

# **Epsom Coaches**

**2-8 day tours and holidays 1978**

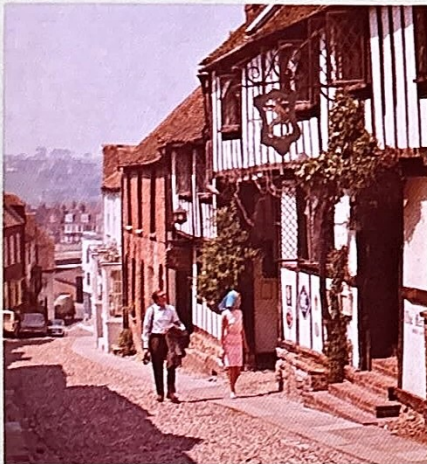


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# Introduction



The Mermaid Hotel, Rye

Epsom Coaches was established fifty-seven years ago. Today we operate a modern fleet of forty-five luxury coaches and convey over a million passengers a year. We have branch offices in Epsom and Leatherhead, both of which are members of the Association of British Travel Agents and the International Air Transport Association.

In 1978 we are offering a varied programme of two to eight day tours and holidays in the British Isles and Europe. There are many new tours including a visit to the home of Hans Christian Andersen and a Scenic Tour of South East England.

A great deal of thought has been put into arranging each tour to ensure everything runs smoothly and that you have an enjoyable time. We visit areas of outstanding beauty stopping at places of interest on the way. Each year we try to improve our programme and welcome everyone's comments and ideas.

## Coaches and drivers

Most of the coaches we send on tour are less than two years old. Every coach has luxury seats with headrests, overhead racks for hand baggage, reading lamps, individual forced air ventilation and wide panoramic windows. On some of the longer tours we use coaches with reclining seats, carpets, tinted glass and sun blinds. All our coaches are inspected and maintained in our workshop.

A great deal of our reputation has been built on the care and efficiency of our drivers.

## Hotels

We aim to use superior hotels on all tours. On some of the centred holidays we use cheaper accommodation to keep down the price. Many of the tours include rooms with private bath in the basic price; others offer rooms with private bath as an option subject to a supplementary charge. We reserve the right to alter hotels wherever necessary. If there are any major alterations you will be notified and given the option of a refund. The driver is available at meal times if you wish to see him regarding the hotel arrangements.

## Groups

Small groups are welcome to book on any of our tours. Please contact us regarding party reductions. If your party is large enough you could hire your own coach and we would be pleased to help you with the arrangements.

## Departure points

Full details of our departure points and times are given on the back page. You will always be set down where you were picked up.

Our main departure point in Epsom is adjacent to the railway station and near the local bus stops. There is a taxi rank outside Epsom Station.

**Trains** Regular service from Waterloo and Victoria. **Green Line Buses** 727 Gatwick-Heathrow. **London Transport Buses** 164 and 293 Morden-Epsom. **London Country Buses** 406 Kingston-Redhill, 408/470 West Croydon-Guildford/Dorking, 418 Kingston-Leatherhead. For hotels, car parking and taxi services information please contact us.

## What is included

All coach travel is included and there is no extra charge for optional excursions.

Most of the tours include half board (evening dinner, room and breakfast). Full breakfast is provided on all tours except on the Continent where Continental breakfast is served. In the evening a three- or four-course dinner is provided: coffee is usually included and there is nearly always a choice of menu. Luncheons are included on some tours but we usually stop in a town where you can make your own arrangements. Morning coffee and afternoon tea are not included: we always make convenient stops for these.

All basic prices are per person sharing a room. Should prices fluctuate we reserve the right to adjust prices up to the time you pay the balance. Reduced fares for children are available on request. All prices include value added tax as at the 1st October 1977.

Unless indicated otherwise, gratuities for hotel staff are included in the tour price. The driver's gratuity is not included. If you have been happy with his services it is usual to give him a gratuity to show your appreciation. We recommend you consider the gratuity per person per day relative to how satisfied you have been with his services.

## Bookings

If you wish to check the availability on any tour or make a provisional reservation please telephone Epsom 27821. A provisional reservation will lapse if the deposit and booking form are not received within four days.

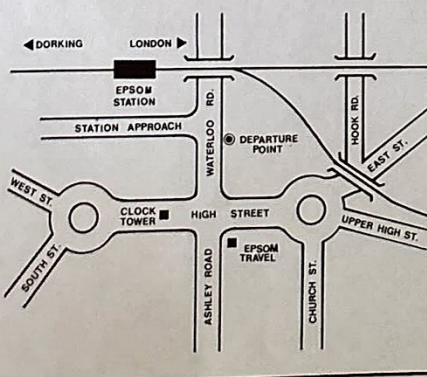
You may reserve seat numbers at the time of booking (although these cannot be guaranteed). We operate a range of coach sizes and it is not until nearer the time we know which size coach is going on a particular tour.

The number of single rooms is limited on each tour and friends are asked to share wherever possible. Where there are three persons travelling together, it is usually possible to book a triple room.

You can either book with us direct or through one of our agents. If you are sending us a cheque through the post it is advisable to telephone us first to check the availability.

A deposit of £7.00 per person (£12.00 on tours or holidays over four days) secures a booking. The balance is due by six weeks prior to departure. We only remind you if the balance is overdue. All bookings are made subject to our conditions.

## Epsom departure point



### Late bookings

Rooming lists are sent to the hotels four weeks before departure. An administration charge of £2.00 will be charged on any booking made after the rooming lists have been sent to cover telephone calls and other expenses. The fee must be deposited before we telephone the hotels. Bookings will be accepted up to the day before departure.

### Cancellations and refunds

Deposits are non-refundable. A cancellation fee of up to 75% of the total cost of the tour or holiday will be charged on bookings cancelled within six weeks of departure. If you have to cancel, please notify us as soon as possible.

### Insurance

We advise you to take out insurance against personal accident, medical expenses, cancellation charges, baggage and personal effects and personal money. You can either ask us to send you an application form or insure with your travel agent.

### Times

Everyone is kindly asked to be punctual when on tour. We have to run to schedule and cannot keep other people waiting.

The return times are only approximate and meant as a guide for passengers' convenience. If someone is meeting you, you are advised to ask the driver the estimated time of arrival and telephone from the last stop.

### Itineraries

We do not issue itineraries. Our brochure gives the essential information and the final details are left to the driver depending on prevailing conditions.

We usually hand out maps on British tours; also leaflets of hotels and places of interest when available.

### Passports

Passports are not required for Jersey. Day identity cards can be used on some of the Continental tours – Paris and Versailles, Bruges and Ostend, Wieze Beer Festival and Brussels. If you fill in an application slip and let us have a passport-size photograph we will issue a day identity card free of charge. Foreign nationals must use passports on all Continental tours.

### Radios, tape recorders and musical instruments

In the interest of other passengers radios, tape recorders and musical instruments may not be played inside the coaches.

### Smokers

Smoking can cause serious annoyance to other passengers. Please consider other passengers and smoke as little as possible.

### Pets

We regret we are unable to carry pets.

### Luggage

We recommend you keep your luggage to a minimum – only one medium-sized suit case per person plus light hand luggage. All luggage should be clearly labelled: luggage labels are available from your agent on request.

### Responsibility

This brochure is issued on the sole responsibility of Epsom Coaches. However we accept no liability for any loss, damage, frustration, disappointment, injury or death arising from any accident or delay. The brochure is not issued on behalf of and does not commit the airlines mentioned therein.

### Inclusive arrangements

The Company only acts as an agent where inclusive arrangements are made – i.e. hotels and other carriers.

### Road service licences

Some of the services advertised in this brochure are still awaiting the final approval of the Traffic Commissioners.

### Cancellations and amendments

We reserve the right to cancel any tour. Normally you will be notified at least eight weeks prior to departure: a refund will be made in full. The right is also reserved to alter or amend routes wherever necessary.

### Errors and omissions

At the time of going to press all the details contained in this brochure are believed to be correct. The Company accepts no responsibility for any errors and omissions.

### Express services, excursions and tours

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# Bruges and Ostend

**2 days £36.00**

single room supplement £3.50  
Saturday 12th August

*Including ferry fares and dinner, room and breakfast at the Hotel Portinari\*\*\*, Bruges (all rooms with private bath/shower).*

**Saturday** Epsom 0800 (other points group D back page). We drive to Dover and board the Sealink ferry to Ostend, lunch facilities on board. Arriving in Ostend late afternoon we take a short drive to Bruges.

Bruges is known as 'Venice of the North'. It is a beautiful medieval city with picturesque canals and quaint little bridges. Many of the old buildings are floodlit at night. The Hotel Portinari is in the heart of Bruges. The rooms are graciously decorated: there are many antiques and beautiful paintings.

**Sunday** We do not leave till midday allowing time to explore the city. You can watch lace being made and go sightseeing by boat or horse-drawn cab. We arrive in Ostend in time for lunch. There are many

sidewalk cafes and fine restaurants, excellent sands, entertainment, a modern casino and fine shops. You will have time for a little shopping and sightseeing before we report to the terminal for the ferry back to Dover. Home approximately 2300.

# Champagne Country

**4 days £68.00**

single room supplement £9.00  
Friday 29th September

*Including ferry fares, welcome drink on arrival, three nights dinner, room and breakfast at the Grand Hotel\*\*\* or Hotel de la Paix, St. Quentin (all rooms with private bath/shower) and a tour of two Champagne cellars in Reims and Epernay with a wine tasting party.*

**Friday** Epsom 0700 (other points group B back page). We drive direct to Folkestone and board the Sealink ferry to Boulogne.

After stopping in Boulogne for lunch, there is a three hour drive to St. Quentin by the pleasant valley of the Canche.

**Saturday** We drive to Reims and stop at a famous Champagne cellar for a guided tour explaining the unique way in which Champagne is made. After our visit there will be time to obtain lunch and visit the Cathedral. In the afternoon we drive through the heart of the French countryside along the 'Champagne Route' to Epernay. Here we go on a conducted tour of the world famous Champagne cellar by electric train. After tasting the sparkling

Champagne we go on to Laon where there will be time to stroll around the old city and see the Cathedral.

**Sunday** We drive south along the modern highway to Paris. After a short orientation tour of the city's highlights we stop in the city centre. You can spend the afternoon seeing Paris on foot.

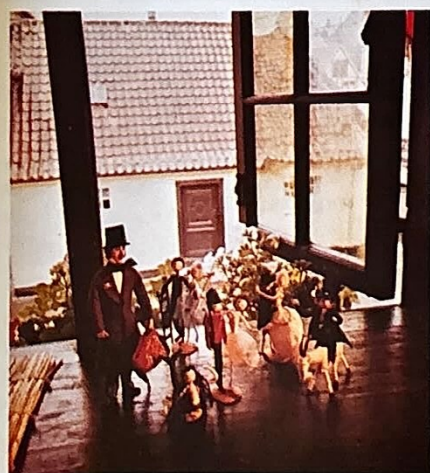
**Monday** We return via Vimy Ridge, scene of a bitter conflict in the First World War. Boarding the ferry at Calais we take the short crossing back to Dover. Home approximately 2130.

