost), relax in the lounge areas or take a walk around the grounds.



FESTIVE & CHRISTMAS BREAKS





Thursford Christmas Spectacular 2023

This fabulous show is set in the magical surroundings of mechanical organs and fairground carousels, with a cast of 130 professional singers, dancers and musicians. Thursford's Christmas Spectacular has attracted over 5.7 million visitors to date and is the largest Christmas show in the country. The 3-hour performance delivers an extravaganza of non-stop singing, dancing, music, humour and variety.

DAY 1 Travel to Pensthorpe Waterfowl Park for an included light lunch (soup, sandwiches and tea/coffee) then to Thursford for the 2pm-matinee performance.

DAY 2 After breakfast visit Norwich, free time to browse and for lunch to be obtained before returning home.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 1 night dinner, bed & breakfast
- Free use of hotel leisure facilities
- Light lunch at Pensthorpe Waterfowl Park
- Thursford Christmas Spectacular ticket

WENSUM VALLEY HOTEL, NORWICH ***

Set in 250 acres of breath-taking Norfolk countryside, this 3-star hotel offers comfortable accommodation and an indoor swimming pool. The Valley Restaurant serves seasonal menus using local produce, and features wonderful views across the golf course. Please note: This hotel does not have a lift.

Single Supplement £19 / Travel Insurance £18.60	£239^{PP}

ROUTES & DATES

ROUTE A: 8AM START

Sat 18th to Sun 19th Nov 2023
Wed 6th to Thurs 7th Dec 2023

ROUTE R: 7AM START

Fri 24th to Sat 25th Nov 2023
Sun 10th to Mon 11th Dec 2023

ROUTE C: 8AM START

Sat 25th to Sun 26th Nov 2023
Sat 16th to Sun 17th Dec 2023

ROUTE D: 7AM START

Sat 2nd to Sun 3rd Dec 2023
Thurs 14th to Fri 15th Dec 2023

ROUTE B: 7AM START

Sun 26th to Mon 27th Nov 2023
Fri 8th to Sat 9th Dec 2023





Weymouth Turkey & Tinsel

Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November 2023 // 5 Days

Monday 4th to Friday 8th November 2024 // 5 Days

Get into the festive mood with 'Christmas Day' and 'New Year' celebrations before the real thing!

DAY 1 Travel to Weymouth, stopping in Winchester for lunch to be purchased. We arrive at our hotel with time to relax before our wine reception followed by our evening meal and entertainment.

DAY 2 Today is 'Christmas Day' in the hotel - Santa will be paying a visit! After breakfast enjoy a coach tour of the New Forest stopping in Christchurch and Lyndhurst. Return to our hotel for a candlelit 'Christmas' dinner with a complimentary glass of wine followed by entertainment.

DAY 3 After breakfast we enjoy a scenic coastal journey via Abbotsbury and West Bay to visit Bridport. Today is market day*, so take the opportunity to look around the stalls and browse the many delightful shops. Time to purchase lunch here before continuing to Dorchester, the birthplace of famous author and poet Thomas Hardy. We return to our hotel for a glass of Christmas punch followed by dinner and a night of festive fun with an optional fancy dress competition.

DAY 4 Today is 'New Year's Eve' at the hotel. Spend a day at leisure in Weymouth. Tonight, enjoy a candlelit 'Hogmanay' dinner with a glass of wine followed by entertainment. See the 'New Year' in with a glass of bubbly and mince pie and sing along to Auld Lang Syne.

DAY 5 After breakfast we check out and head for home area, stopping in Salisbury for lunch to be obtained.

**Market dates correct at time of brochure print.*

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Welcome wine reception
- Evening festive entertainment each night
- Glass of wine with 'Christmas' and 'New Year's Eve' dinner
- Glass of bubbly and mince pie on 'New Year's Eve'
- Optional fancy dress competition
- Coach excursions as described

CROWN HOTEL, WEYMOUTH **

The charm and character of the Crown Hotel lies in the warm and friendly atmosphere which always prevails. The management takes a special interest in making sure your stay is a total success. This traditional 2-star hotel is centrally located just a few minutes' walk from the beach, Brewers Quay and harbour area. The Vaults Bar and restaurant serves traditional British cuisine, you can also relax in the quieter lounge area on the first floor. Please note there is a lift to all floors.



Single Supplement £60 / Travel Insurance £40.32

2023 **£475^{PP}**

Single Supplement £0 / Travel Insurance £40.32

2024 **£489^{PP}**



Holly & Ivy in Bournemouth

Monday 6th to Friday 10th November 2023 // 5 Days

Monday 4th to Friday 8th November 2024 // 5 Days

Join us to The Marsham Court Hotel in Bournemouth for a truly festive break!

DAY 1 "Christmas Eve" We travel to Bournemouth making suitable comfort stops along the way. On arrival to the Marsham Court Hotel, we are welcomed with a tea/coffee and fruit cake. Tonight, we meet the team with a drink's reception with Mulled Wine or Cranberry Juice with Christmas music and carols all before our candlelit 'Christmas Eve' dinner. Afterwards, we can enjoy some evening entertainment.

DAY 2 "Christmas Day" After breakfast we depart to the New Forest to visit Brockenhurst for free time. Afterwards, we continue through the forest to Lyndhurst, known as the capital of the New Forest since William the Conqueror established it as a royal hunting ground in 1079. Time here to explore and obtain lunch before returning to our hotel. This evening we have a special visit from Santa, a traditional Christmas dinner and entertainment.

DAY 3 "Boxing Day" This morning we depart our hotel and head to the coastal town of Swanage for some free time to browse the shops and obtain morning refreshments before we embark on a short railway journey to Corfe Castle. The village is named after the ruins of the castle that overlooks it. The village is almost completely constructed of local grey Purbeck limestone. We have some time here to explore the village and to grab a hot drink in one of the tea rooms. Afterwards, we return to our hotel where we can join in on a Christmas Quiz before our Boxing Day dinner and evening entertainment.

DAY 4 "New Year's Eve" Spend the day at leisure in Bournemouth. Pop back to the hotel for afternoon tea/coffee and cake if you wish to. This evening we can take part in Christmas Prize Bingo at the hotel. We have a Gala New Year's Eve dinner followed by entertainment and Auld Lang Syne.

DAY 5 After breakfast we our hotel and head for home area.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee & fruit cake on arrival
- Drinks reception with Mulled Wine or Cranberry Juice
- Evening entertainment each night
- In-house bingo & quiz
- Visit from Santa
- Single journey on Swanage Railway
- Coach excursions as described

MARSHAM COURT HOTEL, BOURNEMOUTH ****

This 4-star hotel boasts amazing sea views and an outdoor heated pool. Rooms are warmly furnished and feature flat-screen TVs, free Wi-Fi and tea/coffee making facilities. Please enquire about upgrading your room to a balcony and/or sea view.



No Single Availability / £40.32 Travel Insurance

2023 **£509^{PP}**

£0 Single Supplement / £40.32 Travel Insurance

2024 **£509^{PP}**



FULLY ESCORTED

Torquay Turkey & Tinsel

Monday 6th to Friday 10th November 2023 // 5 Days

Monday 4th to Friday 8th November 2024 // 5 Days

Come with us on this fabulous break on the English Riviera. The friendly staff and entertainment at the Derwent Hotel are second to none. There is a full range of daytime and evening activities for you to join in the fun, from quizzes to line dancing and ten pin bowling to bingo – there is something for everyone. Take a swim in their amazing indoor swimming pool and try out the beauty salon/spa facilities onsite. You will also see some fantastic scenery during this holiday and visit some amazing destinations.

DAY 1 Depart home area and stop in Salisbury for lunch to be obtained before continuing to our hotel in Torquay.

DAY 2 Spend the day at leisure to enjoy Torquay. Visit Torquay Museum, a great place for World culture and local history (entry extra), or make use of the hotel leisure and spa facilities.

DAY 3 After breakfast visit the House of Marbles with opportunity to look around this working glass and games factory set in a historic pottery. We continue to Buckfast Abbey, an active Benedictine monastery nestled in the haven on the edge of the Dartmoor National Park. Visit the Grange Restaurant for refreshments before departing for a scenic drive through the Dartmoor National Park to Widecombe in the Moor.

DAY 4 Today we visit the bustling, small fishing town of Brixham. Take a walk around the harbour and little independent shops before re-joining the coach to the beautiful town of Dartmouth, one of Devon's most popular and enchanting towns. We then return to the hotel for our evening meal. Tonight, we celebrate 'New Year's Eve' with a sparkling wine drinks reception!

DAY 5 After breakfast we say a sad farewell to Torquay and return to home area making suitable comfort stops along the way.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Mince pie & cup of tea on arrival
- Evening entertainment
- Free use of hotel leisure facilities
- Indoor games arena & activities and in-house competitions and quizzes
- 'Christmas Eve' carol service with mulled wine
- Celebrate 'New Year's Eve' with a sparkling wine drinks reception
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted throughout

THE DERWENT HOTEL, TORQUAY ***

Less than 5 minutes' walk from Torquay's seafront, the Derwent Hotel offers friendly accommodation with a luxury spa, leisure complex as well as two indoor swimming pools and a games area. Lively and informal, the hotel's Starlight Lounge is the main hub for night-time entertainment and dancing. Most of the bedrooms are accessible by lift. Please let us know at time of booking if you have walking difficulties so we can request a suitable room for you.



1,636 Reviews

Single Supplement £60 / Travel Insurance £40.32

FROM **£459** PP

Single Supplement £0 / Travel Insurance £40.32

FROM **£469** PP



Chatsworth House & Christmas Markets

Friday 17th to Sunday 19th November 2023 // 3 Days

At the Christmas market, you will experience live seasonal musical entertainment from brass bands to string quartets, as well as a Bavarian beer tent. There is a wide range of stalls including toiletries, clothes, and things for your home. Enjoy delicious food, with gourmet burgers, hotdogs, pancakes, churros, fudge, chocolate and treats galore.

DAY 1 Travel to Derby making suitable comfort stops along the way, with time in Coventry for lunch to be purchased. Arrive at the hotel with time to freshen up before our evening meal.

DAY 2 After breakfast visit Chatsworth House & Christmas Market. Browse over 100 stalls offering a range of Christmas gifts and decorations, sample delicious treats and enjoy a mulled wine at one of the outdoor bars. The majestic estate of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire is transformed into a festive wonderland, with its rooms lavishly decorated with garlands, pretty lights and candles, perfected by the smell of Christmas trees and the sounds of carols which add to the atmosphere. Return to the hotel for our evening meal.

DAY 3 After breakfast return to home area making suitable comfort stops, including time in Stamford for lunch to be purchased. It is here that many period dramas have been filmed including *Pride & Prejudice* and *Middlemarch*.

**Please note: Pickup points on this tour only are Routed as B & D (Day Excursion Routes).*

PRICE INCLUDES

- 2 night dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee on arrival
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Entrance to Chatsworth House & Christmas Market

JURYS INN, DERBY ****

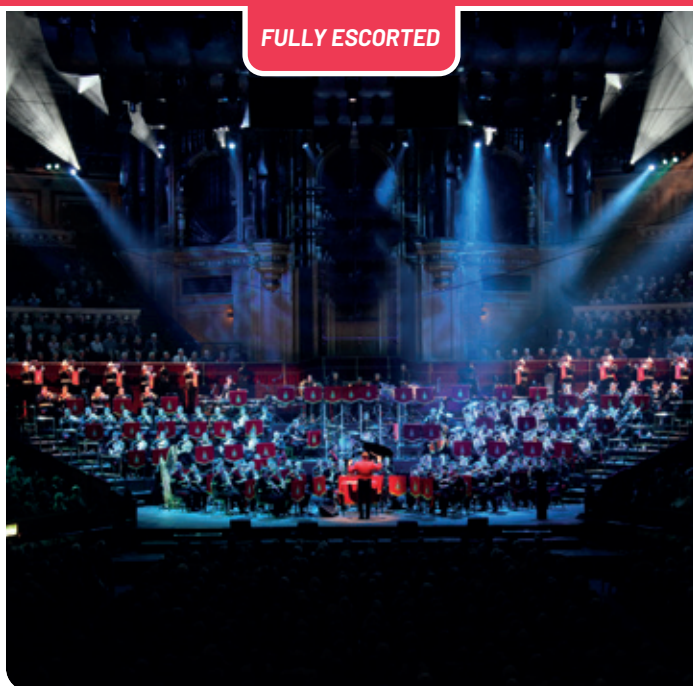
Enjoy a warm welcome at this 4-star hotel. Located in the city's Cathedral Quarter and only a 10 minute walk from a variety of museums, markets and shopping epicentre. The hotel features a stylish bar and trendy restaurant. All bedrooms are spacious and modern with complimentary toiletries, a hairdryer, flat screen TV and free WiFi.



2,839 Reviews

Single Supplement £60 / Travel Insurance £32.10

£309 PP



FULLY ESCORTED

Royal Marines Christmas Spectacular Overnight Break

Thursday 23rd to Friday 24th November 2023 // 2 Days

Thursday 21st to Friday 22nd November 2024 // 2 Days

The world-famous Band of His Majesty's Royal Marines will perform a military music spectacular featuring festive music, military marches, big band hits and popular showstoppers. Their world-renowned Corps of Drums will demonstrate the precision, accuracy and skill for which they have become famous across the globe. This entertaining band delights audiences wherever they perform. This is a show not to be missed!

DAY 1 Depart home area and travel to Bournemouth making suitable refreshment stops arriving in time for our early dinner. Afterwards we travel a short distance by coach to Bournemouth's Pavilion Theatre to see the Royal Marines Christmas Spectacular. Our coach will be waiting at the end of the show to return us to the hotel.

DAY 2 After breakfast we return to home area stopping enroute at the Milestones Living Museum for a trip down memory lane! Experience what life would have been like during the Victorian Era and the 1930's. Be inspired by their wonderful collections from vehicles, toys, domestic appliances, and lots more. Time here to purchase lunch before continuing homeward.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 1 night dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee on arrival
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Ticket to Royal Marines Christmas Spectacular
- Entrance to Milestones Living Museum
- Fully escorted throughout

WEST CLIFF HOTEL, BOURNEMOUTH ****

This lovely spa hotel is in central Bournemouth, only a 10 minute walk from the town centre. Its brasserie restaurant offers a contemporary dining experience for guests.



3,540 Reviews

No Single Availability / Travel Insurance £18.60

2023 **£235^{PP}**

Single Supplement £24 / Travel Insurance £18.60

2024 **£235^{PP}**



Festive Weekend in Wells

Featuring a visit to Christmas at Waddesdon!

Friday 24th to Sunday 26th November 2023 // 3 Days

Join us on this weekend break staying in the delightful smallest city in England, Wells. On this break we will visit Winchester for its Christmas Market, Glastonbury Frost Fayre and a special visit to Chawton House.

DAY 1 Depart home area and head to Winchester. Visit the Christmas market* held at the back of Winchester's famous cathedral. Winchester has many independent and high street stores to browse and many restaurants and tea rooms to obtain lunch. Take a look around the Cathedral (entry extra) where many Kings and famous people have been buried including Jane Austen. We then continue our journey to our hotel with time to freshen up before a welcome glass of Bucks Fizz before our evening meal.

DAY 2 After breakfast enjoy a free morning in delightful Wells. Take a walk along the main high street and visit the delightful independent shops. Take the opportunity to wander around the market* held every Saturday and Well's famous cathedral, the first Gothic Cathedral to be built in England and famous for its unique architecture. From its iconic West Front, featuring 300 medieval carvings, to the ingenious fourteenth century Scissor Arches, the Cathedral never fails to inspire. Time to purchase lunch here before our afternoon visit to Glastonbury Frost Fayre. Dozens of stalls surround the town's magnificent Christmas Tree, with other attractions and live street entertainment and performances from buskers and silver bands.

DAY 3 We depart our hotel after breakfast, after making a comfort stop, we head to Waddesdon Manor. The Christmas fair will be set against the enchanting backdrop of the floodlit north front of the manor. It will feature over 70 exhibitors combining local producers and independent traders to offer a selection of unusual Christmas gifts, along with festive food and drink. Then as dusk falls wander the gardens and experience sparkling lights and colourful illuminations.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 2 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Welcome glass of Bucks Fizz
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Entrance to the grounds, light trail and Christmas markets at Waddesdon Manor
- Coach excursions as described

BEST WESTERN PLUS SWAN HOTEL, WELLS ***

Located directly opposite Wells Cathedral, parts of this historic building date back to at least 1422. Today, the hotel offers guests modern amenities in a beautiful relaxed setting. The hotels award-winning kitchen uses only the finest seasonal ingredients, locally sourced wherever possible. Please note: this hotel is a historical building and there are steps throughout corridors, this may not be suitable for those with reduced mobility.



198 Reviews

Single Supplement £70 / Travel Insurance £32.10

£369^{PP}



Winchester Christmas Market

Overnight Break

Saturday 25th to Sunday 26th November 2023 // 2 Days

Saturday 23rd to Sunday 24th November 2024 // 2 Days

Winchester Christmas Market is a must-visit destination for all those wishing to experience a traditional Christmas. The city justly claims to be England's Christmas Capital and its Cathedral is at the heart of the festivities, with a stunning Christmas Market and real Ice Rink dominating its beautiful and historic Close.

DAY 1 Travel to Winchester Christmas Market. Inspired by traditional German Christmas markets the authentic wooden chalets are situated in the Cathedral's historic Inner Close, selling a range of tempting seasonal treats and delightful Christmas gifts, there are also many shops to wander around and plenty of restaurants and cafes for lunch to be purchased. Later this afternoon, check into our hotel which is a short walk from Winchester Cathedral, with time to freshen up before our evening meal.

DAY 2 After breakfast we make the most of our time in Winchester and spend a second day here, with time to purchase lunch before returning to home area.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 1 night dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee on arrival
- Tea/coffee after dinner

WINCHESTER ROYAL HOTEL ★★ ★★

You know you are somewhere special as soon as you step through the front door of the Winchester Royal Hotel. This charming 16th century hotel is a hidden gem within the heart of the city. The restaurant uses as much local produce as possible to create memorable dining experiences. Please note: There are approx. 3 steps at the entrance of this hotel and there is no lift. If you require a ground floor room, you must request this at time of booking.



3,952 Reviews

Single Supplement £30 / Travel Insurance £18.60

2023 **£209^{PP}**

Single Supplement £45 / Travel Insurance £18.60

2024 **£229^{PP}**



York & Castle Howard at Christmas

Monday 27th to Thursday 30th November 2023 // 4 Days

Not only is York known as being one of the most festive cities in the UK, York St Nicholas Fair won Best Large Speciality Market at the Great British Market Awards in 2019! Castle Howard prepares for a fantastical Christmas celebration, a truly magical experience!

DAY 1 Depart home area and travel to our hotel in York, making suitable comfort stops along the way.

DAY 2 Soak up York's medieval charm and scents of spiced mulled wine this season, as fairs, family fun and festival flavours transform York into a festive fairy-tale. When it comes to ticking presents off our gift list, we'll be spoilt for choice with unique boutiques and specialist shops whilst wandering York's ancient, cobbled streets. Discover the delights of the iconic St Nicholas Fair.

DAY 3 After breakfast enjoy a truly magical day out as Castle Howard is transformed for the festive season. Experience the magnificent decorations as you journey through the House's grand state rooms with open fires, candlelight and live music that evokes all that we love about this special time of year. Amongst the decorations and awe-inspiring costumes, a troupe of travelling players prepare festive entertainment. There are cafes and restaurants on site for lunch to be purchased.

DAY 4 After breakfast return to home area making suitable comfort stops, including time in Stamford for lunch to be purchased.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 3 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee on arrival
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Entrance to Castle Howard (2023 Theme TBC)

CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, HARROGATE ★★ ★★

This 4-star hotel is located in the town centre. Many rooms have stunning views across both the famous Yorkshire Spa town and the surrounding countryside.



1,323 Reviews

Single Supplement £88.50 / Travel Insurance £35.64

£459^{PP}



FULLY ESCORTED
by Karen Kirby

Black Forest Christmas Market

Mon 27th November to Fri 1st December 2023 // 5 Days

The Christmas Markets of the Black Forest offer a wide range of traditional arts and crafts from the region, including straw shoes and colourful wooden toys. On this tour you will have so much to see.

DAY 1 Travel to Folkestone for our Eurotunnel crossing to Calais. Making suitable refreshment stops we arrive at our hotel in the Black Forest in time to freshen up before our evening meal.

DAY 2 Visit "the Capital of Christmas", Strasbourg, in the Alsace. The Strasbourg Christmas market is the oldest in France, dating back to 1570. Shop windows are transformed here into winter wonderlands and the streets are decorated with twinkling lights and festive garlands. You'll find hundreds of stalls selling ornaments, toys, food and mulled wine here.

DAY 3 Join our driver to Riquewihr, one of the most beautiful villages in Alsace. You'll find charming half-timbered houses, quaint shops in a picturesque setting - we'll be carried away by the Christmas magic in this wonderful town! Afterwards we visit Gengenbach. Take a stroll through the magnificently decorated historic city centre and marvel at the daily opening of the world's biggest Advent calendar house. Explore little alleyways, listen to the beautiful sounds of the choirs and take in the sights, smells and sounds of Christmas time in Gengenbach.

DAY 4 Visit Freiburg, the historic city centre for one of the most popular Christmas markets in the south of Germany. Time to purchase lunch before returning to the hotel via a scenic journey through the Black Forest.

DAY 5 After breakfast return to Calais making suitable comfort stops, for the return Eurotunnel crossing to Folkestone. Arrive back to home area early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Return Eurotunnel crossing
- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Welcome drink on arrival
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted by Karen Kirby



LANDHOTEL SALMEN, OBERKIRCH, GERMANY ***

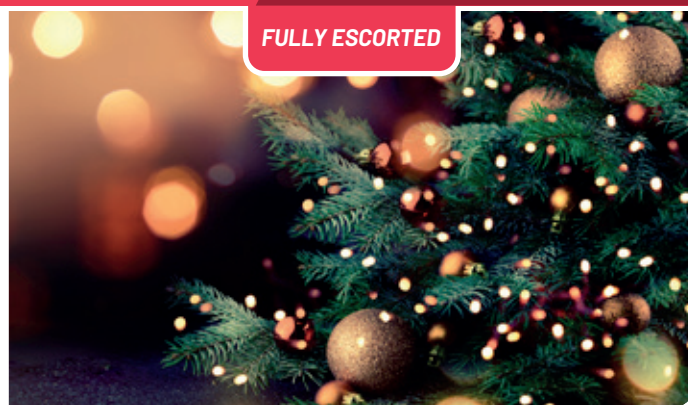
This idyllic and authentic country hotel sits in the midst of vineyards, in a picturesque wine village on the Baden Wine Route: a place where family tradition is a part of life. Enjoy the variety of the famous cuisine of Baden, unwind and relax in the hotel's spa area with indoor pool, solarium and sauna, a true oasis. All bedrooms are en-suite with shower or bath, balcony and TV. This hotel has a lift.



107 Reviews

Single Supplement £60 / Travel Insurance £52.74

£679^{PP}



FULLY ESCORTED

Isle of Wight: Spirit of Christmas

Mon 27th November to Fri 1st December 2023 // 5 Days

Monday 25th to Friday 29th November 2024 // 5 Days

Banish those winter blues and experience this 'Turkey & Tinsel' with a difference at the Trouville Hotel in Sandown. Enjoy four nights of early festive fun with a mock Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Year.

DAY 1 Travel to the Isle of Wight, we enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and mince pie on arrival with time to relax before our evening meal and entertainment.

DAY 2 Visit Newport, the principal town of the Isle of Wight. Afterwards we travel the short distance to Ryde for time to explore the multitude of independent shops. Today is 'Christmas Day', we enjoy a wine reception, traditional Christmas dinner and a visit from Santa followed by a night of entertainment.

DAY 3 Spend the morning at leisure in Sandown. Walk along the promenade or visit the small array of shops before we visit nearby Shanklin to purchase lunch and look around one of the prettiest villages the Island has to offer.

DAY 4 Visit the quintessential English village of Godshill. Afterwards we take the scenic coastal road to the Isle of Wight Pearl, home to an unmissable collection of pearl jewellery and a café with views out to sea! Return to the hotel for 'New Year's Eve', celebrate with a night of entertainment after our candlelit dinner.

DAY 5 After breakfast depart the Isle of Wight and make suitable stops before we return home.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Return ferry crossing
- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee & mince pie on arrival
- Wine reception on 'Christmas Day' and visit from Santa
- Traditional Christmas Dinner
- Some in-house entertainment such as quiz/bingo
- Music in the ballroom each night
- Farewell candlelit dinner on 'New Year's Eve'
- Party night on 'New Year's Eve'
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted throughout

THE TROUVILLE HOTEL, SANDOWN, ISLE OF WIGHT ***

The 3-star Trouville Hotel has a prominent position overlooking the glorious Sandown Bay. There is a lovely lounge area to relax in or to enjoy a pre-dinner drink before our evening meal. There is a superb choice of evening meals served by their friendly waiting staff. There is a lift to all floors.



637 Reviews

Single Supplement £0 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£509^{PP}

Single Supplement £0 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£535^{PP}



Koln Christmas Market

Friday 1st to Monday 4th December 2023 // 4 Days
Sunday 1st to Wednesday 4th December 2024 // 4 Days

Every year, the city centre of Cologne is touched by the magic of the festivities in the run-up to Christmas. Cologne's Christmas markets attract millions of visitors from all over the world every year. You too can savour the unique atmosphere of this metropolis on the Rhine at the special time of year. You're sure to be enchanted! Koln has six markets for you to choose from and the famous Schildergrasse is well worth a visit.

DAY 1 Travel to Folkestone for the Eurotunnel crossing to Calais. From Calais head to Cologne making suitable comfort stops along the way. Time to purchase our evening meal in Cologne after checking into the hotel.

DAY 2 & 3 Breakfast is included. Spend these days at leisure exploring the magical Christmas Markets in Cologne. Cologne is the capital of the Rhineland and one of the largest cities in Germany. It is most magical at Christmas time, when the Christmas markets open and the shop windows are filled with Christmas offerings: arts and crafts, gifts and decorations not seen before, revealing another side to this historic and beautiful city. There are 6 Christmas markets situated around Cologne, so we are spoilt for choice. There are also many restaurants in this city for our evening meals to be purchased.

DAY 4 After breakfast return to Calais making suitable comfort stops, for the return Eurotunnel crossing to Folkestone. Arrive back to home area early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Return Eurotunnel crossing
- 3 nights bed & breakfast
- Free use of hotel leisure facilities



MARITIM HOTEL, KOLN ★★★★★

This fabulous 4-star hotel in central Cologne provides excellent panoramic views of the River Rhine. It features elegant accommodation, featuring a spa with a gym and indoor pool. All bedrooms are upgraded as standard. A full breakfast buffet is available each morning in the spacious Rôtisserie restaurant with its glass ceiling. The Maritim Köln is located at the Deutzer Brücke, a 10-minute walk from Cologne Cathedral.



1,525 Reviews

Single Supplement £57 / Travel Insurance £47.22

2023 **£519^{PP}**

Single Supplement £72 / Travel Insurance £47.22

2024 **£519^{PP}**



Longleat at Christmas

& Winchester Christmas Market

Friday 1st to Monday 4th December 2023 // 4 Days
Friday 6th to Monday 9th December 2024 // 4 Days

FULLY BOOKED

Each winter, Longleat transforms the park into a glowing winter wonderland. Embark on a magical journey and meet all your favourite characters from the Roald Dahl stories, Longleat Festival of Light presents 'The Wonderful Worlds of Roald Dahl' as the theme for 2022. Each lantern scene will bring key moments from the iconic books to life! Winchester Christmas Market is a must visit destination for all those wishing to experience a traditional Christmas market, with over 100 attractive wooden chalets.

DAY 1 Stop in Marlborough for lunch to be purchased enroute to our hotel where we have a cup of tea/coffee and cookie on arrival.

DAY 2 After breakfast travel to Longleat. We start with a journey around the Safari Park by coach to enter a land of adventure where lions roam, tigers stalk and monkey's swing. Afterwards time to purchase lunch before entering the Festival of Light. There are refreshment facilities throughout Longleat.

DAY 3 Today we visit Winchester, inspired by traditional German Christmas markets the authentic wooden chalets are situated in the Cathedral's historic Inner Close, selling a range of tempting seasonal treats and delightful Christmas gifts, there are also many shops to wander around and plenty of restaurants and cafes for lunch to be purchased.

DAY 4 After breakfast travel back to home area, stopping in Windsor for lunch to be purchased.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 3 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee & cookie on arrival
- A glass of wine with dinner each evening
- Entry to Longleat Safari Park, Main Square Attractions and Christmas Event
- Visit to Winchester Christmas Market

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON, SWINDON ★★★

Feel welcome with a warm DoubleTree chocolate chip cookie upon arrival at this 4-star hotel. Located on the outskirts of Swindon, this hotel has recently been refurbished to a high standard. The rooms are stylish, and you can feel relaxed with a drink in the bar/lounge area before your evening meals. Please note this hotel does not have rooms with walk-in showers.



734 Reviews

Single Supplement £71 / Travel Insurance £35.64

2023 **£445^{PP}**

Single Supplement £88 / Travel Insurance £35.64

2024 **£459^{PP}**



Eastbourne Turkey & Tinsel

Monday 4th to Friday 8th December 2023 // 5 Days

Monday 2nd to Friday 6th December 2024 // 5 Days

Chase away the Winter blues and get into the festive spirit on the Sussex coast staying at the welcoming 4 star family run Langham Hotel situated on Eastbourne's Sea Front. Eastbourne has unspoilt Victorian architecture from its hotels to its elegant pier. Visit the award-winning Towner Art Gallery and visit one of many excellent shops Eastbourne has to offer.

DAY 1 "Christmas Eve" We depart home area and make a suitable comfort stop at the Pantiles in Royal Tunbridge Wells. The Pantiles are lined with lovely old shops and tea rooms. We then continue to Battle for lunch to be obtained before we arrive at our hotel. Time to freshen up before we meet in Langham's Bar for a complimentary glass of mulled wine followed by your evening meal. Afterwards enjoy some live music. A great start to your holiday.

DAY 2 "Christmas Day" After breakfast we visit the impressive town of Lewes, nestled amongst the beautiful South Downs. Enjoy some time at leisure before continuing to Brighton. Perhaps you'll visit the Royal Pavilion (entry extra), or Brighton's historic quarter, which has an extraordinary mix of shops. There are plenty of restaurants and cafés to choose from for lunch to be purchased. Tonight, enjoy a Christmas dinner and a special visit from Santa with a gift for everyone. Followed by more live music.

DAY 3 Today we have a day at leisure in Eastbourne. Enjoy a walk through the town, visit the pier, the shops or the Town's Art Gallery. (It is approx. 15 minute walk to the town centre from the hotel.) In the afternoon enjoy a tea or coffee and a mince pie in the hotel. After dinner tonight there will be musical entertainment.

DAY 4 "New Years Eve" Today we head to the medieval town of Rye, home to a myriad of art, curiosities and cosy pubs as well as shops, restaurants and tea rooms. Afterwards we visit Hastings, famous for its connections to William the Conqueror, Hastings has a long history and home to beautiful historic streets with shops full of character. Return to hotel with time to relax for your last nights celebratory dinner plus live music.

DAY 5 We say farewell to Eastbourne and return to home area stopping in Tenterden, for free time and lunch to be obtained.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Welcome glass of Mulled Wine
- Visit from Santa
- Live musical entertainment each night
- Coach excursions as described

LANGHAM HOTEL, EASTBOURNE ★★★★★

Enjoy sea views, varied cuisine and helpful, friendly staff at this family-run hotel on Eastbourne's seafront. Langham's AA 4-star rated Conservatory Restaurant offers views of Eastbourne's coastline. Langham's Bar is a place where guests can relax and admire the views. There is a lift at this hotel and an opportunity to upgrade to a sea view room at an extra cost.



1,789 Reviews

No Single Availability / Travel Insurance £40.32

2023 **£509** PP

No Single Availability / Travel Insurance £40.32

2024 **£509** PP



Bruges Christmas Market

Tuesday 5th to Monday 6th December 2023 // 2 Days

Thursday 5th to Friday 6th December 2024 // 2 Days

Give into that warm, fuzzy Christmas feeling and join us on this overnight break in Belgium. Bruges Christmas Market is one of the most beautiful Christmas Markets in Europe. You'll feel like you've stepped into a fairytale in this pretty medieval city. The streets are dressed like gingerbread houses with twinkling fairy lights. Follow the scent of fresh waffles lingering in the streets whilst browsing the unique stalls in search of that last-minute present for someone special.

DAY 1 Travel to Folkestone for the Eurotunnel crossing to Calais. From Calais head to Bruges stopping in Ostend, a city which boasts a wide variety of good-value eateries and ever-popular brasseries, for lunch to be purchased. Boutique browsers will be spoilt in Ostend as there are plenty of shops to discover. We arrive at the hotel with time to check in and drop off our overnight bag before purchasing our evening meal. There are many restaurants within walking distance from the hotel.

DAY 2 After breakfast enjoy free time in Bruges to explore the magical Christmas Market. Medieval Bruges, with its beautiful setting, is host to one of the most famous Christmas Markets in Belgium offering the best of winter products, Christmas gifts, warm gluhwein, and snacks. The cosy Christmas atmosphere helps make Bruges Christmas Market one of the most vibrant markets of the country. There are plenty of restaurants here for lunch to be purchased before travelling back to Calais for the return Eurotunnel crossing.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Return Eurotunnel crossing 2023
- Return P&O ferry crossing 2024
- 1 night bed & breakfast



2023 - HOTEL ACADEMIE, BRUGES ★★★★★

This 4-star hotel is situated in the historic 'golden triangle' of Bruges, just 50 metres from the famous Minnewater (Lake of Love) and Begijnhof (the Beguine Convent). The hotel boasts a lovely winter garden and stylish garden terrace as well as easy access on foot to the city centre.



3,384 Reviews

Single Supplement £57 / Travel Insurance £31.92

2023 **£249** PP

2024 - HOTEL LE BOIS DE BRUGES ★★★★★

Located in the heart of this historic city is this modern 4-star hotel. Within walking distance to the main attractions, close to the shops, restaurants and museums, Hotel Le Bois is in a great location. Rooms feature flat-screen TVs and Wi-Fi.



51 Reviews

Single Supplement £79 / Travel Insurance £31.92

2024 **£259** PP



Bath & Bristol Christmas Markets

Thursday 7th to Saturday 9th December 2023 // 3 Days

Indulge in a Festive Afternoon Tea with a glass of Mulled Wine to mark the start of this fabulous short break. Spend a day of magical merriment at the award-winning Bath Christmas Market. With over 120 twinkling chalets spread out across Bath's picturesque Georgian streets, it's the perfect place to do a spot of Christmas shopping. Finish the weekend with some festive cheer at Bristol Christmas Market, boasting over 50 unique stalls selling seasonal delights, crafts and unique items.

DAY 1 Travel to Chippenham, Wiltshire to the Angel Hotel where we are treated to a scrumptious Festive Afternoon Tea (including a glass of Mulled Wine). We'll have a warm mince pie, finger sandwiches, baked scones with jam & cream along with a tasty winter spiced chocolate brownie. Afterwards, continue to our hotel in Bristol to check in. This hotel is within walking distance to a variety of restaurants to purchase an evening meal.

DAY 2 After breakfast travel to Bath city centre. The famous Abbey and Roman Baths provide an amazing backdrop for the Christmas market. Experience over 120 wooden chalets selling festive food and gifts. There are many restaurants for lunch to be purchased as well as lots of other shops to visit. Return to our hotel later with time to purchase an evening meal in Bristol.

DAY 3 After breakfast spend the morning at leisure in Bristol, featuring a Christmas Market full of decorated chalets selling traditional Christmas decorations, lights, nativity scenes and gifts. The markets are located along the pedestrianised streets of Broadmead, Bristol's shopping quarter, right in the heart of the city centre shopping area. Time to purchase lunch in the city before returning to home area, making suitable comfort stops along the way.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 2 nights bed & breakfast
- Festive Afternoon Tea at the Angel Hotel, Chippenham
- Coach excursions as described

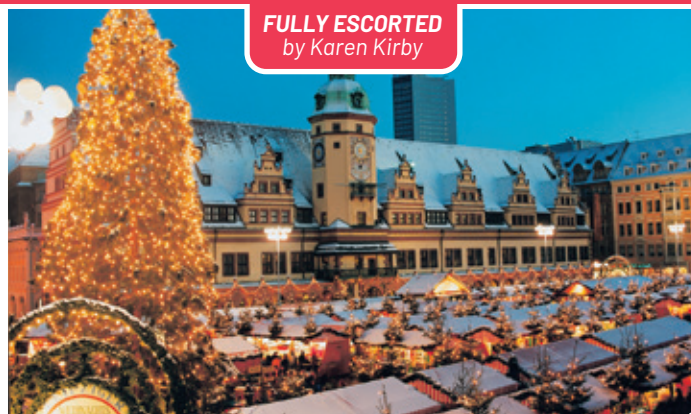
BRISTOL MARRIOTT HOTEL CITY CENTRE ★★★★★

With an exceptional location in the heart of Bristol, just a short walk to the city centre's shops and attractions, this 4-star hotel offers comfortable accommodation with modern facilities including an indoor swimming pool.



Single Supplement £93 / Travel Insurance £32.10

£339^{PP}



FULLY ESCORTED
by Karen Kirby

Rüdesheim & Weisbaden Christmas Markets

Friday 8th to Monday 11th December 2023 // 4 Days

Join Karen Kirby on this fabulous German Christmas Market weekend along the Rhine. With a visit to wonderful Weisbaden and Rüdesheim this weekend will truly get you into the spirit of Christmas. You are sure to take back some special memories. The friendly staff at our hotel love looking after us and there is always a very warm welcome from the owners.

DAY 1 Travel to Rüdesheim making suitable comfort stops along the way. Arrive at the hotel with time to freshen up before our evening meal.

DAY 2 After breakfast head to nearby Weisbaden. Walk around the twinkling star Christmas Market on the Schlossplatz. The stage in front of the Townhall is the centre of this fabulous market with almost 130 stalls lovingly decorated and illuminated selling many Christmas items and Christmas crafts products. The shops are wonderful to visit here all traditionally decorated with that special German Christmas feel. Weisbaden has so much to offer everyone. Join Karen tonight in 'The International' in the Drosselgasse for a traditional Rüdesheim Coffee made with their local Asbach brandy. There is sure to be music and laughter here for a night of fun.

DAY 3 Today we have a day at leisure in Rüdesheim. There are many Christmas markets in Germany, but the pretty historic town of Rüdesheim has a special Christmas market called the Christmas Market of Nations, or Rüdesheimer Weihnachtsmarkt der Nationen, this year celebrating its 26th anniversary. There are over 120 stalls representing the Christmas traditions from 12 nations. The hotel is very well situated for us to explore everything on offer in Rüdesheim.

DAY 4 After breakfast return to Calais making suitable comfort stops for the return Eurotunnel crossing to Folkestone. Arrive back to home area early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Return Eurotunnel crossing
- 3 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted by Karen Kirby



HOTEL FELSENKELLER, RÜDESHEIM ★★★

Situated just a 2-minute walk from the banks of the River Rhine in Rüdesheim am Rhein, this hotel boasts a terrace overlooking the historic Old Town. Enjoy regional dishes from the area and the hotel's wine tavern serves up a selection of local wines. Please note the lift goes to all floors but there are 15 wide steps to get to the lift. The Twin-Bedded Rooms are not with separate beds, they are German doubles with separate mattresses and blankets, but within the same bed frame.



No Single Availability / Travel Insurance £47.22

£499^{PP}



FULLY ESCORTED

Magical Scottish Christmas Markets

All Inclusive Break!*

Monday 11th to Friday 15th December 2023 // 5 Days

Join us on this all-inclusive Scottish holiday staying at the award-winning Winnock Hotel in Drymen, located on the shores of Loch Lomond. Think of a glittering array of twinkling lights in the trees, outdoor ice rinks with beautifully illuminated buildings as a backdrop, Christmas markets and the aroma of Mulled Wine and Gingerbread – it's easy to fall under Scotland's winter spell.*

DAY 1 Making suitable comfort stops along the way we arrive at our hotel. Time to settle in and relax before our evening meal.

DAY 2 "Christmas Eve" Whether you're shopping for a special gift or looking for a bite to eat, Glasgow's Christmas Markets will be sure to please! Boasting a variety of colourful stalls, offering a selection of gifts, artisan products and global cuisine set in a festive village of rustic cabins and stalls. Return to hotel for lunch before departing on an optional visit to nearby Loch Lomond Shores for a 5-star retail shopping experience. Return to our hotel for an afternoon tea served in the hotel's conservatory. Our evening entertainment will be a Scottish weaponry display with swords, kilts and storytelling.

DAY 3 "Christmas Day" There will be guaranteed snow today with the hotel's snow machine. We collect our packed lunch and travel to Edinburgh for the day, the UK's most popular festive celebration brings this city centre to life. East Princes Street Gardens has many traditional European stalls. Iconic sights such as Edinburgh Castle, the Scott Monument and Balmoral Hotel lend a dramatic backdrop. Return to our hotel for a traditional Christmas dinner, where we will receive a gift from Santa, all before an evening of entertainment.

DAY 4 "New Years Eve" Today we visit Stirling, a wee city with a big history. Browse the decorated shops around the Old Town and the Victorian Arcade. Stirling boasts many attractions and plenty of places to purchase refreshments. Return to our hotel for lunch and an afternoon at leisure. Tonight, is our traditional Scottish dinner and Scottish show.

DAYS After breakfast we enjoy a farewell hot toddy from the hotel before returning to home area.

**Under the terms of the Licensing (Scotland) act 2005, the supply of alcoholic drinks in our All Inclusive Packages is not unlimited. Subject to hotel's discretion in the case of drunkenness, patrons on an All Inclusive Package shall be permitted a maximum of £20.00 worth of alcoholic drinks per day as part of the package.*

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights full board accommodation (lunch not included on Days 1 & 5)
- Welcome drinks with dinner on 1st night
- Free bar 19:30-22:30pm each night (selected drinks)
- Traditional Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings
- Gift from Father Christmas
- 2 x soup & sandwich lunches and 1 x packed lunch
- Afternoon Tea on "Christmas Eve"
- Scottish weaponry display on one night with swords, kilts and storytelling
- Traditional Scottish show and dinner on Hogmanay
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Farewell hot toddy on departure day
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted throughout

WINNOCK HOTEL, DRYMEN ★★★

A very warm welcome awaits you at The Winnock, an award-winning hotel located on the village green in pretty Drymen. The hotel has been hosting groups for 30 years and is very successful in delivering quality cuisine, service, and entertainment. There is a large, bright restaurant and a relaxing, informal bar. Please note there is no lift, ground floor rooms are available (subject to availability, please enquire at the time of booking).



1,547 Reviews

Single Supplement £74 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£549^{PP}



FULLY ESCORTED

Christmas in Pitlochry, Scotland

Saturday 23rd to Wednesday 27th December 2023 // 5 Days

Christmas is a magical time of the year, and at the Fisher's Hotel in Pitlochry, it's even more special. Step into a traditional Christmas and enjoy crackling fires, wholesome accommodation, famous festive decorations and a special visit from Mr Claus himself. The Victorian town of Pitlochry transforms into a winter wonderland in December and is a beautiful place to enjoy the festive season.

DAY 1 We travel to Scotland via the most direct route, making suitable comfort stops along the way and arrive at our hotel early evening. We have time to freshen up before our evening meal followed by live entertainment.

DAY 2 Christmas Eve After breakfast we enjoy a free day in Pitlochry. Take a walk down the Victorian high street and browse the many independent shops and purchase refreshments in one of the many restaurants. This afternoon we need to head back to our hotel for a festive afternoon cream tea. We have some time to relax before dinner followed by entertainment. At midnight we can enjoy some Mulled Wine and mince pies! Speak with reception to find out where the local Churches are that hold Midnight Mass.

DAY 3 Christmas Day Happy Christmas! After breakfast we enjoy the morning at leisure. Wander through Pitlochry high street or relax in the hotel lounge by the log fire. We have a 4-course Christmas lunch and a visit from Santa this afternoon. If we have room, there is a light buffet this evening followed by more entertainment.

DAY 4 Boxing Day We take a short journey to visit 'Taste Perthshire', a unique experience of shopping all under one roof. The shops offer a range of unique sculptures, jewelry, wall art, clothes, handbags, household décor and books. Opportunity to purchase morning refreshments here before we continue to nearby Perth,

situated on the banks of the River Tay. Take a walk around this vibrant city centre which is brimming with the very best in Scottish independent shops. There are many cafes and restaurants to obtain lunch before we return to our hotel.

DAY 5 After breakfast we bid farewell to Scotland and return home making suitable comfort stops.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee after dinner/lunch
- Live entertainment each evening
- Festive cream tea on Christmas Eve
- Mulled Wine & mince pies at midnight on Christmas Eve
- Traditional 4-course Christmas lunch
- Visit from Santa
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted throughout

FISHER'S HOTEL, PITLOCHRY ★★★★★

This classic hotel in a former coaching inn with bright rooms which feature en suite bathrooms, flat-screen TVs and free Wi-Fi, as well as tea and coffeemaking equipment. There's also a lounge, as well as 2 bars (one of which shows sporting events and hosts live music).



2,032 Reviews

Single Supplement £95 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£789^{PP}



Christmas in Warwickshire

Saturday 23rd to Wednesday 27th December 2023 // 5 Days

Join us on this fabulous Christmas holiday staying at Chesford Grange, a unique hotel based in Warwickshire. The historic charm oozes from every corner, from its red roofed turrets and Tudor style exterior to the majestic splendour that awaits you inside. The hotel is set within 17 acres of countryside and has also leisure and spa facilities.

DAY 1 We depart home area head to Warwickshire, making suitable comfort stops, including Banbury, a historic market town on the River Cherwell, famed for its cakes. We have time to look around the delightful shops and obtain lunch before we continue to our hotel. We are welcomed with a tea/coffee and a mince pie, which we can enjoy whilst our luggage is taken to our rooms. We have some time to settle in and freshen up before dinner.