# Denmark 'Home of Hans Andersen'

**5 days £75.00**

single room supplement £5.00  
supplement per person for a berth in a two berth cabin £6.00  
supplement for a single berth cabin £12.00  
Tuesday 6th June

*Including sea travel from Harwich to Esbjerg and return with a berth in a four berth cabin with washing facilities; also two nights dinner, room and breakfast at the Hotel Munken, Ribe.*



**Tuesday** Epsom 0900 (other points group E back page). We stop in Colchester for lunch; then make our way to Harwich to board the DFDS ship to Esbjerg.

**Wednesday** We arrive soon after midday in Esbjerg, a lively port on Denmark's west coast. There is a short drive to Ribe where we stop the next two nights. Ribe was once the capital of Denmark; it is now a charming little town with a Cathedral and a lot of cobbled streets with small timber-frame houses. The town used to be famous for its storks which nested on the roofs of the old houses. In the evening there is an optional excursion through the country lanes to Lego Land - a miniature town made out of toy bricks.

**Thursday** We drive to Kolding which is a small Jutland town attractively situated on a fjord. Next we visit Odense, the capital of Funen Island. There will be time to visit the home of Hans Christian Andersen which has copies of his works and items which he used. In the afternoon we return to the mainland and go to Tonder which is famous for its lace.

*Hans Christian Andersen House*

**Friday** In the morning we visit Jelling which a thousand years ago was Denmark's Viking capital. We stop for lunch in Viborg: a cathedral now stands on the hill where pagan gods were once worshipped. We return to Esbjerg and board the DFDS ship in the late afternoon.

**Saturday** We arrive in Harwich late morning and drive to Colchester for lunch. Home approximately 1800.

## DFDS Ships

DFDS ships are like floating 4 star hotels. There is everything you need for a relaxing, enjoyable journey; a restaurant with Scandinavian help-yourself buffet, a cafeteria, spacious lounge, bars and shops. All the cabins are air conditioned.



# Holland in Springtime

**4 days £79.00**

single room supplement £5.00

Friday 14th April, Monday 17th April  
and Friday 5th May

*Including ferry fares, admission to the Keukenhof Gardens and three nights dinner, room and breakfast. Stopping at the Hotel Clarenwijck\*\*, Noordwijk-on-Sea (most rooms with private bath/shower).*

**First day** Epsom 0730 (other points group C back page). We drive to Dover and board the Townsend-Thoresen ferry to Zeebrugge, lunch facilities on board. On disembarking we continue our journey to Noordwijk-on-Sea stopping for dinner en route.

**Second day** After a morning visit to the flower auctions at Aalsmeer we stop in Amsterdam for lunch. There will be time to go on a canal trip or visit the Rijks Museum to see the paintings of the Dutch Masters. The tea stop is in Vogelenzang where we visit a flower farm. We return via the 'Tulip Route' to Noordwijk.

**Third day** We visit the world-famous Keukenhof Gardens. There is a magni-



Keukenhof Gardens

ficent display of tulips, narcissi, hyacinths and smaller bulbs in a beautiful park. The afternoon is free in Noordwijk for shopping and time to relax beside the sea. After dinner we go for an evening drive to Madurodam, a picturesque model village illuminated at night. We also visit the Hague to see some of the floodlit buildings and monuments.

**Last day** We stop in Rotterdam for coffee. The city was practically destroyed in the last war and has been re-built. Taking the North Sea coastal route we make a short stop in Middelburg, an attractive and traditional Dutch town where some of the people still wear national costume. We board the ferry at Zeebrugge for the return crossing to Dover. Home approximately 2200.

# Normandy

**3 days £63.00**

single room supplement £6.00

Tuesday 4th July

*Including ferry fares and two nights dinner, room and breakfast at the Hotel de Dieppe\*\*\*, Rouen (all rooms with private bath).*

**Tuesday** Epsom 0800 (other points group D back page). We drive to Newhaven and board the Sealink ferry to Dieppe, lunch facilities on board. On disembarking there is a short drive and we arrive in Rouen late

afternoon. Rouen has one of the finest cathedrals in Europe. There are many associations with Joan of Arc; also many interesting medieval and Renaissance houses. The Hotel de Dieppe has been managed for three successive generations by the same family. General de Gaulle once stayed in the hotel. You will be given a welcome drink on arrival.

**Wednesday** We drive over the Tancarville Bridge to Honfleur where we stop for coffee. The old quarter has many attractive houses built by rich ship owners. The lunch

stop is in Caen which was mainly destroyed in the last war. In the afternoon we visit Bayeux which has the famous tapestry; also Arromanches one of the first landing points of the Allied troops in 1944. We return via Lisieux, the early home of St. Teresa and a foremost place of pilgrimage.

**Thursday** The coffee stop is in Fecamp, source of the famous Benedictine liqueur. We arrive in Dieppe in time for you to obtain lunch before boarding the ferry back to Newhaven. Home approximately 1915.

# Paris and Versailles

**3 days £59.00**

single room supplement £15.00

Saturday 26th August

*Including ferry fares and two nights, dinner, room and breakfast at the Hotel Astra\*\*\*, Paris (all rooms with private bath/shower).*

**Saturday** Epsom 0900 (other points group E back page). We drive to Dover and

board the Townsend-Thoresen ferry to Calais, lunch facilities on board. Arriving in Calais mid afternoon we proceed direct to Paris. The Hotel Astra is located in the centre of Paris between the Opera and the Madeline Church.

**Sunday** There is a morning orientation tour of Paris to see the Church of Notre Dame, Louvre, Eiffel Tower, Champs Elysees and Arc de Triomphe. In the afternoon we visit the Palace of Versailles.

The palace was built for Louis XIV: it is set in magnificent gardens with fountains, grottoes, ponds and statues. In the evening you will be able to experience some of the night life of Paris — maybe see some of the illuminated buildings and visit one of the many clubs.

**Monday** After breakfast we return direct to Calais. There will be time to get lunch before boarding the ferry mid afternoon. Home approximately 1830.

# Rhine Valley and Heidelberg 5 days

**5 days £104.00**

single room supplement £14.50  
Tuesday 22nd August

*Including ferry fares and four nights dinner, room and breakfast (all rooms with private bath/shower) – first night Ramada Hotel\*\*\*, Liege; second and third nights Hotels Traube\*\*\* and Aumuller\*\*\*, Rudesheim; fourth night Hotel Bedford\*\*\*, Brussels.*

**Tuesday and Wednesday** As for Rhine and Moselle Valleys 4 days.

**Thursday** We go on a day excursion to

Heidelberg which is in a charming setting. You can visit the famous University which dates back to 1386 and go on a funicular railway up to the Castle which is in ruins. There is a busy shopping centre. In the evening you can visit one of the cellars in Rudesheim drinking, dancing and singing with the locals.

**Friday** We drive through wine growing country to Koblenz and follow the Moselle Valley to Cochem, a picturesque little town overlooking the Moselle. The lunch stop is in Monschau, a pretty little village in the Eiffel Mountains with a stream running down the main street. We arrive

in Brussels late afternoon. Brussels is the Belgian capital and administrative centre of the Common Market. After dinner you can roam around the city looking at the floodlit buildings. The Hotel Bedford is in the city centre near the Grand Place.

**Saturday** There will be a little time for shopping before leaving Brussels. We stop in Bruges for lunch. Bruges is known as 'Venice of the North'. It is a beautiful medieval city with picturesque canals and quaint little bridges. We then make our way to Zeebrugge for the ferry back to Dover. Home approximately 2215.

# Rhine and Moselle Valleys

**4 days £86.50**

single room supplement £10.50  
Tuesday 5th September

*Including ferry fares and three nights dinner, room and breakfast (all rooms with private bath/shower) – first night Ramada Hotel\*\*\*, Liege; second night Hotels Traube\*\*\* and Aumuller\*\*\*, Rudesheim; third night Holiday Inn\*\*\*, Trier.*

**Tuesday** Epsom 0700 (other points group B back page). We drive direct to Dover and board the Townsend-Thoresen ferry to Zeebrugge, meal facilities on board. Arriving in Zeebrugge we drive to Liege stopping en route for tea. Liege is rich in history and works of art: it has many interesting old buildings. The Ramada Hotel is in the town centre near the Flea Market.

*The Rhine Valley*

**Wednesday** We cross the frontier into Germany near Aachen and stop in Cologne for lunch near the famous Gothic cathedral. After lunch we cross the Rhine near Bonn and follow the east bank past 'Fairy Tale' castles to Koblenz where we stop for tea. Koblenz is situated at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Valleys. We arrive in Rudesheim early evening. Rudesheim is a celebrated wine growing centre on the Rhine. Later in the evening you will see illuminated barges floating down the Rhine.

**Thursday** We re-trace the journey through wine growing country to Koblenz and follow the Moselle Valley to Cochem, a picturesque little town overlooking the Moselle. We arrive in Trier in the afternoon and are taken on a conducted tour of the oldest town in Germany. There are many interesting Roman remains including an amphitheatre. In the evening we visit a wine cellar for wine-tasting.

**Friday** We stop in the city of Luxemburg for coffee and see the Grand Ducal Palace and magnificent Cathedral. The lunch stop is south of Brussels and the tea stop in Bruges 'Venice of the North'. We board the evening ferry from Zeebrugge to Dover. Home approximately midnight.



# Wieze Beer Festival and Brussels

**2 days £34.50**

single room supplement £5.00  
Saturday 7th October

*Including ferry fares, admission to the Wieze Beer Festival and room and breakfast at the Hotel Bedford\*\*\*, Brussels (all rooms with private bath/shower).*

**Saturday** Epsom 0600 (other points group A back page). We drive direct to Dover and

board the Sealink ferry to Ostend, meal facilities on board. Proceeding direct to Brussels we arrive late afternoon at the Hotel Bedford which is in the city centre near the Grand Place. You will have time to check in and get ready before leaving for Wieze, a small village in Flanders internationally known for its annual Oktoberfeesten (October feast) which takes place for the 23rd time in 1978 and is dedicated to the national drink. There are Bavarian brass bands to entertain. You

can eat spit roasted chickens and tasty Wieze sausages.

**Sunday** After a late breakfast, we drive to Ostend where we stop for lunch. Ostend has many sidewalk cafes and restaurants, excellent sands, a casino and fine shops. You will have time for a little shopping and sightseeing. We leave mid afternoon and follow the coastal road to Dunkirk where we board the Sealink ferry to Dover. Home approximately 2215.



# Blackpool Illuminations

**3 days £39.00**

single room supplement £3.50

supplement for room with private bath £3.50

Friday 6th and 20th October

*Including two nights dinner, room and breakfast at the Carlton Hotel\*\*, Blackpool.*

**Friday** Epsom 0900 (other points group J back page). Stopping en route for refreshments we drive direct to Southport where we halt for tea. Southport has a fine shopping centre, beautiful gardens and

broad sands. We arrive early evening in Blackpool. The Carlton Hotel is situated on the quieter North Promenade overlooking the sea.

**Saturday** Blackpool is one of the most popular resorts in Britain. It has three piers, the Tower, a Pleasure Beach with many side-shows and Stanley Park with its superb gardens. In the evening the illuminations light up. Colourful garlands of fairy lights and rainbow fountains stretch six miles along the Promenade and giant tableaux bring old legends back to life. Tramcars operate regularly along the

sea front. There is an optional short day tour to the English Lakes visiting Windermere and Ullswater.

**Sunday** We leave after breakfast and go via Knutsford to the Derbyshire Peaks – through Buxton and Bakewell to Matlock Bath where we stop for lunch. Matlock is situated among woodland and hills where the River Derwent flows through a gorge. There are dramatic views of the peaks and crags. We return direct stopping en route for refreshments. Home approximately 2000.

# Border Country and Yorkshire Dales

**4 days £64.50**

single room supplement £4.00

Tuesdays 30th May and 19th September

*Including three nights dinner, room and breakfast (all rooms with private bath) – first night White Swan Hotel\*\*\*, Alnwick; second night Royal County Hotel\*\*\*\*, Durham; third night Bankfield Hotel\*\*\*, Bingley.*

**Tuesday** Epsom 0730 (other points group G back page). Stopping en route for refreshments, we drive to Lincoln where we halt for lunch. Lincoln has a magnificent triple-towered Cathedral built on a hill overlooking the River Witham. Medieval houses line the steep cobbled streets and a Roman arch spans the main road. We proceed to Richmond where we stop for tea. Richmond is beautifully situated above the River Swale and is associated with the song 'Lass of Richmond Hill'. We arrive in Alnwick in time for dinner. The town has a colourful history: the Castle is home of the Duke of Northumberland and looks out towards the Border Country. The White Swan Hotel dates back to medieval times.

**Wednesday** We go via the causeway to Holy Island where there is a restored

Castle, ruins of a Priory, limestone cliffs and sand-dunes. If the tides are not right we visit the Grace Darling Museum in Bamburgh where there are relics of the heroine who rescued nine survivors from a seawreck. We continue via Berwick-upon-Tweed into Scotland where we stop in Jedburgh for lunch. In the afternoon we return to England. We cross the Cheviot Hills and go via Redesdale to Chesters to

## Yorkshire Dales



visit the excavated ruins of a Roman fort on Hadrian's Wall. We arrive in Durham early evening. The history of the hotel goes back to Cromwellian times. The Royal County is near the Castle and the Cathedral.

**Thursday** There is time to visit Durham Cathedral before we leave for Ripon where we stop for lunch. The market square has many fine old buildings and a very tall cross. We go on via the Yorkshire Dales to Haworth for tea. The bleak village is on the shoulder of the Moors. You will be able to visit the old parsonage where the Bronte Sisters used to live. We arrive early evening in Bingley. The Bankfield Hotel stands in spacious landscaped gardens, overlooking the River Aire.

**Friday** We return via the Derbyshire Peaks over Snake Pass past Ladybower Reservoir to Bakewell where there is time to buy some Bakewell tarts. We stop in Matlock for lunch. The town is situated among woodland and hills where the River Derwent runs through a gorge. There are unusual caves and medicinal springs; also views of the peaks and crags. We stop en route for tea. Home approximately 2000.

# Bournemouth

**3 days £30.00**

single room supplement £3.00

supplement per person for room with private bath £3.00

Friday 7th April

*Including full board at the Pinehurst Hotel\*\*, Bournemouth from lunch on Friday to breakfast on Sunday.*

**Friday** Epsom 0900 (other points group M back page). We stop for coffee in Winchester, the old capital of England. Reaching Bournemouth in time for lunch, we check in at the Pinehurst Hotel which

is close to the beautiful West Cliff and golden beaches; also within easy reach of the town centre. In the afternoon we go on a short excursion to Poole which has one of the finest natural harbours in the world and is a centre for fishing and yachting.

**Saturday** The morning is free to explore Bournemouth. The resort is situated amidst gardens, pines and picturesque chines. It is sheltered with a mild climate. There are miles of clean sands, good bathing, two piers, three beach lifts, many beautiful parks and gardens and an excellent shop-

ping centre. After lunch we go on the chain ferry to the Isle of Purbeck. We stop for tea in Swanage, a pleasant seaside resort with sandy bays and rugged white cliffs. In the evening there is plenty of entertainment in Bournemouth – dancing, cinemas, theatres and concerts.

**Sunday** We leave mid morning and return via the New Forest stopping in Lyndhurst for lunch. The New Forest has over one hundred square miles of undulating forest and heath owned partly by the Crown. Ponies range the Forest in small herds. Home approximately 1700.

# Bournemouth in the New Year

## 4 days £60.00

single room supplement £4.00  
supplement per person for room with private bath £7.50  
Saturday 30th December

*Including full board at the Heathlands Hotel\*\*\*, Bournemouth from lunch on Saturday to breakfast on Tuesday.*

**Saturday** Epsom 0900 (other points group M back page). We stop for coffee in Winchester, the old capital of England. Arriving in Bournemouth in time for lunch,

we check in at the Heathlands Hotel which is situated on East Cliff with the shops, cinemas and shows only a few minutes walk away. You can reach the beach by the funicular lift or the zig-zag path.

**Monday** Day at leisure.

**Tuesday** We leave after breakfast and return via the New Forest stopping en route for coffee. Home approximately 1230.

**Heathlands Hotel** The hotel is situated in its own grounds with beautiful lawns and gardens. There are spacious sun lounges facing south, a modern cocktail lounge, colour television sets in every room, central heating throughout and a lift to all floors. Entertainment will include Dances (a New Year's Ball), Film Shows, Special Menus, etc.

# Chester (and Ruthin Castle)

## 3 days £35.00

single room supplement £3.00  
supplement per person for the Medieval Banquet in Ruthin Castle £4.50  
Friday 3rd November

*Including two nights dinner, room and breakfast at the Blossoms Hotel\*\*\*, Chester (all rooms with private bath).*

**Friday** Epsom 0800 (other points group H back page). We stop in Lichfield for lunch. There is a Cathedral with three spires known as 'Ladies of the Vale'. Dr. Johnson's birthplace is in the market square. We arrive in Chester late afternoon. The Blossoms Hotel is in the city centre.

**Saturday** Morning at leisure. Chester is a former Roman city. The ancient walls are wonderfully preserved and there have been recent excavations on an amphitheatre. There are streets full of black and white half-timbered houses, old taverns and arcaded shops known as the 'Rows'.

The beautiful Cathedral was once a Benedictine Abbey. In the afternoon there is a short excursion into North Wales. We visit Llangollen which is surrounded by woods, meadows and mountains in a vale. In the evening there is an optional excursion to Ruthin Castle for a medieval banquet (extra charge). The Castle has had a stormy life and was once a Welsh fortress. The cost includes a four-course meal plus wines and entertainment in the Medieval style.

**Sunday** We stop in Shrewsbury for coffee. The town is beautifully situated on the River Severn with a wealth of half-timbered houses and inns. The lunch stop is in Worcester. There will be time to visit the Cathedral which overlooks the River Severn. We continue via the Vale of Evesham and the Cotswolds stopping for tea in Bourton-on-the-Water, a lovely old village on the River Windrush with stone houses and miniature bridges. The last part of the journey runs across the Chiltern

Hills and along the Thames Valley. Home approximately 2030.



Lower Bridge Street, Chester

# Cinque Ports

## 3 days £32.00

single room supplement £3.00  
supplement per person for room with private bath £3.00  
Saturday 26th August

*Including two nights dinner, room and breakfast at the Queen's Hotel\*\*, Hastings.*

**Saturday** Epsom 0900 (other points group F back page). We stop for lunch in Dover whose history dates back to the first Roman invasion by Julius Caesar. Dover fills a gap in the famous white cliffs and above the town is an impressive Castle. You can eat Dover sole in most of the

restaurants and hotels. After lunch we drive along the coast past the Martello towers and Royal Military Canal. We cross Romney Marsh and stop in Rye for tea. Rye has many old timbered buildings in the narrow cobbled streets. We arrive early evening in Hastings. The hotel is centrally located on the best part of the sea front.

**Sunday** Day at leisure in Hastings. Perched on the clifftops are ruins of the first Norman castle to be built in England. The Old Town has a fishmarket, quaint byways and Tudor houses. On the beach are fishing boats and tarred sheds in which the fishermen hang their nets to dry.

**Monday** We stop in Battle for coffee. There will be time to visit the remains of Battle Abbey which was built by William the Conqueror on the spot where King Harold fell in the Battle of Hastings. We make another short stop in Pevensey where William the Conqueror landed in 1066. An impressive moated Norman castle stands within Roman walls. We stop in Eastbourne for lunch and time to relax. In the afternoon we visit Beachy Head, the highest cliff on the south coast; then proceed via Seaford and Newhaven to Lewes for tea. Lewes is built around its Castle on a hill beside a river. It has a wealth of wonderful old buildings. Home approximately 1915.



# Cotswolds

**3 days £35.50**

single room supplement £3.00

Friday 2nd June

*Including two nights dinner, room and breakfast at the Carlton Hotel\*\*\*, Cheltenham Spa (all rooms with private bath).*

**Friday** Epsom 0900 (other points group M back page). We make our way along the Thames Valley stopping for coffee in Henley-on-Thames, a pleasant riverside town renowned for its Royal Regatta. Crossing the Chiltern Hills, we continue via Oxfordshire to Burford for lunch. Burford is a picturesque Cotswold town with a steep main street lined by old

houses and inns. We arrive late afternoon in Cheltenham Spa. The Hotel commands a first-class position in the heart of the town.

**Saturday** Morning free. The Hotel is only 250 yards from the Promenade which is acknowledged to be one of the finest shopping centres in the country. Cheltenham is at the foot of the Cotswolds. It is renowned for its elegant Regency terraces, tree-lined streets and beautiful gardens. In the afternoon we go for a tour of the Cotswolds visiting Broadway, Stow-on-the-Wold and Bourton-on-the-Water for tea. Bourton-on-the-Water is a lovely old Cotswold village on the River Windrush with many old stone houses,

miniature bridges and riverside greens. After dinner you can see a play, film or concert; alternatively have a drink in a local public house.

**Sunday** We stop for coffee in Cirencester, a market town and hunting centre. Then we drive along the Vale of White Horse to see the prehistoric 'White Horse' cut into the slopes of a hill of the same name. The lunch stop is in Abingdon, a Thameside market town with many fine Georgian houses. We stop for tea in Windsor where you can see the largest inhabited castle in the world overlooking the River Thames. Home approximately 1900.

# Dartmoor

**3 days £34.50**

single room supplement £3.00

Friday 23rd June

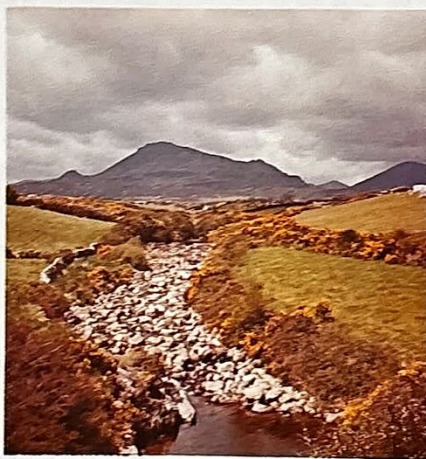
*Including two nights dinner, room and breakfast at the Coach House Motel\*\* near Okehampton (all rooms with private bath/shower).*

**Friday** Epsom 0800 (other points group L back page). We take a leisurely drive via Hampshire to Salisbury for lunch. Salisbury Cathedral has the tallest spire in England and has been immortalised through the paintings of Constable. We continue via Shaftesbury and Yeovil to Exeter for tea. Exeter is the chief city in the south west. The Cathedral has beautiful carving in wood and stone. We arrive early evening at the Coach House Motel. The Coach House stands in its own extensive grounds with beautiful lawns. It commands a high position overlooking the Dartmoor Forest. There is usually

dancing nightly to live or recorded music.