DAY 2 Christmas Eve After breakfast we visit Worcester, a beautiful cathedral city with a fascinating history that lies on the banks of the River Severn. There are plenty of shops to tempt retail therapy or to purchase that last minute present. Time to visit the 11th-century Worcester Cathedral, one of the most visited places in England. There are plenty of restaurants, pubs and cafes to obtain lunch here before we return to our hotel. After dinner tonight, we may wish to retire to the games room where there will be activities. Opportunity to visit a nearby Church to attend Midnight Mass (speak with reception), on our return the hotel will have tea/coffee and a mince pie waiting for us.

DAY 3 Christmas Day Merry Christmas! After a hearty breakfast, spend some time at leisure, make use of the swimming pool or relax in the bar. We can enjoy a glass of Bucks Fizz before our 3-course traditional Christmas lunch. The afternoon is our own, perhaps take a stroll around the gardens of the hotel. The King's speech will be shown at 3pm with tea, coffee and Christmas cake in the bar. This evening's meal is a relaxed affair with casual grazing boards.

DAY 4 Boxing Day After breakfast, we travel a short distance to Stratford-upon-Avon, birthplace of William Shakespeare, for time to explore this medieval market town steeped in culture and history. We get a real taste of 'Olde' England whilst we wander the streets. There are plenty of shops and restaurants to browse and purchase lunch before returning to our hotel.

DAY 5 After breakfast we return home stopping in Oxford for some free time.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Welcome drink & mince pies on arrival
- Tea/coffee & mince pies after midnight mass on Christmas Eve
- Glass of fizz on Christmas Day
- Afternoon tea and cake on Christmas Day
- Traditional Christmas lunch
- Kings Speech with tea/coffee & Christmas cake
- Christmas evening buffet
- Coach excursions as described

CHESFORD GRANGE HOTEL, KENILWORTH ★★★★★

Situated along the River Avon on 17 rural acres, this hotel offers stylish rooms with contemporary furnishings including a TV and tea/coffee making facilities. The hotel amenities include an indoor pool, fitness centre and spa. Take in the river views from the restaurant and relax in the bar with a terrace.



3,010 Reviews

Single Supplement £159 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£765^{PP}

FULLY ESCORTED



Christmas in Winchester

Saturday 23rd to Wednesday 27th December 2023 // 5 Days

Spend Christmas in Winchester, an unspoilt cathedral city on the edge of the rolling South Downs National Park. It's England's ancient capital and former seat of King Alfred the Great. The friendly staff at Norton Park Hotel will help us to soak up the festive cheer and enjoy some Christmas magic.

DAY 1 We make our way to Winchester with a stop on route in Guildford for some free time to explore and to obtain lunch. Upon our arrival at our hotel, we are welcomed with a tea/coffee with scones and cakes. We have time to unpack and freshen up before dinner. After dinner there is a Film Corner in the hotel showing films each night throughout our stay.

DAY 2 Christmas Eve This morning we travel a short distance into Winchester, there are many shops to browse, or to take a look inside Winchester Cathedral where many Kings have been laid to rest, as well as Jane Austen. We have time here to purchase lunch in one of Winchester's many cafes or restaurants. This afternoon we return to our hotel where we can enjoy some tea/coffee and cakes. We have time to relax before our pre-dinner drinks reception with canapes, followed by our evening meal. There is live entertainment for us tonight.

DAY 3 Christmas Day Merry Christmas! Spend the morning at leisure. Opportunity to use the hotel leisure facilities, relax or walk the hotel grounds. Enjoy a pre-lunch drinks reception followed by our 5-course Christmas lunch. Afterwards, we can watch the Kings speech with tea/coffee and Christmas cake. Tonight, if we still have room, there is a light evening buffet dinner followed by a quiz hosted by the hotel.

DAY 4 Boxing Day We take a scenic drive into the New Forest, via Brockenhurst and Lyndhurst. We return to our hotel for a 3-course lunch before we return to our coach taking us to Gunwharf Quays in Portsmouth. There are plenty of shops to browse the Boxing Day sales, or perhaps visit the Spinnaker Tower, a 170-meter high observation tower offering spectacular

views (extra cost). Afterwards, we return to our hotel for pre-dinner drinks followed by a Gala Dinner. Tonight, there is live entertainment by the hotel's DJ.

DAY 5 We depart our hotel after breakfast and make our way to Milestones Living Museum. From cobbled streets to a seaside pier, teddy bears, vintage vehicles, an operating pub, 1940's sweet shop and more, there is so much to see under one roof! Time to purchase lunch here and take in the ambience of it all before returning home.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Welcome tea/coffee with scones and cakes
- Film Corner showing films throughout stay
- Tea/coffee after dinner and lunch
- 2 x afternoon tea/coffee with scones and cakes
- 3 x pre-dinner/lunch drinks
- Mix of entertainment on 3 nights
- 5-course Christmas Day lunch
- Boxing Day lunch
- Coach excursions as described

NORTON PARK HOTEL, SPA & MANOR HOUSE ****

Set amid 54 acres of grounds, this contemporary hotel offers rooms tucked inside a manor house and 17th-century barn. The hotel has an upscale restaurant, a casual bar and lounge and a health club featuring an indoor pool, steam room, sauna and gym.



3,365 Reviews

Single Supplement £282 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£725^{PP}

Twixmas on the Isle of Wight

Wednesday 27th to Saturday 31st December 2023 // 3 Days

Take a break between two big celebrations! Join us on this Twixmas break to the Isle of Wight where we will be entertained in the evening and visit Yarmouth with quaint cafes, shops and galleries during the day.

DAY 1 Depart home area and cross to the Isle of Wight. We receive a warm welcome from the Trouville Hotel. Dinner will be followed by a fun music quiz and bingo!

DAY 2 After breakfast we visit Yarmouth. This town is filled with a range of quaint cafes, shops and galleries and the main square is overlooked by a stunning 17th Century church. After dinner, it is party night with an Abba tribute and disco until late!

DAY 3 We have some free time in Sandown before we catch our return ferry home, making suitable comfort stops on route.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Return ferry crossing
- 2 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Music quiz & disco on 1st night
- Abba tribute on 2nd night
- Coach excursion to Yarmouth

TROUVILLE HOTEL, SANDOWN ★★★

The Trouville Hotel has a prominent position overlooking the glorious Sandown Bay. There is a lovely lounge area to relax in or to enjoy a pre-dinner drink before dinner. There is a superb choice of evening meals served by their friendly waiting staff. There is a lift to all floors.



637 Reviews

Single Supplement £60 / Travel Insurance £35.64

£295^{PP}

New Year in Warwickshire

Sat 30th December 2023 to Tues 2nd January 2024 // 4 Days

Celebrate the New Year in style at the Chesford Grange Hotel where we will receive a very warm welcome. See the New Year in with a black-tie event with a mouth watering 3-course meal and dancing!

DAY 1 Depart home area and visit Banbury, a historic market town on the River Cherwell, time to look around the shops and to obtain lunch here. The hotel welcomes us with a tea/coffee and cake whilst our luggage is taken to our rooms.

DAY 2 New Years Eve After breakfast we depart for the pretty town of Warwick. Not only famed for its castle and shops but also for its array of magnificent buildings, notably from the Medieval, Stuart and Georgian eras. There are many places to eat and drink. We head back to the hotel with time to relax, or make use of the hotel leisure facilities before our black-tie New Year's Eve event with a glass of bubbly and mouth-watering meal, followed by an evening of dancing to see the New Year in!

DAY 3 New Years Day After a late breakfast we head to the Cotswolds, to visit two lovely villages, Moreton-in-Marsh and Broadway. The villages have many pretty limestone buildings with

small, elegant shops and tea rooms. We arrive back to our hotel mid-afternoon. This evening the hotel is providing a spectacular buffet meal followed by a quiz/bingo.

DAY 4 After breakfast we say farewell and return home. We stop in Oxford on our journey to obtain lunch.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 3 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Meet the team with tea/coffee & cake in the lounge on arrival
- Free use of hotel leisure facilities
- Black-tie Gala evening with glass of fizz on New Year's Eve
- In-house quiz/bingo on New Year's evening
- Coach excursions as described

CHESFORD GRANGE HOTEL, KENILWORTH ★★★★

Situated along the River Avon on 17 rural acres, this hotel offers stylish rooms with contemporary furnishings including a TV and tea/coffee making facilities. The hotel amenities include an indoor pool, fitness centre and spa. Take in the river views from the restaurant and relax in the bar with a terrace.



3,010 Reviews

Single Supplement £105 / Travel Insurance £35.64

£559^{PP}

New Year in Yorkshire

Sat 30th December 2023 to Tues 2nd January 2024 // 4 Days

Celebrate the New Year at the fabulous Rendezvous Hotel. The New Year's Eve Gala Ball is the ultimate way to see out the old and welcome the New Year in. The hotel is located on the edge of the beautiful Yorkshire Dales National Park, on the bank of the Leeds-Liverpool Canal and is a short distance from Skipton.

DAY 1 Depart home area and after making suitable refreshment stops we make our way to Newark, one of the most impressive and attractive towns on the River Trent. There are plenty of delightful shops to browse and restaurants or cafes to obtain lunch. We arrive at our hotel late afternoon with time to freshen up before dinner.

DAY 2 New Years Eve After breakfast we travel a short distance into Skipton, the southern gateway to the Yorkshire Dales. We will find a 900-year-old castle, a romantic ruined priory and historic cobbled high street full of independent shops. Afterwards, we visit Oswald twistle Mills, a former Weaving Mill that now homes over 100 retailers under one roof. Time to browse and purchase lunch from one of the four restaurants here. Afterwards, we return to our hotel with plenty of time to freshen up and get ready for our New Years Eve Gala Ball, the ultimate way to welcome in the New Year! Our evening begins with a sparkling drinks reception and a piper, followed by our Gala meal. The night will come alive with intermittent entertainment during and after our meal ending with a toast to the New Year!

DAY 3 New Years Day After breakfast we depart for the elegant Victorian spa town of Harrogate. Many of the streets have their own unique personality with many independent shops to browse for the January sales! Time to purchase lunch here before returning to our hotel.

DAY 4 After breakfast we depart our hotel, and make a lunch stop at Boundary Mills, Grantham for lunch to be obtained and to browse this fabulous modern indoor shopping complex before returning home.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 3 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- New Years Eve Gala Dinner
- Coach excursions as described

RENDEZVOUS HOTEL, SKIPTON, YORKSHIRE ★★★

This charming family-run hotel boasts a wonderful canal-side restaurant and idyllic views of the Leeds and Liverpool canal. Relax with a drink and watch the colourful narrow boats drift by. You might even be lucky to see the local swans who nest on the river bank every year.



1,805 Reviews

Single Supplement £90 / Travel Insurance £35.64

£669^{PP}

SOUTH EAST & ANGLIA

NEW FOR 2024

Gardens, Beaches & Shires, Norfolk



FULLY ESCORTED



Autumn Tints of the New Forest

Monday 9th to Friday 13th October 2023 // 5 Days

See the spectacular autumn gold colours amongst the wildlife and woodlands on this holiday to the New Forest. Fall in love with its idyllic glades and open moors.

DAY 1 Travel to the New Forest National Park making suitable comfort stops including a visit to Winchester for lunch to be obtained. Arrive at our hotel with time to relax before our evening meal.

DAY 2 We start our day visiting the nearby Beaulieu National Motor Museum where we can find over 250 vintage vehicles. Afterwards, we visit Buckler's Hard for a guided tour of this historic naval shipbuilding centre, famous for having built warships for Nelson's navy. We end our day with a 30-minute cruise on Beaulieu River.

DAY 3 Enjoy a tour of the colourful New Forest by coach visiting Brockenhurst and Lyndhurst. Look out for the famous New Forest Ponies. This afternoon we visit Mottisfont.

DAY 4 After breakfast we head to Portsmouth for the day, visit the shops, the Spinnaker Tower or the Historic Dockyard (entrances extra).

DAY 5 We travel home via the South Downs National Park and visit Guildford for free time.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee on arrival
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Entrance into Beaulieu House & Museum
- Entrance into Bucklers Hard
- 30-minute cruise on Beaulieu River
- Entrance into Mottisfont Estate & Gardens
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted throughout

BEAULIEU INN, HAMPSHIRE ★★★

The Beaulieu Inn is surrounded by beautiful open heathland and New Forest wildlife. Expect warm hospitality and exceptional service to be provided by the friendly team here. The hotel offers comfortable rooms and a cosy restaurant, they also own a characterful pub next door and there is a small indoor heated swimming pool.



1,397 Reviews

Single Supplement £70 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£699^{PP}



Brighton Overnight

Sunday 12th to Monday 13th November 2023 // 2 Days

Brighton is bursting with attractions. You'll have the opportunity to visit the exotic Royal Palace, interesting museums, an iconic Victorian Pier, superb shopping and a host of restaurants. The choice is yours!

DAY 1 Depart home area and we travel to Brighton. The day is yours.

DAY 2 After breakfast, spend the day at leisure, departing Brighton at approx. 4pm to return home.



PRICE INCLUDES

- 1 night bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee on arrival

OLD SHIP HOTEL, BRIGHTON ★★★★★

This historic 4-star seaside hotel is located just a stone's throw from Brighton Pier, the Lanes and all the other attractions Brighton has to offer. The hotel has a bar, restaurant, and lounge areas with spectacular views across the sea.



Single Supplement £35 / Travel Insurance £18.60

£159^{PP}



Easter in Sandown, Isle of Wight

Friday 29th March to Monday 1st April 2024 // 4 Days

The Isle of Wight makes a great Easter getaway. Enjoy excursions around the island and in the evenings the hotel comes alive with live entertainment in the stylish ballroom.

DAY 1 Good Friday We travel to the Isle of Wight making suitable refreshment stops on route. We arrive at our hotel and enjoy a welcome cup of tea/coffee whilst our luggage is taken to our room. Time to relax before our evening meal.

DAY 2 After breakfast, we have some free time in the popular seaside resort of Sandown. Take a walk along the seafront or visit the pier and opportunity to purchase lunch here before our afternoon visit to Ryde, known as the 'gateway to the Island'. This is the largest town on the Isle of Wight and has a prominent position along the seafront, free time here to purchase afternoon tea and explore. This afternoon we make a short stop in East Cowes, known for its rich Royal heritage and sailing and ship building.

DAY 3 Easter Sunday Visit the pretty village of Godshill with its charming, thatched cottages, medieval church, and tearooms. Afterwards continue along the famous Military coastal road and enjoy some spectacular scenery on route to the world-famous Needles attraction. Opportunity to take the chair lift (extra cost and weather permitting) down to the Needles. Afterwards, we visit Yarmouth, a town filled with quaint cafes, shops and galleries.

DAY 4 Easter Monday After breakfast, we depart for home making suitable refreshment stops for lunch to be obtained.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Return ferry crossing
- 3 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee on arrival
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Evening entertainment throughout
- Coach excursions as described

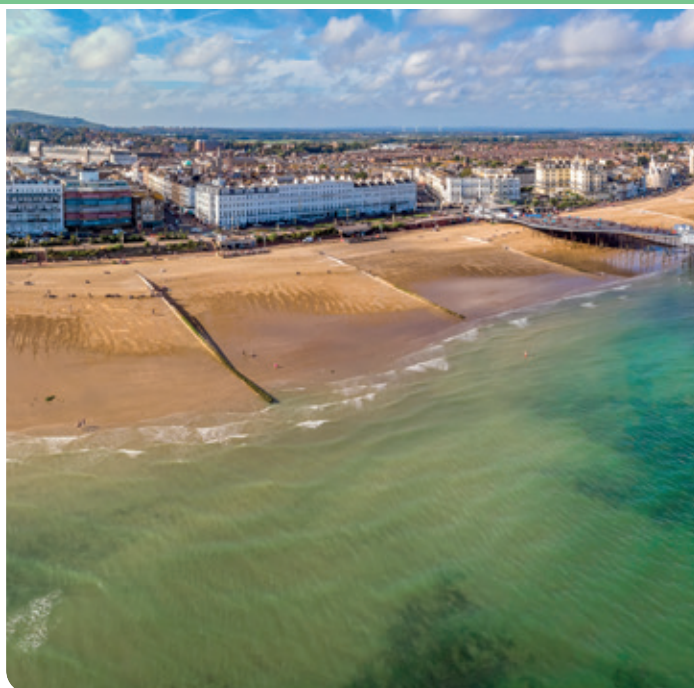
TROUVILLE HOTEL, SANDOWN ★★★

The Trouville Hotel has a prominent position overlooking the glorious Sandown Bay. There is a lovely lounge area to relax in or to enjoy a pre-dinner drink before dinner. There is a superb choice of evening meals served by their friendly waiting staff. There is a lift to all floors.



Single Supplement £0 / Travel Insurance £35.64

£445^{PP}



Elegant Eastbourne

Monday 13th to Friday 17th May 2024 // 5 Days

Monday 19th to Friday 23rd August 2024 // 5 Days

Discover endless blue skies and pristine beaches in the UK's sunniest location! Explore the sweeping South Downs coast and countryside. From one of the finest examples of a Victorian pier, to a world class marina. This is the perfect place if you are looking for a get away from it all.

DAY 1 Travel to the south coast today stopping at Tunbridge Wells for a morning refreshment stop. We continue to Battle for free time and lunch to be obtained before we arrive at our hotel.

DAY 2 After breakfast we visit one of the biggest seaside towns on the South coast, Worthing, a great destination for shopping and eating! Take a walk along the award-winning beaches and seafront or visit Worthing pier. there are many eateries to obtain lunch. Afterwards, we visit the impressive town of Lewes, nestled amongst the beautiful South Downs. Enjoy some time at leisure before returning to our hotel.

DAY 3 Today we have a day at leisure in Eastbourne. Enjoy a walk through the town, visit the pier or take a stroll along the beach.

DAY 4 We start our day in Rye, with cobbled lanes such as the famous Mermaid Street, lined with medieval, half-timbered houses. There are many individual shops to browse and restaurants to obtain lunch. We then continue to Hastings where we can stroll the harbour, the shops or visit the museum. We return to our hotel via Pevensey Bay.

DAY 5 Return to home area stopping in Tenterden, for free time and lunch to be obtained.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Coach excursions as described

LANGHAM HOTEL, EASTBOURNE ★★★★★

Enjoy sea views, varied cuisine and helpful, friendly staff at this family-run hotel on Eastbourne's seafront. Langham's AA 4-star rated Conservatory Restaurant offers views of Eastbourne's coastline. Langham's Bar is a place where guests can relax and admire the views. There is a lift at this hotel and an opportunity to upgrade to a sea view room at an extra cost.



1,789 Reviews

Single Supplement £0 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£549^{PP}



Isle of Wight's Steam & Golden Coast

Wednesday 29th May to Sunday 2nd June 2024 // 5 Days

Friday 12th to Tuesday 16th July 2024 // 5 Days

The Isle of Wight, or 'Diamond Isle', has been known as a holiday destination since the Victorian era. It is the second most populous and largest island in England. It is famous for its beaches, seafronts, charming villages and its beautiful scenery especially on the coast and also for its mild climate. On this holiday you will be visiting many of the attractions this Island has to offer!

DAY 1 Travel to the Isle of Wight, stopping somewhere suitable for lunch to be purchased before our ferry crossing.

DAY 2 This morning we visit Shanklin before continuing to East Cowes for lunch to be obtained. After lunch has been purchased, we have an optional visit to the palatial former holiday home of Queen Victoria, Osborne House (extra £21pp, to be paid at time of booking*) or visit Quarr Abbey (free entry).

DAY 3 This morning is at leisure in Sandown. Walk along the promenade and take in the sea air or visit the pier which provides all-weather amusements. Afterwards we depart for the Isle of Wight Steam Railway which will charm, engage and captivate, leaving us with some lasting memories of a special day out.

DAY 4 Visit the pretty village of Godshill with its charming, thatched cottages, medieval church, and tearooms. Afterwards continue along the famous Military Road, to the Isle of Wight Pearl, take in the outstanding views across the Atlantic Ocean. Afterwards, we visit the world-famous Needles attraction.

DAY 5 Today we catch our return ferry and travel homeward bound stopping in Winchester for lunch to be purchased.

**Osborne House is free entry for English Heritage Members, you must show proof of membership on the day.*

PRICE INCLUDES

- Return ferry crossing
- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Evening entertainment throughout
- Return journey on the Isle of Wight Steam Railway
- Coach excursions as described

TROUVILLE HOTEL, SANDOWN ★★★

The Trouville Hotel has a prominent position overlooking the glorious Sandown Bay. There is a lovely lounge area to relax in or to enjoy a pre-dinner drink. There is a superb choice of evening meals served by their friendly waiting staff. There is a lift to all floors.



1,789 Reviews

Single Supplement £0 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£519^{PP}



Norfolk & Suffolk Delights

Overnight Break

Thursday 9th to Friday 10th May 2024 // 2 Days

Join us on this overnight visiting some of Norfolk's & Suffolk's top tourist attractions. Enjoy a journey on the North Norfolk Railway which runs through the county's most stunning coastal scenery and visit the charming seaside town of Southwold and Sutton Hoo, the site of two medieval cemeteries dating from the 6th and 7th centuries.

DAY 1 We head to Southwold, a charming seaside town. Take a walk along the promenade or visit the unique shops. We continue to Sheringham where we embark on the North Norfolk Railway to Holt. After our relaxing journey we head to our hotel.

DAY 2 After breakfast, we visit Sutton Hoo*, 'England's Valley of the Kings', the Anglo-Saxon ship burial found here is the richest burial ever found in northern Europe! After time to explore this fascinating site, we return to home area.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 1 night dinner, bed & breakfast
- Free use of hotel leisure facilities
- Entry to Sutton Hoo*
- Journey on the North Norfolk Railway

*Sutton Hoo is free entry for National Trust Members, we must be informed at time of booking, and you must show proof of membership on the day.

KNIGHTS HILL HOTEL & SPA, KING'S LYNN ****

Set in the heart of the beautiful Norfolk countryside, on the outskirts of King's Lynn, this 4-star hotel features a spa, a charming restaurant and a rustic pub. Please note that there is not a lift at this hotel, please enquire for a ground floor room.



1,382 Reviews

Single Supplement £0 / Travel Insurance £18.60

£229^{PP}



Sandringham Flower Show

Overnight Break

Tuesday 23rd to Wednesday 24th July 2024 // 2 Days

Set in the magnificent surroundings of Sandringham Park with Sandringham House and Church as a backdrop, Sandringham Flower Show is one of the most prestigious horticultural events in the East of England.

DAY 1 Depart home area and travel to Bury St. Edmunds, a history-lovers paradise. Take a walk around the picturesque Georgian square and see the wonderful medieval architecture. There are many unique individual shops to browse and many restaurants or cafes to obtain lunch before travelling to the Knight's Hill Hotel & Spa with time to freshen up before our evening meal.

DAY 2 After breakfast to Sandringham Park and Flower Show. Many of the region's leading nurseries and horticultural specialists exhibit here, in addition to these displays the show features display gardens by leading designers, around 200 trade stands (both horticultural and general), a craft marquee, main arena events, family entertainment and a military band. There is a large catering marquee with seating, and numerous catering stands on the showground providing a wide range of hot and cold food and drinks. Please note that the House will be closed today. This is a large show ground, so we spend the day at leisure here, departing for home area approx. 4pm making suitable comfort stops along the way.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 1 night dinner, bed & breakfast
- Free use of hotel leisure facilities
- Ticket to the Sandringham Flower Show

KNIGHTS HILL HOTEL & SPA, KING'S LYNN ****

Set in the heart of the beautiful Norfolk countryside, on the outskirts of King's Lynn, this 4-star hotel features a spa, a charming restaurant and a rustic pub. Please note that there is not a lift at this hotel, please enquire for a ground floor room.



1,382 Reviews

Single Supplement £0 / Travel Insurance £18.60

£219^{PP}



Gardens, Beaches & Shires, Norfolk

Monday 1st to Friday 5th July 2024 // 5 Days

With miles of golden sands and a great range of attractions, the seaside resort of Great Yarmouth is always popular. Our holiday features the impressive Hoveton Hall Gardens, Shire horses, a Broad cruise and the beautiful beaches of Great Yarmouth and Cromer.

DAY 1 We depart home area and visit Bury St. Edmunds. Time to explore and obtain lunch before we continue to our hotel. On arrival we are greeted with a cup of tea/coffee.

DAY 2 We start our day at the Hoveton Hall Gardens, made up of several areas with unique characteristics. We can explore each garden at leisure. This afternoon we visit nearby Cromer, one of Norfolk's classic seaside towns to explore and obtain lunch, before our visit to the Hillside Shire Horse Sanctuary where we will meet the gentle giant Shire horses.

DAY 3 This morning is spent at leisure in Great Yarmouth, Norfolk's premier coastal town, home to 15 miles of golden, sandy beaches. There are many attractions as this resort including the Merrivale Model Village Railway and Gardens and Time and Tide Museum (entries are extra). Afterwards, join us for an optional excursion to Potter Heigham, home to Lathams discount store with a café to purchase afternoon refreshments.

DAY 4 After breakfast we head to Wroxham, a small village on the River Bure in the Norfolk Broads. Opportunity to take a boat trip on the broads (extra cost), browse the shops and obtain lunch. We re-join our coach and continue to Norwich, with its stunning Norman Cathedral and Castle, superb independent and well-known high street shops, quaint covered market, eateries and heritage, it is a joy to explore.

DAY 5 After breakfast we depart our hotel and visit Southwold, a delightful and charming coastal resort. Today is market day*, opportunity to look around the stalls, visit many of the individual shops and purchase lunch in one of the many tea rooms, cafés or restaurants.

**Market date correct at time of brochure print.*

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee on arrival
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- 1 night of live entertainment
- Entrance to Hoveton Hall
- Entrance to Hillside Shire Horse Sanctuary
- Coach excursions as described

PROM HOTEL, GREAT YARMOUTH ★★★★★

The Prom Hotel offers contemporary rooms that feature free WiFi, TV's and tea/coffee making facilities and sits in a great location, just a 2-minute walk to the seafront.



360 Reviews

Single Supplement £90 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£499^{PP}

**Holiday itineraries are subject to change. All prices are per person. Single room supplements are subject to change at the hotel's discretion. Courier is subject to change.*

SOUTH WEST

NEW FOR 2024

Winter Warmer on the English Riviera

Delights of North Devon

Jersey in Style

Cider, Heritage Railway & the Somerset Coast

Babbacombe, South Devon

Weekend in the Delightful Downs



FULLY ESCORTED



Cornish Smugglers & Murky Past

Monday 5th to Friday 9th February 2024 // 5 Days

Visit the picturesque north coast of Cornwall, where we stay at the Kilbirnie Hotel in Newquay overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. We visit the hidden gem of St. Ives and enjoy a clifftop coastal journey along St. Agnes Heritage coast and we also enter into the dark side of Cornwall and visit the new Bodmin Jail Attraction. A visit St Austell Brewery is a must, being one of Cornwall's major attractions and you will be introduced to many of their wares!

DAY 1 Depart home area making suitable refreshment stops. Time to freshen up before we meet up in the bar for a glass of Cornish cider before dinner.

DAY 2 This morning we visit Truro, Cornwall's county town and only city. Time here to obtain lunch and explore before continuing to the historic family-run St. Austell Brewery. We enjoy a behind the scenes tour with an entertaining guide. Our tour ends with a beer tasting of beers made on the premises. We return to our hotel and enjoy an evening of music after dinner.

DAY 3 We start with a scenic coastal coach tour of 'Poldark' country. We travel to St. Ives and have some time to explore, then we continue via St. Agnes and Perranporth (where Winston Graham, the author of Poldark, used to live) and return to our hotel for an included Cornish cream tea. Spend the rest of the afternoon at leisure. Opportunity to use the hotel leisure facilities.

DAY 4 Today enjoy a scenic coach ride of the north Cornwall coastline. Our first stop is the charming village of Padstow. We continue along the coastal road and pass Port Isaac (where Doc Martin was filmed) to the Bodmin Moors and visit the famous Jamaica Inn, Cornwall's most famous smugglers inn. Time to purchase lunch here before we continue to the Bodmin Jail Attraction. Take the 'Dark Walk', that will transport us back to Cornwall's murky past. Tonight, is our 5-course taster menu, sampling Cornish seafood with a glass of Camel Valley sparkling wine.

DAY 5 Return to home area making suitable refreshment stops on route.



PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Glass of cider in the Bay Bar before dinner on 1st night
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Free use of hotel leisure facilities
- Tour & tasting at St Austell Brewery
- Visit to Bodmin Jail Attraction with included 90 minute 'Dark Walk'
- Coach excursions as described
- Hosted by Karen Kirby

THE KILBIRNIE HOTEL, NEWQUAY ★★★★★

Overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, this casual hotel is an 11-minute walk from 2 beaches. Straightforward rooms have en suite bathrooms, and feature WiFi access, TVs, and tea and coffeemaking facilities. There's an informal restaurant and a lounge/bar. Amenities include heated indoor and outdoor pools, plus a gym, a sauna and a Jacuzzi.



285 Reviews

Single Supplement £60 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£439^{PP}



Winter Warmer on the English Riviera

Monday 22nd to Friday 26th January 2024 // 5 Days

The English Riviera remains one of the UK's most popular holiday destinations and is the ideal base for exploring the beautiful coast and countryside of South Devon. From its award-winning sandy beaches and exotic palm trees, it has much more to offer than just a seaside break. Visits to some glorious Devonshire towns, the beautiful Buckfast Abbey and the unique House of Marbles are all the ingredients you need for a fabulous holiday.

DAY 1 We depart home area and make our way to Babbacombe stopping enroute at Stourhead to purchase lunch in their restaurant. We arrive at our hotel with time to freshen up before our evening meal.

DAY 2 We enjoy a morning at leisure in Babbacombe. Take a walk along the promenade, on a clear day we might see across to Sidmouth! Late morning we meet at the hotel and take a slow walk (approx. 5 minutes) to Bygones, a must see and one of Devon's top visitor attraction's all under one roof! Journey back in time to Victorian life. Afterwards we take you into nearby Torquay. There are many eateries to obtain lunch and many diverse shops to browse. We return to our hotel with time to relax before our evening meal.

DAY 3 This morning we take a scenic ride (weather permitting) over the Dartmoor National Park to Widecombe in the Moor. Make sure you have your cameras with you! See the wild Dartmoor ponies and the amazing Tors in the landscape. There is a delightful cafe where you can purchase some lunch before our afternoon visit to Buckfast Abbey nestled in a valley of tranquillity on the edge of the National Park. Opportunity to visit the Abbey and purchase afternoon tea in the Grange restaurant before returning to our hotel.

DAY 4 This morning we visit the ancient city of Exeter, the capital of Devon. It has a famous Norman Cathedral constructed in Gothic style. There are many shops to browse and eateries. This afternoon we head to Bovey Tracy to visit the House of Marbles who have been producing and selling fun and entertaining products since 1973. We can watch glass items being made on-site. Treat yourself to a cup of tea or one of their delicious cakes in their restaurant before returning to our hotel.

DAY 5 We return to home area making suitable refreshment stops enroute.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee on arrival
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Evening entertainment on some nights
- Coach excursions as described

THE BABBACOMBE HOTEL, TORQUAY ***

Set on a cliff-top promenade overlooking Lyme Bay, this relaxed hotel is a 3-minute walk from the Oddicombe Beach. Rooms feature flat-screen TVs, and tea and coffeemaking facilities. There's a bar with regular evening entertainment, and a sunroom with access to a furnished terrace and garden.



415 Reviews

Single Supplement £20 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£405^{PP}



Easter in Wells

Friday 29th March to Monday 1st April 2024 // 4 Days

Join us this Easter to Wells, a city steeped in history, and surrounded by rolling hills and lush countryside. Its impressive 12th-century cathedral dominates the skyline. We visit Bishops Palace, Cheddar Gorge and enjoy a coach guided tour around Bath.

DAY 1 We depart home area and after making a suitable refreshment stop, we head for Salisbury for lunch to be obtained before continuing to our hotel in Wells. We will meet up in the bar for a welcome glass of bucks fizz before our evening meal.

DAY 2 Today is market day* in Wells. Spend the morning browsing the stalls that sell local produced arts, crafts and produce. Late morning we visit Bishop's Palace & Gardens, home to the Bishop's of Bath and Wells for over 800-years. This afternoon we visit nearby Cheddar Gorge and Caves, not only is it one of Britain's most spectacular natural landmarks, but also an Area of Outstanding Beauty. The Gorge boasts awe-inspiring cliffs and extraordinary subterranean stalactite show caves. We enjoy a 45-minute tour followed by time to purchase refreshments.

DAY 3 Today we head to the vibrant city of Bath, known for its Roman baths, Georgian architecture and literary connections to Jane Austen. Our entertaining and eccentric guide Richard will be waiting for us to take us on a guided coach tour around Bath. Afterwards there will be free time to explore this fascinating city and visit the many shops and obtain refreshments.

DAY 4 We depart our hotel and travel homewards stopping at the lovely city of Winchester, known for its medieval Winchester Cathedral with its 17th century Morley Library where Jane Austen and many kings have been laid to rest. There are also numerous shops and places to eat to obtain lunch.

**Market date correct at time of brochure print.*

PRICE INCLUDES

- 3 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Glass of Bucks Fizz before dinner 1st night
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Entrance to Bishop's Palace & Gardens
- Entrance to Cheddar Cave with hot drink and cake
- Guided coach tour of Bath
- Coach excursions as described

BEST WESTERN SWAN HOTEL, WELLS ****

Located directly opposite Wells Cathedral, parts of this historic building date back to at least 1422. Today, the hotel offers guests modern amenities in a beautiful and relaxed setting. The hotel's award-winning kitchen (2 AA Rosettes) uses only the finest seasonal ingredients, locally sourced wherever possible. Please note: This hotel does not have a lift.



198 Reviews

Single Supplement £105 / Travel Insurance £35.64

£499^{PP}



Discover Sidmouth

Sunday 21st to Thursday 26th April 2024 // 5 Days

Saturday 13th to Wednesday 17th July 2024 // 5 Days

A town caught still in a timeless charm – Sidmouth is a beautiful coastal town with a regency feel; the resort was very fashionable in the 1800's and was visited by Queen Victoria in her youth. Nestled beneath majestic red cliffs and the green hills of the glorious Sid Valley, this is the perfect base to discover some of the highlights of South Devon.

DAY 1 Travel to our hotel in Sidmouth, Devon, making suitable comfort stops along the way.

DAY 2 Enjoy a morning at leisure in Sidmouth. The hotel is located on Sidmouth's Esplanade and is less than a 5-minute walk from the cafés, restaurants and shops in town. This afternoon we visit the Donkey Sanctuary, home to hundreds of donkeys waiting to meet us.

DAY 3 After breakfast travel through East Devon's Area of Outstanding Beauty to Lyme Regis, a pretty seaside resort boasting breath-taking scenery. Opportunity to purchase lunch and walk around the harbour and shops before we visit Seaton. From Seaton we travel back in time on board a vintage style tram car. Travel the 3mile route through East Devon's Axe Valley.

DAY 4 This morning we travel to Teignmouth, a stunning coastal town situated on the edge of the mouth of the River Teign and the South Devon coast. Teignmouth has historic Georgian buildings, charming shops and tea rooms. Afterwards, we visit Exeter, the capital city of Devon and one of the most attractive and historically interesting cities in England. Before we return to our hotel we head to Exmouth Marina for a relaxing River Exe cruise.

DAY 5 After breakfast we return home.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee on arrival
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Journey on the Seaton Tramway
- River Exe Cruise
- Coach excursions as described

ROYAL YORK & FAULKNER HOTEL, SIDMOUTH ***

Just a stone's throw from the beach and the picturesque town centre, this seafront hotel is the perfect choice for a relaxing break in the unspoilt seaside resort of Sidmouth. It is renowned for its traditional hospitality, friendly service, and attention to detail. There is a stunning sea view lounge/bar where you can take in wonderful views.

		768 Reviews	
Single Supplement £0 / Travel Insurance £40.32		APRIL 2024 £559^{PP}	
Single Supplement £0 / Travel Insurance £40.32		JULY 2024 £599^{PP}	



Delights of North Devon

Monday 6th to Friday 10th May 2024 // 5 Days

This holiday to North Devon features spectacular views, historic harbours, lush valley and a cliff lift as we visit some of the area's most picturesque locations. Highlights include the market town of Barnstaple, The Quince Honey Farm, Lynton and Lynmouth and picturesque Clovelly.

DAY 1 Depart home area and make our way to North Devon, making suitable refreshment stops on route. We arrive at our hotel late afternoon with time to freshen up before our evening meal.

DAY 2 After breakfast, we enjoy a free morning in Barnstaple. Barnstaple remains a thriving market town with a traditional Pannier Market*, we can visit the Green Lanes Shopping Centre or the Museum of North Devon (entry extra). This afternoon we travel to nearby Ilfracombe, which has something for everyone. There is a picturesque historic harbour of quaint coloured houses, stunning beaches and coves, great eateries, art and craft galleries and independent shops.

DAY 3 This morning we spend time at leisure in the twin villages, Lynton and Lynmouth, take the cliff railway from one to the other! This unique Victorian water powered funicular cliff lift (disabled access is limited) transports you 500ft up and down to the villages where we can explore the villages (extra cost). This afternoon we head back to Woolacombe Bay, opportunity to look around the varied independent shops and purchase afternoon tea before returning to our hotel.

DAY 4 This morning we visit Clovelly, a beautiful picturesque fishing village. Wonder around the village, Clovelly Court gardens, the Fisherman's Cottage and Kingsley Museum. On our return journey to our hotel we stop in Bideford, one of the prettiest and most distinct looking town in North Devon, enjoy some quayside shopping with a mix of shops, cafes and restaurants while enjoying beautiful views of the river Torridge and the historic Bideford Bridge.

DAY 5 We say farewell to Devon and travel homeward making suitable comfort stops and somewhere for lunch to be obtained.

**Market date correct at time of brochure print.*

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee & biscuits on arrival
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Entrance into Clovelly
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted throughout

THE PARK HOTEL, BARNSTAPLE ****

This 4-star hotel overlooks Rock Park and the River Taw, it is a short walk from Barnstaple Pannier Market. There is a relaxed restaurant and a cosy bar lounge with a terrace. Rooms feature complimentary Wi-Fi, flatscreen TVs, toiletries and tea/coffee making facilities.

		1,574 Reviews	
Single Supplement £48 / Travel Insurance £40.32		£659^{PP}	

FULLY ESCORTED



Jersey in Style

Sunday 5th to Saturday 11th May 2024 // 7 Days

Join us to the most southernly island of the British Isles, located 100 miles south of mainland Britain yet only 14 miles off the coast of France. Let Jersey inspire you. With local food to savour, wide open natural spaces to explore and locals full of pride and passion, you will discover lots of reasons to fall in love with the Island.

DAY 1 Travel to our overnight hotel in Bournemouth with time to purchase lunch in Winchester on route, there are plenty of restaurants to choose from and shops to browse. Afterwards travel to the Mercure Bournemouth Queens Hotel with time to freshen up before our evening meal.

DAY 2 After breakfast we head to Poole to catch the ferry over to Jersey (crossing duration approx. 3.5 hours). There are refreshment facilities and duty-free stores on board the ferry. Upon arrival in Jersey, we are met by a local coach which will transfer us to our hotel. Time to freshen up and relax in the lounge area where we can enjoy a pre-dinner drink before our evening meal.

DAY 3 After breakfast we have a full day 'Around the Island Tour' where we see Jersey's beautiful coastline and landscape with majestic cliffs, sandy beaches and rocky coves. We will make several stops for refreshments.

DAY 4 Day at leisure in Jersey. Jersey has a convenient 'Hop On-Hop Off' bus system and this can be used for independent travel around the island to visit attractions such as the world-famous Durrell Wildlife Park (entry extra). Or spend a relaxing day at the hotel and enjoy many of the hotel leisure facilities.

DAY 5 Today we visit Jersey War Tunnels, where we learn, and experience one of the most difficult periods in the Islands history. The story of the German occupation of Jersey is as compelling as it is strange to think that this small area of Britain was occupied by the Nazis and forced to fly the Swastika for five dark years. We also

visit La Mare Wine Estate, Jersey's only vineyard. A unique venue situated in the beautiful Jersey countryside. Experience, relax and refuel in the Vineyard café and maybe treat yourself to a gift from the Cellar Gift shop.

DAY 6 After breakfast, we catch our return ferry to Poole. Our coach will meet us and return us to our overnight hotel in Bournemouth. Time to freshen up before our evening meal.

DAY 7 After breakfast we return to our home area making suitable refreshment stops.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Return overnight accommodation at the Mercure Bournemouth Queens Hotel ****
- 4 nights at the Merton Hotel, St. Helier ***
- Dinner, bed & breakfast throughout
- Return ferry crossing
- Return harbour transfers to hotel
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted throughout

MERTON HOTEL, ST. HELIER, JERSEY ***

Located on the outskirts of St. Helier town centre, with Jersey's main shopping area within walking distance, the hotel is in a great location. Relaxed rooms offer TV's, Wi-Fi and tea/coffee making facilities. There are tennis courts, indoor and outdoor pools and 3 restaurants and 2 bars on the resort.



4,066 Reviews

Single Supplement £251 / Travel Insurance £54.78

£1145^{PP}



Isles of Scilly

Sunday 26th May to Saturday 1st June 2024 // 7 Days

The Isles of Scilly lie 28 miles off the Cornish coast and are outstandingly beautiful, uncrowded and unspoilt. Everything looks and feels quite different on Scilly – simpler, kinder and life moves at an easier pace. We guarantee you a magical and unforgettable experience. Visit Tresco Abbey Gardens established by Augustus Smith in the 19th century. The superb sub-tropical Abbey Gardens is home to 20,000 plants from more than 80 countries.

DAY 1 We depart home area and travel to our overnight hotel in Newquay, Cornwall making suitable comfort stops.

DAY 2 This morning after an early breakfast we make our way to Penzance for our morning sailing to St. Mary's (approximately 2 ¾ hours), the largest and most populous island in the Isles of Scilly. The Bell Rock Hotel is just a 5-minute walk from St. Mary's harbour. A luggage transfer will be provided by a local operator. The rest of the afternoon is ours to enjoy. Visit High Town, the central hub with a cluster of shops, churches, cafes, galleries, restaurants, and pubs. Porthcressa & Town beaches are within 100 yards and the harbour is a short walk from our hotel.

DAY 3 Today we enjoy an introductory tour of St. Mary's by coach with a local coach. Commentary will provide an insight into life on the largest island. The rest of the day is spent at leisure relaxing in the hotel or on the beach. Why not visit Old Town, a 'major' settlement on St. Mary's where Sir Harold Wilson is buried.

DAY 4 Today we take a short boat trip from St. Mary's to Tresco Island to visit the famous Tresco Abbey Gardens. Tresco Abbey Garden was established by Augustus Smith in the 19th century around the ruins of a Benedictine Abbey. Today, the garden is home to plants from across the world's Mediterranean climate zones, from Brazil to New Zealand and Burma to South Africa. The sub-tropical Abbey Garden is a glorious exception; a perennial Kew without the glass, home to 20,000 plants from more than 80 countries, flourishing just 30 miles off the coast of Cornwall. The plants that thrive here wouldn't survive outdoors anywhere else in the UK. Fringing the lush grid of paths which criss-cross the gardens are a host of succulents, towering palms, and giant, lipstick-red flame trees. Visit the Garden Café and the Garden Visitor Centre.

DAY 5 These days are ours to do as we please. We can stay on St. Mary's and take in the relaxed atmosphere or take a boat trip from the Island to one of the 'off island's' in the Isles of Scilly. All the Islands have dedicated boat services offering daily scheduled trips and excursions (extra cost). They head off around 10am and return approx. 2pm. The Scilly's boatmen make a remarkable combination of Island hopping capability, expertise, and experience. You could take a boat trip to see the seals and seabirds, to Bishops Rock Lighthouse or to uninhabited islands.

DAY 6 Today we say farewell to the Isles of Scilly and board our return ferry to Penzance. We continue back to our overnight hotel in Cornwall.

DAY 7 After breakfast we depart Cornwall and return home making suitable comfort stops.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Return overnight accommodation at the Kilbirnie Hotel, Newquay ***
- Return ferry crossings from Penzance to St. Marys
- 4 nights accommodation at the Bell Rock Hotel, St. Marys **
- Dinner, bed & breakfast throughout
- Luggage transfers from port and hotel
- Introductory tour of St. Marys by a local coach with commentary
- Fully escorted throughout

THE BELL ROCK HOTEL, ST. MARY'S **

This casual traditional hotel is a minute's walk from the beach, has an indoor pool and a lounge/bar. Bright rooms have TVs, free Wi-Fi and tea/coffee making facilities. Please note that this hotel does not have a lift and there are steps to the hotel.



Single Supplement £0 / Travel Insurance £42.60

£1495^{PP}

FULLY ESCORTED



Cider, Heritage Railway & the Somerset Coast

Monday 27th to Friday 31st May 2024 // 5 Days

Sample the best of North Devon and Somerset on this new tour. From our base on Minehead's coast, we enjoy a journey on the mighty West Somerset Railway, taking in the county's stunning countryside and coast, and get a taste of the West Country at Sheppy's Cider Farm. We also spend time in the twin villages of Lynton and Lynmouth and the pretty medieval village of Dunster and get an insight into monastic life 800 years ago at the fascinating Cleeve Abbey.

DAY 1 We depart home area and after making a suitable comfort stop, we head for the delightful town of Marlborough with time to obtain lunch and to browse the many delightful shops. We then continue to our hotel in Minehead where we will receive a warm welcome with a cup of tea/coffee. Time allowed to relax before our evening meal.

DAY 2 After breakfast, we spend time at leisure in the twin villages of Lynton and Lynmouth, where we can take the cliff railway from one to the other (extra cost). The unique Victorian water powered funicular cliff lift will transport us 500ft up and down to the villages, where we can explore their little independent shops selling local produce, gifts, arts and crafts. We have time to obtain lunch before returning to Minehead this afternoon, with time at leisure to relax in our resort.

DAY 3 Today, we board the West Somerset Railway for a journey on the UK's longest heritage railway. Our one-way journey takes us through stunning countryside and coast to Bishops Lydeard. After a visit to the Gauge Museum on Platform 1, we continue to Sheppy's Cider Farm, which has been crafting award-winning ciders for over 200 years. We enjoy a soup and sandwich lunch before embarking on a guided tour, taking in the orchards, the press house, the vat house and the museum. We then enjoy a tutored tasting of some of the ciders.

DAY 4 We begin our day with a visit to the Grade I listed Cleeve Abbey, a Cistercian abbey in Washford. Despite being destroyed by Henry VIII during the dissolution in 1536, the cloister buildings survived remarkably intact and are said to be the 'finest cloister buildings in England'. We discover the abbey's history and learn about the lives of the holy men that once inhabited it, exploring the cloister, dormitory, chapter house, painted chamber, and the

refectory with its stunning carved oak roof. We then make our way to the beautifully preserved medieval village of Dunster with time at leisure to enjoy lunch and explore. Wander through the cobbled streets and admire the hilltop Dunster Castle and Watermill, the lovely, thatched cottages and the Grade I listed Yarn Market, a striking octagonal wooden building once used to buy and sell cloth.

DAY 5 After breakfast, we make our way home stopping along the north Somerset coast in Weston Super Mare. Time here to purchase refreshments and walk along the promenade before continuing our homeward journey.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee on arrival
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- 2 nights live entertainment
- Single journey on the West Somerset Railway
- Guided tour & tasting of Sheppy's Cider including entry to the orchards, press house, a vat house and museum
- Light lunch at Sheppy's Cider
- Entrance to Cleeve Abbey
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted throughout

NORTHFIELD HOTEL, MINEHEAD ***

The Northfield Hotel lies within nearly 2 acres of landscaped gardens, with wonderful views from its elevated position from the coast to the Quantocks, Brendon hills, and indeed Exmoor itself. The hotel offers relaxed rooms, a casual restaurant, a lounge bar and an indoor pool.



1,245 Reviews

Single Supplement £118 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£689^{PP}



Delightful Dawlish

Monday 10th to Friday 14th June 2024 // 5 Days

Monday 2nd to Friday 6th September 2024 // 5 Days

Dawlish is simply delightful. Staying at the family-run Langstone Cliff Hotel overlooking the Exe Estuary, this is one of the few Dawlish hotels surrounded by luscious lawns and gardens, not forgetting the magnificent sea views that lead down to the golden sandy beaches and the Warren. With a region that has such a history, the unspoilt coast and countryside of South Devon makes for a fabulous summer break.

DAY 1 We travel to Salisbury, known as 'the city in the countryside' to obtain lunch from one of the many cafes or restaurants. We continue to our hotel and are receive a warm welcome.

DAY 2 After breakfast we visit the pretty town of Sidmouth, a town like no other, it's known as the gateway to the Jurassic Coast. Time at leisure to explore the seafront or many shops and time to obtain lunch. We then continue to the Donkey Sanctuary where we can meet and interact with the donkeys and learn about their care and history of the sanctuary.

DAY 3 Enjoy a free morning in Dawlish, a delightful regency coastal town. See the famous black swans on the lake in 'The Lawn'. This afternoon we travel a short distance to Teignmouth, a stunning coastal town with historic Georgian buildings, long sandy beaches and fresh local food.

DAY 4 Enjoy a scenic tour across the Dartmoor National Park, known for its rugged and wild landscapes, with granite tors, rolling hills and vast open moorland. You may spot the semi-wild ponies. We visit Widecombe in the Moor for a refreshment stop. Afterwards, we Continue to Buckfast Abbey, home to a community of Benedictine Monks.

DAY 5 Return to home area making suitable comfort stops on route.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee on arrival
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Coach excursions as described

LANGSTONE CLIFF HOTEL, DAWLISH ***

Immersed within 19 acres of woodland on the beautiful Devon coast, this family-run hotel boasts magnificent views over the golden sandy beaches and Dawlish Warren Nature Reserve. For moments of relaxation, you can stroll through the gardens or enjoy views of the sea from one of the expansive lounges. The hotel has both indoor and outdoor swimming pools for us to enjoy. Please be aware there is a supplement for rooms with a balcony.



1,726 Reviews

Single Supplement £73 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£649^{PP}



Bournemouth, Dorset

Monday 3rd to Friday 7th June 2024 // 5 Days

Monday 23rd to Friday 27th September 2024 // 5 Days

Welcome to seven miles of award-winning beaches! The jewel of Britain's South Coast, Bournemouth is a vibrant and colourful resort with miles of sandy beaches and panoramic views of the coastline, as well as a cosmopolitan and cultural town centre. Join us on this holiday to discover the largest resort in Dorset, popular since the mid-19th century, where there is something for everyone to enjoy.

DAY 1 We travel to Bournemouth, Dorset's largest resort, stopping in Winchester for lunch to be purchased. We arrive at the hotel with time to relax before our evening meal.

DAY 2 After breakfast we join our driver for a coach excursion through the New Forest, a place of ancient history, fascinating wildlife and stunning beauty. Visit Lyndhurst, Brockenhurst and Lymington.

DAY 3 Today we have a day at leisure in Bournemouth where we can grab an ice cream, walk along the seafront and explore the Pier. The hotel is a short walk from the town and there are many cafes and restaurants to choose from. The town centre is lined with high street names and department stores, as well as a cinema and theatre.

DAY 4 After breakfast visit Poole, known for Europe's largest natural harbour, bustling quayside and beautiful historic town. Afterwards, continue onto the coastal town of Swanage, situated on the Isle of Purbeck. which is pure nostalgia. Take a walk along the Victorian pier. Sample the local fare in one of the sea view restaurants, traditional pubs and tea rooms. There are many delightful shops to visit before you return to your hotel.

DAY 5 After breakfast we check out and head for home area, stopping in Salisbury for an early lunch to be purchased and opportunity to look around Salisbury's famous cathedral and town centre.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee & biscuits on arrival
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Live entertainment during dinner one night
- Live entertainment on two nights
- Coach excursions as described

MARSHAM COURT HOTEL, BOURNEMOUTH ****

The warmly furnished rooms have flat-screen TVs, free Wi-Fi, and tea and coffeemaking facilities. Room service is offered. There's a traditionally furnished restaurant serving classic British cuisine and afternoon tea. Additional amenities include a lobby bar, a seasonal outdoor heated pool and a terrace.



1,637 Reviews

Single Supplement £0 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£589^{PP}



Torquay on the English Riviera

Monday 16th to Friday 20th September 2024 // 5 Days

The English Riviera remains one of the UK's most popular holiday destinations and is the ideal base for exploring the beautiful coast and countryside of South Devon. From its award-winning sandy beaches and exotic palm trees, it has much more to offer than just a seaside break. Visits to some glorious Devonshire towns, the beautiful Buckfast Abbey and the unique House of Marbles are all the ingredients you need for a fabulous holiday.

DAY 1 Travel to Salisbury for lunch to be purchased before arriving at our hotel.

DAY 2 After breakfast we visit the nearby Paignton, a delightful traditional seaside town nestles on the western shores of Tor Bay. The town has lovely shops and restaurants/café's to obtain morning refreshments. Afterwards we continue to the quaint fishing village of Brixham. The town has a great range of charming shops to browse. This afternoon we visit Babbacombe. Take a walk along the promenade, down to Oddicombe Beach or visit the Babbacombe Model Village, or the Bygones attraction (entries extra).

DAY 3 Enjoy the day at leisure in Torquay. Opportunity to use the hotel leisure facilities or visit the town and harbour. There is a Land Train you can catch from outside the hotel which takes you around Torquay (extra cost).

DAY 4 This morning we visit Buckfast Abbey, an attractive Benedictine Monastery nestled in a valley on the edge of Dartmoor. Experience the serenity and beauty of the Abbey. Opportunity to purchase morning refreshments from the Grange Restaurant before we depart for Widecombe in the Moor, a quiet village surrounded by moorland with links that date back to medieval times.

DAY 5 We return to home area making suitable comfort stops on route.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee on arrival
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Full programme of evening entertainment
- Daily activities at the hotel
- Free use of the hotel leisure facilities
- Coach excursions as described

THE DERWENT HOTEL, TORQUAY ★★★★★

Less than 5 minutes' walk from Torquay's seafront, the Derwent Hotel offers friendly accommodation with a luxury spa, leisure complex as well as two indoor swimming pools and a games area. Lively and informal, the hotel's Starlight Lounge is the main hub for night-time entertainment and dancing. Most of the bedrooms are accessible by lift. Please let us know at time of booking if you have walking difficulties so we can request a suitable room for you.



1,636 Reviews

Single Supplement £0 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£469^{PP}



Bath City Break

Sunday 16th to Tuesday 18th June 2024 // 3 Day

Immerse yourself in the vibrant city of Bath on this break. The Doubletree by Hilton hotel is perfectly located amidst the city's captivating architecture and rich cultural heritage. Marvel at the iconic Roman Baths, stroll along the Georgian crescents, and lose yourself in the enchanting charm of the Royal Victoria Park. With its thriving arts scene, boutique shops, and quaint cafes, Bath offers a perfect blend of relaxation and excitement.

DAY 1 Travel to Bath making a comfort stop on route. Check in to our hotel, the evening is ours to explore the city and purchase dinner from one of the many nearby restaurants.

DAY 2 After breakfast, the day is ours to explore Bath. Visit the Roman Baths, climb Bath Abbey's Tower, visit the Jane Austen Centre, or browse the array of shops. There are plenty of cafes and restaurants to purchase lunch and dinner.

DAY 3 We check out of our hotel and have the morning to continue exploring the city. We depart mid-afternoon to return home.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 2 nights bed & breakfast

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON, BATH ★★★★★

Opposite the River Avon, this hotel is in the city centre. Understated rooms feature Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs, and tea and coffeemaking facilities. Room service is available. There's a warm, stylish restaurant/bar offering views of the river. Other amenities include an exercise room and breakfast.



462 Reviews

Single Supplement £80 / Travel Insurance £32.10

£299^{PP}



Paignton, South Devon

Monday 5th to Friday 9th August 2024 // 5 Days

Paignton is a seaside town on the coast of Tor Bay in Devon. The 18th century harbour nestles on the western shores, a real maritime gem with a bevy of boats. The town has delightful restaurants and cafes where you can sample local fish. There are plenty of quaint individual shops to browse. If you are looking for a traditional English seaside holiday, Paignton is the place for you! We will be visiting Torquay, Brixham, Buckfast Abbey and there will be a spectacular scenic tour across the Dartmoor National Park.

DAY 1 We make our way to Paignton stopping in Salisbury for lunch to be purchased. We then continue to our hotel in Paignton where we receive a warm welcome from the staff at the hotel and are invited to have a cup of tea/coffee whilst our luggage is taken to our room.

DAY 2 Free day in Paignton. Opportunity to visit Paignton Zoo (entry extra), one of the South West's most exciting visitor attractions. With over 2000 animals and countless amazing plants across 80 acres of beautiful, spacious grounds. Or take a walk along the promenade and visit the pier. Walk along the High Street and visit the shops or embark on the Dartmouth Steam Railway travel from Paignton to Dartmouth (extra cost).

DAY 3 This morning we head into nearby Torquay. Opportunity to take a land train (extra cost) around the town stopping at some of the tourist spots i.e., the harbour, Torre Abbey and Torquay's High Street. We can take a walk along the promenade and take in the sea air, or sit outside in one of the many restaurants in the harbour and treat ourself to lunch before our afternoon visit to the quaint fishing village of Brixham. The town has a great range of charming shops to browse.

DAY 4 This morning we visit Buckfast Abbey, an attractive Benedictine Monastery nestled in a valley on the edge of Dartmoor. Experience the serenity and beauty of the Abbey. Opportunity to purchase morning refreshments from the Grange Restaurant before we depart for a scenic tour across the Dartmoor National Park to Widecombe in the Moor, a quiet village surrounded by moorland with links that date back to medieval times. Don't forget to bring your cameras today!

DAY 5 We return to home area making suitable comfort stops enroute.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee on arrival
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Live entertainment on 3 nights
- Coach excursions as described

MARINE HOTEL, PAIGNTON ****

This hotel is situated on a level position directly opposite Paignton seafront and a short walk to the town centre. You could not ask for a better located hotel in Paignton. The hotel is airy, modern and light yet highly comfortable with a warm and friendly family atmosphere. There is a bar, lounge and restaurant.



357 Reviews

Single Supplement £0 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£575^{PP}



Babbacombe, South Devon

Monday 24th to Friday 28th June 2024 // 5 Days

If you do like to be beside the seaside, then join us on this holiday to South Devon! Our hotel is ideally situated on the Babbacombe promenade with palm trees overlooking the azure waters with fabulous views across The Downs and the Cliff Railway to Oddicombe Beach.

DAY 1 Depart home area stopping in Salisbury to purchase lunch before continuing to our hotel.

DAY 2 Enjoy a free morning in Babbacombe. This afternoon we travel a short distance to Torquay where we can take a walk around the Marina, Harbour and shops. We can board a land train that takes us around the tourist spots with commentary (extra cost).

DAY 3 After breakfast we visit Paignton, a delightful seaside town nestled on the western shores of Tor Bay. There are lovely shops and restaurants to purchase morning refreshments. This afternoon we visit Dartmouth, an enchanting town with pastel coloured houses crammed on tree-cloaked hillsides rising above the harbour.

DAY 4 This morning we visit some furry friendlies at Sidmouth's Donkey Sanctuary, for over 50 years they have worked to transform the lives of these animals across the world. This afternoon we visit Teignmouth, a stunning coastal town with historic Georgian buildings, sandy beaches and fresh local food.

DAY 5 We bid farewell to Babbacombe and return to home area making suitable comfort stops on route.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee on arrival
- Evening entertainment on some nights
- Coach excursions as described

THE BABBACOMBE HOTEL, TORQUAY ***

Set on a cliff-top promenade overlooking Lyme Bay lies the 3-star Babbacombe Hotel. All rooms feature a flatscreen TV, tea and coffee making facilities and step in showers for easy access.



415 Reviews

Single Supplement £20 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£479^{PP}



Weekend in the Delightful Downs & Dorset

Friday 4th to Monday 7th October 2024 // 4 Days

Join us on this weekend break in the Downs and Dorset filled with charming towns. On our final day we enjoy a vineyard tour and tastings at Denbies Wine Estate.

DAY 1 Depart home area and visit Guildford where we will find an array of delightful shops on quaint cobbled streets. We arrive at our hotel with time to freshen up before our evening meal.

DAY 2 Enjoy a free morning in Salisbury, today is market day*. This afternoon we can choose to visit Winchester, known for its medieval cathedral, boutique and designer shops and tea rooms, or visit The Army Flying Museum (£18pp to be paid at time of booking). The museum holds an extensive collection charting over 100 years of the British Army in the air.

DAY 3 After breakfast we take a scenic ride over the Downs, through lovely villages to Dorchester, famously associated with Thomas Hardy. There is much to see and do here, the town has five museums to explore (entries extra). Afterwards, we continue to Shaftesbury where we have opportunity to purchase afternoon refreshments.

DAY 4 We depart our hotel and head homewards, on route we stop at Denbies Wine Estate where we will board the vineyard train for a tour. Opportunity to purchase lunch in the restaurant and browse the gallery, local farm and gift shop.

*Market date correct at time of brochure print.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 3 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee on arrival
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Indoor Cellar Wine Tasting Experience & Seasonal Vineyard Tour at Denbies Wine Estate
- Coach excursions as described

THE STONES HOTEL, SALISBURY ***

In a 1930s building with countryside views, this informal hotel has classic rooms feature complimentary Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs, and tea and coffeemaking facilities. Room service is offered. There's a modern restaurant, and a bar with a fireplace, a seasonal terrace and regular live music.



480 Reviews

Single Supplement £89 / Travel Insurance £35.64

£399^{PP}



FULLY ESCORTED

The Best of the West, Panoramic Cornwall

Monday 7th to Friday 11th October 2024 // 5 Days

Picture postcard harbours, cyder and the wide variety of sandy beaches have all made Cornwall a holiday favourite for generations. After all, what's not to like - beautiful Cornwall at its very best and none of the crowds of the summer season.

DAY 1 We head to our hotel in Cornwall, making suitable comfort stops along the way.

DAY 2 After breakfast we visit the award-winning Healey's Cornish Cyder Farm for a self-guided tour and tastings. Opportunity to visit the Kitchen Room where home made jams are made, there is a café on site to purchase refreshments before departing for Truro. Cornwall's county town and only city. Compact streets are home to a collection of independent traders, this great little city offers a unique shopping experience for everyone to enjoy.

DAY 3 After breakfast we visit St. Ives, a picturesque fishing harbour and seaside town with a quartet of golden beaches. Afterwards, enjoy a scenic coach ride along Cornwall's west coast via Portreath and St. Agnes, 'Poldark Country'. Have your cameras at the ready for some spectacular scenery.

DAY 4 We start our day in Falmouth. There are plenty of delightful shops and eateries to test your taste buds. We then head to Flambards Victorian Village, a recreation of a Victorian street with over 50 different sets and scenes. See Britain in the Blitz & The War Gallery, peer through the shop window of the Chemist Shop which has remained untouched for over a hundred years. The village café is open for light refreshments.

DAY 5 After breakfast, we start our return journey with comfort stops along the way, including time to purchase lunch.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Self-guided admission to Healey's Cyder Farm
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted throughout

PENVENTON PARK HOTEL, CORNWALL ****

Set in a Georgian mansion surrounded by gardens and woodland, this upscale hotel is a 9-minute walk from Redruth and 4 miles from the coastal village of Portreath. The classically decorated rooms and suites feature en suite bathrooms, free Wi-Fi, TVs, and tea/coffee making facilities. There's an on-site grill restaurant along with an opulent gin bar. There's also a leisure club with a heated indoor pool, a spa bath and a gym, and spa treatments. Please note there is no lift, there are ground floor rooms (subject to availability).



1,829 Reviews

Single Supplement £0 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£719^{PP}

MIDLANDS

NEW FOR 2024

Journey through the Malvern Hills

Cotswolds, Castles & the Wye Valley

Robin Hood County

The Delights of Derbyshire

All is Wells in Bristol & Berkeley

A Very Oxford Scandal

Motor, Steam & Cruise around Worcester





Autumn Colours in the Golden Cotswolds

Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October 2023 // 5 Days

Join us on this delightful holiday to the beautiful Victorian spa town of Great Malvern with its magnificent Priory. Our hotel is located in the centre of the town from where we visit Worcester, Croome Court, Upton upon Severn and enjoy a boat cruise on the River Severn.

DAY 1 Depart home area and travel to Gloucester stopping in Cirencester, known as the 'Capital of the Cotswolds', for lunch to be purchased. Continue to the hotel where we have a cup of tea/coffee upon arrival. Time to freshen up for our evening meal.

DAY 2 Today enjoy a coach excursion around the Cotswolds visiting Bourton-on-the-Water, known for its pretty waterside views and traditional stone houses and called the 'Little Venice' of the Cotswolds. Afterwards we head towards the delightful market town of Stow-on-the-Wold with free time here before our last stop of the day in Moreton-in-Marsh located at the head of the beautiful Evenlode Valley.

DAY 3 After breakfast enjoy a morning in Gloucester, the cathedral city of the Cotswolds. Opportunity to visit Gloucester cathedral, the resting place of King Edward II and a hugely popular film and TV location. Take a walk around the shops and visit many of the cafes and restaurants this city has to offer. This afternoon we visit Westons Cider for a guided tour and tastings.

DAY 4 After breakfast enjoy a coach excursion to Worcester, an attractive jumble of medieval, Tudor, Georgian and modern architecture which has a feel of a small town which is particularly easy to explore and get around. Time here to purchase lunch before continuing to Upton upon Severn, a pretty village situated on the edge of the Malvern Hills. Here we visit the famous Pudding

Shop with opportunity to purchase some steamed puddings to take home.

DAY 5 After breakfast we travel to Oxford for lunch to be purchased. Step onto the cobbled paths and lanes as we wander through the City of Dreaming Spires. We'll find a wide variety of cafes and restaurants to whet our appetite before returning to home area.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Welcome drink on arrival
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Tour and tasting at Westons Cider Mill
- Coach excursions as described

HATHERLEY MANOR HOTEL & SPA ★★★★★

Set on 37 acres of landscaped grounds in a 17th-century manor house, the classically decorated rooms include en suite bathrooms, plus free WiFi, flatscreen TVs, and tea and coffeemaking facilities, there's also 24-hour room service. Amenities include a restaurant offering seasonal, locally sourced dishes and 2 historic private dining rooms, plus a relaxed lounge/bar. Please note: there is no lift at this hotel.



1,355 Reviews

Single Supplement £62 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£625^{PP}



FULLY ESCORTED

Easter in the Cotswolds

Thursday 28th March to Monday 1st April 2024 // 5 Days

With its rustic rural charm, rolling hills, vibrant market towns and picture-perfect villages, the Cotswolds offer unspoilt countryside and picturesque villages built of the honey-coloured stone for which the region is famous. Spend Easter in this beautiful part of the UK.

DAY 1 Depart home area and head to the Cotswolds. Time to purchase lunch and explore the delightful town of Witney, used as a filming location for several movies and TV shows. We then continue to our hotel with time to freshen up before our evening meal.

DAY 2 Today we enjoy a coach tour around the honey-coloured Cotswolds, visiting Bourton-on-the-Water. We continue to the pretty market town of Stow-on-the-Wold, perched on Stow Hill which sits at 800 metres above sea level. Elegant shops, houses and a market square await. Our final stop before returning to our hotel, is charming Cirencester.

DAY 3 This morning enjoy free time to explore Cheltenham at leisure. It's easy to see why it became a favourite amongst 18th century aristocrats after its health-giving spa waters were discovered. Cheltenham is also famous for its festival and the Gold Cup, so it is fitting that we head to Cheltenham Racecourse to board a steam train to the nearby town of Broadway, nesting in the Cotswolds. Time to browse this interesting town before returning to our hotel.

DAY 4 Easter Sunday We begin with a journey around the Wye Valley visiting Hereford, well known for its cider, sausage rolls, charming architecture, and individual shops. We continue to the market town of Ross on Wye, home to several writers including William Gilpin and William Wordsworth. The town has been featured in several films and television shows. There are many delightful shops and eateries.

DAY 5 We depart our home and travel homewards stopping in Henley on Thames for lunch to be obtained.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee on arrival
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Free use of hotel leisure facilities
- Single journey on the Gloucester Warwickshire Railway
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted throughout

DELTA BY MARRIOTT, CHELTENHAM CHASE ****

This 4-star hotel is set in 15 acres of private grounds on the edge of the picturesque Cotswold Hills. The restaurant and bar are both spacious, open plan areas with fantastic views over the surrounding hills and there is also a sumptuous spa area, indoor swimming pool, steam room and spa bath.



2,524 Reviews

Single Supplement £143 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£599^{PP}



Journey through the Malvern Hills

Sunday 21st to Wednesday 24th April 2024 // 4 Days

Join us on this delightful holiday to the beautiful Victorian spa town of Great Malvern with its magnificent Priory. Our hotel is located in the centre of the town from where we visit Worcester, Croome Court, Upton upon Severn and enjoy a boat cruise on the River Severn.

DAY 1 Depart home area and visit Witney, a market town in the Cotswolds, surrounded by stunning countryside. There are many shops to browse and places to obtain lunch. We then continue through the Cotswold National Park and arrive at our hotel where we can enjoy a cup of tea/coffee whilst our luggage is taken to our room.

DAY 2 This morning we head to the beautiful city of Worcester, located on the River Severn. Worcester Cathedral is one of the city's most iconic landmarks which dates back to the 7th century. There are many individual shops and eateries. We board 'The Earl' boat for a 45-minute cruise along the River Severn where we will see beautiful white swans, the Cathedral, Worcester Bridge and some beautiful properties along the riverbank. This afternoon we visit Upton upon Seven where we will find attractive shops, a medieval 'Pepperpot' church, delightful inns, and a lovely promenade to take a stroll alongside the riverbanks.

DAY 3 Today we visit nearby Croome Court. The house and parkland have been in the Coventry family since 1592. It has been a RAF airbase in WWII, a Catholic boy's school and UK headquarters for Hare Krishna. The history of Croome is a rich and varied one, we delve into Croome's electric past to find out more about this captivating place and the people who helped shape it. Treat yourself to refreshments in the restaurant located in restored RAF wartime buildings. After our visit we head for the medieval market town of Tewkesbury. It is an extraordinary riverside town with many independent shops.

DAY 4 We return to home area stopping in Stratford upon Avon, birthplace of William Shakespeare. The town is located on the River Avon and has several beautiful gardens situated alongside the banks. See a perfect blend of 15th century Tudor architecture with the half wooden timbered houses and shops. Opportunity to purchase lunch and explore this beautiful town before heading home.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 3 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee on arrival
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- 45-minute cruise on the River Severn
- Entry to Croome Court
- Coach excursions as described

THE ABBEY HOTEL, GREAT MALVERN ****

Set in landscaped gardens, this elegant hotel in an ivy-clad manor overlooks the Vale of Evesham. Modern rooms and suites feature TVs, work desks and free Wi-Fi, as well as tea and coffeemaking equipment. There's also a casual, traditionally furnished restaurant serving British and Mediterranean cuisine, a lounge bar.



1,797 Reviews

Single Supplement £55 / Travel Insurance £35.64

£469^{PP}

FULLY ESCORTED



Cotswolds, Castles & the Wye Valley

Monday 15th to Friday 19th April 2024 // 5 Days

On this new holiday for 2024 we explore the Cotswolds to the east and the beautiful Wye Valley to the west. We feast our eyes on the architectural gems of Tewkesbury Abbey and Sudeley Castle and the stunning scenery of the Wye Valley.

DAY 1 We depart home area and visit the delightful town of Marlborough for lunch to be obtained. We then continue to our hotel and are greeted with a cup of tea or coffee whilst our luggage is taken to our rooms.

DAY 2 We start our day at Sudeley Castle with its royal connections entwined in its 1000 year history, the castle remains the only private castle in England to have a queen buried within its grounds - Catherine Parr, who lived and died here. This afternoon we take a scenic drive through the Cotswolds and visit the charming village of Bourton on the Water. Our last stop is Stow on the Wold before returning to our hotel.

DAY 3 This morning we travel through the scenic Wye Valley and visit the charming historic market town of Hereford. Located near the River Wye, it is known for its cider, sausage rolls, and famous Hereford breed of cattle. Today is market day*, so take your time browsing the many stalls, opportunity to visit Hereford Cathedral and the Black and White Museum (entries extra), there are many eateries to obtain lunch. Afterwards, we head to Tewkesbury, an extraordinary riverside town with a traditional high street full of independent shops. We finish our day with a 45 minute guided tour of the stunning Abbey, marvelling at the fine architecture.

DAY 4 This morning we visit Gloucester exploring its attractions, such as the medieval cathedral (entry extra), used in most of the Harry Potter films as Hogwarts. Opportunity to take a boat trip around the quay (extra cost). There is much to see in Gloucester and many shops to browse. We have time at leisure to explore the choice of gardens including the Rose Garden, Japanese

Woodland, Hermits Garden and Dukes Walk and to purchase lunch. This afternoon, we return to Nottingham and visit Southwell Workhouse. The best-preserved workhouse in England. A place of despair or a beacon of hope? We decide ourselves. It offers a fascinating vignette of how the poor lived as we explore the rooms, vegetable garden and yards and find out about the role of the workhouse and how it evolved through time.

DAY 5 We depart our hotel for home area stopping on route in Oxford.

**Market dates correct at time of brochure print.*

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee on arrival
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Entrance & guided tour of Tewkesbury Abbey
- Entrance to Sudeley Castle
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted throughout

GLOUCESTER ROBINSWOOD HOTEL, BW SIGNATURE COLLECTION ★★★★★

This 4-star stylish hotel on the edge of the Cotswolds boasts a swimming pool, squash court, brasserie and relaxing bar and lounge. Please note there is no lift hotel and ground floor rooms will have some steps to them, subject to availability.



2,540 Reviews

Single Supplement £0 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£549^{PP}

FULLY ESCORTED



Robin Hood County

Monday 20th to Friday 24th May 2024 // 5 Days

Join us on a captivating holiday that seamlessly blends the historic wonders of Nottingham, the legendary home of Robin Hood, with the intriguing tales of this fascinating county. Embark on a guided tour alongside the infamous outlaw himself, unravelling the secrets of Nottingham's rich history. As you soak in the city's superb views, indulge in a delightful 2-course lunch during a leisurely 3-hour cruise. Prepare to be awestruck by the magnificent Lincoln Cathedral as we explore its grandeur on an enlightening tour. Sail through the picturesque Lincoln canals, immersing yourself in the tranquil beauty of the surroundings. We also visit the iconic Belvoir Castle, known for its appearance in the renowned Netflix series "The Crown." And let's not forget a visit to the remarkable Southwell Workhouse, unveiling the stories of the past. Brace yourself for an unforgettable holiday that promises to transport you through time, immersing you in history, legends, and captivating experiences.

DAY 1 We depart home area and after making a suitable comfort stop, we head for the delightful town of Stamford, where many period dramas have been filmed. Time here for lunch to be obtained and to take a stroll around the independent shops. We then continue to our hotel where we are greeted with a tea or coffee.

DAY 2 After breakfast, we meet our guide 'Ezekial Bone', Nottingham's official outlaw, Robin Hood, for a 3-hour part walk, part step-on guided tour. We stroll around the Victorian Lace Market, once the commercial heart of a world-wide empire in machine-made lace, learning about the evolution of Nottingham's textile industry. We hear the truth behind the Robin Hood legend with masterful storytelling by our aptly dressed guide. This afternoon we take to the water for a relaxing 3-hour cruise on the River Trent. As we sail, we tuck into a 2-course traditional roast lunch with tea and coffee, taking in the lovely scenery and superb views of the historic city.

DAY 3 This morning we visit magnificent Lincoln Cathedral, one of Europe's finest gothic buildings dating back to the 11th century. Our visit includes a 1-hour Floor Tour where an expert guide takes us on a journey revealing hundreds of years of history. We have free time for lunch and a wander around the city, before we finish our day with a relaxing 1-hour guided canal cruise with entertaining commentary taking in the sights of Lincoln and the surrounding countryside.

DAY 4 This morning we visit Belvoir Castle, used as 'Windsor Castle' in series 3 of the hugely successful Netflix series, The Crown. We enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with biscuits before we embark on a guided tour of the castle and learn about the rare treasures and impressive painting collection, walking in the

footsteps of past Dukes and Duchesses. We have time at leisure to explore the choice of gardens including the Rose Garden, Japanese Woodland, Hermits Garden and Dukes Walk and to purchase lunch. This afternoon, we return to Nottingham and visit Southwell Workhouse. The best-preserved workhouse in England. A place of despair or a beacon of hope? We decide ourselves. It offers a fascinating vignette of how the poor lived as we explore the rooms, vegetable garden and yards and find out about the role of the workhouse and how it evolved through time.

DAY 5 After breakfast, we make our way home stopping in Melton Mowbray, famous for the Melton Mowbray Pork Pie and known as the 'Rural Capital of Food'.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee on arrival
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Guided tour (walking and coach) of Nottingham with Robin Hood
- 3-hour cruise with a 2-course lunch on the River Trent
- Entrance and Floor Tour of Lincoln Cathedral
- 1-hour canal cruise of Lincoln
- Entrance and guided tour of Belvoir Castle with self-guided visit to gardens
- Entrance to Southwell Workhouse
- Fully escorted throughout

MERCURE NOTTINGHAM SHERWOOD HOTEL ****

This 4-star hotel offers comfortable rooms with TV and tea/coffee making facilities and all feature walk in showers with a small step. There is an indoor swimming pool, steam room and gym.



263 Reviews

Single Supplement £119 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£699^{PP}



Thursday 23rd to Monday 27th May 2024 // 5 Days

DAY 1 We depart home and visit Leicester to obtain lunch. Opportunity to visit the King Richard III visitor centre or visit Leicester Cathedral (entries extra). We then continue to our hotel.

PRICE INCLUDES

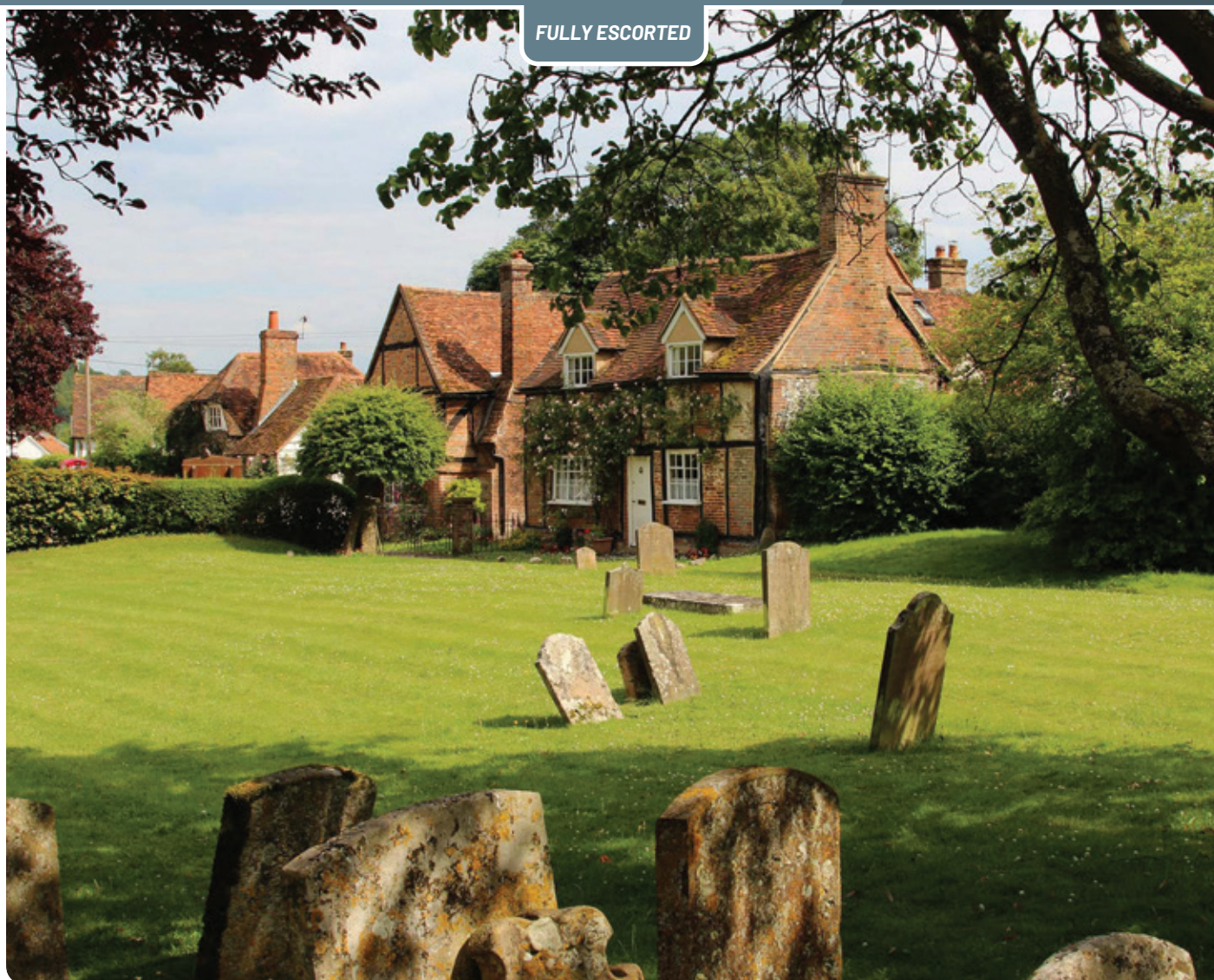
- ## MICKLEOVER HOTEL, DERBY ★★★★★

 1.721 Reviews

£559^{PP}

**Holiday itineraries are subject to change. All prices are per person. Single room supplements are subject to change at the hotel's discretion. Courier is subject to change.*

FULLY ESCORTED



A Very Oxford Scandal

Monday 12th to Friday 16th August 2024 // 5 Days

This new holiday for 2024 includes a guided walking tour around the historic streets of Oxford, a picturesque Thames cruise following the path of the famous Regatta, a scenic Cotswolds drive and visits to the superb Blenheim Palace and Cliveden - known for its part in the scandalous 'Profumo Affair'!

DAY 1 Depart home area and travel to Windsor for free time to explore the streets lined with traditional architecture, quaint shops and charming pubs and restaurants.

DAY 2 Today we visit the magnificent city of Oxford with its honey-gold buildings, dreaming spires and riverside setting. Enjoy a one-hour guided walking tour of the city to learn more about its history and famous landmarks. Afterwards, we have free time to obtain lunch and wander the city on our own.

DAY 3 We start our day with a short, scenic drive around the pretty Cotswolds, with stops in Bourton-on-the-Water, known as the 'Little Venice' of the Cotswolds, and the market town of Stow-on-the-Wold. We then head to the fabulous Blenheim Palace, the seat of the Dukes of Marlborough, with the rest of the day to explore at leisure.

DAY 4 This morning we visit the spectacular gardens of Cliveden, the former home of the Astor family. With beautiful views over the Thames, we have time to obtain lunch and explore the impressive gardens. This afternoon we embark on a 1-hour circular cruise with on board commentary following the path of the famous Regatta.

DAY 5 After breakfast, we depart for home area stopping in the delightful village of Wallingford.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Free use of hotel leisure facilities
- 1-hour walking tour of Oxford
- Entrance to Blenheim Palace, Park & Gardens
- Entrance to Cliveden Gardens
- 1-hour circular cruise on the Thames
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted throughout

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON OXFORD BELFRY ★★★

This hotel is located in the beautiful Oxfordshire countryside. All bedrooms are to an excellent standard with modern furnishings and neutral décor. All are equipped with TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. There is a relaxed and welcoming environment in the stylish Spires Restaurant and guests can relax with a drink in the bar and lounge area – the local Oxford gin comes highly recommended! Leisure facilities include a swimming pool, sauna, gym and spa treatments.



684 Reviews

Single Supplement £190 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£699^{PP}

FULLY ESCORTED



Motor, Steam & Cruise around Worcester

Sunday 2nd to Thursday 6th June 2024 // 5 Days

This new holiday for 2024 takes in the famous Morgan Motor Company, known for its high performing sports cars, a journey on the Severn Valley Steam Railway, the magnificent ruins of Witley Court and a relaxing river cruise around Worcester, as well as the medieval market towns of Ledbury and Ludlow.

DAY 1 Depart home area and visit Chipping Norton, the highest town in Oxfordshire which has a delightful array of shops including several antique shops. There is a variety of restaurants to purchase lunch and time to explore before heading to our hotel with time to freshen up before our evening meal.

DAY 2 This morning, we spend time at leisure in the attractive market town of Ledbury, full of timber framed buildings. Look out for the 17th century black and white Market House and the much-photographed cobbled medieval street where the Heritage Centre, Butchers Row Folk Museum and the Painted Room leading to the fine parish church can be found. From here, we make our way to the beautiful spa town of Malvern, home of the Morgan Motor Company for over 100 years. We enjoy a 2-hour guided tour of the factory, watching the skilled craftsmen at work as they hand make the famous Morgan sports cars.

DAY 3 We travel to Witley Court this morning where we enjoy a 1-hour guided tour of the estate house and gardens. Once one of the great country houses of Victorian England, attracting fashionable society when it was the setting for extravagant parties and royal entertainment, the house was devastated by fire in 1937. Today, the spectacular ruins provide evidence of the opulence and scale of the architecture and interiors whilst the beautifully restored parterres, garden and fountain provide a relaxing retreat. From here, we head to Worcester where we have free time for lunch before we set off on a circular river cruise through one of England's loveliest cities.

DAY 4 After breakfast, we head for Kidderminster to board a Severn Valley steam train to Bridgnorth. There will be plenty of opportunity to admire the beautiful Shropshire and Worcestershire countryside from our carriage. After our journey

we drive to the thriving medieval market town of Ludlow, a historic town surrounded by the beautiful countryside of south Shropshire and the Welsh Marches. We have free time to have lunch and explore.

DAY 5 We depart our hotel and head home, stopping in Shakespeare's Stratford Upon Avon, steeped in culture and history. Set in the beautiful rural Warwickshire countryside, on the banks of the River Avon, it is a perfect place to browse the many shops, walk along the banks of the river and obtain lunch in one of the many restaurants.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee on arrival
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Free use of the hotel leisure facilities
- Guided tour of Morgan Motor Company
- Entrance to Witley Court & Gardens
- 1-hour river cruise along the River Severn
- Single journey on the Severn Valley Railway
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted throughout

STOURPORT MANOR HOTEL, STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN ★★

Set in 23-acre grounds, this 4-star redbrick country house hotel offers modern rooms that feature tea and coffee making facilities, TV, as well as WiFi. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, a gym, and a steam room. Please note there is no lift at this hotel, ground floor rooms are subject to availability.



1,822 Reviews

Single Supplement £120 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£699^{PP}

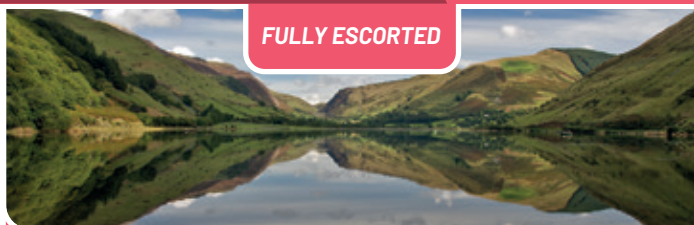
WALES

NEW FOR 2023

Wales in a Nutshell

The Glorious Gower & Tenby





FULLY ESCORTED

Snowdonia Winter Warmer Drinks Inclusive* Break

Monday 13th to Friday 17th November 2023 // 5 Days

Join us on this breath-taking holiday to Snowdonia National Park and discover magical winter scenery. Winter time in Snowdonia is truly enchanting.

DAY 1 Depart home area making suitable refreshment stops. We visit the charming city of Lichfield for our lunch stop. We then continue to our hotel and arrive late afternoon with time to freshen up before our evening meal followed by entertainment.

DAY 2 We travel a short distance to Caernarfon dominated by its Castle, a medieval fortress. Browse the many independent shops and take some pictures of the amazing castle. We then continue to the enchanting Italianate style village of Portmeirion. The architecture and the location will be sure to capture your imagination. The restaurant and café will be open to obtain refreshments.

DAY 3 Enjoy a coastal ride along the Menai Strait to the charming town of Llandudno to take in the sites. Take a walk along the promenade (weather permitting) and visit the many delightful shops. Time to purchase lunch here before departing for Betws-y-Coed, situated on the edge of Snowdonia National Park. Afterwards re-join the coach for a scenic ride through the Snowdonia National Park. Have your camera ready to take some pictures of the fantastic scenery.

DAY 4 Enjoy a free morning in Llanberis. Take the opportunity to visit The National Slate Museum (free entry). In the afternoon we join the coach for a visit to the Isle of Anglesey and visit Llanfair PG for that last minute gift to buy. Afterwards re-join the coach to RAF Valley, home to No. 4 Flying Training School, responsible for training the UK's next generation of world-class fighter pilots. We can watch the aircraft from the public land adjacent to the airfield while in the comfort of a warm coach.

DAY 5 We return to home area making suitable comfort stops.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee on arrival
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Free bar between 7pm-11pm each night on draught beer, lager, house wine & draught soft drink
- Entertainment every night (mix of singer, magician, quizzes etc.)
- Tea/coffee available in lounges throughout your stay
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted throughout

THE ROYAL VICTORIA HOTEL, LLABERIS ★★★

Few hotels can command such breath-taking views as the Royal Victoria Snowdonia Hotel, nestling between the twin lakes of Padarn and Peris, at the foot of Snowdon. The welcome here is warm and genuine and the atmosphere is of complete relaxation. The restaurant enjoys lovely views, and the public bars are a great place to meet before our evening meal. The hotel does have a lift, but it does not go to all floors. The single bedded rooms at this hotel are cosy with small standard sized beds.

FULLY ESCORTED
by Karen Kirby

Beauty of the Pembrokeshire Coast

Monday 25th to Friday 29th March 2024 // 5 Days

Pembrokeshire has it all – stunning scenery, a spectacular coastline with miles of perfect sandy beaches, great attractions and a very warm Welsh welcome. The scenery on its own is fabulous and we spoil you even more by taking you to Tenby. Our hotel, the family-owned Cliff Hotel & Spa is located on the coast of Cardigan Bay overlooking Poppit Sands and Cardigan Island and has expansive beautiful hotel grounds.

DAY 1 Depart home area and travel to our hotel in Cardigan, making suitable refreshment stops along the way. We will receive a warm welcome by the hotel and can enjoy a cup of tea/coffee whilst our luggage is taken to our rooms.

DAY 2 Packed lunch provided by the hotel. Today we have a free morning in the ancient town of Cardigan, situated on the River Telfi estuary. Time to look around the shops before we travel along the stunning coastline to Aberystwyth, a historical market town nestled between three hills. We board the Vale of Rheidol Railway for a relaxing return journey travelling through some of Wales' spectacular scenery from Aberystwyth to Devil's Bridge; the finest way to explore the Rheidol Valley. We return to our hotel with time to relax before our evening meal followed by entertainment.

DAY 3 Spend the day at leisure in the pretty picture postcard town of Tenby. Stroll around the picturesque harbour, browse the shops, or visit the Tenby Museum (entry extra). There are plenty of cafes and restaurants here for lunch to be purchased.

DAY 4 After breakfast we pick up our packed lunch from the hotel and board our coach for a scenic tour of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park. Visit charming St. David's, the smallest city in Britain. Spend time strolling around the lanes, browsing the shops, or visiting the cathedral. Afterwards, we continue along the coastal road to Saundersfoot, a small seaside resort which has charm and character. After dinner we can enjoy an evening of entertainment.

DAY 5 We depart our hotel and return to home area making suitable refreshment stops.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee & biscuits on arrival
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Happy Hour between 18:00 - 21:00hrs each night, 50% off selected drinks
- Live musical entertainment on 1 night
- In-house activities on 2 nights
- 1hr free use per day of the Hydro Spa, spa bath and steam room
- 2 x packed lunches
- Single railway journey from Aberystwyth to Devil's Bridge
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted by Karen Kirby

THE CLIFF HOTEL & SPA, CARDIGAN ★★★

Set on a hillside overlooking the Irish Sea, with bright rooms providing complimentary Wi-Fi and flat-screen TVs, as well as tea and coffeemaking facilities. There's a contemporary restaurant and bar with a terrace that overlooks the sea, in addition to a spa and a gym. Other amenities include a 9-hole golf course.