**Saturday** We visit Lydford where the river runs through a deep gorge crossed by a

Dartmoor



bridge. The lunch stop is in Tavistock, an old market town on the edge of Dartmoor where you will be able to buy local produce. In the afternoon we visit Dartmeet Bridge, a beauty spot at the confluence of the East and West Dart rivers. We stop for tea in Widecombe-in-the-Moor which stands very high on Dartmoor with lofty moors rising all round. Widecombe is famous for the song 'Widecombe Fiar'. We return via Moreton-hampstead.

**Sunday** We go via Crediton and Tiverton to Taunton where we stop for lunch. Taunton lies in the Vale of Taunton Deane which is renowned for its cider. We continue via Ilminster to Mers, an attractive Wiltshire village where we stop for tea. The last part of the journey runs through Amesbury and Andover. Home approximately 2000.

# Derbyshire Peaks

**3 days £37.00**

single room supplement £3.00

supplement for room with private bath £3.00

Friday 14th July

*Including two nights dinner, room and breakfast at St. Ann's Hotel\*\*\*, Buxton.*

**Friday** Epsom 0800 (other points group H back page). We drive along the Great North Road and stop for lunch in Stamford, a beautiful stone built market town with many interesting old houses. In the afternoon we enter Derbyshire and

visit Ashbourne and Dovedale, a beautiful wooded ravine threaded by the River Dove (accessible on foot). We arrive in Buxton early evening.

**Saturday** Morning free. Buxton is nearly one thousand feet above sea level. The Hotel stands in the beautiful Crescent and adjoins the Thermal Baths and Pavilion Gardens for which the town is famous as a health spa. In the afternoon there is a short excursion to Chatsworth House 'Palace of the Peak'. The house is in a lovely setting on the bank of the River Derwent. It is world-famous for its State

Apartments and great art collection. On the way back to Buxton we stop in Bakewell where you can buy some Bakewell tarts (if available).

**Sunday** We go on a short tour of the Derbyshire Peaks visiting Snake Inn and Ladybower Reservoir. The lunch stop is in Matlock Bath which is situated among woodland and hills where the River Derwent runs through a gorge. There are unusual caves and medicinal springs; also fine views of the peaks and crags. We return direct stopping en route for tea. Home approximately 2030.

# Devon and Cornwall

**4 days £48.00**

single room supplement £4.00

supplement for room with private bath £4.00

Thursdays 27th July and 14th September

*Including three nights dinner, room and breakfast at the Strathmore Hotel, Plymouth.*

**Thursday** Epsom 0800 (other points group L back page). We go out via the Salisbury Plain passing Stonehenge. The lunch stop is in the attractive Wiltshire village of Mere. We continue via Ilminster along the edge of Dartmoor, arriving early evening in Plymouth. The Hotel is situated near the Hoe and only a few minutes walk from the new shopping centre.

**Friday** We take a leisurely drive via the Tamar Bridge into Cornwall and visit Looe with its colourful fishing harbour and narrow winding streets. Later we stop in Polperro, a picturesque fishing village and

old smugglers' haunt with quaint houses and rugged coast scenery.

**Saturday** There is time for shopping and sightseeing in Plymouth. It was from here the Mayflower sailed to America; also in Plymouth where Sir Francis Drake finished playing his game of bowls before sailing to fight in the Spanish Armada. The old town still lives in the Barbican, a picturesque area of narrow streets, Elizabethan houses and fishing quays. Plymouth Hoe is perhaps the finest promenade in the country: it overlooks Plymouth Sound and the Cornish coast. We leave at midday for a tour of Dartmoor stopping for lunch at the Dartmoor Inn near Lydford Gorge. The tea stop is at Badgers' Holt near Dartmeet, a local beauty spot.

**Sunday** We stop for coffee in Torquay which has a pretty fishing harbour and beautiful gardens with palm trees and sub-tropical plants. The lunch stop is in Exeter where you will have a little time to visit the Cathedral. In the afternoon



*Replica of the Speedwell in the Barbican Harbour, Plymouth*

we go via Lyme Regis with its wonderful cliff scenery to Dorchester for tea. Dorchester has many associations with Thomas Hardy the poet and novelist. Home approximately 2100.

# Durham and High Force

**3 days £46.50**

single room supplement £5.00

Tuesday 1st August

*Including two nights dinner, room and breakfast at the Royal County Hotel\*\*\*\*, Durham (all rooms with private bath).*

**Tuesday** Epsom 0730 (other points group G back page). We stop in Baldock for coffee and Lincoln for lunch. Lincoln has a magnificent Cathedral and medieval houses lining the steep cobbled streets. After lunch we make for the Great North

Road and turn off for Richmond where we stop for tea in the market place. We arrive in Durham early evening.

**Wednesday** Morning free in Durham. The heart of the city is a steep wooded bluff enclosed by a horseshoe bend of the river: here stand the majestic Cathedral and Castle of the Prince Bishops. In the afternoon we go via Weardale to Alston which is high up in the Pennines. We return via Teesdale stopping at High Force for tea. The waterfall drops seventy feet over steep cliffs and is most impressive in flood. There are fine views of the lofty mountains.

**Thursday** We leave after breakfast and drive south. The lunch stop is in Newark-on-Trent, an ancient riverside market town: the Castle was besieged three times in the Civil War and was where King John died. We stop for tea in Cambridge which is famous as a University city and centre of scientific research. There will be a little time to see some of the colleges and walk beside the River Cam. The last part of the journey goes through the Epping Forest and across London via Tower Bridge. Home approximately 2000.

# Eastbourne

**3 days £41.00**

single room supplement £3.00

Saturday 5th August

*Including two nights dinner, room and breakfast at the Queen's Hotel\*\*\*\*, Eastbourne (all rooms with private bath).*

**Saturday** Epsom 0900 (other points group F back page). We stop for coffee in Tunbridge Wells which is famous for its mineral water. There is a colonnade of 19th century shops and houses shaded by trees known as the Pantiles. The lunch stop is in Rye where timbered houses and old smugglers' haunts line the narrow

cobbled streets. We continue along the coast via Hastings and Bexhill arriving mid afternoon in Eastbourne. The Queen's Hotel is just a few steps from the beach, pier and promenade and a short walk from the shopping centre, cinemas and theatres. The Hotel has a full programme of entertainment.

**Sunday** All day at leisure. Eastbourne has the record for hours of sunshine in Great Britain. There is a long esplanade with bandstand, pier, promenades, terraces, lawns and flowers; also facilities for most sports, dancing, cinemas, theatres, concerts and resident summer shows.

**Monday** We leave before midday and make a short stop at Beachy Head, the highest cliff on the south coast. Following the coast via Newhaven and Rottingdean we stop for lunch in Brighton, a lively resort made famous by the Prince Regent. We continue in the shadow of the South Downs to Arundel for tea. Arundel has a steep High Street with stone walls leading down to the River Arun; also a famous Castle. The last part of the route goes via Bury Hill along sections of Stane Street, the old Roman road from London to Chichester. Home approximately 1930.



# English Lakes

**4 days £57.00**

single room supplement £4.00

supplement for room with private bath £4.00

Thursdays 15th June and 17th August

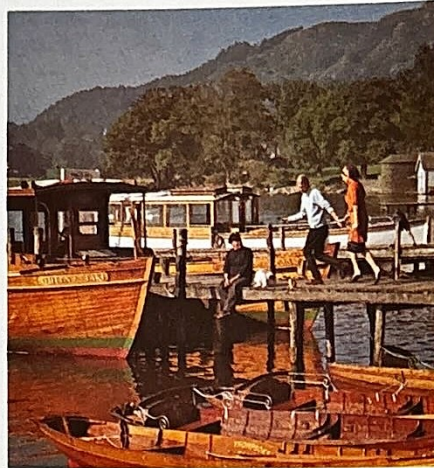
*Including three nights dinner, room and breakfast at the Low Wood Hotel\*\*\*, Windermere.*

**Thursday** Epsom 0800 (other points group H back page). We stop for lunch in Lichfield. The Cathedral has three spires known as 'Ladies of the Vale' and in the market place is Dr. Johnson's birthplace. We arrive late afternoon in Windermere. The Low Wood Hotel is situated on the banks of Windermere with views of some of England's highest mountains. There are spacious lawns and gardens running down to the water's edge.

**Friday** We drive to Bowness, a popular resort on an attractive bay on the east side of Windermere. There are pleasure steamers and boats on the lake. We leave Bowness

after lunch and make for Kendal (tea stop). Kendal was once the centre of a local wool trade. You will have time to visit the Lakeland Museum where there

Lake Windermere



are period rooms with exhibits of costumes, local industries and farming.

**Saturday** We return to Bowness and cross Windermere by steamer. Then we go via Hawkshead, Coniston and Ambleside to Grasmere where you can visit Dove Cottage, the former home of the poet Wordsworth. Grasmere is also noted for its scent and gingerbread. We stop for tea in Keswick which is on the northern extremity of Derwent Water. Travelling via Ullswater and Kirkstone Pass we arrive back in Windermere.

**Sunday** We go via Knutsford to Buxton for lunch. Buxton is over one thousand feet above sea level and a centre for the Derbyshire Peaks. Proceeding via Bakewell and Matlock, we reach the motorway and return direct. Home approximately 2045.

# Exeter and Lorna Doone Country

**3 days £40.00**

single room supplement £3.50

Friday 27th October

*Including two nights dinner, room and breakfast at the Royal Clarence Hotel\*\*\*, Exeter (all rooms except singles with private bath).*

**Friday** Epsom 0800 (other points group L back page). We stop for coffee in Winchester, the old capital of England. The lunch stop is in Salisbury which has a Cathedral with the tallest spire in England. We continue via Shaftesbury and Sherborne

to Yeovil for tea; then via Crewkerne and Chard to Exeter. The Royal Clarence Hotel was originally an eighteenth century coaching house. It is set in the shadow of Exeter Cathedral very close to the shops.

**Saturday** Morning at leisure. Exeter is the chief city of the south west. You can visit the fine Cathedral with its beautiful carving in wood and stone. There is an excellent shopping centre. In the afternoon we go for a drive to Exmoor. We visit Oare which lies in a lovely setting and is associated with Blackman's 'Lorna Doone'. whose wedding and shooting took place in the tiny Church. We also visit Brendon

and Blackmoor Gate. The tea stop is in Lynton which is beautifully situated on a cliff overlooking the Bristol Channel.

**Sunday** We make a short stop in Lyme Regis to see the wonderful cliff scenery; then proceed to Dorchester for coffee. Dorchester has many associations with Thomas Hardy. We continue via Tolpuddle to Bournemouth for lunch. Bournemouth is situated amidst gardens, pines and picturesque chines. We return via the New Forest which is famous for its ponies which roam around in small herds. Home approximately 1900.

# Harrogate (Spring Flower Show)

**3 days £40.50**

single room supplement £3.00

supplement per person for room with private bath £3.00

Friday 21st April

*Including two nights dinner, room and breakfast at the Hotel St. George\*\*\*, Harrogate and admission to Springfields.*

**Friday** Epsom 0800 (other points group H back page). We stop for lunch in Nottingham where you can see the Castle, home of Robin Hood's arch enemy King John. After lunch we go on a short tour

of the Sherwood Forest before reaching the Great North Road and arriving late afternoon in Harrogate. The Hotel St. George is privately owned and managed. It has an attractive terraced rose garden.