Single Supplement £118 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£549^{PP}

Single Supplement £72 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£559^{PP}



Springtime in Snowdonia, North Wales

Monday 29th April to Friday 3rd May 2024 // 5 Days

Join us on this breath-taking holiday to Snowdonia National Park and discover magical scenery. Snowdonia is truly enchanting.

DAY 1 Depart home area making suitable refreshment stops. We visit the charming medieval city of Lichfield for our lunch stop. We then continue to our hotel and arrive late afternoon with time to freshen up before our evening meal.

DAY 2 Today, we enjoy a lovely drive via Colwyn Bay to the 'Queen of Welsh resorts', Llandudno, where we can walk along the two-mile beach front, there are plenty of places to sit or visit the many shops. Take a walk along the Edwardian pier or take a ride to the top of the Great Orme (extra cost).

DAY 3 This morning we take a ride up Mount Snowdon, being 3,560ft, it is the highest mountain in England and Wales. We travel to the top, called 'the rooftop of Wales' where we have spectacular views (weather permitting). There is a gift shop and cafe where we can purchase refreshments before our downward journey. This afternoon we visit the National Slate Museum where we will be entertained with a slate splitting demonstration. Opportunity to visit the old miners' cottages before we board our narrow-gauge train for a ride along the Llanberis lake which follows the shores of Lake Padarn.

DAY 4 After breakfast we travel through the spectacular scenery of the Snowdonia National Park as we make our way to the Italianate style village of Portmeirion. Famous for the filming of 'The Prisoner'. The architecture and the location will be sure to capture your imagination. There is a restaurant, cafe, and an ice cream parlour on-site.

DAY 5 We return to home area making suitable comfort stops.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee on arrival
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Glass of wine with dinner on the first night
- Entrance to National Slate Museum
- Journey on the Snowdon Mountain Railway
- Journey on the Llanberis Lake Railway
- Entrance to Portmeirion
- Fully escorted throughout

THE ROYAL VICTORIA HOTEL, LLABERIS ★★★

Few hotels can command such breath-taking views as the Royal Victoria Snowdonia Hotel, nestling between the twin lakes of Padarn and Peris, at the foot of Snowdon. The welcome here is warm and genuine and the atmosphere is of complete relaxation. The restaurant enjoys lovely views, and the public bars are a great place to meet before our evening meal. The hotel does have a lift, but it does not go to all floors. The single bedded rooms at this hotel are cosy with small standard sized beds.



422 Reviews

Single Supplement £0 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£589^{PP}



Spectacular North Wales

Sunday 7th to Thursday 11th July 2024 // 5 Days

This holiday is set in the heart of North Wales in the Snowdonia National Park and is certainly not one to be missed. Stunning scenery, incredible attractions from puffins, hidden gardens, Portmeirion and Caernarfon Castle to the UK's longest heritage railway - all in the shadow of one of Britain's tallest peaks.

DAY 1 We depart home area and head to our hotel in Caernarfon making suitable comfort stops on route. Upon arrival at our hotel we receive a warm welcome and sip on tea or coffee whilst our luggage is taken to our room.

DAY 2 Enjoy a morning at leisure in Caernarfon, opportunity to visit Caernarfon Castle (entry extra). Late morning we join our coach for a scenic drive to Betws-y-Coed, North Wales' most popular inland resort. Time here to obtain lunch before visiting the National Slate Museum.

DAY 3 Travel over the Menai Bridge to the Isle of Anglesey and nearby Beaumaris, here lies a medieval castle, beach and Victorian pier. We enjoy a leisurely return cruise to Puffin Island. This afternoon we visit the hidden gardens of Plas Cadnant, every step in this 10-acre paradise is a moment to treasure.

DAY 4 Today we enjoy a ride on the Welsh Highland Railway, the UK's longest heritage railway. Our journey runs for 25 miles from Caernarfon, past the foot of Snowdon to the picture postcard village of Beddgelert. We re-join the coach and continue to the village of Portmeirion to explore the lovely Italianate terraced gardens and shops.

DAY 5 We depart our hotel and head homeward making suitable comfort stops and a visit to the National Memorial Arboretum in Alrewas.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee on arrival
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Live entertainment on one night
- Free use of hotel leisure facilities
- Visit to the National Slate Museum
- 80-minute Puffin Island Cruise
- Entrance to Plas Cadnant Gardens
- Single journey on the Welsh Highland Railway
- Entrance into Portmeirion
- Fully escorted throughout

CELTIC ROYAL HOTEL, CAERNARFON ★★★

Dating from 1794, this upscale hotel has the colourful rooms with en suite showers or bathrooms, plus TVs, and tea and coffeemaking facilities. Room service is available. There's a Mediterranean restaurant and a bar. Leisure facilities include a gym, an indoor heated pool, a sauna, a Jacuzzi, and a steam room.



1,576 Reviews

Single Supplement £133 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£649^{PP}



Wales in a Nutshell

Thursday 25th to Wednesday 31st July 2024 // 7 Days

This holiday is designed to give you a true Welsh experience where we will enjoy the best of Wales and the customary warm welcome. Take in most of Wales's most beautiful landscapes and popular attractions from both the north and south of the country including Llandudno, Snowdon Mountain Railway, Portmeirion, Aberglasney, Tenby and Llancaiach Fawr Manor.

DAY 1 Carmarthen Depart home area and after making suitable comfort stops, we arrive at our hotel in Carmarthen with time to freshen up before our evening meal.

DAY 2 Llancaiach Fawr Manor & Cardiff This morning, we visit the must-see Llancaiach Fawr Manor living history museum where we enjoy a guided tour. Set in the turbulent times of the Civil War, we will experience the world of Colonel Pritchard and his servants, all dressed in period costume. We spend the afternoon in nearby Cardiff, the vibrant capital of Wales, where we enjoy free time to explore the shops and attractions in this waterfront city.

DAY 3 Aberglasney & Tenby After breakfast, we visit Aberglasney Gardens, one of the finest gardens in Wales, set in a serene and beautiful location. With 10 acres of magnificent gardens and a subtropical indoor garden in the mansion to explore. Refreshment facilities are available. Afterwards we make our way to the picturesque seaside resort of Tenby, from where we can enjoy fantastic views of Caldey Island, stroll around the pretty cobbled streets of the old town or simply enjoy the beach and harbour area. We return to hotel stopping at the family run Lovespoon Workshop located just outside of Tenby where we can enjoy a demonstration of the ancient tradition of carving.

DAY 4 Portmeirion This morning, we check out of our hotel and take a scenic coastal drive via Aberystwyth to the beautiful village of Portmeirion. Created by the architect Clough Williams-Ellis from 1925 to 1975, he wanted to pay tribute to the atmosphere of the Mediterranean and show how a naturally beautiful site could be developed without spoiling it. At this unique attraction, we visit the lovely gardens, picturesque village, and shops, time to purchase lunch here in one of the six restaurants. We then continue our journey to Caernarfon, the location of our second hotel.

DAY 5 Snowdon Mountain Railway & Llanberis This morning, we enjoy a scenic trip on the Snowdon Mountain Railway, a narrow-gauge track and pinion railway that will take us from Llanberis to the summit of Mount Snowdon, the tallest peak in England and Wales. We have some time taking in the view at the Summit Visitor Centre, before making the return trip to Llanberis. Afterwards we visit the National Slate Museum and hear stories of the traditional craft of the quarryman in authentic workshops. Opportunity to purchase afternoon tea in their cafeteria before returning to our hotel.

DAY 6 Llandudno & Anglesey Today, we make our way to the "Queen of Welsh resorts", Llandudno, where we spend time enjoying its beautiful Victorian architecture, Edwardian elegance, pier, shops, and attractions. While there we enjoy a

ride to the top of the Great Orme on the beautifully restored tram. This afternoon, we continue our journey along the coast to the Menai Bridge, which takes us over the Menai Straits to Anglesey and the town of Beaumaris, home to Beaumaris Castle, regarded by many as the finest Edwardian castle in Wales. This pretty seaside town is home to a Victorian pier, pastel painted houses and a wide range of shops, tea rooms and pubs. On our return journey we stop off briefly at Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogogoch station for a quick photo of the longest name in Britain!

DAY 7 Home After breakfast, we make our way home making suitable comfort stops.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 3 nights dinner, bed & breakfast at the Ivy Bush Royal Hotel
- 3 nights dinner, bed & breakfast at the Celtic Royal Hotel
- Tea/coffee on arrival at both hotels
- Tea/coffee after dinner at both hotels
- Live musical entertainment on 1 night & in-house entertainment on 1 night at the Ivy Bush Royal Hotel
- Live entertainment on 1 night at the Celtic Royal Hotel
- Free use of the Celtic Royal Hotel leisure facilities
- Guided visit of Llancaiach Fawr Manor
- Entry to the Lovespoon Workshop
- Entrance to Aberglasney Gardens
- Entrance to Portmeirion
- Journey on the Snowdon Mountain Railway
- Entrance to the National Slate Museum
- Journey on the Great Orme Tramway
- Fully escorted throughout

IVY BUSH ROYAL HOTEL, CARMARTHEN ***

Commanding a spectacular position at the gateway to the Golden West, the Ivy Bush Royal has long welcomed guests. Relaxed rooms come with TV, free Wi-Fi, and tea/coffeemaking facilities. There's an airy restaurant/bar serving regional cuisine. There is also a gym and sauna.



716 Reviews

CELTIC ROYAL HOTEL, CAERNARFON ***

Dating from 1794, this upscale hotel has the colourful rooms with en suite showers or bathrooms, plus TVs, and tea and coffeemaking facilities. Room service is available. There's a Mediterranean restaurant and a bar. Leisure facilities include a gym, an indoor heated pool, a sauna, a Jacuzzi, and a steam room.



576 Reviews

Single Supplement £100 / Travel Insurance £42.60

£979^{PP}

FULLY ESCORTED



The Glorious Gower & Tenby

Monday 2nd to Friday 6th September 2024 // 5 Days

A much-loved Welsh destination epitomised by the beautiful golden beaches of the Gower Peninsula and the welcoming seaside resort of Tenby. Savour the beautiful land of seascapes on this holiday and explore the award-winning National Botanic Gardens of Wales.

DAY 1 Depart home area and head to our hotel in Llanelli making suitable comfort stops on route. Upon arrival we enjoy a cup of tea/coffee whilst our luggage is taken to our rooms. Time to freshen up before our evening meal.

DAY 2 Today we enjoy a full day in Tenby, known for its warm atmosphere and Victorian houses. Experience the friendly harbour, relax, and unwind on one of the three fantastic beaches or simply sit and watch the world go by. For the more adventurous, why not take a 20-minute boat journey to Caldey Island (extra cost), owned, and run by a community of Cistercian Monks, subject to weather permitting of course. There is an array of delightful shops to browse and restaurants, pubs, and tea rooms to obtain lunch.

DAY 3 We start our day visiting the National Botanic Garden of Wales, nestled in the Tywi Valley, the garden combines themed displays, rolling parkland and secluded woodland. The award-winning Great Glasshouse is home to a profusion of rare, fragrant, exotic, and spooky plants. There is a restaurant to obtain lunch and refreshments. Afterwards we visit Carmarthen, one of Wales's oldest towns before returning to our hotel.

DAY 4 Today we admire the beauty of the Gower Peninsula and the Mumbles, an area renowned for its sandy beaches. Visit the Gower Heritage Centre in a converted water mill where a guide will join the coach for a tour of the peninsula's highlights before returning for an included cream tea or Welsh Cawl (soup/broth)

and tour of the mill. This afternoon we have time at leisure in Swansea. Take in the sweeping waterfront of Swansea Bay leading to the Mumbles, known for its stunning beaches. Explore the Maritime Quarter or browse the many shops, there are plenty of cafes and tea rooms to obtain refreshments.

DAY 5 We depart our hotel and return to home area stopping in the picturesque town of Marlborough.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee & biscuits on arrival
- Welsh themed dinner on one night
- Entry to the National Botanic Garden of Wales
- Half day guided tour of the Gower Peninsula
- Tour of the Gower Heritage Centre with cream tea or Welsh Cawl
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted throughout

THE DIPLOMAT HOTEL RESTURANT & SPA, LLANELLI ★★★

This well presented and traditional styled hotel is located on the outskirts of Llanelli. The hotel has welcoming public areas and an outdoor terrace for those warm summer evenings. The hotel also has a lift and indoor swimming pool and leisure facilities in their modern health club.



807 Reviews

Single Supplement £100 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£679^{PP}

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York City Break

Sunday 1st to Tuesday 3rd October 2023 // 3 Days
 Sunday 11th to Tuesday 13th February 2024 // 3 Days
 Sunday 6th to Tuesday 8th October 2024 // 3 Days

To explore York is to explore 2000 years of history, from the ancient walls of Roman York to the Viking remains of JORVIK and the grandeur of Georgian York. Delve into York's heritage, discover hidden attractions off the beaten track, wander in and out of contemporary independent shops, visit the Shambles or the famous York Minster cathedral, the choice is yours.

DAY 1 We depart home area and travel to York. Arrive at our hotel mid-afternoon. There are many restaurants within a short walking distance from the hotel.

DAY 2 Spend the day at leisure to explore the city.

DAY 3 Start the day with free time in York, depart at approximately 2:30pm for home area making suitable refreshment stops.

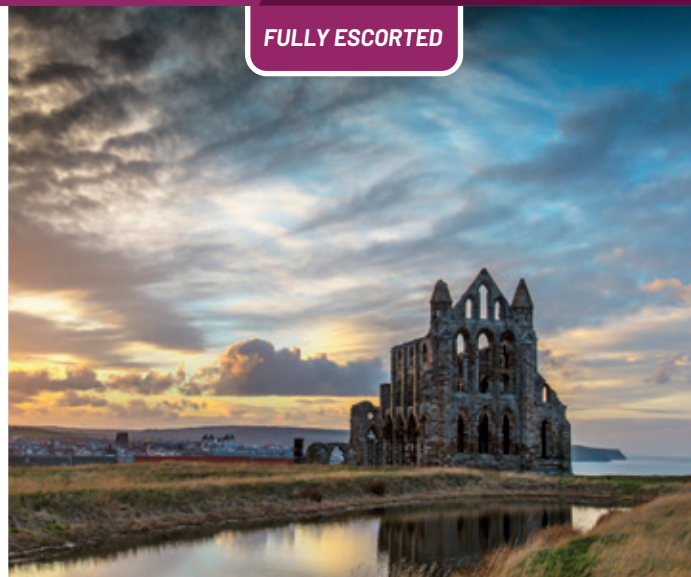
PRICE INCLUDES

- 2 nights bed & breakfast

PARK INN BY RADISSON YORK CITY CENTRE ***

This fabulous 4-star hotel, overlooking the River Ouse, is located in the heart of York and has a stylish restaurant and bar. It is an approx. 10 minute walk from the hotel to York Minster Cathedral, the York Dungeon and The Shambles. Each bedroom has a bathroom with drench showers. You can upgrade your room to look over the river (subject to availability).

Single Supplement £90 / Travel Insurance £32.10	2023 £299^{PP}
Single Supplement £99 / Travel Insurance £22.10	FEB 2024 £289^{PP}
Single Supplement £0 / Travel Insurance £32.10	OCT 2024 £299^{PP}



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Halloween on the Yorkshire Coast

Mon 30th October to Thurs 2nd November 2023 // 4 Days

With its connections to Dracula, its iconic Abbey which is bathed in dramatic illuminations, and ghost stories galore, we visit Whitby and hear tales of spooky shenanigans.

DAY 1 After a suitable comfort stop we continue to Newark, a town steeped in history and one of the most impressive and attractive towns on the River Trent. Time to obtain lunch before we resume our journey to our hotel.

DAY 2 After breakfast we travel across the North York Moors National Park. Our Tour Manager will be giving us some eerie tales on route about strange occurrences that have happened on the Moors whilst we travel to Goathland, a moorland village where Harry Potter was filmed, and the popular TV drama series, 'Heartbeat'. We have time here to obtain morning refreshments before we continue to Scarborough. Scarborough has hidden ghoulish characters all around the town centre. The characters all have a unique dance routine for you and each has a question for you to answer. We return to our hotel for an early dinner before heading to Whitby for our appointment with Dr. Crank, who invites us to join him on a tour to discover strange and supernatural tales of murder, mystery, and suspense. We will see the Abbey ruins illumination for Halloween!

DAY 3 After breakfast we travel to the medieval city of York. Take a walk through the 'shambles', one of the most haunted streets in York. Opportunity to visit the most haunted house, the Treasurers House (entry extra) where ghosts of green-clad Roman Legionnaires carrying round shields make frequent appearances in the cellars. There are plenty of places to eat and many shops to explore.

DAY 4 After breakfast we depart Yorkshire and return to home area stopping at Boundary Mills, Grantham, for lunch to be obtained and to browse this fabulous indoor shopping complex.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 3 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- 75-minute guided walking tour with Dr Crank
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted throughout

ROYAL HOTEL, WHITBY ***

This traditional cliff-top hotel overlooks Whitby Abbey and harbour. Many bedrooms are front facing and offers these fantastic views. This hotel is warm and friendly and known for their hospitality.

Single Supplement £53 / Travel Insurance £35.64	£399^{PP}



Monday 22nd to Friday 26th January 2024 // 5 Days

An aerial photograph of a coastal town, likely Dover, showing a large sandy beach, a castle on a hill, and a blue sky with white clouds. The town is built on a hillside overlooking the sea, with a large beach and a castle on a hill. The sea is a deep blue, and the sky is bright blue with scattered white clouds. The town's architecture is a mix of traditional and modern buildings, and the beach is a wide, sandy strip. The castle is a prominent landmark on the hill, and the overall scene is a picturesque view of a coastal town.

£549^{PP}

FULLY ESCORTED



Right Old Yorkshire Treat

Monday 8th to Friday 12th April 2024 // 5 Days

This holiday takes us to the stunning Yorkshire Dales, a landscape full of contrast with rolling hills and rugged peaks, through to lush dales and heather covered moors. We visit Castle Howard, journey on the Wensleydale Railway, tantalise our taste buds at Wensleydale Creamery and Blacksheep Brewery, soak up sweet scents at Yorkshire Lavender and experience life of World War II at Eden Camp.

DAY 1 We head to Yorkshire making suitable comfort stops and stopping in Newark for lunch to be purchased. We arrive at our hotel with time to freshen up before our evening meal.

DAY 2 After breakfast we visit the magnificent Castle Howard, situated within idyllic sweeping parkland dotted with statues, temples, lakes, and formal gardens. More like a palace, this opulent country house has been the setting for many cinematic productions including the TV adaptation of *Brideshead Revisited*. This afternoon we spend time at leisure exploring the compact ancient walled city of York. Wander along 'The Shambles', one of the most preserved medieval streets in the world and opportunity to visit the breath-taking York Minster.

DAY 3 We start our day with a trip on the heritage Wensleydale Railway from Leeming Bar in the Vale of Mowbray, through stunning Herriot and Turner country, to Redmire in the Dales. We follow this with a tour of Wensleydale Creamery where we watch cheese being handcrafted by master cheesemakers, learn about the history, and process and savour the final product! To wash this down, we enjoy a 1 hour 'shepherded' tour at the Blacksheep Brewery, ending with the chance to relish a glass of their award-winning ale.

DAY 4 Today we visit Eden Camp where we experience the sights, sounds and even the smells of life in WWII. Set in an original Prisoner of War Camp, this atmospheric museum recounts the social and military history of the war in expertly recreated scenes from the great battles, to rationing, the Blitz and working in the factories and mines. Opportunity to purchase lunch here before

our afternoon visit to Yorkshire Lavender, where we breathe in delightful heady scents as we wander round the gardens admiring the vibrant array of colours from white to a range of blues, rich lilacs and deep purples.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- Yorkshire themed set menu 1 night
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Glass of wine with your 1st evening meal
- In-house quiz 1 night
- Pre-dinner happy hour on the last night
- Entrance to Castle Howard
- A train journey on Wensleydale Railway
- Entrance to Wensleydale Creamery and tour
- Black Sheep Brewery tour
- Entrance to Eden Camp
- Entrance to Yorkshire Lavender
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted throughout

MERCURE YORK FAIRFIELD MANOR, YORK ★★★★★

This refined hotel, set in an 18th-century Georgian manor house, is 3 miles from the reconstructed Viking village at Jorvik Viking Centre. Relaxed rooms with classic decor feature free Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs, desks, and tea and coffeemaking facilities.



1,705 Reviews

Single Supplement £116 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£649^{PP}



FULLY ESCORTED

Yorkshire's Steam & Summer Wine

Monday 27th to Friday 31st May 2024 // 5 Days

On this fabulous holiday we travel through lavish landscapes that have been the inspiration for writers, artists, and filmmakers over the years, by steam. We chuff through dramatic Yorkshire scenery on both the Embsay and Bolton Abbey Steam Railway and Keighley and Worth Valley Railway, take a relaxing cruise along the Leeds and Liverpool canal and enjoy entertaining and tasteful guided tours at Ripley Castle and Holmfirth Vineyard.

DAY 1 We head to Yorkshire making suitable comfort stops including a lunch stop in Newark. Arrive at our hotel with time to freshen up before our evening meal.

DAY 2 This morning, our day begins with a 30-minute journey through the scenic Yorkshire Dales on the Embsay and Bolton Abbey Steam Railway before enjoying free time for lunch in the charming market town of Skipton. This afternoon we watch the world drift by on a relaxing 1-hour narrow boat cruise along the Leeds and Liverpool Canal through the picturesque Pennine countryside with tea and coffee served on board.

DAY 3 We spend a leisurely morning exploring the sleepy small town of Holmfirth nestled in the valley, surrounded by spectacular fells. Known as the location for Last of the Summer Wine, you will recognise familiar spots such as Sid's Cafe and Nora Batty's Steps. Afterwards we take a fascinating tour of Holmfirth Vineyard to discover its colourful history, learn about the wine making process from vine to bottle and sample the wares! We savour a sparkling afternoon tea as we soak up the panoramic view across the vineyard and surrounding Peak District National Park.

DAY 4 This morning we visit Ripley Castle set in magnificent grounds on the edge of the Yorkshire Dales National Park. We take a guided tour of the house where a history full of romance, courage, loyalty, and recklessness is brought to life. We then enjoy a delicious cream tea before heading to the Victorian spa town of Harrogate for time to purchase lunch. This afternoon we embark

on a steam trip through Bronte country on the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway – look out for the station which boasted a starring role in the film The Railway Children.

DAY 5 After breakfast, we make our way home stopping in medieval Lichfield, with plenty of restaurants and historic streets lined with shops to browse.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- Tea/coffee on arrival
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Single railway journey on the Embsay & Bolton Abbey Steam Railway
- 1-hour Skipton cruise
- Guided tour of Ripley Castle and Gardens with cream tea
- Single steam railway journey on the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway
- Holmfirth Vineyard tour, tasting and sparkling afternoon tea
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted throughout

CEDAR COURT HUDDERSFIELD HOTEL ****

This modern business hotel has stylish rooms with en suite bathrooms, Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs, and tea and coffeemaking equipment. Room service is available. Amenities include a restaurant, a lounge bar, and a sports bar with a game room, as well as a gym.



1,781 Reviews

Single Supplement £120 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£699^{PP}

FULLY ESCORTED



Fantastic Beasts & City Treats

Monday 10th to Friday 14th June 2024 // 5 Days

Immerse yourself in the wonders of nature at a unique hotel nestled within the Yorkshire Wildlife Park, a hidden gem that opened its doors in 2022. Prepare for an extraordinary adventure as we dedicate a full day to exploring this wildlife sanctuary, where you will have the incredible opportunity to encounter England's only polar bears! On site there are independent shops and boutique stores to browse. On this holiday we also visit the awe-inspiring Lincoln Cathedral, enjoy a tranquil canal cruise and a visit to historic York.

DAY 1 Depart home area making suitable comfort stops, including lunch at Boundary Mills, Grantham. We arrive at our hotel with time to freshen up before our evening meal.

DAY 2 We start our day in Lincoln and visit the magnificent Lincoln Cathedral. This gothic building dates back to the 11th century, our visit includes a 1-hour Floor Tour where an expert guide reveals hundreds of years of history. We have time to explore the city and purchase lunch before our guided canal cruise. Take in the sights of Lincoln and the surrounding countryside while enjoying entertaining commentary.

DAY 3 Today we make the most of our unique accommodation with a visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park. As the UK's number one walkthrough wildlife experience, we're in for a 'roarsome' day with around 475 animals to meet! Among the 60 different species, highlights include Project Polar, home to the only polar bears in England; magnificent African Lions in the seven-acre Lion Country; a family of Californian sea lions in the largest purpose-built habitat of its kind in the world; and the 300-metre raised walkway above Land of the Tigers. Other critters to look out for include rhinos, giraffes, red pandas, leopards, monkeys, lemurs, zebras, and many more!

DAY 4 After breakfast we depart for York. Today is spent at leisure, perhaps visit the Jorvik Viking Centre, The Shambles, take a cruise on the River Ouse, or visit one of the many other attractions York has to offer (entries extra). There are many eateries to obtain lunch or refreshments.

DAY 5 After breakfast, we make our way home stopping in Stamford for lunch to be obtained.



PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Entrance and Floor Tour at Lincoln Cathedral
- 1-hour cruise of Lincoln
- 1 day Yorkshire Wildlife Park pass
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted throughout

HOTEL HEX, YORKSHIRE ★★★★★

The Hex Hotel, Yorkshire Wildlife Park opened in 2022, and is uniquely located in The Yorkshire Hive, a shopping, dining, and entertainment complex which also includes Yorkshire Wildlife Park. All bedrooms are to a superb standard and all offer a walk-in shower. All are equipped with a TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. Meals are served in the contemporary main restaurant and bar area. Please note: due to the unique set-up of this complex, the reception, bedrooms, restaurant, and bar are in separate buildings within The Yorkshire Hive, just a few steps from one another.



98 Reviews

Single Supplement £0 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£639^{PP}



Enchanting Harrogate

Monday 7th to Friday 11th October 2024 // 5 Days

Join us on this holiday to Harrogate, a delightful Victorian Spa town in an Area of Outstanding Beauty. Enjoy a cruise on the River Ouse in York and a tasting or two at the Wensleydale Creamery!

DAY 1 Travel to Yorkshire making suitable comfort stops along the way, including time in Newark for lunch to be purchased.

DAY 2 Spend the morning at leisure in Harrogate. There are many cafes, tea rooms and shops here, but no stay is complete without a visit to the famous Betty's Tea Room. Afterwards we travel to Skipton, with its famous 900-year old castle, romantic ruined priory and historic cobbled High Street, Skipton is endlessly rich both in history and natural beauty.

DAY 3 After breakfast we travel to York where we board our cruise. The York City Cruise is both an entertaining and informative tour of the River Ouse which enables us to admire the scenery from the comfort of the enclosed saloon or the upper deck. Take home fascinating facts about the incredible history of York and its river from the commentary delivered by the local skippers. Learn about York's famous history of flooding and its previous prosperity as an inland port, all while sailing along the very river that brought the Romans and the Vikings to this beautiful city. Afterwards, we have free time in York to purchase lunch and explore the city.

DAY 4 Travel through the spectacular Yorkshire Dales National Park to a delightful village called Hawes, home to the world famous Yorkshire Wensleydale Cheese. We visit the Wensleydale Creamery for an award-winning flagship cheese experience. Afterwards free time in Hawes to look around the charming individual shops and opportunity to purchase lunch in one of the tea rooms.

DAY 5 After breakfast we head home making suitable comfort stops along the way, including a stop in Stamford for lunch to be purchased.



PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- 1 hour York Sightseeing City Cruise
- Entrance to Wensleydale Creamery
- Coach excursions as described

THE OLD SWAN HOTEL, HARROGATE ★★★★★

Enter the Old Swan Hotel through its revolving doors, it is an elegant, ivycovered Victorian hotel with a traditional elegance. The hotel is surrounded by pretty lawns and gardens with history dating back nearly 200 years, including being the tranquil haven that Agatha Christie mysteriously disappeared in 1926.



2,387 Reviews

Single Supplement £20 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£625^{PP}

NORTH EAST



FULLY ESCORTED



Northumbria, The Farne Islands & The Holy Island

Monday 15th to Friday 19th April 2024 // 5 Days

Monday 23rd to Friday 27th September 2024 // 5 Days

Skim over the sands and causeway to the Holiday Island and prepare to enter another world. Cruise around the rocky Farne Islands; a habitat for seals and many species of seabird - possibly one of the most exciting seabird colonies in England! Did you know that Northumberland has more castles than any other county in England? Many of these castles, including Alnwick, stand guard along our dramatic coast.

DAY 1 Travel to our hotel making suitable comfort stops along the way. Arrive at hotel with time to relax before our evening meal.

DAY 2 Today we visit Alnwick Castle & Gardens, one of Britain's most iconic Castles, which featured as 'Hogwarts' in the Harry Potter movies. Be spellbound by The Alnwick Garden, landscaped hedges, and flower beds around the water cascade. The Alnwick Garden includes the Poison Garden, home to a gruesome collection of lethal plants. There are a wide range of food & drink options here for lunch to be purchased.

DAY 3 Visit Seahouses, 'The Gateway to the Farne Islands', which is a large village on the North Northumberland coast. Here we join a boat tour around the Farne Islands, where we view the true residents, a large colony of Grey Seals. Afterwards, visit the Holy Island of Lindisfarne, lying just a few miles off the coast the Holy Island is cut off twice daily from the rest of the world by fast moving tides.

DAY 4 Travel to Cragside House & Gardens, an extraordinary Victorian house with gardens and woodland, for time at leisure. This is one of Northumbria's most unique attractions, discover the first house in the world to be lit by hydroelectricity. It is crammed full of ingenious gadgets. The gardens are incredible. One of the largest rock gardens in Europe leads down to the Iron Bridge, which in turn leads to the formal garden. Lunch can be purchased in the tea rooms which overlook Tumbleton lake.

DAY 5 Return to home area making suitable comfort stops, including time at Boundary Mills, Grantham, for lunch to be purchased.

Please note that wildlife viewings are weather dependent and therefore cannot be guaranteed.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Entrance to Alnwick Castle & Gardens, including the Poison Garden
- Entrance to Cragside House & Gardens
- Grey Seal Cruise around the Farne Islands
- Fully escorted throughout

APRIL 2024 LITTLE HAVEN HOTEL, SOUTH SHIELDS ★★★

Uniquely situated at the gateway of the River Tyne, the Little Haven Hotel boasts extensive views. Enjoy a varied wining and dining experience in the beautiful conservatory style restaurant. Please note this hotel does not have rooms with walk in showers. If you would like to guarantee a room with a sea view there is a supplement, please enquire.



1,290 Reviews

Single Supplement £80 / Travel Insurance £40.32

APRIL £605^{PP}

SEPTEMBER 2024 COPTHORNE HOTEL, NEWCASTLE ★★★★

Located in the city centre on the River Tyne is the 4-star Copthorne Hotel in Newcastle. Casual rooms provide free WiFi, TV and tea/coffee making facilities. **Please note:** this hotel does not have any rooms with a walk in shower.



2,852 Reviews

Single Supplement £113 / Travel Insurance £40.32

SEPTEMBER £645^{PP}



FULLY ESCORTED

Discover Durham & The Historic North East

Monday 8th to Friday 12th July 2024 // 5 Days

Durham is home to the most beautiful Romanesque cathedral in England, positioned next to Durham Castle, forming an impressive panorama. You will enjoy exploring this compact city, The Beamish Open Air Museum, Bowes Museum and the mighty Raby Castle and Deer Park which feature on this holiday.

DAY 1 Travel to County Durham making suitable comfort stops, including a stop in Newark for lunch to be purchased.

DAY 2 After breakfast we visit the Living Museum of the North, Beamish. This famous open-air museum, set within 300 acres of beautiful County Durham countryside, tells the story of life in North East England during the 1820s, 1900s and 1940s. We experience town life as it would have been in the 1940s during World War II, we visit a 1940's farm, pop into the Colliery and Pit Village in the early 1900s and take unlimited free rides on the Beamish tram. There are plenty of places to purchase refreshments.

DAY 3 Today we travel to the mighty Raby Castle and Deer Park to discover over 600 years of history on a guided tour. It is one of the finest and best-preserved medieval castles in North East England. Opportunity to purchase lunch in Raby Castle's Yurt Café and Stables Shop before visiting the award-winning Bowes Museum. This fabulous museum has a romantic history and stunning galleries can be discovered inside this listed building which resembles a French chateau. Opportunity to purchase afternoon tea in Café Bowes before returning to our hotel.

DAY 4 After breakfast we travel to Durham. This morning we have a guided tour of one of the most iconic landmarks in England, Durham Cathedral which took over 40 years to complete. The Cathedral is known for its stunning Romanesque architecture, including its famous rose window, which is one of the largest in Europe. We discover the story of a nation through this monumental building before free time this afternoon to explore the city. Take a wander around Prince Bishops Shopping centre, home to an eclectic mix of popular high streets stores, independent shops and eateries. Opportunity to try Durham's traditional dish called 'stotty cake'.

DAY 5 We depart our hotel after breakfast and travel back to home area making suitable comfort stops along the way, including a stop in Stamford, where numerous period dramas have been filmed, for lunch to be purchased.



PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee on arrival
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Free use of the hotel leisure facilities
- Entrance into Bowes Museum
- Entrance & guided tour of Raby Castle and entrance to Deer Park
- Entrance to Beamish Open-Air Museum
- Guided tour of Durham Cathedral
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted throughout

REDWORTH HALL HOTEL, NEWTON AYCLIFFE ★★★★★

Redworth Hall is a stunning 17th century Jacobean Manor House situated in the blissful tranquillity of its own 26 acres of landscaped grounds. This 4-star hotel combines traditional elegance with contemporary style. The health club offers fantastic facilities including indoor swimming pool, tennis, sauna, steam room and beauty room.



6,169 Reviews

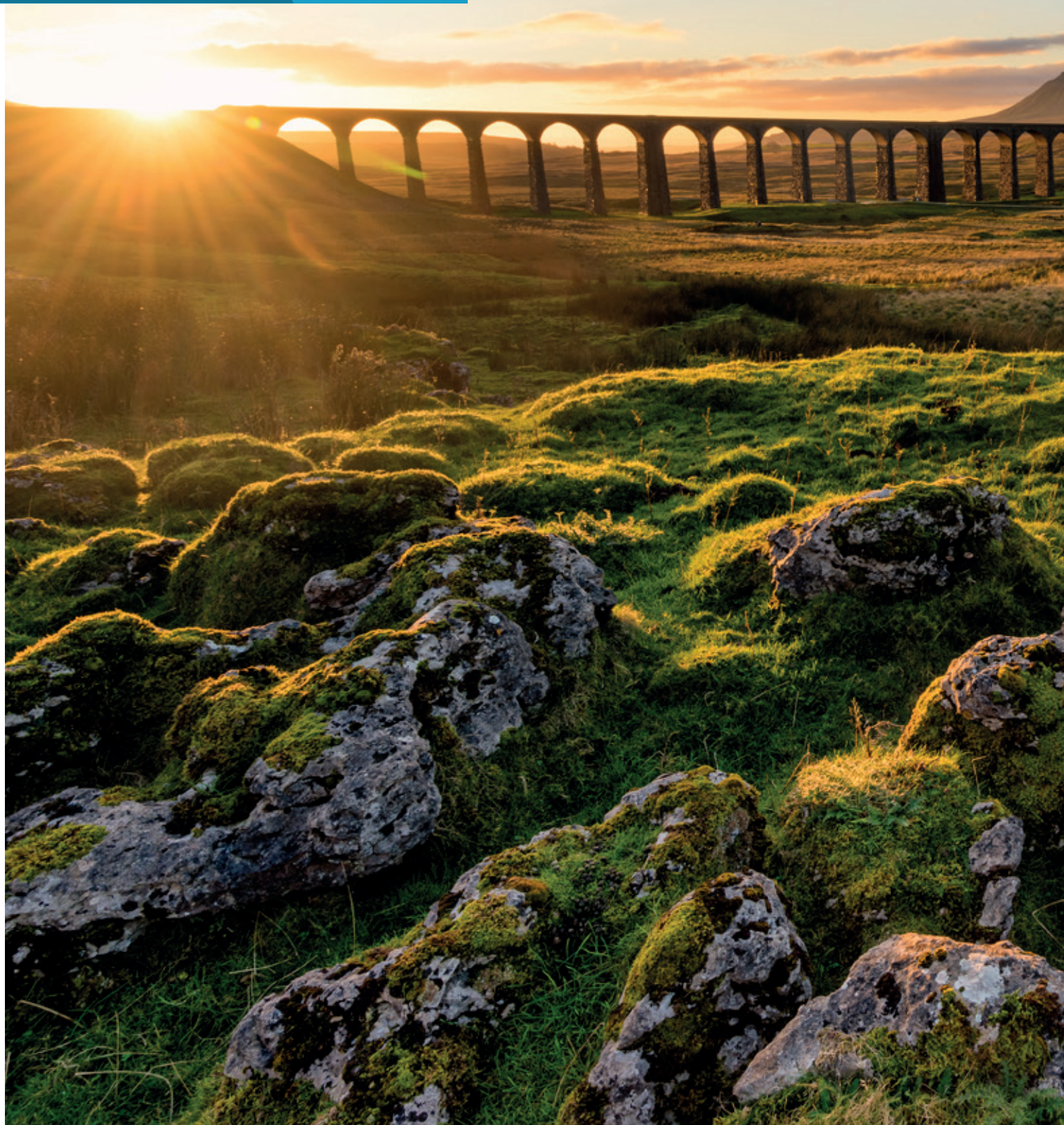
Single Supplement £134 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£689^{PP}

NORTH WEST

NEW FOR 2024

Barge, Blooms & TV in the North West





Chester City Break

Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th November 2023 // 4 Days

Visit Chester, known for its extensive Roman walls, oldest racecourse, largest Roman Amphitheatre in Britain, its 1000-year-old cathedral, the Eastgate Clock and the Chester Rows. As well as its history and heritage, Chester is a vibrant, dynamic city full of bars, pubs, cafes, restaurants and shops, there is lots to discover, all a short walk from our hotel.

DAY 1 Depart home area and travel to Chester making a suitable comfort stop on route.

DAY 2 & 3 Breakfast is included at our hotel. The rest of the day is ours to explore the city.

DAY 4 After breakfast enjoy some more free time in the city before we join the coach around midday to return home.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 3 nights bed & breakfast

THE QUEEN AT CHESTER, BW PREMIER COLLECTION ★★★★★

This upscale hotel is a grand Victorian building in a great location. Chester Cathedral is just a 14-minute walk and Chester Railway is situated opposite the hotel. Rooms feature creative décor, bold colours and plush fabrics, enjoy free Wi-Fi, flat-screen TV's and tea/coffee making facilities. We can enjoy a drink in the bar or relax in the Italian-style terraced garden. Please note: whilst there is a lift at this hotel, it doesn't access all floors.



4.182 Reviews

Single Supplement £145.50 / Travel Insurance £35.64

£409^{PP}



FULLY ESCORTED
by Karen Kirby

Special Entertainment Break in the Lake District

Friday 15th to Monday 18th March 2024 // 4 Days

It's back! Join us on this fabulous entertainment weekend break to the family-run Auckland Hotel in Morecambe. This is a guaranteed fun weekend with party games and an optional fancy dress competition! We will also visit some lovely areas in the Lake District and Yorkshire Dales.

DAY 1 We depart home area and make our way to our hotel making suitable comfort stops. We arrive at our hotel late afternoon, evening meal is followed by entertainment.

DAY 2 After breakfast we travel across the Forest of Bowland, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty to the market town of Skipton, often referred to the 'Gateway to the Dales'. Skipton's high street has been voted as one of the best in Britain. Skipton Castle is one of the most well-preserved medieval castles in England. Time here to purchase lunch before we head to the pretty village of Hawes, home to the famous Wensleydale Creamery made famous by the Wallace & Gromit animated films. Hawes was the filming location for 'All Creature Great & Small'. Return to our hotel for our evening meal followed a night of great entertainment.

DAY 3 Today we head into the Lake District National Park and Grasmere, the former home of William Wordsworth who described it as 'the loveliest spot that man hath ever found'. Opportunity to visit the famous Gingerbread shop where the recipe has been a closely guarded secret for over 160 years and to purchase refreshments before continuing to Bowness on Lake Windermere, opportunity to take a boat trip on Lake Windermere (approx. £10pp). Bowness was the home of Beatrix Potter and there are many individual quirky shops and tea rooms to obtain refreshments before returning to our hotel for our evening meal followed by the last night of entertainment.

DAY 4 We depart our hotel and make our way homeward, stopping in Stamford to purchase lunch, many period dramas have been filmed here.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 3 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Evening entertainment each night including an optional fancy dress competition
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted by Karen Kirby

THE AUCKLAND HOTEL, MORECAMBE ★★

This family run hotel is situated on the seafront in the central promenade, offering a spectacular view of Morecambe Bay and the Lakeland hills beyond. The hotel is within easy reach of the shops, market and cinema.



357 Reviews

Single Supplement £0 / Travel Insurance £35.64

£399^{PP}

FULLY ESCORTED



Cheshire Spring Break

Sunday 10th to Thursday 14th March 2024 // 5 Days

This spring break takes us to the outstanding county of Cheshire. Visit Chester and be entertained by a local guide, visit Lyme Park, the setting for many film locations, and enjoy a scenic tour of the Peak District National Park. There is so much included in this holiday you will not want to go home!

DAY 1 Depart home area and after a suitable comfort break we head for the beautiful Cathedral city of Lichfield. There are many unique shops to browse and eateries for lunch. We then continue to our hotel with time to freshen up before our evening meal.

DAY 2 After breakfast we make our way to the ancient walled city of Chester. Enjoy a 1-hr coach guided tour of Chester and its surroundings by Chester's local guide, Tom Jones (he cannot sing like Sir Tom Jones, so please do not ask him!). Afterwards spend the rest of the day exploring this wonderful city. If it's a nice day we can take a walk around the walls of the city. We return to our hotel for an afternoon cream tea. After dinner tonight, we enjoy a night of entertainment.

DAY 3 Today we visit Lyme House & Park, the film location for 'Pemberley' in the BBC Adaptation of 'Pride & Prejudice' starring Colin Firth, which has made it one of the most famous country house images in England. This magnificent estate is situated on the edge of the Peak District National Park, nestling within sweeping moorland. Step inside and explore its beautiful features and admire the fascinating collections as you walk through six centuries of history. Take a walk around the informal gardens, ancient woodlands, and rugged moorland. There is a café on site to purchase lunch and refreshments.

DAY 4 Today enjoy a scenic tour of the Peak District National Park including Snake Pass, Ladybower Reservoir (made famous by the Dambusters), Castleton, Eyam (the plague village) and our last stop in Bakewell. Why not bring home a traditional Bakewell

pudding? We return to our hotel with time to relax and after our meal tonight we enjoy our last evening of entertainment.

DAY 5 Our return journey takes us to Stamford for our lunch stop, where there are over 600 Grade II listed buildings and has been the film location for 'Pride & Prejudice' amongst other period dramas.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee on arrival
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Cream tea at the hotel on one afternoon
- 2 nights of evening in-house entertainment such as bingo/quiz
- Guided coach tour of Chester
- Entry to Lyme House and Park
- Coach excursions to Lichfield, Chester, Castleton, Eyam, Bakewell and Stamford
- Fully escorted throughout

HOLLIN HOUSE HOTEL, MACCLESFIELD ★★★

This Gothic-style Victorian mansion house is situated on the edge of the glorious Peak District and is an absolute gem. It is a perfect country retreat overlooking landscaped gardens and fields, the hotel is full of character and ambience and offers a friendly welcome making you feel at home right away. The intimate restaurant and bar lounge offers glorious views over the Cheshire countryside. **Please note:** this hotel does not have rooms with walk in showers.



1,025 Reviews

Single Supplement £130 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£519^{PP}



The Lake District & Yorkshire Dales

Monday 13th to Friday 17th May 2024 // 5 Days

Friday 27th September to Tuesday 1st October 2024 // 5 Days

Discover the magnificent Lake District, the largest of England's National Parks. Visit Grassmere where William Wordsworth attended school (now a famous Gingerbread shop). The Lake District inspired Wordsworth to write 'I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud'. The Yorkshire Dales has some of the most spectacular scenery in England. This will be a truly a breath-taking holiday.

DAY 1 We travel to the Lake District making comfort stops along the way, including a stop at the National Memorial Arboretum.

DAY 2 Today we enjoy a scenic tour of the Yorkshire Dales National Park. We head to the edge of the National Park to the delightful historic market town of Kirkby Lonsdale in the Lune Valley. Opportunity to purchase morning refreshments here before we continue a very short distance to see Devils Bridge, a magnificent three-arched bridge, dating back to the 12th century which is now classed as an ancient monument. We continue to the delightful town of Hawes, famous for the production of Wensleydale Cheese. Today is market day*. There are many quaint individual shops to browse and tea rooms to purchase lunch. We then head back to our hotel via Sedburgh.

DAY 3 We start our day with a scenic drive through the picturesque Lake District. Travelling north via Windermere, we arrive in Bowness on Windermere, a delightful town with plenty of individual shops to browse and tea rooms to obtain morning refreshments. Opportunity to take a boat trip on Windermere (extra cost). Afterwards we continue via Ambleside, the head of England's largest natural lake, to the picture-postcard village of Grasmere – home to Wordsworth when he wrote his famous poem, "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud", inspired by the flowers and scenery of the Lake District. We stop here for lunch to be obtained. Afterwards we travel via Conistown Waters and return to our hotel.

DAY 4 This morning we take a short ride to Ulverston, a market town with old buildings and a labyrinth of cobbled streets. Opportunity to visit the Laurel and Hardy Museum (entry extra) as this was the town where Stan Laurel was born in 1890. There are plenty of shops to browse and eateries to purchase lunch before returning to our hotel. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Grange-Over-Sands.

DAY 5 After breakfast we return home making suitable comfort stops along the way.

**Market dates correct at time of brochure print.*

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Live musical entertainment on 2 nights
- Coach excursions as described

CUMBRIA GRAND HOTEL, GRANGE-OVER-SANDS ★★★

This charming 3-star Victorian hotel is set in 20 acres of private gardens and woodlands overlooking Morecambe Bay. The Hazelwood Restaurant serves traditional cuisine using the finest local ingredients and boasts a fine selection of wines to accompany the menu. The beach is within easy walking distance and Grange-over-Sands Rail Station is 10 minutes' walk away. There is a lift to all floors.