**Saturday** Morning free to see the Spring Flower Show. Harrogate became famous when it was fashionable to 'take the waters'. The town is known as the 'Garden Resort' and in the Spring the Stray is covered in crocuses. In the afternoon there is a short drive to the Yorkshire Moors visiting Bolton Abbey and stopping in Ilkley for tea. Ilkley is surrounded by

woods and moors in the heart of Wharfedale.

**Sunday** We stop for lunch in Lincoln which has an impressive triple-towered Cathedral on a hill overlooking the river. Medieval houses line the steep cobbled streets and a Roman arch spans the main road. We stop in Springfields for tea. In a twenty-acre garden English bulb growers have contributed towards a complete showcase of their products. Tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and almost every other type of Spring bulb are on display. Home approximately 2100.

# Heart of England

**3 days £35.00**

single room supplement £3.00  
Tuesday 23rd May

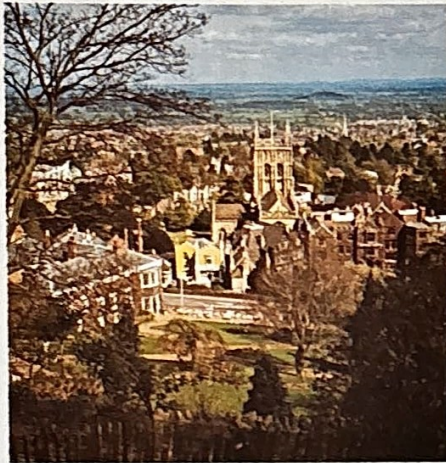
*Including two nights dinner, room and breakfast at the Abbey Hotel\*\*\*, Great Malvern (all rooms with private bath); also conducted tours of Worcester Porcelain Works and Manor Farm.*

**Tuesday** Epsom 0800 (other points group L back page). We drive across the Chiltern Hills to Aylesbury for coffee. Aylesbury has an interesting market square with many old houses and inns. The journey continues via Waddesdon and Banbury Cross to Stratford-upon-Avon for lunch. Stratford is rich in half-timbered buildings and memories of Shakespeare. We arrive in Great Malvern at tea-time. The Hotel is in a quiet setting overlooking Malvern Abbey. On one side are the lovely hotel gardens and on the other the Malvern Hills.

**Wednesday** We drive to Worcester for a

morning tour of the world famous Royal Worcester Porcelain Works. After the tour you can visit the Museum and Reject Shop. You will also have time for lunch

Malvern, Worcestershire



and a visit to the beautiful Cathedral overlooking the River Severn. After lunch there is a short journey to the Manor Farm in Lower Wick. You will see the dairy, a film and the farm (depending on weather). A light tea will be provided.

**Thursday** We go on a short tour of the Malvern Hills halting at Worcestershire Beacon where you can see wonderful views of the surrounding countryside. The coffee stop is in Evesham, centre of the famous fruit and vegetable growing region. Entering the Cotswolds, we stop in Bourton-on-the-Water for lunch. Bourton is a lovely old village on the River Windrush with many stone houses, miniature bridges and riverside greens. We stop for tea in Oxford where there will be a little time to explore some of the colleges. Home approximately 1930.

## Ilfracombe (and Lundy Island)

**4 days £50.50**

single room supplement £4.00  
supplement per person for room with private bath £4.50  
Friday 26th May

*Including full board at the Dilkhusa Grand Hotel\*\*, Ilfracombe from dinner on Friday to lunch on Sunday.*

**Friday** Epsom 0800 (other points group L back page). We stop for coffee in Winchester; then go via Salisbury to the lovely old Wiltshire village of Mere for lunch. Proceeding in the shadow of the

Quantock Hills we reach Dunster for tea. Dunster is a picturesque village with an impressive castle on a hill. We cross Exmoor and drive via Lynton to Ilfracombe. The Dilkhusa Grand Hotel is on the level part of the town overlooking the colourful gardens and near the quaint old harbour.

**Saturday** The day is free to explore Ilfracombe which is warmed by the gentle breezes of the Gulf Stream. There are many pleasant walks to the Capstone and Lantern Hills. You can go on a cruise from Ilfracombe Pier to Lundy Island which is over twenty miles away. The island is now owned by the National Trust: it has a

varied history in which piracy and shipwrecking have taken part. After dinner, there is a short excursion to Blackmoor Gate to visit a hunting inn.

**Sunday** Morning free. After lunch we drive via Bideford to Clovelly for tea. Clovelly is a colourful little cliff village with a picturesque little harbour and fishing boats.

**Monday** Morning free. We leave after lunch and return direct via Barnstaple, the Vale of Taunton Deane, Yeovil and Shaftesbury, stopping en route for tea. Home approximately 2030.

## The Lizard and Land's End

**4 days £57.00**

single room supplement £4.00  
supplement for room with private bath £4.00  
Tuesdays 4th April, 20th June and 29th August

*Including three nights dinner, room and breakfast at the Poldhu Hotel\*\*\*, Mullion.*

**Tuesday** Epsom 0700 (other points group K back page). We drive direct to Cornwall stopping en route for refreshments and arriving early evening in Mullion. The Poldhu Hotel commands magnificent sea, coast and country views. There is a

sheltered swimming pool and a tennis court.

**Wednesday** Morning free in Mullion. There are many places to visit in the immediate locality — Mullion with its narrow streets and quaint old world harbour and the uncrowded coves and beaches that are everywhere. After lunch we go for a short tour visiting the Lizard Point, the southern extremity of England, and Falmouth for tea. Falmouth has a large harbour and is a noted yachting centre. Narrow streets and alleys run from the quayside to the terraces. There are beautiful gardens with palm trees and sub-tropical flowers.

**Thursday** In the morning we visit the Tolgus Tin Mine near Redruth. We stop for lunch in St. Ives which is popular with artists and fishermen. St. Ives has brightly coloured stone cottages and narrow twisting streets. The tea stop is in Land's End, England's western-most point. There are high wild granite cliffs and a mile out to sea is Longships Lighthouse.

**Friday** We return via Bodmin Moor, Okehampton and Exeter. Home approximately 2045.



# Norwich and Norfolk Broads

**3 days £41.00**

single room supplement £7.50

Wednesday 9th August

*Including two nights dinner, room and breakfast at the Maid's Head Hotel\*\*\*, Norwich (all rooms with private bath) and an afternoon cruise on the Norfolk Broads.*

**Wednesday** Epsom 0800 (other points group H back page). We go out via the Epping Forest and the Roding Villages to Great Dunmow; then make a short stop in

Lavenham, which is rich in ancient half-timbered houses. We stop in Bury St. Edmunds for lunch. Here there are ruins of an Abbey founded by King Canute, and a Cathedral. We continue direct to Norwich. The Maid's Head Hotel is situated opposite the Cathedral and is one of the oldest inns in England.

**Thursday** In the morning we go on a short guided walking tour of the city. Norwich was once the centre of the weaving industry and the second city in England. It has a fine Cathedral and thirty-two medieval churches, quaint byways and gabled houses,

an open-air market and modern traffic-free shopping precincts. In the afternoon we drive to Wroxham for a cruise on the Norfolk Broads to Horning Ferry and return.

**Friday** Morning free for shopping and a final look at Norwich. We leave early afternoon and after a short stop in Newmarket (centre of British racing) arrive in the university city of Cambridge for tea. There will be a little time to see some of the colleges. Home approximately 2000.

## Old England

**2 days £21.00**

Saturdays 11th March and 21st October

*Including one night dinner, room and breakfast at the Mermaid Inn\*\*\*, Rye (all singles in the Ship Inn; all rooms in the Mermaid with private bath/shower).*

**Saturday** Epsom 0900 (other points group F back page). From Westerham we travel to Aylesford for our coffee stop at the friary. We then continue past orchards and hop fields to Canterbury for lunch.

Pilgrims used to walk to Canterbury Cathedral to see the shrine of Thomas Becket. The city has ancient walls and gateways; also the riverside home of the Huguenot weavers. After lunch, we drive via Sandwich and Deal to Dover where you can see the white cliffs and famous Castle. We stop for tea in Folkestone where there is a picturesque harbour. Following the coastal road via Hythe and Dymchurch we go past New Romney arriving at Rye early evening. We stay in the Mermaid Inn which was rebuilt in 1420 and is one of the oldest inns in England. It has

unique connections with the days of smuggling and invasions by the French.

**Sunday** We do not leave Rye till midday allowing time to wander round the narrow cobbled streets lined with timbered houses. We continue along the coast via Hastings and Bexhill to Eastbourne for lunch and a last view of the sea. After lunch we turn inland and go across the Weald to Tunbridge Wells for tea. The town was made famous as a spa and you can still drink the mineral waters. Home approximately 1800.

## St Ives

**8 days £81.50**

single room supplement £8.00

Saturdays 6th May and 23rd September

*Including seven nights dinner, room and breakfast at the Chy-an-Dour Hotel\*\*, St. Ives.*

**First day** Epsom 0700 (other points group K back page). We drive direct to Cornwall stopping en route for refreshments and arriving early evening in St. Ives.

**Sunday to Friday** St. Ives is a colourful fishing port, popular with artists and fishermen. There is a labyrinth of narrow twisting streets, cobbled passages, archways and old cottages. Shops and restaurants surround the harbour and its fishing boats. During our stay we will visit Newquay, Falmouth, St. Michael's Mount, Land's End, The Lizard and a tin mine. There will also be a chance to go on a day trip to the Scilly Isles (extra charge).

**Last day** We leave after breakfast and return via Bodmin Moor, Okehampton and

Exeter. Home approximately 2045.

**Chy-an-Dour Hotel\*\*, St. Ives** The Hotel has a beautiful setting in its own grounds with a sweeping panorama of St. Ives Bay. There is a colourful garden. The dining

*St. Ives, Cornwall*

room, lounge and cocktail lounge have wonderful views across the bay. All bedrooms are well appointed and furnished. The Hotel is under the personal supervision of the resident proprietors. In the Cornish language 'Chy-an-Dour' means 'House by the Sea'. The mild climate and sheltered location make early and late holidays a big attraction.



# Scenic South-East England

**2 days £21.00**

single room supplement £3.00  
supplement for room with private bath £7.25  
Saturday 1st April

*Including dinner, room and breakfast at the White Hart Hotel\*\*, Lewes and afternoon tea on Sunday at the Hindhead Hostess.*

**Saturday** Epsom 0900 (other points group F back page). We go via Chiddingstone Causeway to Penshurst for coffee; then continue past hop gardens and orchards

to Tenterden and through old smuggling villages to Tunbridge Wells for lunch. In the afternoon we make for the heaths and woods of the Ashdown Forest on our way to Eastbourne for tea. After tea we stop at Beachy Head, the highest cliff on the south-east coast, before reaching Birling Gap with its views of the Seven Sisters. We cross the South Downs and reach Alfriston before arriving early evening in Lewes. Lewes is built around its Castle on a hill beside a river. The White Hart Hotel is in the town centre and is one of England's old inns.

**Sunday** From Lewes there is a fine drive along the line of the South Downs Way touching such viewpoints as Ditchling Beacon and Devil's Dyke and stopping in Bramber for coffee. We continue via Chanctonbury Ring and Washington Common to Arundel and Chichester for lunch. In the afternoon we visit Bosham Harbour before going across the Downs to Midhurst and Cowdray Park. We stop for tea in the Hindhead Hostess; then return via the Devil's Punchbowl, Dorking and Box Hill. Home approximately 1830.

## Sidmouth

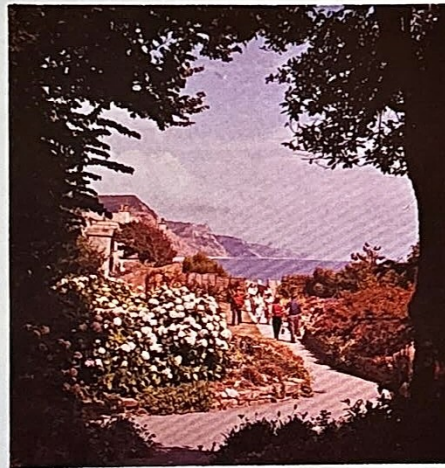
**4 days £57.50**

single room supplement £6.50  
supplement per person for room with private bath £6.50  
Friday 24th March and Tuesday 17th October

*Including full board at the Fortfield Hotel\*\*\*, Sidmouth from dinner on the first day to lunch on the last day.*

**First day** Epsom 0800 (other points group L back page). We stop for coffee in Winchester; then continue via the New Forest, Ringwood and Tolpuddle to Dorchester for lunch. Dorchester has many links with Thomas Hardy and Judge Jeffreys. We continue via Bridport and Lyme Regis with its pretty colour-wash cottages and wonderful cliff scenery; arriving in Sidmouth at tea time.

**Second day** The morning is free. We go on



Connaught Gardens, Sidmouth

an afternoon excursion to Exeter, the capital of Devon. It has a majestic

Cathedral with beautiful carving in wood and stone; also an excellent shopping centre.

**Third day** Morning at leisure. After lunch there is a drive to Buckfast Abbey and Torquay for tea. Buckfast Abbey was built by monks in this century; you can buy honey and tonic wine. Torquay has a colourful harbour and beautiful gardens with sub-tropical plants.

**Fourth day** Morning free for a last look at Sidmouth. After lunch we return via Yeovil, Shaftesbury and Salisbury stopping en route for tea. Home approximately 2030.

**Sidmouth and Fortfield Hotel** See 'Sidmouth at Christmas'.

## Sidmouth at Christmas

**5 days £113.00**

single room supplement £10.00  
supplement per person for room with private bath £8.50  
Saturday 23rd December

*Including full board and Christmas programme at the Fortfield Hotel\*\*\*, Sidmouth from tea on Saturday to lunch on Wednesday.*

**Saturday** Epsom 0800 (other points group L back page). We stop for coffee in Winchester and lunch in Salisbury which has the tallest spire in England. In the afternoon we continue via Shaftesbury, Yeovil and Crewkerne to Sidmouth.

**Christmas Eve** There is a morning excursion

to Exeter where you will have time to go to a service in the Cathedral. The afternoon is free and after dinner there will be dancing till midnight.

**Christmas Day** There is a special cold buffet for lunch and afternoon tea with Christmas cake. In the evening there will be a traditional Christmas dinner by candlelight and dancing till midnight.

**Boxing Day** You can go on a morning excursion to Woodbury Common to visit the meet of the East Devon foxhounds. There will be dancing past midnight.

**Wednesday** Morning free for a last look at Sidmouth. We leave after lunch and return direct via Dorchester and the New Forest. Home approximately 1930.

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**Sidmouth** Sidmouth is a quiet resort on the South Devon coast. It is flanked by red and white cliffs and sheltered between two tree-covered hills giving a mild climate all the year round. The resort preserves the natural beauty of the local countryside.

**Fortfield Hotel** The Fortfield is an independent hotel commended by the British Tourist Authority. It overlooks the sea and is close to the town centre. There is central heating throughout, two lounges facing the sea and gardens, a colour television room, a bar, a lift and a solarium (extra charge).

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# Torquay

**8 days £107.00**

single room supplement £8.00

supplement for room with private bath £8.00

Saturday 10th June

*Including seven nights dinner, room and breakfast at the Belgrave Hotel\*\*\*, Torquay.*

**First day** Epsom 0800 (other points group L back page). We stop for coffee in Stockbridge; then continue via Wilton and Shaftesbury to Sherborne for lunch. Sherborne is a beautiful old town with narrow winding streets and houses built in mellow stone. In the afternoon we take

a leisurely drive via Yeovil, Crewkerne and Chard to Torquay.

**Sunday to Friday** Torquay is one of Europe's foremost seaside resorts. It is capital of the South Devon Riviera with a magnificent setting on Tor Bay, flanked by red cliffs and sheltered by wooded hills. There are beautiful bathing beaches, a picturesque harbour, a splendid seafront and colourful gardens with many palm trees and other sub-tropical plants. During our stay we shall visit Dartmoor, Buckfast Abbey, Salcombe, Plymouth, Looe, Polperro and many other local beauty spots.

**Last day** We leave mid morning and stop in Exeter for lunch. You will have a little time to visit the Cathedral or go shopping. We stop in Dorchester for tea. Home approximately 2030.

**Belgrave Hotel\*\*\*** The Belgrave occupies a premier sea front position on the level and within easy walking distance of the main shopping centre, theatres and cinemas. The Hotel is next to Abbey Gardens. It has a swimming pool set in a sun patio enjoying superb views of Tor Bay. There is dancing and entertainment most evenings in the Miranda Ballroom and occasionally an all-star cabaret.

# Wye Valley and Forest of Dean

**3 days £39.50**

single room supplement £4.00

supplement per person for room with private bath £5.00

Friday 30th June

*Including two nights dinner, room and breakfast at the Chase Hotel\*\*\*, Ross-on-Wye.*

**Friday** Epsom 0800 (other points group L back page). We stop for coffee in Marlborough which has one of the finest high streets in the country. The lunch stop is in the Roman city of Bath. Bath has one of the few natural hot springs in Britain. It is possible to visit the Roman Baths and

Pump Room. The city was a popular spa in Georgian times and many fine Georgian buildings survive. Later in the afternoon we cross the Severn Bridge and wind our way along the Wye Valley. We stop to see the ruins of Tintern Abbey which are set in a meadow overlooked by wooded hills. We arrive early evening in Ross-on-Wye. The Chase Hotel is in its own extensive grounds only a few minutes walk from the town centre.

**Saturday** There will be a little time to look around Ross-on-Wye which is a lovely old market town overlooking a horseshoe bend in the River Wye with fine views of the Welsh Hills. We leave mid morning for

Symond's Yat where the Wye flows through a narrow gorge in a richly wooded setting. There will be time for lunch and an excursion on the river. We return via the Forest of Dean, a large area of wild woodland.

**Sunday** We leave mid morning and go via Gloucester and Cheltenham into the Cotswolds stopping in Stow-on-the-Wold for lunch. Stow was once a bustling centre of the wool industry. Narrow passageways lead into the market place. We stop in Oxford for tea allowing a little time to see some of the colleges before returning. Home approximately 1945.

# York

**3 days £40.50**

single room supplement £3.00

Fridays 19th May and 13th October

*Including two nights dinner, room and breakfast at the Abbey Park Hotel\*\*\*, York (all rooms with private bath).*

**Friday** Epsom 0800 (other points group H back page). We stop for lunch in Stamford, a charming stone-built market town with many interesting old houses. After lunch we travel along the great North Road and arrive in York early evening. The Hotel is near Micklegate Bar, the West Gate of the old Norman city.

**Saturday** Day at leisure. York is one of the finest medieval cities in Europe. Walk along the city walls and in the narrow streets with overhanging timbered gables and visit the pride of the city, the great Cathedral with its majestic towers and priceless stained glass windows. The Castle Museum has period rooms, a cobbled



*The City Walls and the Minster, York*

street and an Edwardian street. There is an excellent shopping centre and market. In the evening there is plenty to do.

**Sunday** We drive direct to Lincoln for

lunch. The city has a magnificent triple-towered Cathedral on a hill overlooking the River Witham. Medieval houses line the steep cobbled streets and a Roman arch spans the main road. Home approximately 2000.

# Grand Tour of Scotland 8 days £141.00

(less £3.00 in May)

single room supplement £16.50

Wednesdays 24th May, 21st June, 19th July, 16th August and 6th September

Including seven nights dinner, room and breakfast (all rooms with private bath/shower) – first night Royal County Hotel\*\*\*\*, Durham; second night Esso Crest Hotel\*\*\*, Edinburgh; third night Atholl Palace Hotel\*\*\*, Pitlochry; fourth and fifth nights Croit Anna Hotel, Fort William; sixth night Esso Crest Hotel\*\*\*, Erskine; seventh night Woolpack Hotel\*\*\*, Kendal.

**Wednesday** Epsom 0730 (other points group G back page). We go out via the Chiltern Hills to Aylesbury where we stop for coffee; then via Buckingham on to the motorway to York. There will be time in York for late lunch and tea; also time to see the Minster, the city walls and medieval streets with overhanging gables. We arrive in Durham early evening. Durham has a Castle and a magnificent Cathedral overlooking the River Wear.

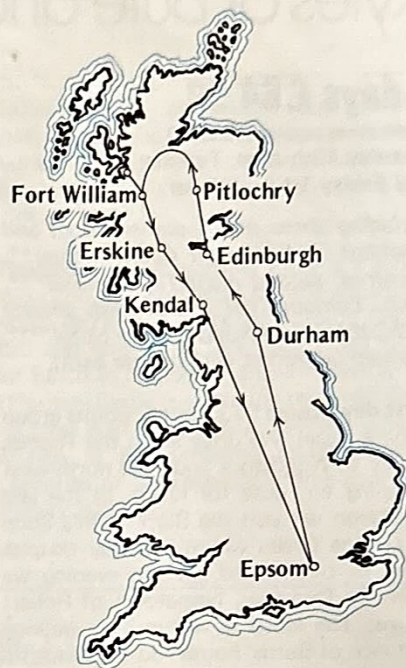
**Thursday** We stop to see Hadrian's Wall which was built by the Romans and stretches seventy miles from east to west. Driving across Northumberland we reach the border and enter Scotland stopping in

Jedburgh for lunch. In the afternoon we go via Tweeddale and Peebles to Edinburgh. The Esso Crest Hotel is about a mile from the town centre. In the evening you can pay extra and join in a Clan Gathering – a Scottish evening with traditional dinner, Highland dancing, singing, piping and music.

**Friday** After a short conducted tour of Edinburgh visiting Holyrood Palace, the Royal Mile and Edinburgh Castle, we stop in Princes Street allowing time for lunch and shopping. In the afternoon we proceed via the Forth Suspension Bridge to Perth, the 'Fair City' which was once the Scottish Capital. We arrive in Pitlochry early evening. The Atholl Palace Hotel is set in beautiful grounds with magnificent views. After dinner you can walk to the Great Dam and Fish Ladder.

**Saturday** We stop for coffee in Aviemore, a leading winter sports centre; then stop for lunch in Inverness, the northern-most point of the tour. Inverness is the capital of the Highlands and beautifully situated at the head of Loch Ness. After lunch we drive along the west bank of Loch Ness which is famous for the 'Loch Ness Monster'. We stop in Fort Augustus for tea; then pass the Commando Memorial at Spean Bridge before arriving in Fort

*Loch scene*



William. The Croit Anna Hotel is situated on the shore of Loch Linnhe two and a half miles from the town centre. It commands wonderful views of the lochs and hills.