1,535 Reviews

Single Supplement £0 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£599^{PP}

FULLY ESCORTED



The Magical Isle of Man

Saturday 18th to Thursday 23rd May 2024 // 6 Days

Saturday 21st to Thursday 26th September 2024 // 6 Days

It was once believed that the Isle of Man's location, in the centre of the Irish Sea, was because an English giant stole a woman away from an Irish giant, Finn MacCoul, who was so furious that he threw rocks at his rival. He clearly did not use enough force, hence the rocks landing in the sea, midway between Ireland and England. And thus, the magical story of the Isle of Man begins. Join us on this inspirational tour of this remarkable, self-governing island.

DAY 1 We enjoy a continental breakfast on board the coach as we travel northwards to Heysham, for our ferry crossing making suitable comfort stops along the way. The hotel is a short drive away from Douglas Harbour.

DAY 2 After breakfast we board our tramcar at the Manx Electric Railway in Douglas, which has been operating for more than 125 years, and travel in Victorian style to Laxey to explore the north of the island. On arrival we walk a short distance to the Laxey Wheel. This feat of Victorian engineering and ingenuity is the largest surviving waterwheel of its kind in the world. Watch the mighty wheel turn and climb to the top for panoramic views across Glen Mooar Valley. Afterwards we board the Snaefell Mountain Railway running from the village of Laxey to the summit of Snaefell, the only mountain on the Island. The railway winds its way up 2000ft to the top of Snaefell. It is the only place in the British Isles where you can see seven kingdoms on a clear day - England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Heaven, Mann and the Sea just by turning around.

DAY 3 This morning we enjoy a horse drawn tram ride along Douglas Promenade, the Douglas Horse Trams have been in existence on the Isle of Man since 1876. We have some time at leisure after our tram ride before joining our coach for the Isle of Man Steam Railway from Douglas. Here we board the longest narrow gauge steam line in Britain that still uses its original locomotives and carriages to Castletown. Time allowed in Castletown to purchase refreshments before we continue a scenic drive to the most southernly part of the Island to The Sound with outstanding views out to the Calf of Man. Opportunity to purchase refreshments in the friendly café.

DAY 4 Enjoy a free day in Douglas. Opportunity to visit the Manx Museum which tells the story of the Isle of Man from prehistoric times to the present day. (Entry extra). Take a walk along the promenade and visit the new Bee Gees Statue (the Bee Gees were born on the Isle of Man) or take a walk around the many delightful shops.

DAY 5 After breakfast we visit Peel, a seaside town and fishing port, opportunity to purchase morning refreshments, browse the

shops or visit Peel Castle ruins and learn about its history (entry extra). Afterwards we visit Milntown House, set in the beautiful parish of Lezayre and is the Island's only historic estate and boasts 15 acres of beautiful gardens and woodlands which surround the magnificent mansion and café at its heart. We have a guided tour of the house and self-guided tour of the gardens and enjoy an included afternoon tea before returning to our hotel.

DAY 6 After breakfast we catch a morning ferry crossing from Douglas back to Heysham, travelling back to home area making suitable comfort stops along the way.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Breakfast onboard on outward journey
- Return ferry from Heysham to Douglas
- 5 nights dinner, bed and breakfast
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Manx Electric Wheel
- Laxey Wheel
- Snaefell Mountain railway
- Journey on the Douglas Horse Drawn Trams
- Single journey from Douglas to Castletown on the Isle of Man Steam Railway
- Visit to Milltown Historic Estate with House Tour and Afternoon Tea
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted throughout

UK residents travelling to the IOM no longer qualify for free health treatment, therefore, we strongly recommend all passengers take out comprehensive travel insurance, either independently or through Kirbys.

THE EMPRESS HOTEL, DOUGLAS ★★★★★

Set in a Victorian townhouse along the beachfront promenade, this hotel overlooks Douglas Bay. Snug, relaxed rooms feature marble bathrooms, free Wi-Fi, flatscreen TVs and tea/coffee making facilities. Please note that this hotel does not have rooms with walk in showers.



1,200 Reviews

Single Supplement £80 / Travel Insurance £41.22

£995^{PP}

Single Supplement £92 / Travel Insurance £41.22

£975^{PP}

FULLY ESCORTED



The Spectacular City of Liverpool

Monday 17th to Friday 21st June 2024 // 5 Days

Liverpool is host to many attractions throughout the city. If you are a fan of the Beatles, you will love the colourful Magical Mystery tour bus which includes entrance to the Cavern Club. This holiday also features Radio City Tower and the interesting Museum of Liverpool, but a visit here is not complete without a trip on the 'Ferry cross the Mersey'!

DAY 1 Travel to Liverpool making suitable refreshment stops.

DAY 2 See Liverpool's iconic sights aboard the Mersey Ferry, on this 50-minute cruise we enjoy the best views along the riverside. We then visit the Museum of Liverpool. There will be free time for lunch to be purchased before our free afternoon spent in Liverpool's city centre.

DAY 3 Today we step aboard the colourful Magical Mystery Tour bus for a fun and fascinating 2-hour tour of Beatles Liverpool. We will be kept entertained along the way by one of their professional Beatles Guides and some Fab Four tunes. The tour finishes at the legendary Cavern Club where we can enjoy live music from the Cavern's resident musicians. We have free time in Liverpool this afternoon to explore.

DAY 4 Enjoy the 360° viewing gallery of the Radio City Tower. The observation platform at St Johns Beacon is a unique way to see the ever-changing landscape of Liverpool from 450ft in the sky! Afterwards we visit the famous Royal Albert Dock, now housing a range of museums, restaurants, shops, cafes, and bars along the waterfront.

DAY 5 After breakfast we head for home stopping in Melton Mowbray for lunch to be purchased.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee on arrival
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- 50-minute Mersey Ferry cruise
- Entrance to the Museum of Liverpool
- 2 hour guided Magical Mystery tour including entrance to the Cavern Club
- Entrance to St Johns Beacon
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted throughout

ALOFT HOTEL, LIVERPOOL ★★★★★

The Aloft Hotel is perfectly located in the centre of Liverpool. The Grade II listed building blends together the old and the new with contrasting modern bedrooms and facilities. Hotel facilities include an on-site gym, Michelin guide recommended restaurant and bar. All rooms come en-suite with walk in shower, television, WiFi, complimentary water and hairdryer.



2,310 Reviews

Single Supplement £118 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£679^{PP}



Coronation Street Weekend Break

Friday 21st to Monday 24th June 2024 // 4 Days

Join us on this weekend tour to Manchester for fans of Coronation Street. Go behind the scenes of the Coronation Street set, see the Rovers Return, stroll past the Roy's Rolls Café, and follow in the footsteps of your favourite characters.

DAY 1 Depart from home area and travel to Altrincham, arriving late afternoon at our hotel where we check in for our 2-night stay.

DAY 2 This morning we travel to the Trafford Centre, a large indoor shopping and leisure complex. Home to many restaurants for us to enjoy lunch. If we don't wish to browse in the many shops, we can visit the Manchester Sea Life Centre (extra cost). This afternoon we make our way to ITV Studios for our Coronation Street Tour. Explore Coronation Street's famous cobbles as you stroll past the Roy's Rolls Café or check out Kev's car shop, Webster's Auto Centre. Wander past The Kabin, see the most action-packed pub in the North West, The Rovers Return and even Weatherfield North.

DAY 3 After breakfast we take a short drive to RHS Bridgewater, a stunning botanical garden which opened in 2020. It is the Royal Horticultural Society's fifth garden and spans over 150 acres. During our visit we can explore beautifully landscaped gardens, a picturesque lake, and a diverse range of plants and flowers. We can choose from the Bridgewater Café, Stables Café or Garden Cottage Shepherds Hut for something to eat or drink during our visit.

DAY 4 After breakfast enjoy a scenic route via Todmorden, Charlestown, Hebden Bridge and the Calder Valley where 'Happy Valley' and 'Last Tango in Halifax' was filmed, we then continue via Sowerby Bridge to Halifax. Halifax is the largest market town in the Calderdale and is internationally known for its Mackintosh chocolate and toffee (now owned by Nestlé). In the centre of the town, you will find the wonderful Victorian Borough indoor market situated close to Piece Hall which dates back to 1779, now home to history exhibits, shops, bars and restaurants. We then continue homewards making a suitable refreshment stop enroute.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 3 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee on arrival
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Coronation Street Tour
- Entry to RHS Bridgewater
- Coach excursions as described

AC HOTEL BY MARRIOTT Salford Quays, MANCHESTER ***

This trendy hotel offers comfortable contemporary rooms that have free Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs, and tea/coffee making facilities. There's a laid-back restaurant/bar and a 24/7 gym.



656 Reviews

Single Supplement £89 / Travel Insurance £35.64

£459^{PP}



Blackpool Illuminations & The Lake District

Friday 18th to Monday 21st October 2024 // 4 Days

Blackpool Illuminations, the biggest FREE light show on earth has become somewhat of an iconic part of British culture. At 10 kilometres long and using over one million bulbs the Blackpool Illuminations are an awesome spectacle.

DAY 1 Head to Morecambe making suitable comfort stops along the way.

DAY 2 After breakfast visit the Lake District, travel across the Kirkstone Pass to Keswick for lunch to be purchased. Afterwards we visit Bowness on Windermere, a truly delightful town. Free time to browse the shops and opportunity to enjoy a boat ride on Lake Windermere (price not included).

DAY 3 After breakfast join our driver for a scenic drive through the Forest of Bowland to Devil's Bridge. There will be an early dinner served this evening before departing for the Blackpool Illuminations. One million lights over 10km make the world famous Blackpool Illuminations an awesome spectacle.

DAY 4 After breakfast return to home area with suitable comfort stops, including free time in Stamford for lunch to be purchased. The pretty facades of the town are favourites with film and television producers - Stamford was used as 'Meryton' in the 2005 'Pride & Prejudice' film, also featured in 'Middlemarch', 'The Da Vinci Code' and the 'Golden Bowl'.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 3 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Some evening entertainment
- Coach excursions as described

THE AUCKLAND HOTEL, MORECAMBE **

This family run hotel is situated on the seafront in the central promenade, offering a spectacular view of Morecambe Bay and the Lakeland hills beyond. The hotel is within easy reach of the shops, market and cinema.

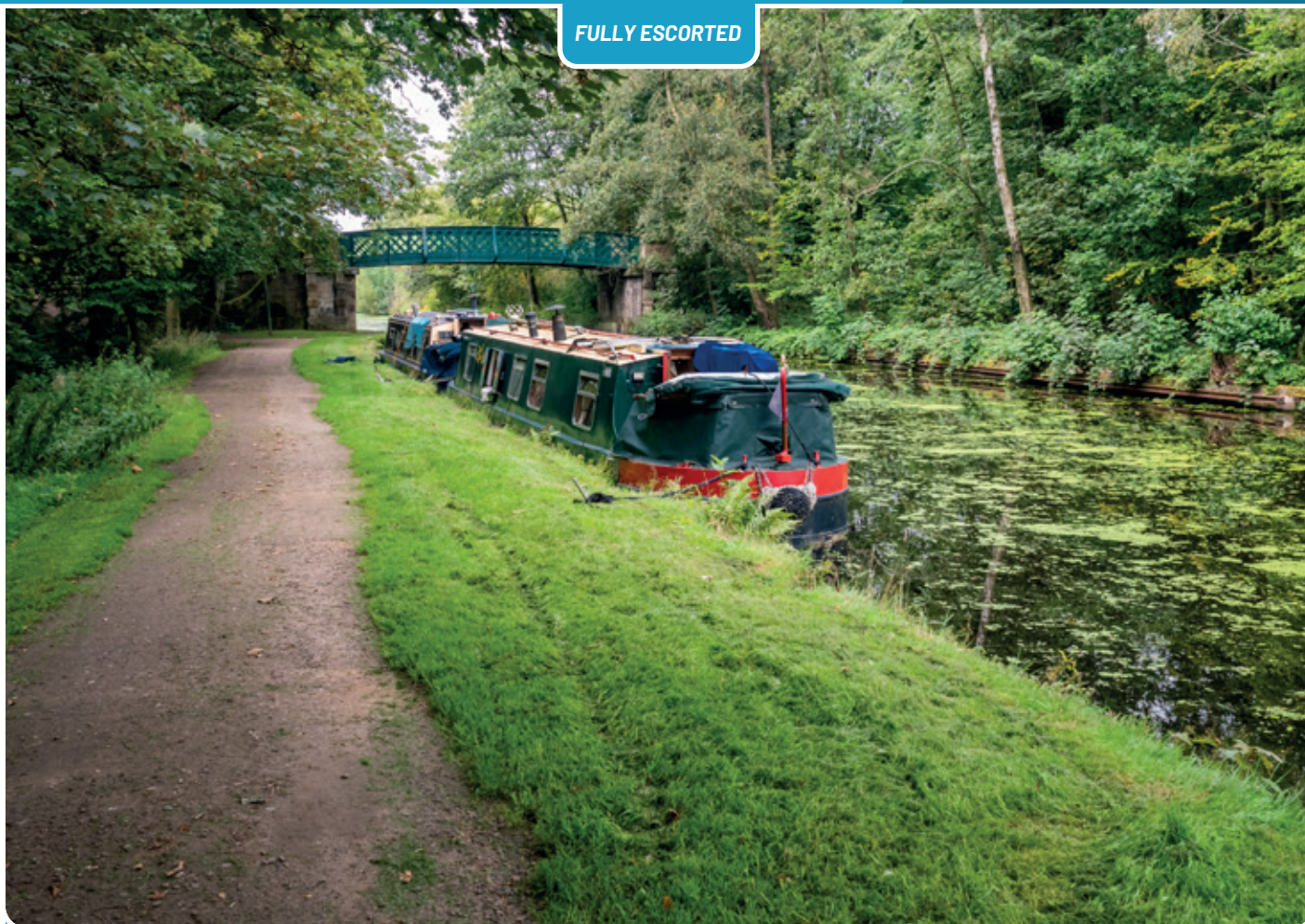


357 Reviews

Single Supplement £0 / Travel Insurance £35.64

£375^{PP}

FULLY ESCORTED



Barge, Blooms & TV in the North West

Thursday 8th to Monday 12th August 2024 // 5 Days

This captivating holiday offers a delightful mix of cultural exploration, natural beauty, and behind-the-scene glimpses.

DAY 1 Depart home area and stop in the beautiful city of Lichfield with its magnificent three-spined medieval cathedral. Walk along the historic streets lined with tempting shops and restaurants. We continue to our hotel with time to freshen up before our evening meal.

DAY 2 After breakfast, we travel to Wigan pier for a 2-hour barge cruise to see the beauty of the outlying Douglas Valley. Whilst onboard enjoy a cup of tea/coffee with biscuits. Afterwards we travel to the spectacular RHS Bridgewater Gardens. Opportunity to purchase lunch here with the rest of the afternoon at leisure to explore this 150-acre site. See the Weston Walled Gardens which contain multiple garden rooms, complementary sub-gardens each exploring different horticultural style and characterful listed buildings, the wider woodland, meadows and stunning lakes.

DAY 3 Today we head to Salford for a Coronation Street tour at MediaCity. Discover the stories behind the life on the nation's favourite street as you go behind the scenes and walk the cobbles! This unique opportunity gives us access to all areas to the outdoor Coronation Street set, revealing off-air secrets and fascinating facts. Afterwards we have free time in the Lowry Outlet, a popular discount shopping attraction next to MediaCity with an excellent choice of eateries.

DAY 4 Today we travel to the picturesque city of Chester, where we meet our guide, Tom Jones, for a guided coach tour around Chester. The rest of the morning is ours to explore the pretty medieval streets and the famous Rows, time to obtain lunch before our afternoon visit to Port Sunlight Village. It is a beautiful model village originally designed to house 'Sunlight Soap' factory

workers, but today is home to a fascinating museum, beautiful architecture, a world-class art gallery, stunning parkland and a thriving community. It was used as the location for Aunt Polly's Sutton Coldfield house in the very popular BBC gangster drama, Peaky Blinders. Time to purchase afternoon refreshments here before returning to our hotel.

DAY 5 Today we return to home area stopping enroute at Melton Mowbray, famous for the Melton Pork Pie and as the centre of Stilton Cheese production making it the 'Rural Capital of Food'.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Entry to RHS Bridgewater
- 2-hour barge cruise with tea/coffee & biscuits
- Entry and tour of Port Sunlight Village
- Coronation Street Tour
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted throughout

THE PARK ROYAL HOTEL & SPA, WARRINGTON ★★★★★

This 4-star hotel is set in 2.5 acres of grounds and part of this hotel housed a former vicarage dating to 1831. The sophisticated, subdued rooms feature free WiFi, tea and coffee making facilities and TV. There's a formal restaurant, a casual bar/grill, plus an extensive health club and spa with a gym, indoor pool, sauna, and tennis courts.

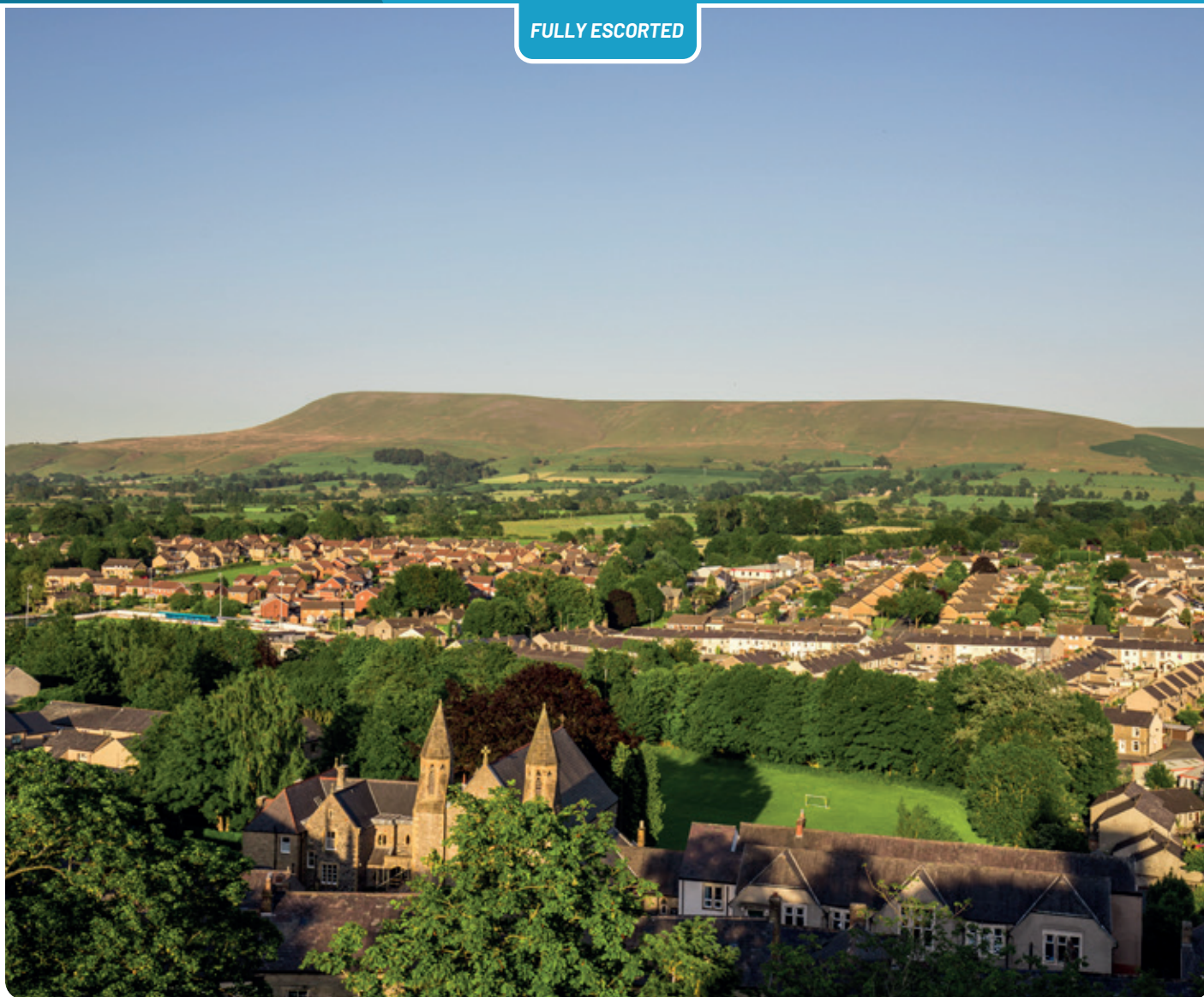


2,279 Reviews

Single Supplement £136 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£699^{PP}

FULLY ESCORTED



Ales & Haunted Tales, Lancashire

Monday 19th to Friday 23rd August 2024 // 5 Days

The stunning countryside and picturesque villages of the Ribble Valley are home to some mysterious residents and this tour explores the haunting and ghostly goings on in this area of Lancashire.

DAY 1 We depart home area and after making a suitable refreshment stop, we continue to Lichfield for free time to purchase lunch before continuing to our hotel. We enjoy a welcome tea/coffee whilst our luggage is taken to our room.

DAY 2 This morning we depart on a full guided tour of the Ribble Valley to include, time allowing, stops at up to 5 Inns! Hear stories of textile rioting and ghostly sightings in Clitheroe. See the law courts upstairs in the famous 1693 Hark to Bounty Inn before an included lunch (soup, sandwich, glass of ale & tea/coffee) at the Calf's Head, Worston. We then continue to the Sun Inn at Chipping, Lancashire's most haunted public house, before stopping in Whalley enroute back to our hotel.

DAY 3 Today we travel north for a visit to Skipton and a cruise on the Leeds Liverpool Canal. With humorous and interesting commentary, the history is important thoroughfare is brought to life. After free time in the town, continue to the Yorkshire Dale for a stop in Grassington, one of Yorkshire's prettiest villages with numerous tea rooms, delightful and quaint shops.

DAY 4 Today we explore 'Pendle Witches' country with a guide. Learn about the local women who were branded as witches and out on trial in the 15th century. Afterwards visit Samlesbury Hall

a beautiful half-timbered medieval house with a turbulent and dramatic history and now one of the most haunted locations in Britain.

DAY 5 After breakfast we depart for home area stopping in Stamford for free time and lunch to be obtained.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Ales & Ghost tour of the Ribble Valley
- Lunch at the Calf's Head (soup and sandwich and a glass of ale/tea/coffee)
- 1 hour cruise on the Leeds Liverpool Canal
- Entrance to Samlesbury Hall
- Full days guided tour of Pendle Witch Country
- Fully escorted throughout

MACDONALD TICKLED TROUT HOTEL, PRESTON ★★

On the banks of the River Ribble, is the Macdonald Tricked Trout Hotel. Traditional rooms come equipped with en suite bathrooms, free WiFi, TV and tea/coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves regional cuisine, and from the bar and lounge we can admire views of the river. Please note that although there is a lift at the hotel there are steps to access it.



1,987 Reviews

Single Supplement £136 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£659^{PP}

SCOTLAND

NEW FOR 2024

The Heart of Scottish Borders

Scotland and its Royal Connections

Scotland's North Coast 500



FULLY ESCORTED
by Karen Kirby



Scottish Autumn Gold All Inclusive* House Party

Thursday 26th to Monday 30th October 2023 // 5 Days

Join us on this entertaining holiday, staying at the popular Winnock Hotel situated on the edge of Loch Lomond and enjoy the changing colours of the surrounding Lochs and Glens. There will be plenty of evening entertainment provided by the hotel from their famous Scottish show to live music and a free bar from 7.30pm to 10.30pm each evening to enjoy.

DAY 1 We travel to Scotland making frequent comfort stops along the way, arriving at our hotel with time to freshen up before our welcome drink's reception with management.

DAY 2 After our first Scottish breakfast, we visit Stirling, a wee city with a big history overlooked by Stirling Castle. Opportunity to visit the many delightful shops before returning to our hotel for lunch. Afterwards, we re-join the coach to the stunning Loch Lomond Shores Shopping Centre situated nearby. After our evening meal we enjoy our Scottish entertainment.

DAY 3 After breakfast we visit the pretty town of Callander which lies south of the Highland Boundary Fault, historically a meeting point between the Highlands and the Lowlands. Return to hotel for lunch. This afternoon visit Glasgow, famed for its Victorian and art nouveau architecture. There are plenty of museums to visit including the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum or take a walk down Buchanan Street, Glasgow's famous main pedestrianised shopping area lined with big names including the original House of Fraser department store which was founded in Glasgow in 1849. Or take the Hop-on Hop-off Bus for a tour of Glasgow (extra cost) for approx. 2 hours.

DAY 4 Today we pick up our packed lunch from the hotel and depart for Perthshire Visitor Centre for a tasting or two of their local alcoholic drinks. Opportunity to purchase morning refreshments here before continuing to Pitlochry located at the foot of the Highlands. It has been a tourist attraction ever since Queen Victoria visited in the mid-19th century. She fell in love with the town and it is a firm favourite with many tourists today. There

are many independent shops and eateries. We then return to our hotel for our evening meal followed by a night of entertainment.

DAY 5 After breakfast we travel back to our home area with frequent comfort stops along the way.

**Under the terms of the Licensing (Scotland) act 2005, the supply of alcoholic drinks in our All Inclusive Packages is not unlimited. Subject to hotel's discretion in the case of drunkenness, patrons on an All Inclusive Package shall be permitted a maximum of £20.00 worth of alcoholic drinks per day as part of the package.*

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights full board accommodation (excluding lunch on Days 1 & 5)
- Welcome drinks reception
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Free bar* between 19:30-22:30hrs each night on selected drinks
- Evening entertainment on 3 nights
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted by Karen Kirby

WINNOCK HOTEL, DRYMEN ★★★

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1,547 Reviews

Single Supplement £140 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£619^{PP}

FULLY ESCORTED
by Karen Kirby



All Inclusive* Burns Break, Scotland

Thursday 11th to Monday 15th January 2024 // 5 Days

Join Karen on this special fully inclusive* Scottish Break staying at the welcoming and award-winning Winnock Hotel located on the shores of Loch Lomond. During the course of the week we will see stunning scenery in the Trossach National Park, be entertained every evening and enjoy a wee drink or two! A holiday not to be missed.

DAY 1 We head to our hotel in Scotland making suitable comfort stops. Enjoy a pre-dinner drink in the bar before our evening meal.

DAY 2 Today we visit the vibrant city of Stirling known as the 'Gateway to the Highlands'. It is full of character and steeped in history. Later we visit Helix Park, the home of the remarkable Kelpies, don't forget your cameras.

DAY 3 Today we take a scenic drive along Loch Lomond in The Trossachs National Park and head for Tarbet. Here we will board our boat and enjoy a cruise experiencing the magic of Loch Lomond's magnificent scenery. We return to our hotel for our included lunch, then this afternoon we can relax before our evening of Scottish entertainment.

DAY 4 After breakfast we travel through the Trossachs and visit Inverary, a true gem. There are many quirky shops and places to obtain lunch before continuing through the National Park to Callander, a pretty town which lies between the Highlands and the Lowlands on the River Teith. After dinner we enjoy our last night of entertainment.

DAY 5 After breakfast enjoy a hot toddy before our return journey.

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PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights full board accommodation (excluding lunch on Days 1 & 5)
- Free bar* between 19:30-22:30hrs each night on selected drinks
- Evening entertainment on 3 nights
- Traditional Burns Supper with piper to address the haggis
- Cruise on Loch Lomond
- Farewell hot toddy
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted by Karen Kirby

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1,547 Reviews

Single Supplement £140 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£495^{PP}

FULLY ESCORTED



The Heart of Scottish Borders

Wednesday 1st to Sunday 5th May 2024 // 5 Days

Staying at the charming and historic Peebles Hydro Hotel, set within beautiful gardens on the Scottish borders. On this holiday we visit the fascinating city of Edinburgh, the award-winning New Lanark attraction and visit the Kailzie Botanic Gardens.

DAY 1 We travel to Scotland making frequent comfort stops along the way, arriving at our hotel with time to freshen up before our evening meal.

DAY 2 After breakfast we visit New Lanark, a small 18th century village set in a sublime Scottish landscape located on the banks of the Falls of Clyde where the philanthropist and idealist Robert Owen moulded a model industrial community in the early 19th century. It is one of Scotland's six UNESCO World Heritage Sites of 'outstanding universal value'. The Annie McLeod Experience ride will take us back in time. There is an award-winning Visitor Centre offering a range of visitor attractions. Time to purchase lunch here and look around the huge gift shop before returning to our hotel.

DAY 3 Today we visit Edinburgh which has been recognised as the capital of Scotland since at least the 15th century. From cobbled alleyways, handsome Georgian spots, to Edinburgh castle set on its own dormant volcano, this city is truly amazing. Visit George Street which has become the main street for Edinburgh's shopping, statues, historic buildings, and monuments.

DAY 4 We spend the morning in Peebles, a gorgeous little town situated on the banks of the River Tweed. It is certainly no ordinary town with its spectacular scenery, shopping, cafes and with many notable residents including John Buchan, the Scottish novelist, choosing to make their home here. Afterwards we travel a short distance to Kailzie Gardens, a renowned botanic garden and arboretum where you will discover 20 acres of gardens and woodlands laid down by generations of passionate gardeners.

There is a seasonal shop offering local produce, gifts, and plants. Visit the Courtyard café which has become a firm favourite with locals.

DAY 5 After breakfast we visit Moffat Mill, where we will receive a warm welcome. There is a wide range of gifts, souvenirs, textiles and food. There is a Spirit of Scotland Whisky shop with some of Scotland's best whiskies, we can even have a small tasting before we buy. Time to purchase morning refreshments here before travelling to home area making suitable comfort stops.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Visit to New Lanark Visitor attraction incl. Annie Macleod ride
- Entry into Kailzie Botanical Gardens
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted throughout

PEEBLES HYDRO HOTEL & SPA ★★★★★

Overlooking Tweed Valley and backed by Glentress Forest, this long-standing spa hotel has traditional rooms with have Wi-Fi, TVs, and tea and coffeemaking equipment. Room service is available. Full Scottish breakfast is available. The hotel has 3 restaurants, 2 bars, a gin distillery, and a spa with a pool and a fitness suite.



3,399 Reviews

Single Supplement £210 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£699^{PP}

FULLY ESCORTED



Scotland and its Royal Connections

Thursday 13th to Monday 17th June 2024 // 5 Days

The Royal family have strong connections to Scotland and this tour traces their footsteps as we visit Glamis Castle, the Royal Yacht Britannia, and the Palace of Holyroodhouse where we enjoy a sumptuous afternoon tea. A cruise on the Firth of Forth and a trip on the Falkirk Wheel are also included.

DAY 1 Depart home area and travel to Scotland making suitable comfort stops. Upon arrival at our hotel we enjoy a homemade scone with a cup of tea/coffee while our cases are taken to our rooms.

DAY 2 Today we enjoy a guided tour of Glamis Castle, renowned for being Scotland's most beautiful castle. Famous for being the legendary setting of Shakespeare's Macbeth, the childhood home of HM Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother and the birthplace of Princess Margaret. Opportunity to purchase refreshments here before our journey to Dundee. Enjoy some free time to explore the many shops and purchase lunch before our afternoon visit to see Discovery Point and explore Captain Scott's ship, Discovery, which he sailed to Antarctica. Time to purchase refreshments here before returning to our hotel.

DAY 3 This morning we embark on a Three Bridges circular cruise of the Firth of Forth. We enjoy magnificent views of the "three bridges" including the world-famous Forth Railway Bridge, the Edinburgh skyline to the south and Fife to the north. Look out for the marine wildlife including seals and puffins (sights not guaranteed). Afterwards we travel to the Falkirk Wheel, the World's only rotating boat lift, to enjoy the full experience as we sail through the sky connecting the Forth and Clyde canals. There is a café on site where we can purchase lunch beforehand.

DAY 4 Today we visit Edinburgh and visit the Royal Yacht Britannia, the Queen's former floating royal residence for more than 40 years. We explore her five decks and discover where kings and queens, world leaders and celebrities were wine and dined. Afterwards we have free time in Edinburgh. We drop you off in George Street, one of the Scottish capital's main shopping

streets, which runs through the heart of the elegant new town, there are plenty of places to eat. This afternoon, we visit the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the Queen's official Scottish residence. We explore the grand rooms and enjoy a delicious afternoon tea consisting of assorted finger sandwiches, pastries and freshly baked scones with tea or coffee, in the historic setting of the Mews Courtyard.

DAY 5 After breakfast, we make our way home making suitable comfort stops.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee & scone on arrival
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Guided tour of Glamis Castle
- Entrance to RRS Discovery
- 90-minute circular Three Bridges Cruise
- Journey on the Falkirk Wheel
- Entrance to Royal Yacht Britannia
- Entrance and traditional afternoon tea at Palace of Holyroodhouse
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted throughout

PITBAUCHLIE HOUSE HOTEL, DUNFERMLINE ★★★

Set on 3 acres of wooded and landscaped gardens, this country house hotel offers us comfortable modern rooms with free WiFi, TV and tea/coffee making facilities. Please note there is no lift, ground floor rooms are available (subject to availability, please enquire at the time of booking).



511 Reviews

Single Supplement £109 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£799^{PP}



Scotland's North Coast 500

Sunday 23rd June to Monday 1st July 2024 // 9 Days

Join us on this magnificent tour around Scotland's North Coast, tasking in spectacular scenery, this is a once in a lifetime experience not to be missed!

DAY 1 Home Area to Lichfield to Preston

We depart home area making suitable refreshment stops we arrive our hotel, The Holiday Inn Preston, in time to freshen up before our evening meal.

DAY 2 Preston to Gretna Green Village to Perth

After breakfast we continue via Gretna Green, possibly the most romantic place in Scotland, synonymous with romance and runaway lovers. Opportunity to obtain lunch before departing for Perth arriving at The Salutation Hotel, early afternoon, centrally located within the town's main shopping area.

DAY 3 Perth to Pitlochry to Inverness to Thurso

After breakfast a short distance to charming Pitlochry, time to purchase morning refreshments before we continue through the fabulous Cairngorm National Park, via Kingussie and Aviemore to arriving Inverness for our lunch stop. The iconic Inverness Castle overlooks the River Ness. Afterwards we continue to The Pentland Hotel in Thurso where will be spending the next two nights. Time to relax before our evening meal.

DAY 4 Thurso to Orkney Islands

After breakfast, we had to John O'Groats and take a short sea crossing to Burwick where a local coach will be waiting to take us on a fascinating day tour of the Orkney Islands. The driver provides interesting commentary whilst we see Churchill Barriers, Italian Chapel, Kirkwall with St Magnus Cathedral, Stromness, Skara Brae (stone-age village), Standing Stones and the Ring of Brodgar, an unforgettable experience.

DAY 5 Thurso to North Coast 500 road to Gairloch

We depart our hotel and travel along part of the North Coast 500 road via John O'Groats, Wick, Latheron, and Lothmore with fantastic views of the North Sea. We stop at the Evanton Arms Hotel situated in the picturesque village of Evanton for a soup and sandwiches lunch with tea/coffee. We then continue along the North Coast 500 road via Dingwall, Contin, Achanalt, Loch Maree to our overnight hotel, the Gairloch Hotel.

DAY 6 Gairloch and the North Coast 500 road to the Isle of Skye

Today after breakfast we continue on part of the North Coast 500 road and head for the Kyle of Lochalsh. Time here to purchase lunch before crossing the Isle of Skye bridge to our hotel in Kyleakin, the Kings Arms hotel, where we will stay for the next two nights. Time to relax or take a walk along the coastal road where we get a fantastic view of Skye Bridge and Eileanan Dubha Lighthouse.

DAY 7 Kyleakin, Isle of Skye to Dunvegan Castle to Kyleakin

Today we visit Dunvegan Castle & Gardens, situated in the heart of the 42,000 acre MacLeod Estate on the Isle of Skye. Dunvegan Castle is the oldest continuously inhabited castle in Scotland and

has been the ancestral home of the Chiefs of Clan MacLeod for 800-years. Delight in the beauty of its formal gardens, take a boat trip to see the Loch Dunvegan seal colony (extra cost), browse the gift shop, or purchase refreshments at the cafe.

DAY 8 Isle of Skye to Fort William to East Kilbride

After breakfast we start our return journey stopping in Fort William on the shores of Loch Linnhe and the base of Ben Nevis, the highest peak in the United Kingdom. Afterwards we continue through Queen Elizabeth Forest Park and the Trossachs, and journey alongside Loch Lomond to our overnight hotel in East Kilbride.

DAY 9 East Kilbride to Home Area

After breakfast we return to home area making suitable comfort stops enroute.



PRICE INCLUDES

- 1 night at Holiday Inn Preston ***
- 1 night at Salutation Hotel, Perth ***
- 2 nights at Pentland Hotel, Thurso ***
- 1 night at the Gairloch Hotel ***
- 2 nights at the Kings Arms Hotel, Isle of Skye ***
- 1 night at the Holiday Inn East Kilbride ****
- Entrance to Dunvegan Castle on the Isle of Skye
- Soup & sandwiches with tea/coffee on one day
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted throughout

HOLIDAY INN PRESTON ***

SALUTATION HOTEL, PERTH ***

PENTLAND HOTEL, THURSO ***

GAIRLOCH HOTEL ***

KINGS ARMS HOTEL, ISLE OF SKYE ***

HOLIDAY INN EAST KILBRIDE ****

Single Supplement £236 / Travel Insurance £47.10

£1499^{PP}



Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

Tuesday 20th to Saturday 24th August 2024 // 5 Days

Marching bands and Military demonstrations, against a backdrop of the floodlit castle, make the 72nd Edinburgh Tattoo an exciting spectacle. An astonishing display of marchers, dancers and bandsmen entertain the crowd from the moment the 'voice of the castle' brings the audience together at the start. This spectacle will amaze and enthrall the visitor through to the grand finale after which a lone piper draws the evening to a haunting close.

DAY 1 Travel to our hotel in Drymen, on Loch Lomond, making suitable comfort stops.

DAY 2 Spend the morning at leisure in Stirling, renowned as the 'Gateway to the Highlands' and overlooked by the impressive Stirling Castle where in 1507 an Italian announced he would use a pair of wings made from birds feathers to fly from the castle to France. He duly launched himself from the castle walls, only to crash immediately afterwards into a dunghill 70ft below, where he broke his leg. There are many shops to visit and restaurants to obtain lunch. This afternoon we visit the word-famous Kelpies, the largest equine sculpture in the world. Opportunity to take pictures and obtain refreshments in the cafe before returning to our hotel.

DAY 3 After breakfast we have a free morning in Drymen before our included soup and sandwiches at our hotel after which we travel to Edinburgh. We have free time to purchase an evening meal before our performance of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, an exciting evening awaits us. Upon return to hotel, there will be a light snack waiting for us before we retire for the evening.

DAY 4 After a late breakfast we journey through the spectacular Trossachs National Park, stopping enroute on the shores of Loch Lomond for a photo opportunity. We continue to Inverary, a charming town which lies on Loch Fyne. Opportunity to visit the famous Jail and Courthouse (entry extra) and the whiskey shop for a tasting or two! Time to purchase lunch in one of the tea rooms/cafes and to look around the independent shops before continuing through the Trossachs to pretty Callander, situated at the junction

of two rivers in an area of outstanding natural beauty with opportunity to purchase afternoon refreshments.

DAY 5 After breakfast return to home area making suitable comfort stops along the way.

Please note the day of the Royal Edinburgh Tattoo performance is subject to change.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast (dinner on the evening of the Tattoo will be replaced by a light lunch at the hotel and free time will be given in Edinburgh prior to the show to obtain a meal)
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Ticket to the Edinburgh Tattoo
- 1 night of evening entertainment
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted throughout

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1,547 Reviews

Single Supplement £96 / Travel Insurance £40.32

£825^{PP}

FULLY ESCORTED



Rail & Sail in the Western Highlands, Scotland

Tuesday 15th to Sunday 20th October 2024 // 6 Days

Delve into the mysteries of Scotland's watery depths and explore some of its finest waterways and scenic railway journeys. During your holiday we have included two scenic loch cruises, a visit to the amazing Falkirk Wheel and steam railway journey on the Bo'Ness & Kinneil Railway with afternoon tea and one of the most breath-taking Scottish train journeys from Glasgow to Oban.

DAY 1 Travel to Scotland and arrive at the Winnock Hotel where we receive a warm welcome, tonight we have a drinks reception followed by our evening meal.

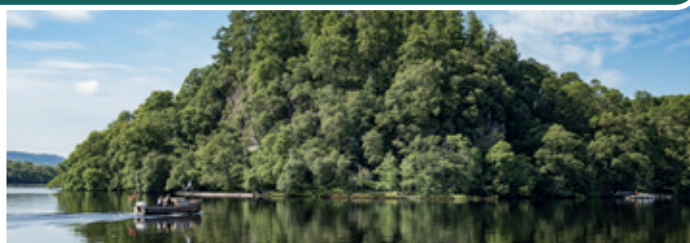
DAY 2 After breakfast travel into the Trossachs National Park. We travel via Aberfoyle to the beautiful Loch Katrine where we enjoy a 2-hour cruise. Afterwards we visit medieval Stirling, visit the Old Town with its bustling modern city centre boasting the finest concentration of historic buildings in Scotland.

DAY 3 After a leisurely mornings we visit the Falkirk Wheel, a rotating boat lift in central Scotland. Time to purchase lunch here before our afternoon train ride on the Bo'Ness and Kinneil steam railway. Friendly staff welcome us aboard a historic carriage, the scenery is varied but beautiful all year round. Enjoy an afternoon tea served on board.

DAY 4 Today we head for Glasgow where we join our Scotrail Train for one of Scotland's most scenic rail routes to Oban. Enjoy this spectacular 3-hour train journey which travels along the Gare Loch, through the Trossachs National Park, and along the shores of Loch Awe and Loch Etive. A journey not to be missed! We have free time in Oban to browse the many shops, opportunity to visit Oban's chocolate shop and bring home some handmade chocolates!

DAY 5 After breakfast we travel a short distance to the village of Luss which sits on the western shore of Loch Lomond. Afterwards visit Lomond Shores for free time before our 2-hour cruise on the Loch discovering its hidden islands.

DAY 6 Bid farewell to Scotland and return to home area, making suitable comfort stops along the way.



PRICE INCLUDES

- 5 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Welcome drinks reception
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- 2 nights live entertainment
- 2-hour cruise on Loch Katrine
- Visit to the Falkirk Wheel
- Journey on the Bo'Ness & Kinneil steam railway with afternoon tea
- A train journey from Glasgow to Oban
- 2-hour Loch Lomond cruise
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted throughout

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1,547 Reviews

Single Supplement £100 / Travel Insurance £41.22

£899^{PP}

IRELAND

NEW FOR 2024

Delights of Donegal

Connemara, Galway & Westport

To travel to Ireland we are required to show Photo ID i.e. driving license, bus pass or a passport. If you are bringing cash with you, please remember that they only take Euros.



FULLY ESCORTED
by Karen Kirby



Delights of Donegal, Ireland

Sunday 19th to Saturday 25th May 2024 // 7 Days

Don't miss this scenic Irish holiday that showcases the breathtaking beauty of County Donegal's coasts, cliffs, and country roads. Immerse yourself in stunning scenery as we explore Slieve League Cliffs, embark on a Donegal Bay cruise, and drive along the captivating Wild Atlantic Way. Discover the dramatic landscapes of Rosses Point through a memorable walking tour. Our itinerary includes visits to Glenveagh National Park and the picturesque Inishowen Peninsula, where we'll explore the fascinating Doagh Famine Village. We'll also embark on a mesmerizing journey along Northern Ireland's Causeway Coast, taking in the awe-inspiring Oakfield Park estate and heritage railway. Join us for an unforgettable Irish holiday that showcases the best of nature's wonders.

DAY 1 Arrival We travel to South Wales making suitable stops along the way. We board the ferry from Pembroke to Rosslare (approx. 4 hours) and then travel a short distance to our hotel, the Talbot in Wexford. Time to freshen up before our evening meal.

DAY 2 Avoca, Bray and Bundoran, County Donegal

After breakfast we travel along the east coastal route to Avoca, the filming location for 'Ballykissangel' and home to Avoca Handweavers, Ireland's oldest weaving mill. We continue our journey alongside the Wicklow Mountains National Park via Wicklow to Bray for our lunch stop. Bray is known as the 'Gateway to the Garden of Ireland' and is the longest established seaside town in Ireland. We then head for the beautifully located Lakeside Manor Hotel on the shores of Loch Ramor for our afternoon refreshment stop before continuing to our hotel, the Great Northern Hotel in Bundoran with fantastic views of the Atlantic Ocean. Time to freshen up before our evening meal.

DAY 3 Slieve League Cliffs & Glencolmcille Folk Village

This morning we visit the highest marine cliffs in Europe, the towering Slieve League Cliffs, standing a staggering 609m high above the Atlantic Ocean. From the cliffs' visitor centre, we board a minibus for a guided tour of the cliffs, where we will gain an insight into the local wildlife and spectacular geography of the area. This afternoon, we make our way to Glencolmcille Folk Village where we step back in time and take a self-guided tour exploring the replica thatched roof cottages and dwellings of a rural Irish village.

DAY 4 Belleek Pottery & Donegal Bay Cruise Today, we make the short journey to Belleek Pottery, where we enjoy a guided tour of Ireland's oldest pottery producer, experiencing all the production areas with the chance to chat with the craftspeople along the way. We have free time for lunch in Donegal before embarking on a cruise of Donegal Bay (subject to tidal timings). We enjoy full commentary of the points of interest along the way with an onboard sing-a-long musical cabaret on the return leg of our journey!

DAY 5 Wild Atlantic Way Drive, Rosses Point & Sligo

Our day starts with a fabulous scenic drive, taking in parts of the Wild Atlantic Way as we travel south past Mullaghmore to the picturesque Rosses Point. Here, we meet our guide outside Harry's Bar and enjoy a one hour walking tour, discovering the history of

the area's coastal heritage while we admire the gorgeous backdrop of the Wild Atlantic Way. This afternoon, we travel to Sligo where we have time for lunch and to explore at leisure. We follow in the footsteps of the poet Yeats and visit the sights and scenes that inspired him. Attractions include the Sligo County Museum & Art Gallery, Yeats Society Memorial Building and Sligo Abbey.