**Sunday** In the morning we visit the town of Fort William which lies in the shadow of Ben Nevis, Britain's highest mountain. There is an afternoon excursion to the small fishing village of Mallaig. From here steamers leave for the Isle of Skye and the Outer Hebrides.

**Monday** We go via Glen Coe and the Bridge of Orchy to Tyndrum for coffee passing spectacular mountain scenery en route; then via Dalmally to Inveraray for lunch. Inveraray Castle is the ancestral home of the Dukes of Argyll. We continue via Rest and be Thankful and along the banks of Loch Lomond to Balloch for tea. We arrive early evening at the Esso Crest Hotel near Erskine Bridge. All rooms overlook the Firth of Clyde.

**Tuesday** We go along the east bank of the Clyde via Largs to Ayr for coffee. We stop for lunch in Dumfries where there is Robert Burn's house and a river with a salmon leap. After lunch we visit the Blacksmith's Shop at Gretna Green where runaway couples from England used to be married. We return to England and drive through the Lake District via Ullswater, Kirkstone Pass and Windermere to Kendal. Kendal was once the centre of a wool trade. The Crown Bar of the Woolpack Hotel used to be an auction room.

**Wednesday** We drive south stopping en route for morning coffee and lunch. A short stop is made in Worcester to see the Cathedral before proceeding via the Vale of Evesham to the Cotswolds for tea. The last part of the tour runs through Oxford and along the Thames Valley. Home approximately 2000.



# Kyles of Bute and Loch Lomond

**4 days £64.50**

single room supplement £5.00

Tuesday 13th June, Tuesday 11th July  
and Friday 1st September

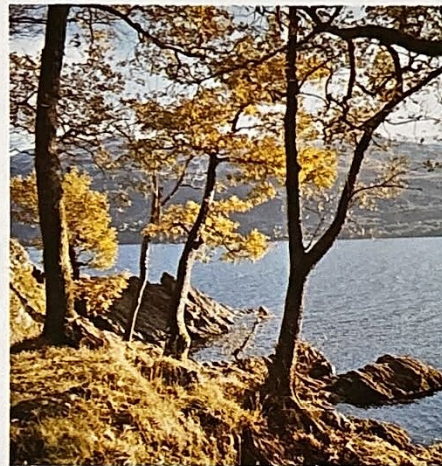
*Including three nights dinner, room and breakfast – first night County Hotel\*\*, Dumfries; second night Tarbet Hotel\*\*\*, Loch Lomond (all rooms with private bath); third night Royal County Hotel\*\*\*\*, Durham (all rooms with private bath).*

**First day** Epsom 0730 (other points group G back page). We drive along the Thames Valley to Woodstock and head north-west stopping en route for lunch. In the late afternoon we visit the Blacksmith's Shop in Gretna Green where runaway couples used to be married. In the evening we arrive in Dumfries, hometown of Robert Burns. The Hotel is within easy walking distance of Burns' house and the beautiful river with salmon leap.

**Second day** We go along Nithsdale past rolling hills to the North Ayrshire Coast; then take the ferry across the Firth of

Clyde from Gourrock to Dunoon where we stop for lunch. In the afternoon we drive along the mountain road to view the Kyles of Bute and pass Holy Loch. The tea stop is in Tighnabruaich. We continue via Loch

Loch Lomond



Tyne and Rest and be Thankful to Tarbet. The Hotel is stone-built and situated on the banks of Loch Lomond.

**Third day** Motoring along the banks of Loch Lomond we make our way to the Trossachs where there are scenes of mountains and lakes including Sir Walter Scott's 'Lady of the Lake'. We stop in Callander 'Tannochbrae' for coffee before crossing the Forth Bridge and visiting Edinburgh for a short tour to see Holyrood Palace, the Royal Mile, Edinburgh Castle and Princes Street. The tea stop is in Melrose and we arrive in Durham in time for a late dinner. Durham has a majestic Cathedral and Castle overlooking the River Witham.

**Last day** We stop for lunch in York allowing time for a little sightseeing. There are the old city walls, medieval streets overhung by gables and York Minster with its magnificent towers and priceless stained-glass windows. We return direct stopping for refreshments en route. Home approximately 2100.

## Scotland

**5 days £86.50**

single room supplement £9.50

Tuesday 8th August

*Including four nights dinner, room and breakfast – first night County Hotel\*\*, Dumfries; second night Tarbet Hotel\*\*\*, Loch Lomond (all rooms with private bath); third night Esso Crest Hotel\*\*\*\*, Edinburgh (all rooms with private bath/shower); fourth night Royal County Hotel\*\*\*\*, Durham (all rooms with private bath).*

**Tuesday and Wednesday** As for the first and second day of the Kyles of Bute and Loch Lomond tour.

**Thursday** We drive along the banks of Loch Lomond to Balloch; then via Drymen and the Queen Elizabeth National Forest Park to the Trossachs where there are scenes of mountains and woodlands including Sir Walter Scott's 'Lady of the Lake'. The lunch stop is in Callander, 'Tannochbrae'. We continue via Loch Earn to Drummond Castle Gardens for tea. After tea we cross the Forth Bridge and arrive early evening at the Esso Crest Hotel in Edinburgh which is about a mile from the city centre. In the evening you can pay extra and join in a Clan Gathering – a Scottish Evening with traditional dinner, Highland dancing, singing, piping and music.

**Friday** We go on a short sightseeing tour of Edinburgh to see the Royal Mile, Holyrood Palace, Edinburgh Castle and Princes Street. There is a stop for coffee and a little shopping. The lunch stop is in Peebles which is in the lovely valley of the Tweed. We continue south via Selkirk and Hawick to the border stopping to see Hadrian's Wall. Next we drive across Northumberland arriving early evening in Durham. The Royal County Hotel is in easy walking distance of the Cathedral and the Castle.

**Saturday** As for the last day of the Kyles of Bute tour.

## The Gower and Mumbles

**3 days £39.00**

single room supplement £5.00

Friday 8th September

*Including two nights dinner, room and breakfast at the Dragon Hotel\*\*\*\*, Swansea (all rooms with private bath).*

**Friday** Epsom 0800 (other points group L back page). We go out via the Thames Valley and Chiltern Hills to Oxford; then via the Cotswold Hills to Ross-on-Wye where we stop for lunch. Ross-on-Wye is a lovely old market town overlooking a horseshoe bend in the River Wye with fine

views of the Welsh hills. In the afternoon we go via Monmouth and the Vale of Neath to Swansea. The Dragon Hotel is in the town centre very convenient for the shops and cinemas.

**Saturday** The morning is free to explore Swansea. There is a fine new shopping centre and an enclosed market where you can buy local produce. In the afternoon we go for a short drive to the Gower Peninsula. The Gower is an area of outstanding natural beauty and is noted for its magnificent coast scenery with rocks, cliffs and caves. After dinner there is an

illuminations drive round Swansea Bay to Mumbles.

**Sunday** We go via the Vale of Glamorgan to Cardiff where we stop for lunch. The Capital of Wales has a magnificent civic centre with many fine buildings; also an impressive Castle and Llandaff Cathedral. In the afternoon we cross the Severn Bridge and make for Marlborough where we stop for tea. Marlborough has a broad High Street with many charming old buildings. Home approximately 1930.

# Llangollen and Swallow Falls

**3 days £34.00**

single room supplement £3.00

supplement per person for room with private bath £3.50

Tuesday 25th April

*Including full board at the Hand Hotel\*\*\*, Llangollen from dinner on Tuesday to breakfast on Thursday.*

**Tuesday** Epsom 0730 (other points group G back page). We drive along the Thames Valley and across the Chiltern Hills to Woodstock and Chipping Norton. Touring the Cotswolds we pass through Moreton-in-Marsh and Broadway before seeing the

Vale of Evesham and arriving in Worcester in time for lunch. Worcester Cathedral is beautifully situated beside the River Severn. In the afternoon we proceed via Kidderminster, Bridgnorth and Shrewsbury to Llangollen. The Hand Hotel is situated on the River Dee and was originally a coaching house.

**Wednesday** The morning is free in Llangollen. The town is the home of the International Eisteddfod. Llangollen is surrounded by meadows, woods and mountains in the Vale of Llangollen. After lunch we go on an afternoon drive to Corwen, a pleasant town at the foot of the Berwyn Mountain. We also visit

Betws-y-Coed which is one of the loveliest villages in Wales, surrounded by woods, hills, glens and rivers. Nearby are the Swallow Falls which can be reached on foot.

**Thursday** In the morning there is a short excursion to Acrefair to see the aqueduct which carries the Shropshire Union Canal 120 feet above the Dee Valley. We stop for lunch in Ludlow an ancient town with a Norman Castle overlooking the river. The tea stop is in Stratford-upon-Avon which is rich in half-timbered buildings and memories of Shakespeare. Home approximately 2030.

# North Wales Coast and Snowdonia

**3 days £35.00**

single room supplement £5.00

supplement per person for room with private bath £2.50

Friday 21st July

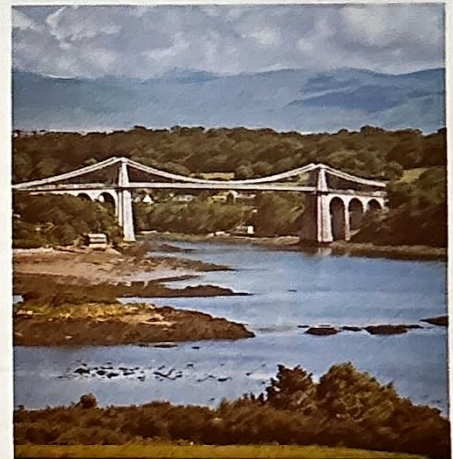
*Including two nights dinner, room and breakfast at the Grand Hotel\*\*\*, Llandudno.*

**Friday** Epsom 0730 (other points group G back page). We go out via the Thames Valley and Chiltern Hills to Oxford; then proceed via Woodstock to Stratford-upon-Avon for lunch. Stratford is rich in half-timbered buildings and memories of Shakespeare. In the afternoon we go via Shrewsbury to Llangollen where we stop for tea. Llangollen is surrounded by meadows, woods and mountains in the Vale of Llangollen. We continue via

Betws-y-Coed and the Vale of Conway to Llandudno. The Grand Hotel is built over the beach with a magnificent view across the sea.

**Saturday** We follow the coastal road to Bangor and cross the Menai Bridge to Anglesey visiting Llanfair P.G. and Beaumaris. In the afternoon we tour Snowdonia visiting Llanberis which is set in a wild and rocky pass where the Snowdon mountain railway commences its ascent. The Hotel has its own Night Club and there is no admission charge for residents.

**Sunday** We leave Llandudno and proceed direct to Chester where we stop for lunch. Chester has streets full of black and white half-timbered houses and arcaded shops known as the 'Rows'. We return direct stopping en route for tea and refreshments. Home approximately 2000.



The Menai Bridge, Anglesey

# Tenby

**8 days £77.00**

single room supplement £8.00

Saturday 13th May

*Including seven nights dinner, room and breakfast at the Richmond Hotel, Tenby (hotel gratuities not included).*

**Saturday** Epsom 0800 (other points group L back page). We go out direct via the Severn Bridge to Cardiff where we stop for lunch. The Capital of Wales has a magnificent Civic Centre with many fine buildings; also an impressive Castle. In the afternoon the tea stop is at Dan-yr-Ogof Caves. There is a series of caves with rock stalactites and underground pools. We continue via Morriston, Carmarthen and St. Clears to Tenby.