DAY 6 Bundoran to Wexford After breakfast we head to the pretty town of Athlone, perched on the banks of Ireland's longest river, the Shannon. Spend time at leisure discovering this town which is also home to Sean's Bar – Ireland's oldest pub. We can join Karen for a drink in here. Afterwards we continue back to our return overnight hotel. Opportunity to purchase our last Guinness in the bar before our evening meal.

DAY 7 Home After an early start we travel to Rosslare to catch the morning ferry crossing back to Pembroke. We travel through Wales and into England back to home area.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Return ferry crossing from Pembroke to Rosslare
- Outward & return overnight at the Talbot Hotel, Wexford ****
- 4 nights at The Great Northern Hotel, Donegal ****
- Dinner, bed & breakfast throughout
- Tea/coffee on arrival at both hotels
- Tea/coffee after dinner at The Great Northern Hotel
- Live musical entertainment each night at the Great Northern Hotel
- Return transport and guided tour at the Slieve League Cliffs Centre
- Entrance to Glencolmcille Folk Village – self guided tour
- Guided tour of Belleek Pottery
- 75-minute boat cruise of Donegal Bay
- An hour Walking tour of Rosses Point
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted by Karen Kirby



THE GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, DONEGAL ****

Set on Bundoran Golf Club and 130 acres of parkland overlooking Donegal Bay lies The Great Northern Hotel. We enjoy dinner each night in the traditional restaurant and refined bedrooms offer TV and tea/coffee making facilities.



2,074 Reviews

Single Supplement £46 / Travel Insurance £54.78

£999^{PP}

FULLY ESCORTED



Connemara, Galway & Westport, Ireland

Sunday 29th September to Saturday 5th October 2024 // 7 Days

Connemara is a place of legend, folklore, and profound beauty. It is no surprise that artists, photographers, poets, and playwrights have all found inspiration here. Bounded by the Atlantic and set within a particularly scenic corner of County Galway, the region is famous for its wild terrain and soft colours. Connemara is not just about the landscape though, it is about the charm of the towns and villages such as Clifden, Westport and Killary. It's about the ponies, the music, and the pure flavours of local food.

DAY 1 Travel to South Wales making suitable refreshment stops along the way. We board our ferry from Pembroke to Rosslare (approx. 4hrs) and then travel a short distance to our overnight hotel, Riverside Park Hotel in Enniscorthy.

DAY 2 After breakfast we depart Enniscorthy and journey alongside the Wicklow Mountains National Park via Wicklow to Bray. Bray is known as the 'Gateway to the Garden of Ireland' and is the longest established seaside town in Ireland. Time here to purchase morning refreshments or stroll along the promenade before re-joining the coach to the pretty town of Athlone, perched on the banks of Ireland's longest river, the Shannon. Opportunity to purchase lunch here or visit Sean's Bar, Ireland's oldest pub. We then continue to our hotel via Galway, arriving with time to freshen up before our evening meal.

DAY 3 Today we have an included tour of Westport House. Built in 1730, the house boasts original architecture within a superb parkland settling including a lake, terraces, waterfalls, and magnificent views of Ireland's holy mountain, Croagh Patrick. The rest of the day is free to explore the pretty town of Westport, situated on the shores of Clew Bay.

DAY 4 Today is a day at leisure to enjoy Clifden. Opportunity to use the hotel leisure facilities. Clifden is a picturesque market town surrounded in breathtaking scenery, nestled between the Twelve Ben mountains and the Atlantic Ocean, at the mouth of Clifden Bay. There are plenty of shops to browse.

DAY 5 Today we travel through the Connemara National Park and witness the dramatic scenery of the Twelve Ben mountain range before arriving at Glen Keen Farm where we will be treated to an entertaining sheep herding demonstration, traditional Irish music and refreshments. Then to Killary where we include a delightful cruise experiencing the magnificence of Killary Fjord from the comfort of a purpose-built cruise ship, the Connemara Lady.

DAY 6 We depart our hotel and make our way back to Enniscorthy, firstly visiting the Connemara Celtic Crystal Visitor Centre in Moycullen for a guided tour. Their unique Irish crystal is one of a kind. It is rare opportunity to tour in one of the few remaining crystal factories in Ireland. Watch them hand cut

exquisite Celtic designs, such as the Claddagh, Shamrock and Celtic Knotwork, free hand from memory on clear and colourful cased crystal. Afterwards we continue to Galway for our lunch stop. Galway is one of the brightest and most intriguing jewels of the West of Ireland and is known as the friendliest city. It marks the halfway point on the Wild Atlantic Way and it is a joy to explore its wonderful cobbled streets, colourful shop facades and its restaurants and bars. We then continue onwards and make a refreshment stop in Portlaoise, with plenty of cafes to choose from. We re-join our coach to Enniscorthy for our overnight hotel.

DAY 7 This morning we catch an early return ferry from Rosslare to Fishguard with an included voucher to obtain breakfast on board. We then continue homewards making suitable comfort stops.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Return ferry crossing Fishguard to Rosslare
- Outward & return overnight at the Riverside Park Hotel, Enniscorthy ****
- 4 nights at the Clifden Station House Hotel, Clifden ***
- Dinner, bed and breakfast throughout*
- Tea/coffee after dinner at both hotels
- Free use of the hotel leisure facilities at the Clifden Station House Hotel
- 2 nights of Irish Music in the Clifden Station House Hotel
- Guided tour of Westport House
- Sheep herding demonstration & refreshments with Irish Music
- 90-minute Killary Cruise
- Entry & guided tour of Connemara Celtic Crystal
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted throughout

**Please note on the last morning breakfast is included on the ferry, not in the hotel*

CLIFDEN STATION HOUSE HOTEL, GALWAY ***

This traditional hotel is nestled in the charming town of Clifden, surrounded by the majestic beauty of Connemara. Warm rooms include TV, free WiFi, and tea/coffee making facilities. There is a gastronomic restaurant, intimate beamed bar and leisure facilities include a gym, indoor swimming pool, sauna and steam room.



2,017 Reviews

Single Supplement £148 / Travel Insurance £54.78

£989^{PP}

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FULLY ESCORTED

Autumn Tints of the Rhine

Saturday 21st to Wednesday 25th October 2023 // 5 Days

Monday 21st to Friday 25th October 2024 // 5 Days

Join us on this fabulous holiday taking in all the colours of Autumn along the Rhine in Germany. Together with the beautiful scenery along the Rhine and the delights of a Wine Festival this holiday is surely not one to be missed!

DAY 1 Travel to Germany, crossing via Eurotunnel, making suitable comfort stops.

DAY 2 We take a short coach ride to Wiesbaden, capital of the federal state of Hesse, tucked in a lovely valley between the Rhine River and the Taunus Mountains. Afterwards re-join the coach and travel a short distance to the Nerobergbahn. Join us on a train which shuttles to the top of the Neroberg, the only funicular in the world still using water ballast as a propulsion system. We will see some superb views of the Rhine Valley when we reach the top (price not included). After dinner this evening, take a short walk to the 'International' in the Drosselgasse for a Rudesheim coffee (made with Asbach brandy!).

DAY 3 Spend the day in Rudesheim taking in the joyous atmosphere. In the morning enjoy a wine tasting at Adolf Storzel. We keep the glass afterwards and use it to taste the local wines around the town.

DAY 4 We take a scenic journey along the Rhine, crossing over to Bingen and travel along the beautiful Rhine via Bacharach, Oberwesel and pass the Loreli Rock. We then continue to St. Goar, a tiny town full of unique attractions to surprise us at every turn. Re-join the coach to the charismatic town of Boppard. Take a stroll along the beautiful promenade and visit many of the individual shops and restaurants.

DAY 5 Return to home area making suitable comfort stops along the way.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Return Eurotunnel crossing
- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Wine tasting at Adolf Storzel
- Free time in Rudesheim
- Rudesheim coffee at the 'International'
- Nerobergbahn to Neroberg Funicular railway
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted throughout



HOTEL FELSENKELLER, RÜDESHEIM ★★★

Situated just a 2-minute walk from the banks of the River Rhine in Rudesheim am Rhein and the famous Drosselgasse, this family friendly run hotel has a traditional exterior and boasts a terrace overlooking the historic Old Town. Enjoy regional dishes from the area and the hotel's wine tavern serves up a selection of local wines. Please note: The lift goes to all floors but there are 15 wide steps to get to the lift.



220 Reviews

Single Supplement £64 / Travel Insurance £52.74

2023 **£609^{PP}**

Single Supplement £64 / Travel Insurance £52.74

2024 **£649^{PP}**



FULLY ESCORTED

A Taste of the Best in Reims

French Champagne Country Tour

Friday 8th to Monday 11th March 2024 // 4 Days

Join us on this weekend break to the fabulous Champagne Country. The scenery is stunning, the champagne houses are amazing, and champagne will be bubbling.

DAY 1 We cross by ferry and travel through France stopping in Lille for lunch to be purchased. We continue to reach our hotel in Reims.

DAY 2 This morning enjoy free time in the city of Reims, famous for its history and connection to Champagne production. Visit the Notre-Dame de Reims Cathedral, and explore the charming streets and squares. Time to purchase lunch before our visit to the Pommery Elizabethan style estate. It is one of the most architecturally and biggest stunning estates you can visit today and produces 5000,000 cases of Champagne a year! Our tour will end with a tasting of one of the famous Pommery Champagnes.

DAY 3 This morning we travel a short distance to Epernay, the heart of the champagne region, and visit the Avenue de Champagne, a street lined with prestigious champagne houses. Browse the many shops before a visit to Moët et Chandon, one of the largest and most famous champagne houses in the world, for a tour and tasting. We then travel to Troyes to obtain lunch before browsing the many independent shops.

DAY 4 We depart Reims and make a short stop at nearby Hautvillers, known as the 'Cradle of Champagne', a picturesque village where the famous monk Dom Perignon is buried. We visit the abbey where he worked as a young Benedictine monk. We continue to Arras, one of the prettiest towns in northern France for time to obtain lunch before crossing back to the UK.

PRICE INCLUDES

- 3 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Return ferry crossing
- Tour & tasting at Moët & Chandon
- Tour & tasting at Champagne Mercier
- Fully escorted throughout



HOTEL MERCURE REIMS CENTRE CATHEDRALE ★★★★★

This contemporary hotel is a 13-minute walk from Reims Cathedral and the Palace of Tau. Featuring free Wi-Fi, the modern rooms have a flat-screen TVs. There's a stylish French restaurant with a Champagne bar. Other amenities include a gift shop.



1,905 Reviews

Single Supplement £150 / Travel Insurance £47.22

£699^{PP}



FULLY ESCORTED
by Karen Kirby

Nice Carnival & Menton Lemon Festival

Thursday 22nd to Thursday 29th February 2024 // 8 Days

The Italian Riviera is the narrow coastal strip which lies between the Ligurian Sea and the mountain chain formed by the Maritime Alps and Apennines. La Fete du Citron (Lemon Festival), is a unique event in the world and attracts many visitors, and it is easy to see why: it features designs up to 10 metres tall, incredible decorations and floats requiring over 140 tonnes of oranges and lemons. For three weeks, the Jardins Bioves (Bioves Gardens) and the streets are given over to the citrus giants. With processions of floats, gardens of lights, and exhibition of giant designs, come and discover this fantasy world come to life!

DAY 1 We cross by Eurotunnel and head to our overnight hotel in Dijon, making suitable comfort stops along the way. Upon arrival we enjoy a glass of orange juice. Time to settle into our rooms before our evening meal.

DAY 2 After breakfast we continue our journey through France via Lyon and Chambéry, then cross the border into Italy and travel via Valleggia and Canapari Marici to our hotel in San Bartolomeo al Mare, making suitable stops along the way. We will receive a warm welcome at our hotel and enjoy an alcoholic cocktail. Time to freshen up before our evening meal.

DAY 3 After breakfast travel to Nice Carnival. This year the theme is 'King of Pop Culture'. The Nice Carnival is 6 carnival parades made up of 17 floats and more than 1000 dancers and musicians from all over the world bringing this authentic and magical event to life. And what would the Nice Carnival be without its traditional flower parades? On flower-decorated floats, admire the models with their extravagant costumes on the year's theme and get ready to receive a constellation of varied flowers. We have an included tribune seat where we can sit and watch these glorious floats go by. Time allowed beforehand to obtain lunch before this spectacular afternoon event.

DAY 4 After breakfast we visit the elegant town of Menton which hosts the fabulous Lemon Festival. Experience the sights and smells of this unique event. See the Golden Fruit Parade with entertainers, brass bands and folk groups heel, spin, and dance between the magnificent citrus fruit floats. The Bioves Garden is a beautiful garden in Menton, set on the path of Carei and is 800m long. Throughout the year the lawns are full of flowers and exotic trees. As it's the Lemon Festival, the garden will be dressed to suit the occasion. Return to our hotel for our evening meal.

DAY 5 Today we spend a day at leisure in Bartolomeo al Mare. Relax by the pool, take a walk along the seafront (considered to be among the best ones of the whole Riviera), and meander around the shops, the days is ours to relax. Tonight, we enjoy a speciality 4-course Gala Dinner with live music and dancing.

DAY 6 After breakfast we take the Italian coastal road to Genoa, the capital of Italy's Liguria region. Genoa is famous for its medieval, Renaissance, Baroque and Gothic architecture. Narrow lanes open onto monumental squares like Piazza de Ferrari, site of an iconic bronze fountain and many delightful shops and restaurants. There are many highly regarded art museums you can visit (entry extra).

DAY 7 After breakfast we check out of the Bergamo Hotel and return to our overnight hotel in Dijon, making suitable comfort stops along the way. Arrive with time to freshen up before our evening meal.

DAY 8 After breakfast return by Eurotunnel, making suitable comfort stops along the way before arriving back to home area.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Return Eurotunnel crossing
- Outward & return overnight accommodation at the Novotel Dijon Süd ****
- 5 nights dinner, bed & breakfast at the Hotel Bergamo ***
- Welcome glass of orange juice on the outward overnight hotel
- Welcome alcoholic drink on arrival at the Bergamo Hotel
- Specialty 4-course Gala dinner with entertainment on 1 night at the Bergamo Hotel
- Tea/coffee after dinner at both hotels
- Tribune seating at Nice Flower Parade
- Entrance to Bioves Gardens
- Seated ticket to the Golden Fruit Parade (Menton Lemon Festival)
- Fully escorted by Karen Kirby

BERGAMO HOTEL, SAN BARTOLOMEO AL MARE ***

Our hotel is situated just 100 meters from the seafront in San Bartolomea. The friendly staff aim to make our stay a relaxing and enjoyable one. All rooms include air conditioning, free WiFi and TV. There is a restaurant, bar and outdoor swimming pool.



191 Reviews

Single Supplement £134 / Travel Insurance £57

£999^{PP}



Disneyland Paris®

Sunday 7th to Wednesday 10th April 2024 // 4 Days

Join us to experience the magic of Disneyland® Paris! Staying at the Santa Fe Hotel, inspired by the movie 'Cars' is just a short shuttle ride away from Disneyland parks.

DAY 1 Depart home area to Disneyland Paris! Make the most of our 4 Day Hopper Pass and spend this evening in the parks.

DAY 2 & 3 After our included breakfast we can take just a short shuttle ride to Disneyland Paris® where we discover the magic with our Hopper Park Pass.

DAY 4 After breakfast we have some more time to explore the magic at Disneyland before departing to catch our ferry back to the UK.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Return ferry crossing
- Free meal on the outward & return ferry with a soft drink or tea/coffee
- 3 nights bed & breakfast
- 4 Day Hopper/Disney Studio/Disney Park Pass

DISNEYS HOTEL SANTA FE ★★★★★

This New Mexico themed hotel features casual rooms with decor inspired by the movie 'Cars'. All rooms come with ensuite bathrooms, free WiFi and TVs. There is a park shuttle that takes us into the Parks.



10,619 Reviews

Single Supplement £64 / Travel Insurance £52.74

4 ADULTS SHARING ROOM	£835 ^{PP}
3 ADULTS SHARING ROOM	£889 ^{PP}
2 ADULTS SHARING ROOM	£999 ^{PP}
1 ADULT IN A ROOM	£1549 ^{PP}
CHILD 3 - 11 YEARS WHEN SHARING A ROOM WITH AN ADULT	£499 ^{PP}



FULLY ESCORTED
by Karen Kirby

Keukenhof & Amsterdam, Holland

Friday 19th to Monday 22nd April 2024 // 4 Days

Visit the amazing Netherlands with over 1000 windmills, fields full of multicoloured tulips, beautiful canals, and buildings with amazing architecture. Keukenhof has been open since 1950, making 2024 their 73rd year! The Garden have received over 50 million visitors since their first opening. We also visit amazing Amsterdam with over 160 canals, 1700 bridges which has been given the name 'Venice of the North'.

DAY 1 Depart home area and cross by Eurotunnel to France, and into Belgium and stop in Ghent, Belgium's best kept secret, for lunch to be purchased. An important port, Ghent's city centre is a pedestrian area that is like a museum to early Flemish architecture and a testament to the city's medieval might. Afterwards continue into Holland where we will arrive at our hotel with time to freshen up before our evening meal.

DAY 2 After breakfast visit Keukenhof, the most beautiful spring garden in the world but first we visit a shop where we can purchase the best Dutch flower bulbs at the most competitive prices. There are more than 8 million bulbs in bloom each spring in Keukenhof, with a total of 800 varieties of tulips. A unique and unforgettable experience!

DAY 3 After breakfast we travel to Amsterdam for a day to explore. There will be opportunity for a canal ride along the waterways of Amsterdam. This is the best way to see Amsterdam (approx. €15 per person). Browse the many shops and take the opportunity to purchase lunch in one of the many restaurants.

DAY 4 After breakfast check out of the hotel and return home. Time to purchase lunch in Antwerp before our return Eurotunnel crossing.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Return P&O ferry crossing
- 3 nights buffet dinner, bed & breakfast
- Welcome glass of beer, wine or soft drink
- Entry to Keukenhof Gardens
- Coach excursion to Amsterdam
- Fully escorted by Karen Kirby

THE FLETCHER HOTEL, LOOSDRECHT ★★★★★

With its ideal location on the shores of the Loosdrecht Plassen, this modern 4-star hotel is the perfect base for our tour. It is a 10-minute walk away from the beach. The hotel's Restaurant Smaakmakers offers culinary treats in a relaxed setting. Please note this hotel does not have rooms with walk in showers.



475 Reviews

Single Supplement £129 / Travel Insurance £47.22

£665^{PP}

FULLY ESCORTED



Mayrhofen and the Ziller Valley, Austria

Sunday 19th to Sunday 26th May 2024 // 8 Days

Mayrhofen is a popular alpine resort town located in the Zillertal Valley in Tyrol, Austria. It is known for its stunning mountain scenery. The town has two cable cars, a stream and plenty of cafes and shops to visit. During the course of our holiday we visit Innsbruck, the capital of the Tyrol, enjoy a steam train journey from Jenbach to Pertisau, visit the amazing World of Swarovski Crystal, visit the pretty village of Vipiteno in Italy. There is so much included on this holiday. Surely one not to be missed.

DAY 1 Crossing the channel by ferry, we travel through France making suitable comfort stops. We arrive at our overnight hotel with time to freshen up before our evening meal.

DAY 2 After breakfast we travel through France, Germany and then into Austria making suitable comfort stops along the way, and arrive in Mayrhofen.

DAY 3 Day at leisure in Mayrhofen. The town is full of interesting streets, unique architecture, and plenty of shops and restaurants.

DAY 4 This morning we visit Innsbruck, the capital of the Tyrol, where the Golden Roof, Imperial Palace and Hofkirche can all be found near the city centre. Opportunity to browse the many shops Innsbruck has to offer and to purchase lunch in one of the many eateries. This afternoon visit Swarovski Crystal World where sparkling chambers of wonder and a fascinating garden awaits you.

DAY 5 This morning we head to Jenbach for our scenic train journey on the 130 year old Achensee Cog railway up the mountain to pretty Achensee Lake. This ride on Europe's oldest coal-fired steam engine is a true adventure. We have time afterwards in Pertisau, situated alongside the lake, to obtain lunch before our afternoon visit to Rattenberg, the smallest city of the Tyrol, famous for its glass and crystal wear.

DAY 6 Today we take a drive over the impressive Europa Bridge and the Brenner Pass into Italy and visit the delightful village of Vipiteno, the village has colourful houses, shopping streets and picturesque medieval squares. You will not be disappointed by its unique charm.

DAY 7 We say farewell to Austria and retrace our outward journey heading back to Avold, for our overnight stay.

DAY 8 After breakfast we travel through the Champagne countryside of France making suitable stops before our return crossing home.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Return ferry crossing
- Outward & return overnight accommodation at the Novotel Saint Avold ****
- 5 nights at the Alpindomizil Hotel, Neuhaus
- Dinner, bed & breakfast throughout
- Entertainment on 1 night at the Alpindomizil Hotel
- Entry to Swarovski World of Crystal
- Single journey on the Achensee Cog Railway
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted throughout



ALPENDOMIZIL HOTEL, NEUHAUS ****

The Resort Hotel Neuhaus established since 1649, In all those centuries, generations of hosts have met generations of guests – so the Neuhaus has evolved over time into the hotel it is today. It is a house that combines state-of-the-art living, comfort embedded in the natural ambience of the romantic garden, with the charm and lifestyle of yesteryear. Slowly and steadily developed for an incomparably varied holiday experience and a panorama which is absolutely fabulous. Regional cuisine is made with precious products from their own farm with the seasonal highlights of the Zillertal, refined with mountain herbs and rich tradition.



619 Reviews

Single Supplement £130 / Travel Insurance £57

£1150^{PP}

FULLY ESCORTED
by Karen Kirby



The Spectacular Pyrenees & Andorra

Monday 3rd to Sunday 9th June 2024 // 7 Days

Andorra, although a small country, has a fascinating history and culture. Situated in the heart of the Pyrenees with France to the north and Spain to the south, Andorra boasts stunning scenery with rugged mountains and crystal-clear lakes. You will be sure to bring back some happy memories.

DAY 1 We cross by Eurotunnel to our overnight hotel, Ibis Orleans Centre Hotel with time to freshen up before our evening meal.

DAY 2 After breakfast we continue our journey through France and into the Pyrenees. We will see some fantastic scenery today as we travel through the Pyrenees Wildlife Park. We then cross the border into Andorra and arrive at our hotel early evening, suitable refreshment stops will be made on route. Enjoy a glass of Sangria on arrival. Time to relax and enjoy a pre-dinner drink before our evening meal.

DAY 3 Today we travel through spectacular scenery and enjoy a tour of Andorra's four scenic valleys: La Massana, Ordino, Pal and Escaldes. We have time at leisure to explore Andorra's capital, Andorra la Vella, with its wealth of shops and designer boutiques. Don't forget to explore the Barri Antic (old town) square in the original heart of the town when it was little more than a village. Other attractions include the 16th century Casa de la Vall, the old parliament building, court and prison. We return to our hotel for our evening meal followed by musical entertainment.

DAY 4 We leave the principality today and head over the Spanish border through the Catalan countryside, to the village of Ribes de Freser. From here we will wind our way up the mountain on the historic rack railway to picture-perfect Vall de Núria. From here, at 2000m above sea level, we will enjoy spectacular views. We then return to our hotel via La Molina, one of the area's mountain resorts.

DAY 5 This morning we cross the border into Spain, to the pretty town of La Seu d'Urgell, historically one of the most important cities in medieval Catalonia. Full of Romanesque architecture, attractions include the Santa Maria Cathedral. We then visit the riverside town of Puigcerdà. On the border with France, the town has interesting monuments as well as lovely sunny sidewalk cafes. Our next stop is the French Pyrenean ski resort of Font Romeu before we return to Andorra via the Port d'Envalira mountain pass.

DAY 6 We depart Andorra and commence our homeward journey by re-tracing our outward one. There will be time to freshen up before our evening meal at our overnight hotel in Orleans.

DAY 7 After breakfast we catch our return Eurotunnel crossing, making suitable comfort stops, arriving back to home area in the evening.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Return Eurotunnel crossing
- Outward & return overnight accommodation at the Ibis Orleans Centre ***
- 4 nights at the Nordic Hotel, El Tarter ****
- Dinner, bed & breakfast throughout
- Welcome tea/coffee/hot chocolate on arrival at Ibis Orleans
- Welcome glass of Sangria at Nordic Hotel
- Wine with dinner each night at Nordic Hotel
- Tea/coffee after dinner at Nordic Hotel
- Glass of Catalan cava on last night at the Nordic Hotel
- Free use of leisure facilities at the Nordic Hotel
- Return journey on the Rack Railway
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted by Karen Kirby

GRAND HOTEL BRISTOL, STRESA ****

This modern 4 star hotel is situated in a quiet location in the picturesque town of El Tarter and is beautifully decorated throughout with a few quirky features such as a collection of vintage vehicles parked throughout the spacious reception area! The modern restaurant and bar areas are both spacious and the outdoor pool and terrace offer lovely views of the surrounding mountains. Excellent leisure facilities include both indoor and outdoor swimming pools, a spa bath and sauna. All the bedrooms at this hotel boast a balcony.

Please note: This hotel does not have rooms with walk in showers.



636 Reviews

Single Supplement £293 / Travel Insurance £54.78

£1049^{PP}



FULLY ESCORTED

Desirable Dolomites, Northern Italy

Sunday 21st to Sunday 28th July 2024 // 8 Days

The Dolomites is an Italian region bursting with natural beauty and diversity. On this wonderful holiday we experience the very best of Northern Italy with wine tastings, a typical Trentino dinner, grolla evening and of course, the fantastic views and scenic drives! A free bar is also included at the hotel each evening. With stunning scenery, incredible inclusions and hospitality that is second to none, this will make for an unforgettable holiday which will be remembered for years to come.

DAY 1 Cross by Eurotunnel and head to the Mercure Hotel Saarbrücken Süd, Germany, for our overnight stay making suitable comfort stops along the way.

DAY 2 Depart our overnight hotel and travel to Hotel Paganella, Italy, stopping for lunch to be purchased. The Dolomites in north-eastern Italy are some of the most beautiful mountains on Earth.

DAY 3 Today we enjoy a day at leisure. Located on a high plateau above the Rotaliana plain, Fai Della Paganella boasts a rich and turbulent history. The town has preserved its original rural charm. Today we have a guided walk of Fai Della Paganella and a picnic with great company, food and wine and get into the relaxed 'Paganella way of life' in the mountains.

DAY 4 Today we travel to one of Italy's best kept secrets – stunning Merano! It is known as the 'city of flowers' even though it is a classic Italian Alps ski resort. (On route we can be dropped off at the beautiful gardens of Trauttmansdorff Castle in Merano, known as Sissi's Gardens (entry extra), please let your Tour Manager know). Take a stroll around the vibrant town centre. This afternoon, we head to the historic winery of Kettmeir, nestled amongst the vineyards of Alto Adige, where we enjoy a tour and tasting of some top-quality wines – the South Tyrolean wines are so good that they don't export much of it as they prefer to keep them for themselves! Return to the hotel via Lake Caldaro.

DAY 5 Today enjoy a scenic drive of the Dolomites. We drive north towards Moena, based in the heart of the Dolomites, and ascend towards the vibrant town of Canazei. Free time here to obtain lunch and take a stroll. From here it's just a short drive to get to the 'Sella Pass', an incredible viewing platform. Appreciate the amazing 360° 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 and ancient language, Ladin, which is only spoken here. Enjoy a break in the picturesque village of Ortisei and relax with a delicious plate of strudel, or perhaps shop for one of the other local specialities – handmade cuckoo clocks! We then return to our hotel in time for our Grolla evening!

DAY 6 Travel via coach to visit Riva Del Garda for a day at leisure. Spend time in the beautiful old piazza surrounded by cafés and bars with lakeside views. Opportunity to take a boat trip on Lake Garda to Limone Sul Garda (extra cost).

DAY 7 Today we return to our overnight hotel in Germany, making suitable comfort stops along the way.

DAY 8 After breakfast return to Calais for our Eurotunnel crossing. Arrive back to home area early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Return Eurotunnel crossing
- Outward & return overnight at the Mercure Hotel Saarbrücken Süd ***
- 5 nights at Hotel Paganella, Italy ***
- Dinner, bed and breakfast throughout
- Free use of hotel leisure facilities at the overnight hotel
- A glass of fresh juice on arrival at overnight hotel
- Tea/coffee after dinner at both hotels
- A glass of prosecco on arrival at Hotel Paganella
- Unlimited wine & water with dinner at Hotel Paganella
- Free bar each night at Hotel Paganella, from 18.00 – 22.30 on beer, wine, soft drinks & national spirits
- Quiz/games on 1 night at Hotel Paganella
- Grolla evening at the bar on 1 night at Hotel Paganella
- Wine tasting in the restaurant before dinner 1 night at Hotel Paganella
- A guided walk of Fai with pizza and wine picnic
- Farewell candlelit Trentino dinner with music at Hotel Paganella
- Fully escorted throughout

HOTEL PAGANELLA, FAI DELLA PAGANELLA ***

This intimate and friendly 3-star family-run hotel is ideally located for touring the surrounding area. Fausto and his family ensure a warm welcome in this typical Austrian chalet style hotel. There is a cosy bar, a traditional restaurant serving excellent homemade fayre, as well as a comfortable lounge and seating areas. Leisure facilities include a sauna, jacuzzi and steam room.



183 Reviews

Single Supplement £90 / Travel Insurance £57

£999^{PP}

FULLY ESCORTED
by Karen Kirby



Lake Maggiore & Lake Orta

Wednesday 3rd to Wednesday 10th July 2024 // 8 Days

Lake Maggiore is an idyllic retreat where magnificent mountains plunge to the lakeside and grand villas lie secluded behind palm trees and lush gardens. Lake Orta is known as Lago d'Orta and is a beautiful and tranquil lake located in the Piedmont region of northern Italy. It is one of the lesser-known lakes in the Italian Lake District but is cherished for its picturesque surroundings and peaceful atmosphere. Our hotel is in the stylish resort of Stresa, within sight of the Borromean Islands.

DAY 1 Depart home and travel to Dover for our ferry crossing to Calais. We continue through France, making suitable refreshment stops and arrive in our overnight hotel.

DAY 2 After breakfast we travel through France and via Basel, Switzerland, then over the Gotthard Pass (a spectacular mountain pass in the Alps) crossing the border into Italy. We arrive at our hotel in Stresa, in time to freshen up before our evening meal.

DAY 3 Today we enjoy a day excursion to nearby Lake Orta. This is the smallest of the Italian Lakes, one of the most untouched of the great lakes. We visit Orta San Giulio, a real undiscovered gem with fantastic individual shops and eateries. We can take a leisurely walk into the village or a tourist train from the coach park (extra cost). Opportunity to visit Isola di San Giulio, a mystic islet known as 'the island of silence' due to the still functioning monastery and the spirituality of the setting (extra cost). You can take 'the walk of silence' around the island. It truly is amazing. Return to the hotel and relax around the outdoor swimming pool or take a walk into town before our evening meal.

DAY 4 Enjoy a full day excursion through the wild mountainous scenery of the Anzasca Valley, once famous for its gold mines. We travel to Macugnaga which is overlooked by the mighty Monte Rosa, one of the highest peaks in the Alps. There will be time to relax here and see the typical old houses and the town square.

DAY 5 Today we have a day at leisure in Stresa. It is market day* in Stresa with plenty of stalls with Italian ware or you can make use of the hotel leisure facilities.

DAY 6 After breakfast we have an optional coach excursion to Domodossola where we embark on a panoramic 2-hour train journey on the Centovalli Railway through the picturesque '100 Valleys', featuring waterfall cascades and chestnut tree orchards, to pretty Locarno, after some time at leisure we then board a 2 ½ hour boat trip across the lake back to Stresa (extra cost, paid on the day).

DAY 7 After breakfast check out of our hotel and travel back to our overnight hotel, making suitable refreshment stops.

DAY 8 After breakfast we continue through France making suitable comfort stops and catch our return short sea ferry crossing from Calais.

**Market dates correct at time of brochure print.*

PRICE INCLUDES

- Outward & return overnight accommodation
- 5 nights at the Grand Hotel Bristol, Stresa ****
- Dinner, bed and breakfast throughout
- Welcome drink at Grand Hotel Bristol
- Free use of hotel leisure facilities at Grand Hotel Bristol
- Italian special evening meal one night at Grand Hotel Bristol
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted by Karen Kirby

GRAND HOTEL BRISTOL, STRESA ****

The Grand Hotel Bristol benefits from a privileged position on the lakeside of Stresa, known as the pearl of Lake Maggiore for its extraordinary harmony with the magnificent landscape and sumptuous villas in the area. The hospitality and attention to luxurious details of the Zacchera family make the Grand Hotel Bristol a fantastic accommodation to discover the beauties of Lake Maggiore. The menu is made of traditional and exotic recipes, there are two bars to relax in, a magnificent garden, and indoor and outdoor swimming pool, sauna and steam bath.



1,357 Reviews

Single Supplement £210 / Travel Insurance £57

£1369^{PP}

FULLY ESCORTED
by Karen Kirby



The Glorious Rhine Valley, Rüdesheim, Germany

Monday 29th July to Friday 2nd August 2024 // 5 Days

Join us on this exceptional holiday visiting the UNESCO World Heritage area of the Upper Middle Rhine Valley, characterised by vineyards, castles and historic towns. You will see the Loreley Rock, situated on the eastern bank on the Rhine River, which has been subject of numerous legends. Karen will be arranging a wine tasting for you to sample the Riesling wine, being one of the most famous and widely grown grape in the region. We stay in picturesque Rüdesheim, well known for its historic charm.

DAY 1 Depart home area and cross by ferry to France. We continue into Germany making suitable comfort stops and arrive at Hotel Felsenkeller.

DAY 2 Enjoy a day at leisure in Rüdesheim. Explore the Drosselgasse, take a cable car ride (extra cost), take a return boat ride on the Rhine (extra cost), browse the delightful shops and choose from many restaurants to purchase a refreshment or lunch. After dinner, join Karen in the 'International' for a Rüdesheim coffee, there is music and laughter waiting for us here!

DAY 3 We embark on a scenic coach tour along the Rhine to Koblenz, a historical city located at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle. Opportunity to take a cable car across the Rhine (extra cost). There are many shops to browse and eateries to obtain lunch. Upon returning to our hotel we stop in Boppard, known for its scenic beauty located along the banks of the Rhine, the promenade is full of charming cafes, restaurants and souvenir shops.

DAY 4 This morning we travel along the Rhine to Wiesbaden, the capital of the state of Hesse in Germany known for its thermal springs. We visit the hot spring in Wiesbaden's centre called Kochbrunnen which produces water 65°C. Visit the market square where there are many shops to tempt us. We return to Rüdesheim for our wine tasting.

DAY 5 We depart our hotel and make our way homeward retracing our journey.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Return ferry crossing
- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted by Karen Kirby

HOTEL FELSENKELLER, RÜDESHEIM ★★★

Situated just a 2-minute walk from the banks of the River Rhine in Rüdesheim am Rhein and the famous Drosselgasse, this family friendly run hotel has a traditional exterior and boasts a terrace overlooking the historic Old Town. Enjoy regional dishes from the area and the hotel's wine tavern serves up a selection of local wines. Please note: The lift goes to all floors but there are 15 wide steps to get to the lift.



220 Reviews

Single Supplement £64 / Travel Insurance £52.74

£659^{PP}



Les Misérables in Montreuil-sur-Mer, France

Sunday 28th to Monday 29th July 2024 // 2 Days

Don't miss this stunning cultural event; an open-air sound and light show depicting the world-famous novel by Victor Hugo. It's one of the most memorable things to do in France, especially if you love French history and literature! Hugo visited this pretty French village in 1837 and found inspiration in its fortified citadel, which he went on to use as a location for the first part of Les Misérables. The spectacle is performed inside the Citadel, by a vast cast of 500 volunteers in historic costume. In addition to the incredible sound-and-light effects, expect live horses, cannons, dance and even fireworks.

DAY 1 Cross the channel by ferry to Calais and make our way to Le Touquet. Packed with shops, including fashion boutiques, homeware stores, tempting bakeries, patisseries and chocolatiers that appeal to holidaymakers from both Paris and further afield. Purchase lunch in one of Le Touquet's cafés, bars or restaurants. Afterwards, we continue to our hotel with time to freshen up before our evening meal. Later this evening we make a short walk to the citadel to watch this spectacular French performance. Different to the West End theatre version, the exceptional sound and light show is held in the mysterious setting of the citadel of Montreuil sur Mer. It starts at 22:30 and finishes around midnight, so it is advised to wear comfortable and warm clothing.

DAY 2 After a leisurely breakfast we check out of our hotel and travel to Boulogne-sur-Mer, which lies at the heart of the Côte d'Opale and the Boulonnais. The 'City of Art and History' has a lot to offer. The town centre is perfectly located midway between the old town and the port. Mostly pedestrianised, it's a lovely place for a stroll and to purchase lunch. There are numerous shops, bars and restaurants available. Afterwards, return to Calais for our return ferry crossing back to the UK.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Return ferry crossing
- 1 night dinner, bed & breakfast
- Ticket for Les Misérables in Montreuil

HERMITAGE HOTEL, MONTREUIL-SUR-MER ★★★★★

This grand redbrick hotel overlooks Place Gambetta and the Abbaye de Saint-Sauve. It's a 7-minute walk from the Citadelle where the Les Misérables performance takes place. Relaxed rooms offer free Wi-Fi and a TV.



1,017 Reviews

Single Supplement £70 / Travel Insurance £31.92

£275^{PP}



Bruges City Break

Sunday 11th to Tuesday 13th August 2024 // 3 Days

Bruges is one of the best-preserved cities in Europe. Sit out at one of the pavement cafes in the Market Square and take in the ambience of this wonderful city.

DAY 1 Depart from home and catch the Eurotunnel to Calais, and head to our hotel to drop off our luggage, there are plenty of restaurants close by to purchase our evening meal.

DAY 2 & 3 These two days are at leisure. Opportunity to take a boat trip on the canal, visit one of many chocolate and lace shops, obtain lunch or dinner in the Markt, an historical town square with plenty of restaurants to tempt you. Visit the De Halve Maan Brewery where five generations have brewed beer at this location. Visit the Basilica of the Holy Blood, which is 1,000 years old. The chapel contains a phial that reputedly contains Christ's blood brought back from the crusades (all entries extra).

DAY 4 After breakfast at your hotel, there is more time to explore the city before returning home.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Return ferry crossing
- 3 nights bed & breakfast

HOTEL LE BOIS DE BRUGES ****

Located in the heart of this historic city is this modern 4-star hotel. Within walking distance to the main attractions, close to the shops, restaurants and museums, Hotel Le Bois is in a great location. Rooms feature flat-screen TVs and Wi-Fi.



51 Reviews

Single Supplement £230 / Travel Insurance £47.22

£499^{PP}



Zundert Flower Show

Saturday 31st August to Monday 2nd Sept 2024 // 3 Days

Founded in 1936, Bloemencorso Zundert has grown to become the largest flower parade in the world! It has transformed into a massive spectacle with giant, fantastical floats built by local residents, each competing to be crowned champion of the year. Thousands of flowers are used to decorate the floats into elaborate displays that we see – uniquely only dahlias are ever used, with over 600,000 grown locally just to be used in the parade!

DAY 1 Depart home area cross by ferry to France, heading towards our hotel in the Netherlands, we stop in Ypres for lunch. Ypres has many cafes and restaurants to choose from and we could also try some of the world-famous Belgian chocolates! We will find different chocolate confectioners on the market square. We continue to our hotel and arrive with time to freshen up before our evening meal.

DAY 2 Visit the Zundert Flower Parade today. Originally to honour Queen Wilhelmina's birthday with modest horse-drawn floats and decorated bicycles, it has since grown into a massive spectacle with giant, fantastical floats built by residents of 20 hamlets around Zundert who compete to be crowned champion for the year. The floats are interspersed with marching troupes and bands. The side streets are filled by a huge street market selling everything from tulip bulbs to waffles.

DAY 3 After breakfast return to Calais for our ferry crossing to Dover, stopping in Ostend for lunch to be purchased. Ostend is a popular seaside town with many shops and cafes. Arrive back to home area early evening.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Return ferry crossing
- 2 nights dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tea/coffee after dinner
- Tribune seating ticket to the Zundert Flower Parade

HOTEL DE KORENBEURS ****

A unique 4-star hotel, just 15 minutes journey away from Amer River. The hotel has a gift shop, lobby area and WiFi throughout. Rooms include air-conditioning, TV and tea/coffee making facilities. There is a luxurious restaurant with a contemporary interior serving local dishes.



604 Reviews

Single Supplement £109 / Travel Insurance £47.22

£399^{PP}



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by Karen Kirby

Fjords, Glaciers, Lakes & Mountains, Norway

Friday 23rd August to Monday 2nd September 2024 // 11 Days

Embark on this adventure that takes us through picturesque landscapes, experiencing the charm of quaint towns, majestic fjords, and glaciers.

DAY 1 Cross by ferry to France, through Belgium and into the Netherlands making suitable comfort stops arriving at our first hotel, the Postillion Hotel Deventer.

DAY 2 Through northern Germany to Hamburg and into Denmark to our second hotel, Scandic Kolding, late afternoon.

DAY 3 After an early breakfast we proceed north through Jutland to Hirtshals for the fast ferry to Norway (approx. 4 hrs). Bars, restaurants and shopping facilities on-board. Arriving in Larvik, travel inland to through some of the pristine Norwegian scenery to Vrådal for our 2 night stay at the Straand Hotel.

DAY 4 A morning at leisure to enjoy the hotel's leisure facilities, including an indoor swimming pool, large terrace, lounge and a wonderful garden that sweeps down from the hotel to the lake shore and beach. This afternoon a 2 hour boat cruise on Lake Nisser on the veteran boat MS Fram, a scenic cruise through narrow straits, and small islands.

DAY 5 Travel to Brunkenberg before crossing the Haukelifjell Mountain Road we descend to the Sörfjord, a branch of the Hardangerfjord, at Odda, a short refreshment stop, before continuing along the western shore of the Hardangerfjord, overlooked by the Folgefonn Glacier with fruit trees on one side of the road and the deep fjord on the other. In Utne we take the short ferry journey across the Hardangerfjord to Kvanndal, north past Voss and towards Gudvangen, climbing up into the Vik Mountains where snow can often be seen, then descending towards Vik with exciting views across the mighty Sognefjord. A ferry across the fjord to arrive in the beautiful village of Balestrand and the Kviknes Hotel for the next 3 nights.

DAY 6 Enjoy our idyllic location on the shore of the longest and deepest fjord in the world, Sognefjord. Balestrand has a tranquil, picturesque location on the south facing shore. Late morning we take a short ferry and drive along the fjord with waterfalls and spectacular rock walls. We stop for lunch in Sogndal with small relaxing cafes that serve delicious local food. This afternoon we visit the Sogn Folk Museum in Kaupanger, with indoor and outdoor exhibits including a range of farm dwellings transported here and reconstructed.

DAY 7 A full day 'Glacier Route' excursion, we ascend the Gaularfjell High Mountain road, one of Norway's National Tourist routes, the road twists and turns through no less than nine dramatic hairpin bends. Skei, a small town with a picturesque location at the top of Lake Jolstravatnet where we stop for refreshments, we continue to Fjaerland stopping at Boyabreen with excellent views of the glacier. This afternoon the Norwegian Glacier Museum, with a video presentation of the Jostedal Glacier and a range of 'hands on exhibits' including some genuine glacier ice! Time to purchase a cup of tea before returning back to our hotel.

DAY 8 Today we depart Balestrand and taking a scenic journey including 2 short fjord ferry crossings, spectacular fjords, river valleys and Norway's southern coastline before joining the old Oslo/Bergen post route through the Laerdal Valley with a short photo stop at the Borgund Stave Church. The drive is along one of Norway's most famous salmon fishing rivers. Continue through Hemsedal, one of Norway's most famous downhill skiing areas, and then south, through Noresund and Kroderen to Horten.

DAY 9 After an early breakfast we depart our hotel and join the fast ferry crossing from Norway to Denmark (approx. 4 hrs) and arrive in Hirtshals. We continue to Hamburg for our overnight hotel, the Leonardo Hamburg Stillhorn.

DAY 10 A free morning in Hamburg before departing for our overnight hotel making suitable comfort stops.

DAY 11 To Antwerp for free time and lunch to be obtained before our return ferry crossing.



PRICE INCLUDES

- Return P&O ferry crossing
- 1 night at Postillion Hotel Deventer
- 1 night at Hotel Scandic Kolding
- 2 nights at the Straand Hotel
- 3 nights at the Kviknes Hotel
- 1 night at the Thon Hotel Horten
- 1 night at the Leonardo Hamburg Hotel
- 1 night at the Holiday Inn Gent Expo
- Dinner, bed & breakfast throughout
- Return fast ferry crossing Hirtshals to Larvik
- 2 hour cruise on Lake Nisser
- Entrance to Sogn Folk Museum
- Entrance to the Norwegian Glacier Museum
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted by Karen Kirby



POSTILLION HOTEL DEVENTER, NETHERLANDS ****

HOTEL SCANDIC KOLDING, DENMARK ***

STRAAND HOTEL, NORWAY ***

KVIKNES HOTEL, NORWAY ****

THON HOTEL HORTEN, NORWAY ***

LEONARDO HAMBURG HOTEL STILLHORN ****

HOLIDAY INN GENT EXPO ****

Single Supplement £305 / Travel Insurance TBA

£1999^{PP}



The Swiss Alps & The Bernina Express

Saturday 7th to Saturday 14th September 2024 // 8 Days

This holiday is based at the wonderful Central Sporthotel in Davos. We include a journey on the breathtaking Bernina Express railway from Filisur, high into the Alps and past lakes and glaciers to travel across the border to Tirano, Italy. We have a 'Davos/Klosters Card' included which provides discounts on local transport, cable cars and mountain railways. On this holiday we will see amazing and breathtaking scenery.

DAY 1 We cross by ferry into France and continue through Germany to our overnight hotel.

DAY 2 After breakfast we travel via Basel and Zurich to our main stay hotel in Davos, Switzerland, stopping on route for lunch to be obtained. We enjoy a welcome drink upon arrival. We can meet Karen in the bar tonight for a pre-dinner drink.

DAY 3 Enjoy a full day at leisure. Our 'Davos Card' permits free and unlimited use of all local transport, we suggest a trip on the Schwarzalp Mountain Railway for lunch to be obtained in the panoramic restaurant, followed by a visit to the Alpine Garden (entry extra). We will find excellent shopping with numerous boutiques, cafés and restaurants.

DAY 4 After breakfast we travel to Klosters, offering a unique combination of a renowned mountain resort and the idyll of an unspoilt Graubünden village. Afterwards we travel to Chur, this charming and historic town has cobbled streets, secret courtyards and a large cathedral. Time to explore the area before returning to Davos via Filisur and the verdant Albula Pass.

DAY 5 After breakfast we join the driver for a short drive to Davos Platz where we board the Bernina Express. The train route takes us through incredible alpine landscapes and a UNESCO World Heritage Site to Italy. We see some really beautiful scenery on this journey. There are refreshment facilities and on board commentary. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the twists, turns and views from the panoramic windows and arrive in Tirano, Italy. We have some time to obtain lunch.

DAY 6 We enjoy a morning excursion to St Moritz. Elegant and chic, it lies in the middle of a lake-dotted landscape and offers one

of the sunniest climates in all of Switzerland. Return to Davos for an afternoon at leisure.

DAY 7 We depart our hotel in Davos to retrace our journey, making suitable comfort stops we arrive back to our overnight hotel with time to freshen up before our evening meal.

DAY 8 After breakfast we return to the UK by ferry making suitable comfort stops along the way.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Return ferry crossing
- Outward & return overnight at Mercure Hotel Saarbrücken Süd ***
- 5 nights at the Central Sporthotel, Switzerland ****
- Welcome drink at the Central Sporthotel
- 'Davos Card' giving us free use of local/public transport and a reduced price for mountain railways and cable cars
- 1 x Swiss Farmer's buffet dinner on 1 night at Central Sporthotel
- Return ride on the Schatzalp Mountain Railway (organised by hotel)
- Single train journey from Davos to Filisur
- Single journey on the Bernina Express Railway
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted throughout

CENTRAL SPORTHOTEL DAVOS, SWITZERLAND ****

Surrounded by the Swiss Alps, this refined hotel in an imposing, balcony-lined building is a 7-minute walk from Kirchner Museum Davos. Featuring balconies and pine furnishings, the relaxed rooms, suites and apartments offer free Wi-Fi, cable TV and minibars. There's cozy restaurant and a piano bar, as well as a spa with an indoor pool and a fitness room.



219 Reviews

Single Supplement £148 / Travel Insurance £57

£1199^{PP}

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The Breathtaking Austrian Tyrol

Saturday 14th to Sunday 22nd September 2024 // 9 Days

Travel the Tyrol in style on this superb tour featuring a journey on Europe's oldest cog railway, a relaxing Lake Achen cruise and a cable car ride to the top of Germany's highest mountain, the Zugspitze! We also spend time in the Tyrolean capital of Innsbruck and the Bavarian town of Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

DAY 1 Depart home area and cross by ferry to France and into Germany making suitable comfort stops, to arrive at our overnight hotel in Saarbrücken Süd.

DAY 2 After breakfast we continue through Germany and into Austria arriving at our hotel late afternoon. We enjoy a welcome drink whilst our luggage is taken to our rooms. Meet in the bar for a pre-dinner drink.

DAY 3 Today we visit the Tyrolean capital city of Innsbruck, surrounded by the jagged rock spires of the Nordkette mountain range. We could choose to enjoy a horse and carriage ride through the streets of the old town to discover some of the most important sights, including the Hofgarten, the ornate 15th century Golden Roof designed as a royal box for the Emperor, the Column of Saint Anne and the Triumphal Arch (extra cost). There are many shops to browse and eateries. Why not try Austria's famous cake, Sacher-Torte, a delicious chocolate cake.

DAY 4 We spend today at leisure in Igls. We may choose to embark on a scenic cable car ride up the mountain or take the bus for a 10 minute trip back to Innsbruck to further explore the Tyrolean capital. We could also take this opportunity to make use of the hotel leisure facilities.

DAY 5 This morning we embark on the Achenseebahn, Europe's oldest cog railway, which is still steam operated. Puffing through the steeper sections, it rises to a 16% gradient from Jenbach to Seespitz. From here we re-join our coach to take us to Pertisau. We enjoy time at leisure before relaxing on a one-way cruise from Pertisau to the northern shores of lovely Lake Achen, in Scholastika.

DAY 6 Today we enjoy an amazing journey to the stop of Germany's highest mountain, the majestic Zugspitze, sitting at 2,962 meters above sea level. We start our ascent from the Austrian side via cable car, soaking in some of the most dramatic views we will ever see along the way. We spend some time at the

summit, crossing into Germany. Admire the views of 400 mountain peaks spanning four countries. We then descend into Germany, a cogwheel train will transport us to the Bavarian town of Garmisch-Partenkirchen where we will enjoy some time at leisure.

DAY 7 After breakfast we begin our journey home, travelling through Austria and into Germany for our overnight hotel.

DAY 8 We depart our hotel after breakfast and take our return ferry crossing back to the UK.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Return ferry crossing
- Outward & return overnight at Mercure Hotel Saarbrücken Süd ***
- 5 nights at the Bon Alpina Hotel, Igls ***
- Welcome glass of fresh juice at Mercure Hotel Saarbrücken Süd
- Tea/coffee after dinner at both hotels
- Welcome drink at Bon Alpina
- Unlimited tea, coffee, soft drink, beer, and wine between 10:00 – 17:00 each day (excluding arrival & departure days) at Bon Alpina
- Free use of hotel leisure facilities at both hotels
- Single journey on the Achensee Railway
- Cruise on the Achensee
- Journey on the Zugspitze rack railway
- Journey on the Zugspitze Cable Car
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted throughout

BON ALPINA HOTEL, IGLS ***

This charming chalet style hotel is located in the village of Igls, close to Innsbruck. The large Tyrolean style restaurant provides an inclusive meal service with a traditional bar area that is perfect for pre or post dinner drinks. The hotel also has an indoor and heated outdoor swimming pool, sauna, and fitness centre.



439 Reviews

Single Supplement £215 / Travel Insurance £61.44

£1259^{PP}



FULLY ESCORTED
by Karen Kirby

The Heart of Provence and the Camargue, France

Monday 16th to Monday 23rd September 2024 // 8 Days

Provence is famous for its iconic landscapes of rolling fields surrounded by medieval villages, ancient Roman remains, the majestic city of Avignon, wonderful local markets, as well as fantastic food and drink – a true taste for all the senses.

DAY 1 UK to Dijon Depart home area and cross by Eurotunnel to France, making comfort stops we arrive in Reims, where the landscape loosed and undulates, and the hills are full of French vineyards. The area is known as 'Champagne Country' and each year Reims fights for the title of 'Champagne City'. We continue towards Troyes and onwards to Dijon (famous for its mustard) for our overnight hotel, Novotel Dijon Sud. Time to freshen up before our evening meal.

DAY 2 Dijon to Uzès After breakfast we travel to Mâcon, located by the River Saône. The city has a southern character, with its colourful façades and roofs made of round tiles. The historic centre takes in the charming Herbes Square and its magnificent wooden house; the Old Saint- Vincent, remains of the former Saint Vincent Cathedral and the Saint-Laurent Bridge with its beautiful view of the quays and the houses of the old town. We continue our journey to Uzès, the city of Art and History to our main hotel, making a suitable refreshment stop on route. Time to relax before our evening meal with an included glass of white wine.

DAY 3 Avignon & Les Baux-de-Provence This morning we travel to the medieval village of Les Baux-de-Provence. Perched on top of a fortified rocky site, we visit the unique Carrières de Lumières, an amazing multimedia show inside a huge manmade rock cavern, which immerses us in a sound and light show from floor to ceiling. Don't forget your camera! Afterwards we visit the beautiful city of Avignon. Set on the banks of the Rhône, it boasts dramatic views of its 800-year-old medieval ramparts surrounding the magnificent Palais des Papes. The famous Pont d'Avignon, of nursery rhyme fame, sits majestically halfway across the Rhône, and the city teems with cobbled streets, quaint boutiques, and leafy squares. We have a self-guided tour of the Palais des Papes, then take things at a slower pace with a cruise on the Rhône this afternoon, admiring the majestic city as we sail.

DAY 4 Viviers & Gorges de l'Ardeche

Today, after breakfast visit the Gorges de l'Ardèche. This panoramic coach tour shows us the series of gorges in the river known locally as the 'European Grand Canyon' which we will see from our comfortable coach seat. Please remember to bring your camera with you.

DAY 5 Saintes Maries de la Mer, Camargue & Pont du Gard

Today we head to Saintes Marie de la Mer, the unique and beautiful fishing town which glimmers with sunshine and charm—so much so that Vincent van Gogh painted it. Opportunity to visit the monolithic Church of Three Saints (extra cost). The town is deeply connected to the traditions of the Camargue, including its indigenous white horses, black bulls and flamingos. Take a boat trip with Captain Herve Villevielle, who will show you this fascinating region (extra cost). On our return to our hotel we visit the ancient Roman aqueduct of Pont du Gard, an amazing feat of engineering

built more than 2,000 years ago to take water to the city of Nîmes. Visit the museum and visitor centre, which provides an interactive insight into how the aqueduct was made.

DAY 6 Uzès Today we can relax by the hotel swimming pool or take a stroll into the medieval town of Uzès, where the market traditionally takes place on Wednesday morning*, on the picturesque Place aux Herbes.

DAY 7 Uzès to Dijon After breakfast, we begin our return journey. On route we will stop in Lyon, the capital city in France's Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region, which sits at the junction of the Rhône and Saône rivers. Its centre reflects 2,000-years of history from The Roman Amphithéâtre des Trois Gaules, medieval and Renaissance architecture in Vieux (Old) Lyon, to the modern Confluence district on Presqu'île peninsula. Being also the gastronomic capital of France there is a huge selection of good restaurants and cafes to purchase lunch. We then continue to our overnight hotel in Dijon.

DAY 8 Dijon to UK After breakfast we return to Calais for the Eurotunnel crossing, making suitable refreshment stops along the way. Arrive back to home area early evening.

**Market date correct at time of brochure print.*

PRICE INCLUDES

- Return Eurotunnel crossing
- Outward and return overnight accommodation at the Novotel Dijon Sud, Marsannay-la-Côte ****
- 5 nights at the Logis Hotel Uzès Pont du Gard ***
- Dinner, bed & breakfast throughout
- Tea/coffee on arrival at Novotel Dijon
- Glass of white wine with first evening meal at Logis Hotel
- Tea/coffee after dinner at both hotels
- Free use of the hotel leisure facilities at Logis Hotel
- Entrance into Popes Palace & Gardens
- 1 hour sightseeing cruise Avignon
- Entrance to Carrières De Lumières
- Entrance to Pont du Gard
- Entrance to Jardins de la Fontaine
- Entrance to Nîmes Amphitheatre
- Single steam train journey from Anduze to St Jean-du-Gard
- Fully escorted by Karen Kirby

LOGIS HOTEL UZÈS PONT DU GARD ***

This traditional, family run hotel sits in a tranquil position at the foot of the beautiful town of Uzès. The bedrooms are reached by an undercover walkway that runs alongside the outdoor swimming pool and garden. The hotel is decorated in the rich, bold colours of Provence, while a welcoming bar, restaurant and terrace also lead to the outdoor swimming pool.

Single Supplement £189 / Travel Insurance £57

£1199^{PP}

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FULLY ESCORTED
by Karen Kirby

New Year on the Rhine River Cruise

Thursday 28th December 2023 to Tuesday 2nd January 2024 // 6 Days

Experience a New Year celebration you will never forget along the Rhine River on board the MS Douce France. Explore quaint cobbled towns on the banks of the river and enjoy a full programme of evening entertainment each night.

DAY 1 UK TO STRASBOURG

We depart home area and travel to Europe via Eurotunnel, arriving in Strasbourg early evening. We board our ship and have time to freshen up before our welcome cocktail reception where we are introduced to our Captain and our Chef who will inform us what delights are on our menu for tonight. Afterwards enjoy some music after dinner whilst our ship sails for Koblenz.

DAY 2 KOBLENZ

We'll cruise through the most romantic areas of the Rhine River today. We arrive in Koblenz, situated at the Deutsches Eck, where the Rhine meets the Moselle and discover this wonderful city. Take a walk along the quaint lanes and atmospheric squares filled with beautiful old buildings. There are many shops to browse. Tonight will be our Gala Dinner followed by entertainment.

DAY 3 KOBLENZ TO RÜDESHEIM

Today we cruise to Rüdesheim and marvel at some of the Rhine Valley's most famous landmarks including the 130m high Lorelei Rock, named after the famous Rhine siren, the legend of whom is as old as time itself. In Rüdesheim we visit the Siegfried Mechanical Music Museum, there are approximately 350 exhibits of mechanical instruments dating from the 18th to 20th century to look at. Take a walk down the famous Drösselgasse and pop into one of the many delightful shops. Tonight, we enjoy an included traditional evening in a riverside restaurant.

DAY 4 RÜDESHEIM TO MANNHEIM - NEW YEAR'S EVE

Today we cruise towards Mannheim. Join us on an excursion to Heidelberg, situated in the Neckar valley. This town is the mecca of German romanticism. Browse the many beautiful shops and sample one of the Beer houses. Karen will show you the best places to visit. We return to our ship for our New Year's Eve dinner and enjoy a full programme of evening entertainment. During the night we cruise to Strasbourg.

DAY 5 MANNHEIM TO STRASBOURG TO SAARBRÜCKEN SÜD

We enjoy one last late buffet breakfast and lunch on board before we disembark at 3pm and bid farewell to our Captain and crew. We travel to our nearby overnight hotel in Saarbrücken Süd. Time to freshen up and enjoy a drink in the bar before our evening meal.

DAY 6 SAARBRÜCKEN SÜD TO UK

After breakfast we depart for home area making suitable comfort stops on route.



PRICE INCLUDES

- Return Eurotunnel crossing
- 1 night half board on return overnight
- 4 nights full board accommodation on board ship*
- Unlimited complimentary on-board beverages, including beer, fine wines, spirits, bottled mineral water, soft drinks, speciality coffees and tea from 12noon to midnight
- Welcome cocktail reception
- Captain's Gala 5-course dinner on one evening
- Some evening entertainment
- Traditional dinner in a riverside restaurant
- New Years Eve Gala Dinner
- Free WiFi in lounge & bar on board ship
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted by Karen Kirby

**Please Note: Lunch is not included on days 1 & 6 and one nights' meal included in a restaurant.*

MS DOUCE FRANCE

This fabulous ship offers spacious cabins. The soft and feminine decoration mixes shades of pink and aubergine and anise colours in the public areas. Located on the upper deck is the lounge/bar at the front of the ship and the restaurant at the back, both offer panoramic windows. The cabins are spread over two decks. On the Upper Deck the cabins have large windows with French balconies. On the Main Deck the cabins have large windows.

Upper Deck Twin Cabin

£1583^{PP}

Main Deck Twin Cabin

£1439^{PP}

Single Cabin

£1910^{PP}

Travel Insurance

£77.10

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by Karen Kirby



The Valley of The Romantic Rhine, The Moselle and The Main - The Three Rivers

Monday 2nd to Sunday 8th October 2023 // 7 Days

Discover breath-taking landscapes along 3 rivers: the romantic Rhine valley, the Moselle and the Main. Impressive and unforgettable, this cruise will let you discover unmissable cities, from old Strasbourg to Cochem Castle, via the Frankfurt Main Tower, the Niederwald monument and Heidelberg.

DAY 1 UK TO STRASBOURG, FRANCE

Depart home area to Folkestone for our Eurotunnel crossing to France. We continue through France making suitable stops to our ship in Strasbourg. After settling into our cabins we meet the crew at the welcome cocktail reception. The Head Chef will inform us of the delicious meal they have prepared for us. Afterwards enjoy a tour of old Strasbourg aboard a river boat. The ship sails through the night to Frankfurt.

DAY 2 STRASBOURG TO FRANKFURT (the Main)

Today, we enjoy a panoramic tour of Frankfurt 'Mainhattan' and the Main Tower experience. Return to ship for our evening meal followed by entertainment.

DAY 3 FRANKFURT TO COCHEM (the Moselle)

This morning we cruise the Rhine passing Mainz, Rüdesheim and Boppard to Koblenz, situated on the Deutsches Eck (where the Rhine meets the Moselle) and pass Oberfell, Alken and Müden to Cochem. Enjoy free time in this picturesque medieval town. Opportunity to take a land train to show us some of the sights of Cochem (approx. €7). Return to ship for our evening meal.

DAY 4 COCHEM TO KOBLENZ

This morning our ship sails along the Moselle. After lunch we can explore the old city of Koblenz, a short walking distance from the ship. Opportunity to take a cable car to Ehrenbreitstein Fortress from the Deutsches Eck (extra cost), with amazing views of the meeting of the two rivers. Karen will advise the best places to visit.

DAY 5 KOBLENZ TO RÜDESHEIM (The Rhine)

This morning our ship sails to Rüdesheim. A land train will meet us at our ship and take us to Adolfs Wine Cellar for an entertaining wine tasting. Opportunity to purchase some of their wine afterwards. We then take a short walk to Siegfried's Mechanical Music Museum, where we will find approximately 350 exhibits of mechanical instruments dating back from the 18th to 20th century. After dinner tonight we are welcome to join Karen who will take us to the famous Drosselgasse for dancing and to try a Rüdesheim coffee.

DAY 6 RÜDESHEIM TO MANNHEIM

This morning our ship sails towards Mannheim. After lunch we board our coach to take us to the lovely city of Heidelberg which lies on the River Neckar. Enjoy a visit to this old city with an included visit to Heidelberg's famous castle. Tonight we enjoy our Gala Evening on board the ship while we sail to Strasbourg.

DAY 7 MANNHEIM TO STRASBOURG

After breakfast we depart our ship and travel to Calais making suitable refreshment stops for our return Eurotunnel crossing.



PRICE INCLUDES

- Return Eurotunnel crossing
- 6 nights full board accommodation on board ship*
- Unlimited complimentary on-board beverages, including beer, fine wines, spirits, bottled mineral water, soft drinks, speciality coffees and tea from 12noon to midnight
- Captains welcome cocktail reception
- Gala Evening
- Evening tour of Old Strasbourg by river boat
- Panoramic tour of Frankfurt
- Wine tasting & entry to Siegfried's Museum by land train
- Tour of Heidelberg with visit to the castle
- Fully escorted by Karen Kirby

**Please Note: Lunch is not included on the ship on days 1 & 7.*

MS LA BOHÈME

The MS Bohème offers amenities and provides guests with all the comforts they need during their stay. The refined decoration and the elegant and friendly atmosphere are in perfect harmony with its environment, this ship sails the Danube and the Rhine. Located on the upper deck is the restaurant, all meals are served here, the large windows offer panoramic views as we sail. On the same deck is the lounge/bar and dance floor. The sun deck offers comfortable sun loungers and a large, shaded area.

Upper Deck Twin Cabin

£1765^{PP}

Main Deck Twin Cabin

£1650^{PP}

Single Cabin

£2045^{PP}

Travel Insurance
Please enquire

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Treasures on the Red Sea, Egypt & Jordan Cruise

Saturday 2nd to Saturday 9th March 2024 // 8 Days

Embark on a journey brimming with unparalleled historical abundance. Voyage to the cradle of civilisation and the epicentre of the three monotheistic religions. Jordan's deep history makes it one of the top cultural destinations, so join us to discover the cast and 'God-like' earth T.E Lawrence fell in love with. Relaxation and experience await you!



DAY 1 UK to SHARM EL SHEIKH

Depart home area and travel to London Gatwick Airport for our flight. Karen will help us check in and there will be time to obtain refreshments before we take off (flight duration approx. 5 ½ hours). Upon arrival at Sharm El Sheikh airport we are transferred to our awaiting ship. There will be time to settle into our cabins before our welcome cocktail where we will be introduced to the crew followed by our evening meal.

DAY 2 SHARM EL SHEIKH

We spend the morning relaxing. This afternoon we enjoy an included excursion to Sharm El-Sheikh and the Seafloor in Naama Bay. A glass bottom boat tour will introduce us to the colourful riches found within the Red Sea. We'll then explore Sharm El-Sheikh and its traditional souk. We spend the rest of the afternoon cruising. Take advantage of the warm weather on the Sun Deck as we pass alongside the Sinai Peninsula, a sacred area for many religions. The land takes its name from Mount Sinai, assumed to be where God delivered the Ten Commandments to Moses. At dusk, the earth takes on burnt red tones and becomes a feast of colours.

DAY 3 AQABA – Wadi Rum

The morning will be spent cruising. Join us for an optional excursion this afternoon for the Wadi Rum desert. We'll set out in Jeeps to cross the magnificent desert, also known as the Valley of the Moon. Its vibrant red earth and stunning rock formations make it one of Jordan's most extraordinary sites. Follow the footsteps of T.E. Lawrence and fall in love with the area as he did. Some wind-brushed mountain peaks reach over 6,000 feet. Deep canyons and sand dunes add to the mystique. Large caravans of merchants and wares travelling between the various territories once crossed this desert. Today, a few hundred Bedouins still call the area home, whose hospitality is second to none.

DAY 4 AQABA - Petra

An optional, full-day excursion to Petra with lunch, unquestionably one of the greatest marvels ever sculpted by Mother Nature and considered one of Jordan's national treasures. Inhabitants of Jordan over 2,000 years ago, carved Petra into the pink and red stone, strategically located at the junction of the silk and spice trade routes. You will also discover the Roman-style theatre carved into the rock over 2,000 years ago.

DAY 5 SAILING

We'll spend the day cruising on the Red Sea. Tonight, is our festive gala evening.

DAY 6 HURGHADA - The Valley of the Kings and the Karnak Temple Complex

A full-day excursion to Thebes, the ancient capital of the Pharaohs. Discover the Valley of the Kings and the Karnak Temple Complex (lunch included—driving time is approx. 9hrs round trip). The Valley of the Kings is one of ancient Egypt's top tourist destinations, dominated by a great pyramid-shaped mountain. The area has been the site of royal burials for almost 4,000 years. More than 63 tombs inside, our entry ticket includes three. The final resting place for these great pharaohs remains one of the most impressive sites to visit in the world. Farther along, dominating the eastern bank, sits the 59-foot high (18 m) Colossi of Memnon—faceless effigies seated on thrones at the entrance to the mortuary temple of Amenhotep III. We'll also visit the Karnak Temple Complex. At the heart of this site stands the colossal Precinct of Amun-Re, enclosing a sacred lake that priests used in purification ceremonies before performing rituals in the temple. Tonight we cruise to Sharm El Sheikh.



DAY 7 SHARM EL SHEIKH - Monastery of Saint Catherine

Early in the morning, join us on an optional excursion to Monastery of Saint Catherine. The Greek Orthodox monastery of the God-trodden Mount Sinai is located at the very place where God appeared to Moses in the Burning Bush. In the providence of God, it is at this site also that the holy relics of Saint Catherine are enshrined. This is the oldest continuously inhabited Christian monastery, with a history that can be traced back over seventeen centuries.

DAY 8 SHARM EL SHEIKH

Enjoy breakfast on board our ship before disembarking for our return flight to London Gatwick where our coach will be waiting for us to return us home.

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Upper Deck Twin Cabin
WAS £4024.50^{PP}

Upper Deck Twin Cabin
NOW £3624.50^{PP}

Boat Deck Twin Cabin
WAS £3944^{PP}

Boat Deck Twin Cabin
NOW £3544^{PP}

Main Deck Twin Cabin
WAS £3902^{PP}

Main Deck Twin Cabin
NOW £3502^{PP}

Main Deck Single Cabin
WAS £4768^{PP}

Main Deck Single Cabin
NOW £4368^{PP}

Lower Deck Single Cabin
WAS £4362^{PP}

Lower Deck Single Cabin
NOW £3962^{PP}

PRICE INCLUDES

- Return transfers to/from London Gatwick Airport, provided by Kirbys
- Return Flights from London Gatwick to Sharm El Sheikh
- Return transfers from Sharm El Sheikh Airport to ship
- 23kg of luggage
- 7 nights full board accommodation on board ship*
- Unlimited complimentary on-board beverages, including beer, fine wines, spirits, bottled mineral water, soft drinks, speciality coffees and tea from 12noon to midnight
- Captains welcome cocktail reception
- Gala Evening
- Sharm El-Sheikh and the Seafloor in Nanna Bay Excursion
- The Valley of the Kings and the Karnak Temple Excursion
- Free Wi-Fi on board the ship
- Onboard activities
- Fully escorted by Karen Kirby

*Please Note: Lunch is not included on the ship on days 1 & 8.

MV LA BELLE DE L'ADRIATIQUE

FULLY ESCORTED
by Karen Kirby



Springtime in the Garden of Holland River Cruise

Friday 26th to Tuesday 30th April 2024 // 5 Days

Join our cruise along the Dutch waterways where we visit the most beautiful spring garden in the world: Keukenhof, filled with 32 hectares of colour and fragrance. There are over 8 million tulips with over 2000 varieties. You will be totally amazed by the arrange of stunning colours.

DAY 1 UK TO ANTWERP

Depart home area to Dover for our ferry crossing to Calais, France. Making suitable refreshment stops we arrive in Antwerp where we board our ship. After comfortably settling into our cabins we are invited to meet up in the lounge for a welcome cocktail and to meet the crew before our evening meal.

DAY 2 ANTWERP TO ROTTERDAM

This morning enjoy a walking tour of the old city of Antwerp in company of our ship's hostess. We spend the rest of today cruising, crossing small inland seas and immense locks to reach Rotterdam in the evening. Tonight we have our Gala evening.

DAY 3 ROTTERDAM TO KEUKENHOF TO HUIZEN

This morning we depart for Keukenhof Gardens, the most beautiful spring garden in the world. There are around 8 million tulips bulbs in bloom each spring in Keukenhof, with around 2000 varieties of tulips. A unique and unforgettable experience. Visit the indoor pavilions with fantastic displays. Try a piece of Dutch apple pie with cream. Afterwards we visit Rudi's flower stall where you can purchase discounted bulbs. We return to our ship in Huizen.

DAY 4 HUIZEN TO AMSTERDAM TO LELYSTAD

Enjoy a free morning in Amsterdam. Opportunity for a canal ride along the waterways of Amsterdam; this is the best way to see the city, approx. €17 per person. There are many shops to browse and cafes to obtain refreshments. We return to the ship for lunch. This afternoon we visit Zaanse Schans, a picturesque open-air museum offering us a glimpse into the country's rich cultural heritage with its historic windmills, traditional wooden houses, and charming craft shops. Stroll past the bakery museum and enjoy the fresh smell of cookies and take a look at the clog warehouse.

DAY 5 LELYSTAD TO UK

After breakfast we bid farewell to the crew and return to home area making suitable refreshment stops enroute.



PRICE INCLUDES

- Return P&O ferry crossing
- 4 nights full board accommodation on board ship*
- Unlimited complimentary on-board beverages, including beer, fine wines, spirits, bottled mineral water, soft drinks, speciality coffees and tea from 12noon to midnight
- Captains welcome cocktail reception
- Gala Evening
- Entry to Keukenhof
- Coach excursions to Amsterdam and Zaanse Schans
- Fully escorted by Karen Kirby

*Please Note: Lunch is not included on the days 1 & 5.

MS MODIGLIANI

Named in honour of the famous Italian painter, known in particular for his portraits, the MS Modigliani sails on the Rhine and the Danube and can accommodate 159 passengers, in 78 cabins over two decks. The cabin offers amenities and provides guests with all the comforts they need during their stay. The elegant decoration and friendly atmosphere, are in perfect harmony with its environment. Located on the upper deck, the restaurant, where all meals are served during the cruise, offers a delicate cuisine in a refined setting, where large windows allow you to fully enjoy the panorama. On this same level is also the lounge / bar with a dance floor, while on the sun deck, an ideal place to relax and admire the landscapes, passengers can enjoy comfortable sun loungers, as well as a large shaded area.

Upper Deck Twin Cabin

£1145^{PP}

Main Deck Twin Cabin

£1045^{PP}

Main Deck Single Cabin

£1303^{PP}

Travel
Insurance
£54.78

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Prague, Dresden and the Castles of Bohemia River Cruise

A spectacular cruise on the Elbe and Vltava Rivers by paddleboat cruise ship!

Monday 24th June to Tuesday 2nd July 2024 // 9 Days

Discover the many hidden treasures of Bohemia within this exclusive itinerary onboard one of Croisi Europe's premium ships. Visit top destinations set in idyllic landscapes along the Elbe and Vltava Rivers. We'll visit Prague and Dresden, authentic cities that exude charm and boast a rich cultural and architectural history. The castles of Bohemia, symbols of the nobility and aristocracy, house many surprising works of art.

DAY 1 UK TO RÜDESHEIM AM RHEIN

Depart home area and travel to Dover for our ferry crossing to France. We continue through France, Belgium and into Germany making suitable comfort stops. We arrive at our overnight hotel early evening with time to refresh up before our evening meal.

DAY 2 RÜDESHEIM AM RHEIN TO PRAGUE

After breakfast we continue our journey through Germany and into the Czech Republic, we arrive at our ship in Prague late afternoon. Time to unpack and settle into our cabins before our welcome cocktail party where we will be introduced to the crew, followed by our evening meal.

DAY 3 PRAGUE TO STECHOVICE

We'll spend the morning cruising the Vltava to Stechovice. Nestled in peaceful surroundings, the Vltava River reveals its bucolic landscapes and natural beauty. Once known for its gold mines, Stechovice is now famous for its traditional handmade pottery. This afternoon, we visit Konopiste Castle, located in an idyllic setting, this 13th-century fortress, entirely renovated in the 18th century, was the Habsburg's hunting lodge. In addition to its sumptuously decorated apartments, the castle is home to an impressive collection of medieval weapons and armour that once belonged to Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria. The castle was his last abode prior to his assassination in Sarajevo in 1914. Enjoy an evening of entertainment on board tonight after dinner.

DAY 4 STECHOVICE TO SLAPY TO PRAGUE

We cruise on the beautiful Vltava River to the Slapy Dam, following the winding river lined with hillsides and catch glimpses of castles in romantic, restful landscapes so typical of central Bohemia. The Slapy Reservoir is a popular vacation spot for residents of Prague, offering water sports and numerous recreational activities. We'll return to Prague later this afternoon. Time to relax before our evening meal followed by entertainment.

DAY 5 PRAGUE

Join us for a tour of the Old Town (Stare Mesto) of Prague this morning, dating back more than 1,000 years, one of the most important places in Bohemian history. As you stroll through the city's narrow streets, you'll discover many points of interest, including the Jewish quarter, the old town hall and its famous astronomical clock, the Gothic church of Our Lady before Tyn, and the Charles Bridge. We'll enjoy lunch on board our ship. This afternoon enjoy a guided tour of the Prague Castle district: Palaces, churches, and convents stand harmoniously in the vicinity of the castle, sitting high on a hill watching over the city. We'll discover St. Vitus Cathedral, the largest and most important church in the country and one of the most prestigious Gothic cathedrals in Europe; the Old Royal Palace; and the Golden Lane, named after the goldsmiths that thrived there during the 17th century. Enjoy an evening of traditional entertainment on board after dinner.



DAY 6 PRAGUE TO MELNIK

We'll spend the morning cruising to Melnik, at the confluence of the Elbe. Enjoy lunch on board. This afternoon we visit one of the most beautiful Renaissance castles in Bohemia that was home to 23 different Bohemian queens and princesses. The castle walls are elaborately adorned with Italian style stucco and wall paintings depicting scenes from the Old Testament and Greek mythology. It is also home to a rich, private collection of furniture and paintings—including works by Rubens, Velazquez, and many others—all belonging to the Lobkowitz family, the oldest and most eminent Bohemian noble family. Our tour ends with a tasting of a selection of wines from the castle's vineyard. Afterwards we enjoy a tour of the birth house of Antonin Dvorák, the famous Czech composer. During our visit we'll discover the life and works of one of the greatest composers of the 19th century, Dvorák composed the famous "New World Symphony." We return to our ship for our evening meal.

DAY 7 MELNIK TO PRAGUE INCL. DRESDEN

After breakfast we have a full day excursion to Dresden, a fantastic city known as the "Florence of the Elbe." Dresden became the capital of the Margravate of Meissen in the 13th century and the seat of the Dukes of Saxony in the 15th century. Dresden offers a wide variety of attractions, including magnificent promenades on the bank of the Elbe, fascinating museums, monuments, and charming details. We'll have lunch in a local restaurant. This afternoon we have a guided tour of the Royal Palace, the former residence of the Saxon Dukes and Electors and the Kings of Saxony. Revel in the splendour of its architecture and its collections, including the historic Green Vault, which contains the largest collection of treasures in Europe. After our excursion, we'll return to Prague by coach to meet our ship. Tonight is our Gala evening.

DAY 8 PRAGUE TO RÜDESHEIM AM RHEIN

After breakfast we retrace our outward journey, making suitable comfort stops and arrive at our overnight hotel with time to relax before our evening meal.

DAY 9 RÜDESHEIM AM RHEIN TO UK

After breakfast we make our way to Calais for our return ferry home, making suitable comfort stops.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Return ferry crossing
- Outward & return overnight half board accommodation at the Hotel Felsenkeller, Rüdesheim ***
- 6 nights full board accommodation on the MS Elbe Princesse II*
- Unlimited complimentary on-board beverages, including beer, fine wines, spirits, bottled mineral water, soft drinks, speciality coffees and tea from 12noon to midnight
- Captains welcome cocktail reception
- Gala evening with 4 course dinner
- Free Wi-Fi in lounge and bar onboard MS Elbe Princesse II
- All excursions as described
- Entrance to Konopiste Castle, Nalahozeves Castle and the Dvorák house
- Fully escorted by Karen Kirby

**Please Note: Lunch is not included on Days 1, 2, 8 & 9*

MS ELBE PRINCESSE II

The MS Elbe Princesse II is a 2 deck ship, Croisi Europe's third paddle riverboat and part of Croisi Europe's premium fleet. The interior is decorated in natural tones, reminiscent of the abundant nature along the riverbanks. The main deck cabins have large windows, and the upper deck cabins feature a French balcony with sliding-glass doors. All meals during the cruise are served in the restaurant on the main deck, which can be accessed directly from the lounge and bar. The restaurant is surrounded by panoramic windows that give fantastic views of the scenery as it flows by. The lounge and bar on the stern of the upper deck is where cocktails, games, dancing, and other fun filled evenings take place. The lounge has outdoor access so you can have a drink while enjoying the feel of the open air. The sun deck, with chairs and sun loungers, is the best place on the ship for an unobstructed view of the sites.

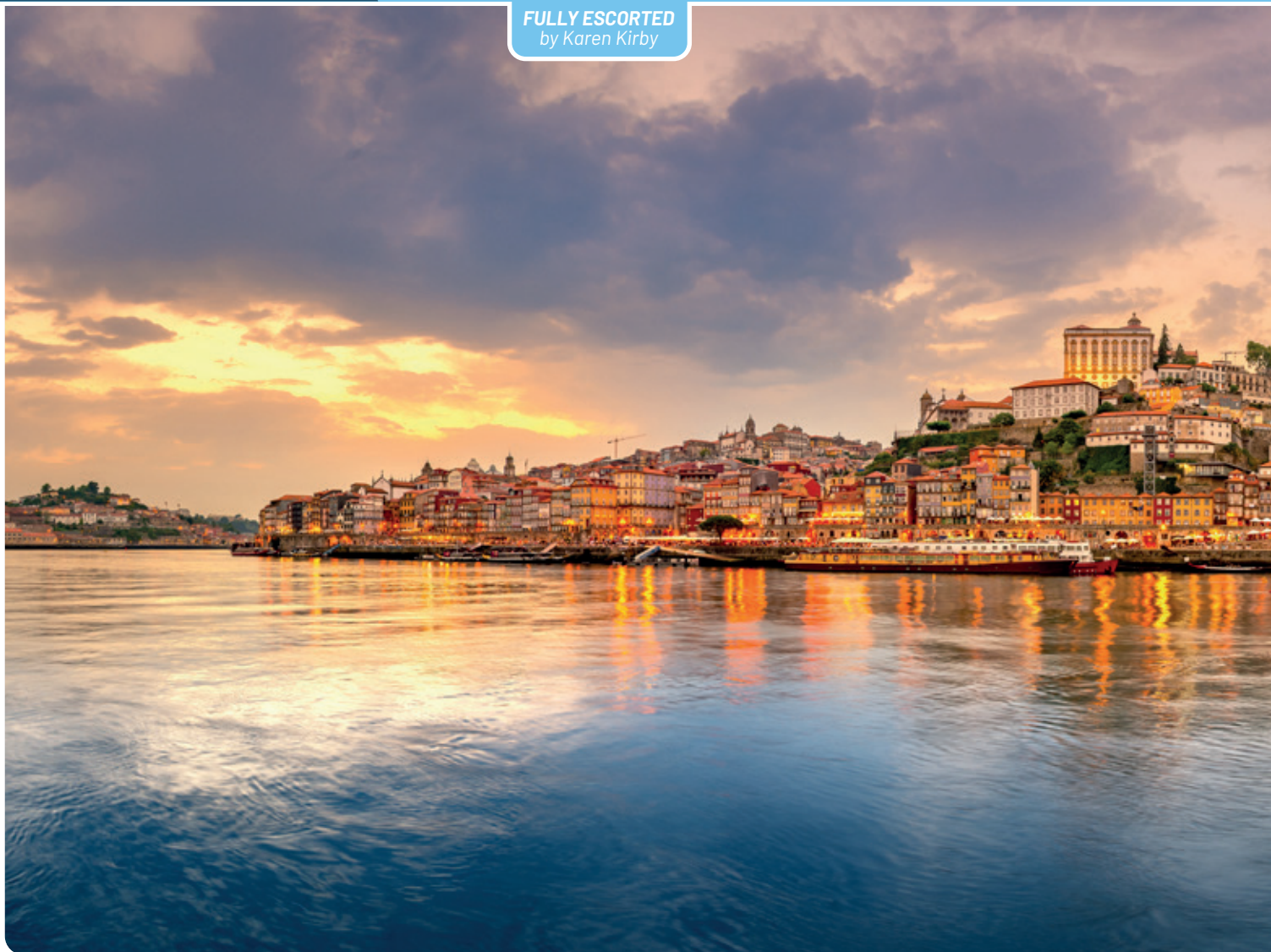
Upper Deck Twin Cabin
£3209^{PP}

Main Deck Twin Cabin
£2999^{PP}

Single Cabin
£3723^{PP}

Travel Insurance
Please enquire

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by Karen Kirby



The Spirit of Portugal on The Douro River Cruise

Thursday 11th to Thursday 18th July 2024 // 8 Days

Visit Spain and Portugal connected by the Golden River. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Douro opens its doors where you will discover terraced vineyards, typical villages, quintas and their wines all along the river. Explore Salamanca, named as "the small Rome" classified World Heritage by UNESCO. Embark for an unforgettable journey through these magnificent countries.

DAY 1 UK TO PORTO, PORTUGAL

We depart home area and make our way to Luton Airport for our flight to Porto. Karen will be there to help us check in and go through security. Flight duration is approximately 2 and a half hours. Upon arrival at Porto our transfer will be waiting for us to take us to our ship. After comfortably setting into our cabins we are invited to attend a welcome cocktail meeting where we will meet the crew. Afterwards, enjoy a delicious evening meal followed by an excursion by coach to see Porto by night.

DAY 2 PORTO TO REGUA

After breakfast we enjoy a guided tour of Porto to discover one of the oldest cities in Europe, the historic centre is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Afterwards we visit the cellars at Vila Nova de Gaia for a delicious wine tasting. We return to our ship for lunch. This afternoon is spent at leisure on board while we cruise to Regua.

DAY 3 REGUA TO VEGA DE TERRON

After breakfast this morning we enjoy an excursion to Vila Real (Royal Village). A town with a great variety of medieval monuments and architecture. We will stroll through the gardens at the Mateus Palace. We return to our ship for lunch. This afternoon we cruise to Vega de Terron. Enjoy an evening of Flamenco entertainment on board our ship tonight.

DAY 4 VEGA DE TERRON - SALAMANCA - TO BARCA D'ALVA

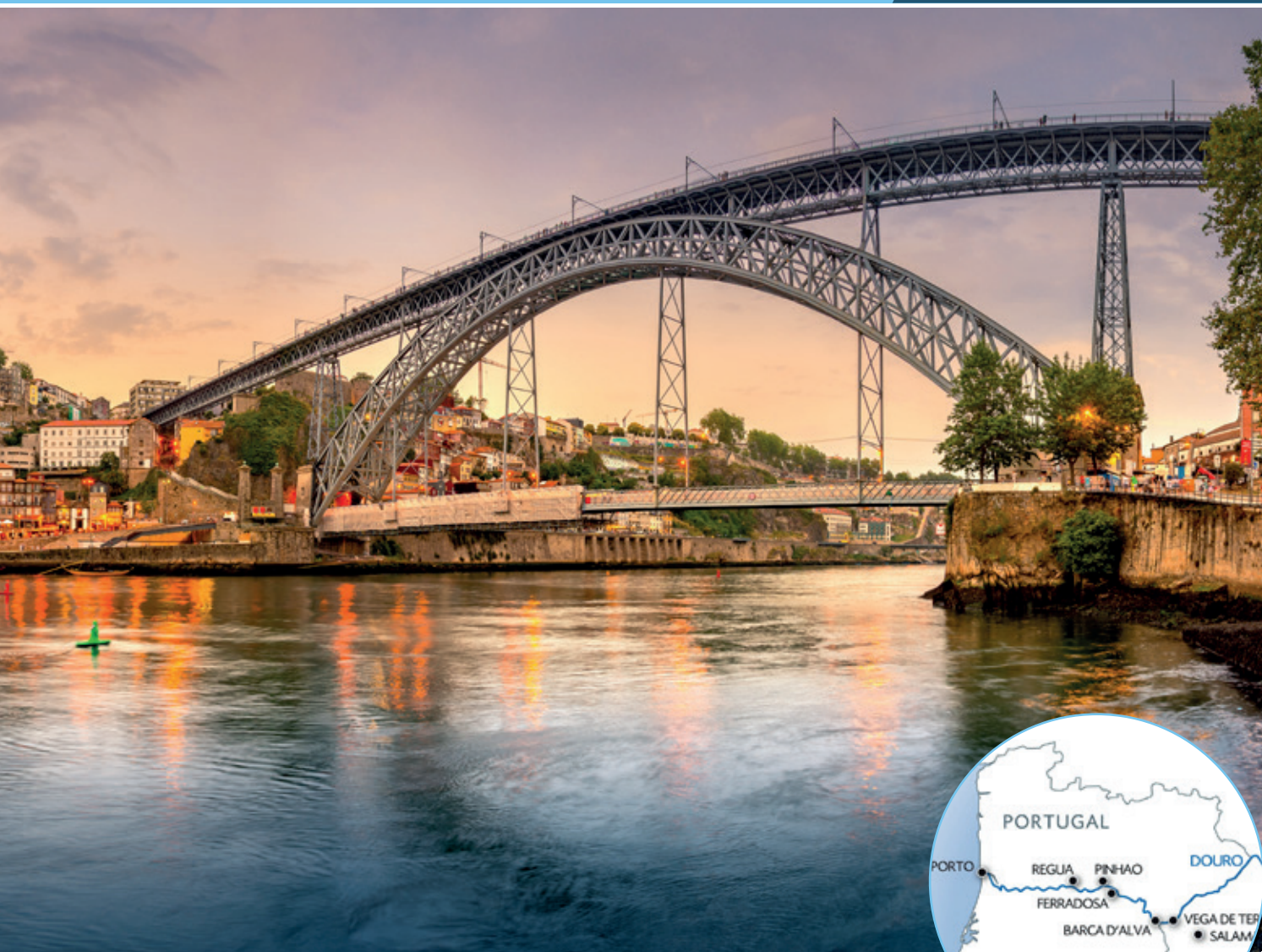
After breakfast we visit Salamanca for a full day excursion (lunch included). We'll visit its unusual cathedral and its famous university dating back to 1218, making it one of the oldest in the world. We'll return on board after our tour and enjoy an evening of entertainment.

DAY 5 BARCA D'ALVA TO FERRADOSA TO PINHAO

This morning will be spent cruising. After lunch on board we set off on our excursion along the Porto Wine Route where we'll discover the vineyards, famously arranged in rows, followed by a wine-tasting in a true Portuguese quinta. We return to our ship with time to freshen up for our Gala evening.

DAY 6 PINHAO TO PORTO

We start our day with an excursion to Lamego which is nestled among the terraced slopes of the Druro Valley port wine growing region, and overlooked by an ornate shrine. The town is elegant and infused with Baroque style. Atop one of its two hills stands the 13th century keep and a castle 100 years its senior. The Porta dos Figos gateway arch leads into the narrow streets of the inner town. We return to our ship for lunch and spend the afternoon sailing towards Porto. Tonight we enjoy some Fado entertainment.



DAY 7 PORTO

We can enjoy time at leisure in Porto at our own pace this morning, returning to our ship for lunch. This afternoon we visit the charming historical town of Guimarães, known as the 'cradle of Portugal', it was the birthplace of the country's first king. After dinner, we enjoy our last night on board with entertainment.

DAY 8 PORTO TO UK

After breakfast we join our transfer to take us back to Porto Airport for our return flight to Luton. Our coach will be waiting for us at Luton Airport to return us to home area.

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PRICE INCLUDES

- Return transfers to/from Luton Airport, provided by Kirbys
- Return flights from Luton Airport to Porto Airport
- Return transfers from Porto Airport to ship
- 23kg of luggage
- 7 nights full board accommodation on board ship*
- Free Wi-Fi in lounge & bar on board ship
- Unlimited complimentary on-board beverages, including beer, fine wines, spirits, bottled mineral water, soft drinks, speciality coffees and tea from 12noon to midnight
- Captain's welcome cocktail reception
- Gala evening with 4-course dinner
- All excursions as described
- Fully escorted by Karen Kirby

**Please Note: Lunch is not included on the ship on days 1 & 8.*

MS AMALIA RODRIGUES

This superior category 3 decked Croisi Europe ship pays homage to the Queen of Fado, Amalia Rodrigues, the famous Portuguese singer and actress. The ship offers ample space in each cabin and public areas. Large picture windows on the Upper and Mid Decks display all the scenery as the ship cruises. All the meals during the cruise are served in the restaurant on the Main Deck. Onboard fun, music, and dancing happen in the lounge and bar on the Mid Deck bow, where a cozy patio also provides great landscape views. The Sun Deck has a pool and sun loungers that everyone can enjoy.

Upper Deck Twin Cabin	Middle Deck Twin Cabin	Main Deck Twin Cabin	Single Cabin	Travel Insurance Please enquire
£2939^{PP}	£2915^{PP}	£2750^{PP}	£3410^{PP}	

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The Beautiful Blue Danube River Cruise

Wednesday 25th September to Friday 4th October 2024 // 10 Days

Be surprised by our cruise along the "Beautiful Blue Danube" that will take you to the heart of Eastern Europe where you will discover stunning cities with rich heritage. Admire the colourful alleys of Bratislava that twist around each other like in a fairy-tale village, and the Puszta, the true soul and heart of Hungary. Enjoy a traditional Hungarian Folklore evening with music, visit the awesome Schönbrunn Palace and the former capital of Hungary, Esztergom. There is so much to see on this cruise, it will certainly take your breath away.

DAY 1 UK TO RUDESHEIM AM RHEIN

Depart from home area and travel to Dover for a short channel ferry crossing to France. Continue through France, Belgium, and into Germany with suitable refreshment stops. Arrive at the Hotel Felsenkeller, our overnight hotel, in the early evening. Time to freshen up before our evening meal.

DAY 2 RUDESHEIM AM RHEIN TO VIENNA

After breakfast, continue traveling through Germany and into Austria with suitable refreshment stops. Arrive at the ship in Vienna late afternoon. Freshen up and unpack before the welcome cocktail party, followed by our evening meal and entertainment. Our ship sails this evening to Melk.

DAY 3 VIENNA TO MELK TO DÜRNSTEIN

After breakfast, visit Melk Abbey, known for its splendid Baroque architecture and UNESCO World Heritage status. Return to the ship for lunch and cruise up the beautiful Wachau Valley to Durnstein, passing picturesque villages and gothic ruins. Take a tour of the medieval town of Durnstein with our hostess. Return on board in the afternoon and continue cruising towards Bratislava. Enjoy an evening of dancing after dinner.

DAY 4 BRATISLAVA TO KALOCSA

This morning take a panoramic tour of Bratislava, including a visit to Bratislava Castle and the central square. Enjoy some free time before returning to the ship for lunch. Cruise to Kalocsa and relax on board. Enjoy some evening entertainment after dinner.

DAY 5 KALOCSA TO BUDAPEST

After breakfast, we board our coach to Kiskunsag Park for a traditional equestrian show and tasting of local delights. The csikós, the mounted horse-herdsmen of Hungary, dressed in traditional blue attire, will invite you to take part in their "games of skill and ability". Return to the ship for lunch and cruise towards Budapest.

DAY 6 BUDAPEST

After breakfast, take a panoramic tour of Budapest, including the Castle quarter and Fisherman's Bastion in Buda, and Heroes' Square, the Szechenyi thermal baths and Parliament building in Pest. Return to the ship for lunch and free time. This evening, we attend a traditional Hungarian show in downtown Budapest that takes us through their folklore and Gypsy dance and music.



DAY 7 ESZTERGOM TO VIENNA

Spend some free time in Esztergom, one of the oldest cities in Hungary. After lunch, cruise to Vienna. Enjoy a Gala evening on board as the ship sails through the night to Vienna.

DAY 8 VIENNA

Join our coach for a guided tour of Vienna seeing the city's famous landmarks. Return to our ship for lunch before our visit to Schönbrunn Palace for a guided tour. Enjoy free time to wander through the Palace Gardens.

DAY 9 VIENNA TO RUDESHEIM AM RHEIN

We enjoy our last buffet breakfast on board before disembarking. Retrace our outward journey, with suitable refreshment stops along the way. Returning to our overnight in Rudesheim.

DAY 10 RUDESHEIM AM RHEIN TO UK

After breakfast, we continue our journey through Germany, Belgium, and France, making suitable refreshment stops. We take our return short sea ferry crossing to Dover and travel back to the home area.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Return short sea ferry crossing Dover to Calais
- Half board accommodation on the outward and return overnight at the Hotel Felsenkeller, Rudesheim am Rhein
- 7 nights full board accommodation on the MS Beethoven*
- Unlimited complimentary on-board beverages, including beer, fine wines, spirits, bottled mineral water, soft drinks, speciality coffees and tea from 12noon to midnight
- Captains welcome cocktail reception
- Gala Evening with 4 course dinner
- All Excursions as described
- Porterage
- Free Wi-Fi in lounge and bar onboard MS Beethoven
- Fully escorted by Karen Kirby

**Please Note: Lunch is not included on Days 1, 2, 9, & 10*

MS BEETHOVEN

Named after the famous German virtuoso, the MS Beethoven accommodates 180 passengers in 90 cabins over 3 decks. The refined decoration and the elegant friendly atmosphere are in perfect harmony with its environment. The restaurant is located on the main deck, where we are offered delicate cuisine and enjoy the views from the wide windows. The middle deck is where we will find the lounge/bar with a dance floor. On the upper deck we will find comfortable sun loungers, the ideal place to relax and admire the surrounding landscapes.

Upper Deck Twin Cabin

£2864 PP

Main Deck Twin Cabin

£2699 PP

Single Cabin

£3279 PP

Travel Insurance
Please enquire

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New Year in Paris River Cruise

Saturday 28th December 2024 to Wednesday 1st January 2025 // 5 Days

Join us for a spectacular New Year's celebration on the Seine River, where you will embark on a unique and enchanting cruise! You will visit Rouen with its beautiful half-timbered houses, cobbled streets, and gothic churches. Discover the pretty little port of Honfleur and the Côte Fleurie. Finally we will reach Paris, the city of romance, with a rich, modern and fantastic atmosphere for an unforgettable New Year cruise.

DAY 1 UK TO PARIS

We depart home area and make our way by ferry to France. We continue through France, making a suitable comfort stop for lunch, before reaching our ship in Paris. Time to unpack and freshen up before meeting in the lounge for a welcome cocktail party where we will be introduced to the crew followed by our evening meal. The ship sails to Rouen this evening.

DAY 2 ROUEN TO HONFLEUR

Upon arriving in Rouen we join Karen into the city of 'a hundred spires', where she will take us to the cobbled stoned pedestrian centre full of interesting shops, on route we will see the famous medieval half-timbered houses. The skyline is dominated by the spires of cathedral Notre Dame, much painted by impressionist Claude Monet. Discover the Saint Joan of Arc Church, edified in the 20th century and situated on Rouens historic Place du Vieux-Marché, where Joan of Arc was burned in 1431. We return to the ship for lunch. The ship sets sail towards Honfleur.

DAY 3 HONFLEUR

After breakfast we join the ship's cruise director for a full day excursion in picturesque Honfleur and the Côte Fleurie. Tonight is our New Years Eve Gala dinner and this evening our ship sets sail towards Paris.

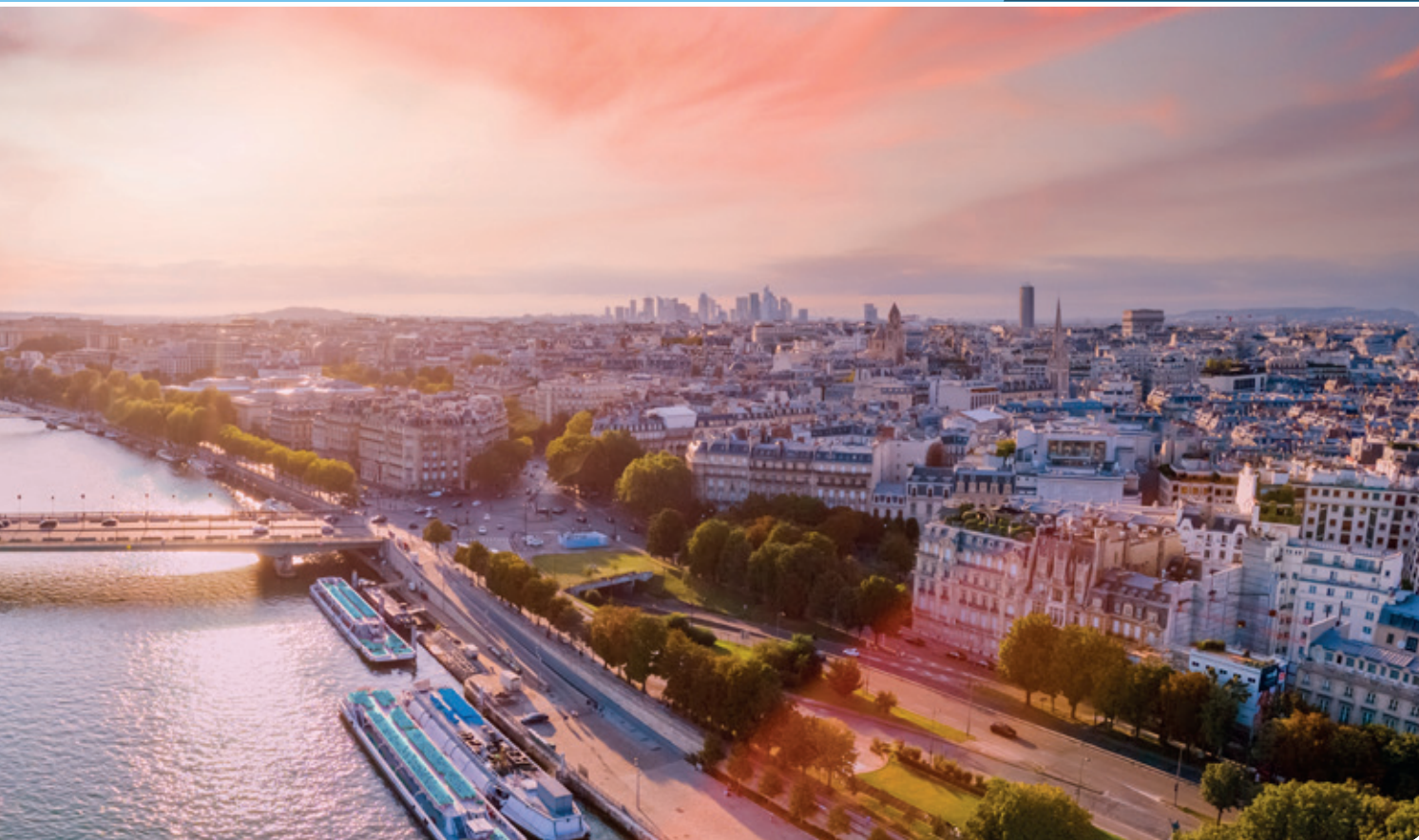
DAY 4 PARIS - NEW YEAR'S EVE

After arriving in Paris we enjoy a panoramic tour of the city where we will see the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, the Notre Dame, Sacre Coeur and much much more.

DAY 5 PARIS TO UK

We bid farewell to Paris and return to home area, making suitable comfort stops.





PRICE INCLUDES

- Return short sea ferry crossing Dover to Calais
- 4 nights full board accommodation on the MS Botticelli*
- Unlimited complimentary on-board beverages, including beer, fine wines, spirits, bottled mineral water, soft drinks, speciality coffees and tea from 12noon to midnight
- Captain's welcome cocktail reception
- Free Wi-Fi in lounge and bar
- Evening of on-board entertainment
- New Years Eve dinner with wine & glass of champagne
- Guided tour of Rouen
- Guided walking tour of Honfleur & the Côte Fleurie
- Panoramic guided tour of Paris

**Please Note: Lunch is not included on the ship on days 1 & 5.*

MS BOTTICELLI

Named after the Italian painter Sandro Botticelli, one of the great masters of the Renaissance, this elegant standard ship was completely renovated in 2016. The shades of taupe and beige, enhanced with emerald green, as well as the golden touches of the cabins and the precious fabrics of Venice, provide an elegant and cozy atmosphere. Located on the upper deck, the restaurant, where all meals are served during the cruise, offers a delicate cuisine in a refined setting, where large windows allow guests to fully enjoy the panorama. Also situated on the upper deck is the lounge / bar with a dance floor. Comfortable sun loungers are provided on the sun deck with a large shaded area, the ideal place to relax and admire the surrounding landscapes.

Main Deck Twin Cabin

£1399^{PP}

Single Cabin

£1828^{PP}

Travel Insurance
Please enquire

KIRBYS BY AIR

NEW FOR 2024

The Magic of Sicily by Air
Montenegro by Air



PLEASE NOTE FOR ALL FLYING HOLIDAYS

- Passports are required
- Kirbys By Air holidays cannot be booked via a Travel Agent due to license laws
- Kirbys are acting as Agent for Success Tours and Destination Specialists
- Full payment is required 90 days prior to departure date
- Travel insurance is highly recommended

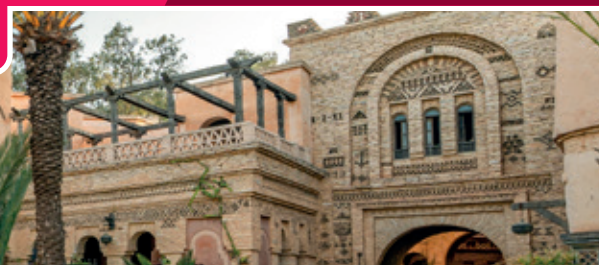
CANCELLATION CHARGES FOR ALL CRUISES*

- 90+ Days prior to sailing: **deposit paid**
- 51-90 Days prior to sailing: **50% of the total paid**
- 30-50 Days prior to sailing: **60% of the total paid**
- 15-29 Days prior to sailing: **75% of the total paid**
- 14 Days or less prior to sailing: **100% of the total paid**

*Unless stated otherwise



FULLY ESCORTED
by Karen Kirby



Morocco by Air

All Inclusive!*

Wednesday 11th to Wednesday 18th October 2023 // 8 Days

Join Karen to the Kingdom of Morocco (official title) and discover a mountainous country of western North Africa that lies directly across the Strait of Gibraltar from Spain. We stay in Agadir, blessed with a crescent of wide, golden sand, Agadir is Morocco's premier beach resort. Situated on the Atlantic Coast, the shore is lapped by calm and tranquil blue seas, and the wide, spacious boulevards are lined with palm trees. With a pleasant climate, Agadir enjoys over 300 days of sunshine per year, making it the ideal place to soak up some winter sun. Boats gleam in the sparkling marina, an ancient kasbah overlooks the modern town, and there are plenty of souks and bazaars in which to pick up tasty treats and handcrafted Moroccan wares.

DAY 1 We depart home area and travel by coach to Gatwick Airport for our afternoon flight to Agadir. Karen will be with us to ensure we are all checked in before going through security. Upon arrival at Agadir Airport a transfer shuttle bus will be waiting for us to take us to our hotel. Upon arrival at our hotel enjoy a welcome drink whilst our luggage is taken to our room. Tonight we will meet up for dinner arranged by Karen.

DAY 2 Today will be a day of complete relaxation. Take the opportunity to sunbathe around two of the hotel pools. Why not book a massage? Meet up with Karen for a ten minute walk to Agadir Marina known as Marina d'Agadir, an icon of luxury in the Moroccan capital. Many luxury apartments have been built around the marina and surrounded by landscaped gardens and beautiful shops, restaurants, bars and leisure centres. We will try out one of the bars together.

DAY 3 Today join Karen on a bus trip to The Agadir Medina (extra cost 4 MAD, equivalent to 35 pence), a beautiful medieval citadel. The interestingly designed buildings and museum make up a culture community with the purpose to showcase the local artistic talent. The Moroccan born, Italian architect, Coco Polizzi wanted to replace the Medina lost in Agadir's devastating 1960s earthquake and managed to complete this cultural hive in 2007. The 13 acre Medina was made entirely by hand from local stone, brick and wood, which was decorated using both Berber and Saharan styles. The area is a combination of a living ethnological museum, bazaar and art workshops. Local painters, craftsmen, jewellers and carpenters regularly use the studios and open spaces to showcase their art and latest ware. Stroll around the Medina to see the magnificent architecture, wander through the tunnelled alleyways to the amphitheatre and discover fantastic sculptures and performances.

DAY 4 Today join Karen on an optional 'Full Day Safari Small Desert' with lunch tour (approx. £65 extra). Early booking advised as the tour can only take 15 people. We will explore a remote beach, the walled city of Tiznit, Sahara sand dunes, and Youssef Ben Tachfine dam on a full day trip from Agadir through the Moroccan countryside. We will be invited to dine on tajine or couscous, fresh fruit, and mint tea in a Berber home. This is a chance to experience Morocco's long tradition of hospitality. If you would like to take a camel ride during this tour, this will be an extra £5. This tour will be approx. 7 to 8 hours in total.

DAY 5 Today enjoy another tour of relaxation along the beach or hotel's facilities. Meet up with Karen at 9.30am this morning to discuss her days activities if you would like to join her.

DAY 6 Today join Karen on an optional excursion to the magical and historical city of Marrakesh (approx. £69) for a guided day trip. Our first stop will be at the Medina of Marrakesh to discover the 'Red city'. Discover a traditional Moroccan Folklore Show and on our return journey to our hotel we will stop to admire the historical

monument of the oldest mosque in this magical city. This tour will be approx. 12 hours.

DAY 7 Join Karen on an optional private tour to Paradise Valley and Taghazout. (approx. £60 extra). We will drive north to the banana village then take the road of honey and the High Atlas Mountains. Stopping for light refreshments by river beds. Surrounded by the gorges fabulous rock formations – a natural botanic garden. Enjoy the spectacular panoramic views of Paradise valley, a nice visit to the Taghazout village then back to Agadir. This tour will be approx. 5-6 hours.

DAY 8 This morning after breakfast we relax by the pool and enjoy lunch before our coach picks up from our hotel to take us to Agadir Airport for our return flight home to Gatwick where our coach will be waiting to take us home.

Currency in Morocco is Moroccan Dirham (MD). You cannot take Moroccan Dirham out of Morocco, it is advised to convert any MD back to Pound Sterling before you return home. Typical weather in October is between 26°C and 14°C.

Unique ATOL Reference 5114

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The excursions on Days 3, 4, 6 & 7 are not included in the price. Please ask one of our Sales Advisors at time of booking. It is recommended that these excursions are pre-booked with Kirbys as they are limited.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Return transfers to/from London Gatwick Airport, provided by Kirbys
- Return flights from London Gatwick to Agadir, Morocco
- 23kg of luggage
- Return hotel transfers from/to Agadir Airport
- 7 nights all inclusive (*local branded drinks, lunch is not included on Days 1 & 8)
- Fully escorted by Karen Kirby

IBEROSTAR FOUNTY BEACH, AGADIR ★★★★★

Surrounded by lush gardens and palm trees, this luxurious beachfront resort is near the walled quarters of La Médina d'Agadir and the ancient ruins of Agadir Oufella. The hotel features a host of services and facilities, including a spa, beauty salon, fitness room, daytime and evening entertainment, free Wi-Fi, two restaurants, three bars, pools and beach hammocks. Please note that this hotel only has twin bedded rooms.



596 Reviews

Single Supplement TBA / Travel Insurance Please enquire!

PLEASE ENQUIRE

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FULLY ESCORTED
by Karen Kirby



The Magic of Sicily by Air

Sunday 7th to Sunday 14th April 2024 // 8 Days

Join us on this fully escorted holiday to the hidden Mediterranean paradise in Acireale, Sicily, which is situated between the lemon grove-covered hills and the Ionian sea. It is a lovely place to enjoy a slice of Sicilian life. One of the best times to go is in April when there are few crowds and mild weather, usually approx. 16°. Discover beautiful landscapes, pretty seaside towns and Mount Etna.

DAY 1 We fly from Gatwick Airport to Sicily. Karen will help us check in before our flight (flight time around 3 hours). Upon our arrival to Catania Airport we will be transferred to our hotel, Grande Albergo Maugeri. Time to relax, unpack and enjoy our three-course evening meal with a glass of wine.

DAY 2 After breakfast we meet our guide and local coach that takes us to Taormina, 'the Pearl of the Mediterranean', dating back to 4th century BC. We discover how this hilltop towns diverse history spanned Greek, Roman and Norman rule. The rest of our evening meals aren't included, we can join Karen tonight to a local restaurant, or purchase a meal at the hotel.

DAY 3 Today we visit Syracuse, the southeast corner of Sicily and beside the Ionian Sea, the city is notable for its Greek and Roman history. We have time to visit the Sicilian market and purchase refreshments from one of the cafes at the northern end. Afterwards, we visit Ortigia Island, a small isles on the city's coast packed with personality. We have an included lunch at Taverna Svava before free time to explore the charms of this Sicilian old town.

DAY 4 Enjoy a day at leisure in Acireale. Explore the centre of the old town, Piazza Duomo, home to baroque buildings including the cathedral. The waterfront castle was built using volcanic rock from Mount Etna. The panoramic park offers superb sea views and there are many delightful shops and cafes.

DAY 5 Today we visit Romana del Casale, excavations here have revealed one of the richest, largest and most varied collections of Roman mosaics in the world for which the site has been designed as a UNESCO World Heritage. We continue to Sicilia Outlet Village where we can shop and obtain lunch.

DAY 6 Enjoy a full day visiting Modica, a custodian of a 400-year tradition of Sicilian chocolate making. Using Aztec methods and recipes Modica specialises in granulous chocolate, flavoured with chilli pepper, cinnamon or vanilla. Magnificent churches, with

inspiring domes, bell towers and intricate facades, punctuate the red-tiled roofs, we take a walk around this delightful town admiring its beauty.

DAY 7 We start our say visiting Mount Etna, one of the highest volcano's in Europe. We recommend warm clothing. The eruptive history of the volcano can be taced back 500,000 years. We spend our afternoon at leisure in Acireale.

DAY 8 After breakfast we check-out to catch our flight back to the UK.

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PRICE INCLUDES

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- Return flights from London Gatwick to Cantania Airport
- 23kg of luggage
- Return hotel transfers from/to Cantania
- 7 nights bed & breakfast (dinner included on 1st night at hotel)
- Coach excursions to Taormina and the Greek Theatre, Island of Ortigia including lunch, Villa Romana del Casale with shopping in Sici, Modica and Mount Etna
- Fully escorted by Karen Kirby

GRANDE ALBERGO MAUGERI, SICILY ★★★★★

This 4-star hotel is located in Acireale's historic centre, just a 5-minute walk to shops, bars, restaurants and Acireale Cathedral. The spacious en-suite bedrooms include free Wi-Fi, safe, hairdryer and TV.



1,214 Reviews

Single Supplement £360.50 / Travel Insurance £156

£1669^{PP}



FULLY ESCORTED
by Karen Kirby

Montenegro by Air

Sunday 13th to Sunday 20th October 2024 // 8 Days

Montenegro is one of the most beautiful countries in the world, with an abundance of natural, historic and cultural gems and treasures to explore. Located in Southeastern Europe, next to Croatia, this county is full of quaint towns, gorgeous beaches, stunning coastline, great restaurants and rugged mountains and lakes.

DAY 1 Depart home area and travel to London Gatwick Airport for our flight to Montenegro. Karen will help us check in for our flight (duration approx. 3 hrs). Upon arrival at Tivat Airport we will be transferred to our hotel, Iberostar Bellevue, located in Budva. Time to freshen up and look around the resort, join Karen for a pre-dinner drink before our evening meal.

DAY 2 Day at leisure at the resort. We can meet Karen at 10am at reception and take a stroll around the hotel gardens. Enjoy a drink at one of the hotel's six bars, there are also three restaurants to choose from. There is a wellness centre, games room, tennis court, outdoor pools, indoor pool, jacuzzi and range of spa treatments (extra cost) to indulge yourself. Grab a sun lounger and relax on the sandy Becici beach. The hotel provides daytime and evening entertainment. The choice is ours today.

DAY 3 After breakfast today we enjoy a first-class transfer from our hotel to Podgorica, with a professional English-speaking driver who will give us interesting information about Montenegro history along the way. Podgorica is the capital and largest city of Montenegro. See the Millenium Bridge, the Vladmir Vysotsky Monument and Delta City for its shopping Mall.

DAY 4 Enjoy a day of relaxation or join Karen on an optional 'Private Skadar Lake Cruise and Tasting Tour' (£90pp extra to be paid at time of booking). We will be picked up from our hotel taken to Lake Skadar, the largest lake in Montenegro and on the Balkan Peninsula. The lake has many islands and a peninsula with traces of history and valuable cultural heritage. The lake has 18 important historical monuments that witness to Montenegrin history from the 11th century to the present day. Skadar Lake is a bird's paradise, it has 264 bird species, and about 90% of them are migratory and of international importance. This is the only pelican habitat in southern Europe. The lake is an ideal location for observing birds because it is the largest bird reserve in Europe. Afterwards we stop in Godinje village for some food and a wine tasting.

DAY 5 Today is day of relaxation. This afternoon we can join Karen on an optional excursion and visit the Lipa Cave (£30pp extra to be paid at time of booking) where we explore the natural rock formations with ease. A coach transfers us to the Caves, on arrival we take a train ride to the entrance and descend into the cool underground chamber. We learn about Lipa Cave's place in Montenegrin history from our guide. Admire the underground river and geological formations as we walk the length of the cave. Time to purchase refreshments before our return journey to our hotel.

DAY 6 Join Karen on an optional 'Great Cruise from Budva to Boka Bay in a Day' excursion (£49pp extra to be paid at time of booking). Discover the entire Boka Bay with guided tours of Kotor and Herceg Novi Old Towns. Visit the iconic Our Lady of the Rocks Island and have the option to explore the Blue Cave or relax at the stunning Zanjice Beach. Indulge in a delicious onboard lunch, adding to the captivating experience.

DAY 7 Today we enjoy a day of relaxation before our flight home the next day.

DAY 8 Today we say farewell to Montenegro, and we meet our return transfer to Tivat Airport where we board our return flight back to Gatwick. Upon arrival at Gatwick our coach will be waiting for us to return to our home area.

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The excursions on Days 4, 5 & 6 are not included in the price. Please ask one of our Sales Advisors at time of booking. It is recommended that these excursions are pre-booked with Kirbys as they are limited.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Return transfers to/from London Gatwick Airport, provided by Kirbys
- Return flights from London Gatwick to Tivat Airport
- 23kg of luggage
- Return hotel transfers from/to Tivat
- 7 nights inclusive accommodation*
- First-class transfer to Podgorica
- Fully escorted by Karen Kirby

*Non-alcoholic (soft beverages/tea/coffee) and alcoholic (local brands of draught wine & beer) and cocktails 10:00-24:00 in Pizzeria. Breakfast 07:00-10:00. Late breakfast 10:00-12:00. Lunch 12:00-15:30. Soft snack 15:30-18:30. Dinner 18:30-21:30. Late dinner 21:30-24:00.

IBEROSTAR BELLEVUE, BUDVA ★★★★★

This beautiful beachfront hotel is 3km from both Old Town Budva and the 15th century Podmaine Monastery. Each room features a balcony or patio with TV and Wi-Fi. The hotel has a beach bar, piano lounge, 2 outdoor pools, a fitness centre with indoor pool, tennis court, a spa (treatments extra), beach club and regular entertainment.



2,629 Reviews

Single Supplement £272 / Travel Insurance £184.61

£1145^{PP}

Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT DEPOSIT DO I NEED TO PAY FOR MY HOLIDAY?

The non-refundable deposit payments for our holidays are listed below:

UK & Continental Holiday = £75* per person

**Unless otherwise stated on our Cruises, Flying and some Continental Holidays.*

HOW CAN I PAY FOR MY DEPOSIT?

We accept the following methods of payment:

Cash

(If you are visiting our Head Office)

Card

We accept debit cards as well as all major credit cards, but we do not accept commercial cards or American Express

Cheque

Please make cheques payable to 'Kirbys Coaches'. There are no charges incurred.

Gift Vouchers/Credit Notes

We only accept Kirbys Coaches Gift Vouchers/Credit Notes (subject to our terms and conditions).

WHEN IS THE FINAL BALANCE OF MY HOLIDAY DUE?

The final balance of your holiday must be paid 12 weeks prior to date of travel (unless otherwise stated on our Cruise or Flying holidays). The date your final balance will be due is printed on your Travel Confirmation.

WHAT IF I NEED TO CANCEL MY HOLIDAY?

At Kirbys, we understand that sometimes it may be necessary to cancel a holiday due to unforeseen circumstances.

It is important that any holiday cancellation is notified to us, or your travel agent, in writing. Your cancellation will take effect from the date when either the travel agent or we receive your written confirmation of your cancellation.

WHY IS THERE A SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT CHARGE?

When sourcing hotels, we try our very best to obtain as many single rooms free of this supplement charge. Please note that when there is a single room supplement, it does not always mean the room is a double/twin for sole use.

I'VE BEEN ALLOCATED A SEAT NUMBER ON MY CONFIRMATION. DO I KEEP THE SAME SEAT NUMBER THROUGHOUT MY HOLIDAY?

Yes, you keep the seat you book throughout your holiday. The seat number given to you at the time of booking will be allocated to your name on our booking system and this seat number will be designated to you for the outward & return journey, including any excursions.

WILL THE ITINERARY OF MY HOLIDAY CHANGE FROM THE ONE ADVERTISED?

The schedule of each day-to-day itinerary advertised in our brochure is always subject to change. These holidays are often arranged over a year in advance and sometimes it is necessary to change the order of the itinerary to allow for any changes to our supplier's schedule (for example: train timetables, museum opening time, event dates etc).

If you are planning to meet with friends/relatives during your holiday, we strongly advise that the times you arrange with them are flexible to allow for any alterations. If there are any unforeseen significant changes to a holiday we will contact you.

CAN I BRING MY WHEELCHAIR OR MOBILITY SCOOTER ON HOLIDAY?

We must be told at time of booking if you will be bringing a walking aid with you, this is so that we can ensure space is available in our luggage hold.

Our coaches do not have the facilities of a lift for wheelchair users, but they do have air suspension which will make it easier for you to step on/off the coach.

CAN I PARK MY CAR AT KIRBYS DEPOT FOR THE DURATION OF MY HOLIDAY?

We are pleased to offer free parking (at your own risk) at our depot in Rayleigh. So if you'd like to join the coach at our depot we will make sure there is a space for your car to stay.

WHAT IS MY LUGGAGE ALLOWANCE?

On your coach holidays, you may bring with you one suitcase, in the event of no portage, it must not be too heavy for you to lift the luggage yourself.

There are restrictions on holidays that include a flight which we you will find on the tour page. Please remember to fill out and attach your Kirbys luggage labels, so that you can easily identify your cases. Overnight accommodation will require an overnight bag.

IS PORTERAGE INCLUDED ON ALL HOLIDAYS?

Porterage is offered on all tours which are a duration of 3 or more nights (except at overnight hotels on our longer duration holidays).

If you are travelling on an overnight or 2 night break with Kirbys, please only pack what you can handle yourself as porterage is not guaranteed on these short break tours.

WILL WE TRAVEL STRAIGHT TO THE HOTEL ON DAY 1?

Due to hotel check in times often being late afternoon, we will not drive passengers straight to the hotel/resort. Depending on the length of journey, we will provide comfort stops as well as a stop somewhere suitable for lunch to be purchased.

WHAT ARE THE FACILITIES ON KIRBYS COACHES?

All our coaches are equipped with a toilet, air-conditioning, refrigerator and ride on air suspension to ensure a comfortable journey. Seats partially recline and have arm & adjustable foot rests.

We advise that the toilet is for use in an emergency because our drivers will provide comfort stops for long journeys.

WILL THERE BE A COURIER ON MY HOLIDAY?

Throughout this brochure we have advertised if a holiday is fully escorted, either in the subtitle or the price includes section. Please be advised that this is subject to change.

DO I RECEIVE A DISCOUNT AS I AM A NATIONAL TRUST/RHS MEMBER?

We have tried, where possible, to advertise if there is a discount on a holiday including entrance to these properties. You must bring your proof of membership on the holiday or else full payment will be charged. Discounts do not apply if there is a special event ticket included.

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A client holiday travel insurance scheme is available to eligible passengers travelling on our holidays which is arranged by Wrightsure Services (Hampshire) Limited and underwritten by ERGO Travel Insurance Services Ltd (ETI) on behalf of Great Lakes Insurance SE (GLISE). Great Lakes Insurance SE is a German insurance company with its headquarters at Königstrasse 107, 80802 Munich. UK Branch office: 10 Fenchurch Avenue, London, EC3M 5BN, company number SE000083. Great Lakes Insurance SE, UK Branch, is authorised and regulated by Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht. Deemed authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority (firm reference number 769884). Subject to regulation by the Financial Conduct Authority and limited regulation by the Prudential Regulation Authority. Details of the Temporary Permissions Regime, which allows EEA-based firms to operate in the UK for a limited period while seeking full authorisation, are available on the Financial Conduct Authority's website.

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DEMANDS AND NEEDS

This insurance policy will suit the demands and needs of an individual or group (where applicable) who have no excluded medical condition(s), are travelling in countries included within the policy terms and who wish to insure themselves against unforeseen circumstances/events detailed in the cover section below. Subject to the terms, conditions and maximum specified sums insured.

IMPORTANT

We will not provide you with advice about the suitability of this product for your individual needs but will be happy to provide you with factual information. We summarise below the details of the insurance cover provided which also includes 24-hour emergency service from Mayday Assistance Limited. The following is a brief summary of the cover available. Full details of cover and exclusions will be forwarded with your confirmation of booking. In any event you may ask for a specimen copy of the policy wording before booking should you wish to examine this in advance.

SUMMARY OF COVER

PLEASE SEE THE POLICY WORDING FOR FULL DETAILS OF THE COVER, LIMITATIONS AND EXCESSES, A SPECIMEN COPY OF WHICH IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

COVER	SUM INSURED	EXCESS
Cancellation	Up to £1,500	Holidays 3 days duration or less Nil Excess. Holidays 4 days duration and over 20% of holiday cost/£15 in respect of Loss of Deposit claims
Personal Accident	Up to £15,000 Death and corresponding Benefits £15,000. Death Benefit limited to £7,500 If aged 70/£1,000 if aged under 18 at time of travel	No Excess
Medical Expenses including Repatriation (only applicable to travel outside of the UK)	Up to £2,000,000	£35
Additional Travelling Expenses	Up to £2,500	£35
Medical Confinement Benefit	£10 per 24 hours up to £100 UK £15 per 24 hours up to £450 Channel Islands & Europe	No Excess
Curtailment	Up to £1,500	£35
Personal Property Including Money	Up to £1,500 in all. Single Article Limit £200/Valuables £400 Personal Money Up to £200 (age restrictions apply) Delayed Baggage (after 12 hours) Up to £100	Personal Property & Money £35 Delayed Baggage – Excess 12 Hours
Loss of Passport	Up to £200	No Excess
Missed Departure	Up to £100 UK & £300 Europe	No Excess
Travel Delay	Travel Delay up to £60 Cancellation (holiday abandonment) up to £1,500	Travel Delay Excess 12 hours Holiday abandonment Excess as per Cancellation
Personal Liability	Up to £2,000,000	No Excess
Legal Expenses	Up to £25,000	No Excess
Covid-19	As per Cancellation & Medical Section	As per Cancellation & Medical Section

Health Conditions

We shall not be liable for claims where at the time of taking out this policy and between that time and your departure:

- You are aware of any medical condition or set of circumstances that could reasonably be expected to give rise to a claim (for example the state of health of a Close Relative, Business Associate or any person on whom Your travel plans depend).
- The Insured Person whose medical condition gives rise to a claim:
 - Is receiving, or on a waiting list for, surgery, in-patient treatment or investigations in a hospital, clinic or nursing home.
 - Is travelling against any health requirements stipulated by the carrier, their handling agents or other public transport provider.
 - Is travelling against the advice of a Medical Practitioner or for the purpose of obtaining medical treatment abroad.
 - Has been given a terminal prognosis.

Please note: If you are on medication at the time of travel, Your medical condition(s) must be stable and well controlled.

If you are travelling outside of the UK, you must notify the Change in Health helpline immediately if a change in health occurs (including any change to medication) between the date this policy is issued and your scheduled date of departure.

SIGNIFICANT EXCLUSIONS

RESIDENCY

If you or anyone else named on this policy has not been a resident in the UK for the past 6-months this policy cannot cover you.

In addition to the above the policy also contains the following main exclusions:

- Any costs of repatriation or evacuation as a result of You taking part in any excluded Hazardous Activities and Sports including dangerous expeditions or from an area which is considered by Insurers to be a War Risk or Civil Hazard area.
- Loss of or damage to money and valuables whilst left unattended or in/from luggage in transit.
- Loss of or damage to telecommunications and motor vehicle related equipment and accessories.
- Travel against the advice of the carrier, any other public transport provider, the Foreign Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) or the World Health Organisation (WHO).
- Any insurance event arising from You being the driver, rider or passenger of a quad bike, all-terrain vehicle or motorcycle when the insured person is not wearing a crash helmet, whether legally required locally or not.
- Claims arising from any epidemic or pandemic as declared by the World Health Organisation. (This exclusion does not apply to Section 9).

Examples of these and other conditions and exclusions are contained within the policy wording, a specimen copy of which is available upon request. If after purchasing a policy from us should you find it does not meet your requirements you have 14 days from the date of issue or prior to travel, whichever is sooner, to cancel the policy and receive a full refund of your premium.

PROTECTING YOUR INFORMATION

We will only use your personal details in line with our Privacy Notice. This can be found on our website or is available in hard copy format upon request and you should read this carefully and contact us immediately if you have any queries. Your personal information includes all of the details you have given us to process your insurance policy (we will not ask for more information than is necessary). We may share your data with Third Parties for the provision and ongoing performance of your insurance policy. Your data may be transferred outside the UK. All of the personal information you supply to us will be handled strictly in accordance with the applicable Data Protection regulations and legislation.

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We do not charge fees for our insurance related services however we and Wrightsure Services (Hampshire) Limited may receive some form of remuneration in relation to the arrangement of insurance.

If our chosen insurance provider, Wrightsure Services (Hampshire) Limited are unable to offer you the travel insurance cover you require because you have serious medical conditions, you may be able to get help by accessing the Money and Pensions Service travel directory or by calling 0800 138 7777 (lines are open Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm).

For all Holidays over £1500 per person please see relevant brochure page of tour or please enquire.

BCH ABTOT TRADING CHARTER (& BOOKING CONDITIONS)**1. Financial Protection**

Your contract is with Kirbys Coaches, 92a High Street, Rayleigh, Essex SS6 7BY. 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. Kirbys Coaches 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. All monies paid to your booking agent are held by them on your behalf until we issue our confirmation invoice, thereafter your booking agent holds the money on our behalf. A binding agreement will come into existence between us when we dispatch 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, unless otherwise stated on our Cruises, Flying and Continental Holidays.

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.

3. Brochure Accuracy

Although Kirbys Coaches make every effort to ensure the accuracy of the brochure information and pricing, regrettably errors do sometimes occur. 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

Kirbys Coaches 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 subject 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). Even in these cases we will absorb the cost equivalent to cost of the first 2% of the holiday price. Amounts more than this plus £1 administration fee and Travel Agents commission will be surcharged to you. 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 Friday 25th August 2023.

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 12 weeks before departure. This must be accompanied by a payment of £10 to cover our administrative costs, plus costs we incur in making the amendment. Alterations cannot be made within 8 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 £20 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 lead passenger 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, however, a cancellation charge to at least the value of your deposit will be retained. 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 payments 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:

Period before departure within which written cancellation of package price is received	Amount of cancellation Charge as a % of total package cost
More than 60 days	30% or deposit if greater
59 – 30 days	50%
29 – 15 days	70%
14 – 7 days	90%
6 – 0 days	100%
Departure day or later including voluntary termination during the package	Total package cost

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 holiday or the 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,

Period before departure in which significant change is notified to you or your agent	Amount per person
More than 30 days	Nil
22 to 29 days	£10
15 to 21 days	£15
8 to 14 days	£20
0 to 7 days	£25

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 activities 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 www.fco.gov.uk/travel 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 3 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 our 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, 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 twice 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 01268 777 777 (open in office hours) if you remain dissatisfied please follow this up within 14 days of your return home by writing to Kirbys Coaches 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 their full details in writing. 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 117 Houndsditch London EC3A 7BT.

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.

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.

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.

14. Travel documents, itineraries, pick-up points and passports

For all Continental holidays, you will require a full 10-year British Passport (machine readable) valid for a further 3 months after your holiday. If you do not hold a full British Passport or have any doubts about your status as a resident British subject, you must check with the Embassies or Consulates of the Countries to be visited to confirm the Passport or visa requirements when you book. We cannot accept responsibility if passengers are not in possession of the correct travel documents. For full details on passport requirements, please contact 'the identity and passport service' on 0300 222 0000 (www.direct.gov.uk/) You are responsible for ensuring you are at the correct departure point, at the correct time and with the correct documents. Kirbys Coaches reserve the right to modify itineraries to conform with requests from competent authorities both within the UK and abroad. 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 do not form part of your booking. Admission fees to buildings may not be included in the price of the holiday, please check.

15. Special Requests

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 tailor 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 01268 777 777. 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.

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. But, as some of the accommodation and resorts featured may not cater for even minor disabilities, it is important that, when booking, you advise us of any disability, specific needs 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 booking and we will have no further liability or obligation to you. The coach driver/representative, ship's captain, or 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 any electronics used on the coach are not to be disruptive to other passengers and the driver.

18. Travel Insurance

We strongly advise that you take out personal travel insurance for the trip. We have arranged travel insurance with Wrightsure, which is outlined page 125. 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 the cost of any 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 20kgs per person (please note that whilst we endeavour to ensure there is portage there are occasions where you may need to carry your own luggage). 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. General Data Protection Regulations

We comply with the GDPR 2018 Regulations, our data controller is Simon Kirby and our data protection policy can be found at Kirbys Coaches, 92a High Street, Rayleigh, Essex, SS6 7BY or you can request a copy from Kirbys Coaches, 92a High Street, Rayleigh, Essex, SS6 7BY.

21. Emergency Contact

Our emergency contact details are
Tel: 07921 315 215
Email: info@kirbyscoaches.co.uk

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Holiday Joining Points

HOCKLEY THROUGH TO GRAYS

LOCATION	UK*	EU*
Hockley Spa (opposite Library)	07.00	05.00
Rochford (opposite Station)	07.05	05.05
Thorpe Bay (opposite Station)	07.15	05.15
White Horse, Southchurch	07.20	05.20
Queensway 'Bus Facility', Southend	07.25	05.25
Palace Theatre, Westcliff	07.30	05.30
Chalkwell Park, Westcliff	07.35	05.35
Elms Public House, Leigh	07.40	05.40
Thames Drive, Leigh	07.45	05.45
Hadleigh Church	07.50	05.50
Victoria House Corner, Benfleet	07.55	05.55
Kirbys Depot, Rayleigh	08.00	06.00
Websters Way, Rayleigh	08.10	06.10
Rayleigh Railway Station	08.15	06.15
Sadlers Farm, Benfleet	08.30	06.30
Gala Bingo Hall, Pitsea	08.40	06.40
Trafford House, Basildon	08.45	06.45
Rookery Corner, Stanford-le-Hope	08.55	06.55
The Oak, Sockets Heath, Grays	09.00	07.00

*Unless stated otherwise on your booking confirmation. Drop off will be as close to pickup point as possible.

BY REQUEST

(Free of charge)

- Shotgate Post Office
- Halls Corner, Wickford
- Shepherd & Dog, Crays Hill
- South Green, Billericay
- Sun Corner, Billericay
- The Chequers Pub, Hutton
- Shenfield Station
- Outside The Dairyman, Brentwood
- Thurrock Services
- Front Lane/Moor Lane Junction, Cranham
- St Marys Lane, Upminster
- Hornchurch Town Centre
- St Edwards Way, Romford
- Harold Wood Station

BY REQUEST

(Free of charge)

- Corringham Town Centre
- Chelmsford Victoria Road
- Collier Row
- Snakes Lane East, Woodford Green
- Fullwell Cross, Barkingside
- Clements Road, Ilford
- Station Parade, Barking
- Church Elm Lane, Dagenham

Please Note: For the 'By Request' joining points, your time of pick up is notified to you 5 days prior to date of travel. Please ensure that we are provided with a your up to date contact details and preferably a mobile number.

BY REQUEST

(Charge TBA)

- High Wycombe
- Windsor
- Slough
- Maidenhead
- Marlow
- Beaconsfield
- And surrounding areas

Please Note: If our tour is travelling past the Buckinghamshire/Berkshire areas, we are pleased to offer you a complimentary 'home pick up' service which can be arranged within a certain mileage of our planned comfort stop. A small supplement fee may apply if your address is located outside of our scheduled radius. This ensures that all guests travelling on board our coaches will not be affected by feeder coaches or delays during these outward and return journeys.

For tours which are not passing through the Buckinghamshire/Berkshire areas, please contact us for further details.

TRAVEL AGENTS

ESSEX

- Benfleet Travel World Choice, Benfleet
- Co-Operative Travel, Chelmsford
- Westcliff Travel, Westcliff-on-Sea
- Westway Travel, Wickford
- Macallen Travel World Choice, Hockley
- Youngs Travel, Elm Park
- Travel Smart, Southend-on-Sea

- Hays Travel = Basildon Eastgate/Billericay Rayleigh/Southend-on-Sea/Chelmsford - High Chelmer/Romford/Brentwood
- Spear Travel, Cranham
- Travel Boutique, Shenfield
- Tourist Information Centre, Southend-on-Sea
- Utopia Travel, Leigh-on-Sea
- Colchester Travel, Billericay

BUCKS & BERKS

- Saturn Travel, Hazlemere
- Traveltine, Gerrards Cross
- Traveltine, Beaconsfield

BONDED COACH HOLIDAY GROUP

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

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

Additionally, as required by law, Kirbys Coaches have protection in place to refund your payments and, where transport is included in the package, to ensure your repatriation in the event that they become insolvent. Kirbys Coaches are members of the Bonded Coach Holiday Group, overseen by The Association of Bonded Travel Organisers Trust Limited. This is a government approved consumer protection scheme. This ensures that in relation to the coach package holidays described in this brochure (or website) that a Bond, which may be called upon in the unlikely event of the members Insolvency, protects the clients' monies. Clients are recommended to inspect the current membership certificate at our registered office or alternatively go to <https://www.abtot.com/bch-abtot-members-directory/> or telephone 020 7065 5316 to confirm current membership.

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

Details of the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018 can be found at:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2018/634/contents/made>

The Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018 ([legislation.gov.uk](https://www.legislation.gov.uk))





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