**Sunday to Friday** Tenby is an attractive South Wales resort with a colourful harbour, beautiful sands, ancient walls and gateways. Caldy Island can be reached by launch from Tenby. It has an ancient priory church and a modern monastery where perfumes produced by Cistercian monks are on sale. During our stay we will visit St. David's and Pembroke; Cardigan, Cenarth and Newcastle Emlyn; and Laugharne. St. David's is Britain's smallest cathedral city and Pembroke has an old castle. Cenarth has coracles on the River Teifi and in Laugharne you can visit the boat house where Dylan Thomas lived.

**Saturday** We stop in Llandovery for coffee and Symond's Yat for lunch. Symond's Yat is a well known beauty spot where

the Wye flows through a narrow gorge in a richly wooded setting. In the afternoon we follow the Wye Valley and stop at the Severn Bridge for tea before returning direct (refreshment stop en route). Home approximately 2030.

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**Richmond Hotel** The Richmond is a good private hotel situated in the most exclusive part of Tenby overlooking North Bay with a cliff garden and lawn; also a private approach to the beach. It is within ten minutes of the shopping centre. There is a spacious lounge with colour television and a dining room overlooking the sea. The hotel has a residential licence.



# Wales 'Land of the Red Dragon'

## 4 days £55.50

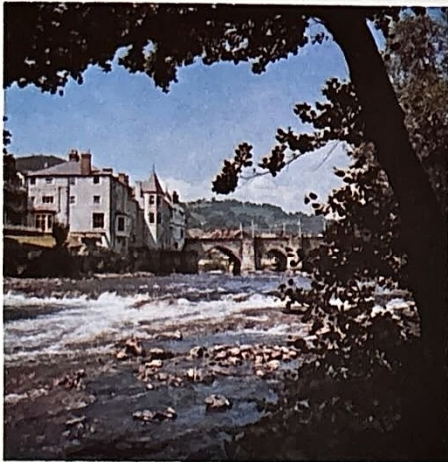
single room supplement £4.00

supplement per person for room with private bath in the Hand Hotel £2.00

Fridays 9th June, 14th July, 11th August and 15th September

*Including three nights dinner, room and breakfast – first night Hand Hotel\*\*\*, Llangollen; second and third nights Stradey Park Hotel\*\*\*, Llanelli (all rooms with private bath).*

*River Dee, Llangollen*



**Friday** Epsom 0730 (other points group G back page). We stop for lunch in Lichfield where you can see the Cathedral with three spires and Dr. Johnson's birthplace in the market square. In the afternoon we stop for tea in Chester where there are Roman walls and streets full of black and white half-timbered houses. We leave England and enter Wales via the Horseshoe Pass to Llangollen which is situated in a vale surrounded by woods, meadows and mountains. The Hand Hotel is by the River Dee.

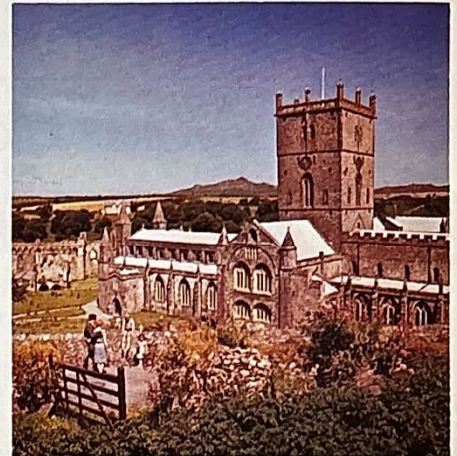
**Saturday** We pass Bala Lake and crossing the Cambrian Mountains, stop in Dinas Mawddwy to visit the woollen mill. Next we see the Elan Valley where there is a chain of lakes built as reservoirs and surrounded by beautiful hill scenery. After lunch in Rhayader we continue via Builth Wells and the Vale of Tywi to Llanelli. The Hotel is situated on an elevated position with views over Llanelli and out to the Gower Peninsula. There is usually a dance on Saturday nights and you are welcome to join in (unless a private party has already booked).

**Sunday** We visit Carmarthen and Laugharne to see the boat house where Dylan Thomas lived and worked. Then we visit St. David's, the smallest Cathedral city in Britain with many fine cliffs and bays. We stop in Tenby

which has a colourful harbour, beautiful sands, ancient walls and gateways.

**Monday** Driving across the Brecon Beacons National Park we stop in Brecon for coffee. The lunch stop is at Symond's Yat where the River Wye winds its way through a wooded gorge. There will be time to go on an excursion on the river. We continue along the Wye Valley past Tintern Abbey before crossing the Severn Bridge returning to Wiltshire and Berkshire. Home approximately 2030.

*St. Davids Cathedral*



# The Garden Isle

## 3 days £32.50

single room supplement £3.00

supplement per person for room with private bath £2.00

Friday 12th May

*Including ferry fares and two nights dinner, room and breakfast at the Royal Hotel\*\*\*, Ventnor.*

**Friday** Epsom 0900 (other points group M back page). We drive to Southampton where you will have time for lunch before boarding the Red Funnel Steamer via Southampton Water and the Solent to West Cowes. A coach meets us at the terminal and takes us to Ventnor. The

Royal is Ventnor's largest hotel. It stands in attractive gardens about five minutes walk from the sea. Ventnor faces due south and has a very mild climate. It has delightful scenery and is picturesque with houses built in terraces on a cliff. Immediately behind Ventnor is St. Boniface Down which is the highest point in the island. Nearby is Undercliff where interesting trees, plants and shrubs flower in abundance.

**Saturday** We go on a leisurely tour around the island stopping for coffee in Shanklin which has many picturesque old thatched cottages, a lovely chine and a cascading stream. We continue via Sandown and Brading to Ryde for lunch. Ryde has six miles of sandy beach backed by pleasant

wooded gardens. In the afternoon we visit Newport, Cowes the famous yachting resort, Yarmouth and Alum Bay for tea. Alum Bay is famous for its multi-coloured sands: one mile away stands the Needles a noted chalk landmark with a lighthouse. We return via Blackgang Chine, a thickly wooded ravine with narrow paths leading down to the sea.

**Sunday** The morning is free for a last look at Ventnor. We return early afternoon to West Cowes for the steamer back to Southampton. We stop in Southampton for tea before making our way home. Home approximately 1930.

# Isle of Man

## 4 days £76.50

single room supplement £4.00  
supplement per person for room with private bath £5.00  
Tuesday 19th September

*Including air fares and three nights dinner, room and breakfast at the Hotel Sefton.*

**Tuesday** Epsom 0730 (other points group G back page). We drive direct to Speke Airport, Liverpool stopping en route for refreshments. Next we board a flight by British Airways (IT7BA2/10) to Ronaldsway Airport, Isle of Man. A coach takes us to the Sefton Hotel which is on

the Sea Front in Douglas, the capital of the Isle of Man.

**Wednesday** The morning is free in Douglas. There is a magnificent bay, expansive sandy beach, clear blue sea and beautiful sunken gardens. You can go for a leisurely trot by horse-drawn tram along the Promenade or by Manx Electric Railway to the top of Snaefell Mountain. In the afternoon there is a tour of St. John's, site of the world's largest open-air parliament; Port Erin, the southern-most point with its view of the Calf of Man and Castletown for tea. Castletown has an interesting Castle and is the old Capital of the Isle of Man. We return along Marine Drive with its rugged cliff scenery.

**Thursday** Morning free in Douglas for shopping and sightseeing. In the afternoon we visit Peel, home of the Manx kipper industry and the Point of Ayre, the northern-most point. We stop in the popular coastal resort of Ramsey for tea and return via Snaefell and Laxey with its famous 'Lady Isabella' waterwheel.

**Friday** We leave after breakfast and return to the airport for our flight back to Liverpool. There will be refreshment stops on the way home. Home approximately 1800.

# Isles of Scilly

## 8 days £144.00

single room supplement £8.00  
supplement per person for room with private bath £9.00  
Saturdays 6th May and 23rd September

*Including return flight by helicopter from Penzance to St. Mary's and full board at the Atlantic Hotel, St. Mary's from dinner on the first day to breakfast on the day of departure (hotel gratuities not included).*

**First day** Epsom 0700 (other points group K back page). We drive direct to Penzance

stopping en route for refreshments. In the early evening we board a British Airways helicopter for a short flight to St. Mary's.

**Last day** We leave after breakfast and board the helicopter for the return flight to Penzance. Home approximately 2045.

**Isles of Scilly** The Isles of Scilly are clustered almost thirty miles south-west of Land's End. They are steeped in history and have a charm that is unforgettable. The islands have a mild climate and are a paradise for wild flowers, birds and marine life. St. Mary's is the largest of the inhabited islands. The Hotel is situated

directly overlooking the harbour from which launches make daily trips to Tresco with its world famous sub-tropical gardens, St. Martin's, St. Agnes, Bryher and many other islands.

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**Atlantic Hotel, St. Mary's** The Atlantic is a delightful rambling old inn which has been modernised and furnished without losing its character. The Cocktail Bar and the Shipwreck Bar lead out on to the sun patio with steps on to the beach. There is a residents' lounge, a television lounge and a sun lounge.

# Isles of Scilly



Hugh Town, The Inner Harbour, St. Mary's,

## 4 days £77.50

single room supplement £4.00  
supplement per person for room with private bath £4.00  
Tuesday 4th April

*Including return flight by helicopter from Penzance to St. Mary's and full board at the Atlantic Hotel, St. Mary's from dinner on Tuesday to breakfast on Friday (hotel gratuities not included).*

**Tuesday** Epsom 0700 (other points group K back page). We drive direct to Penzance stopping en route for refreshments. In the early evening we board a British Airways helicopter for a short flight to St. Mary's.

**Friday** We leave after breakfast and board

the helicopter for the return flight to Penzance. Home approximately 2045.

**Isles of Scilly and Atlantic Hotel** See Isles of Scilly 8 days.



# Isle of Wight

**8 days £72.00**

single room supplement £8.00

Saturday 2nd September

*Including ferry fares and seven nights dinner, room and breakfast at the East Dene Hotel, Bonchurch.*

**First day** Epsom 0900 (other points group M back page). We drive to Southampton where you will have time to obtain lunch before boarding the Red Funnel steamer via Southampton Water and the Solent to Cowes. All the luggage is transported in a skip so you need not worry about carrying your own luggage. A coach meets us at the ferry terminal and conveys us to the East Dene Hotel in Bonchurch.

**Last day** We leave after breakfast and return to West Cowes for the ferry back to Southampton. You will have time to obtain lunch in Southampton before returning. Home approximately 1600.

**Bonchurch** Bonchurch is a pretty little village situated in the most sheltered part of the island. Nearby is Ventnor where you can make excursions round the island.

**East Dene Hotel** East Dene is a lovely stone built mansion commanding superb views of the sea in an air of tranquility. The house is full of history and has been preserved in its original style. Many of the rooms are panelled. The house has ten acres of woods, gardens and lawns. There is table-tennis and putting. A path leads down to the beach.



Godshill, Isle of Wight

# Jersey Breakaway

**4 days £49.00**

single room supplement £2.00

Tuesday 2nd May

*Including ferry fares; three nights dinner, room and breakfast at the Woodville Hotel (First Register); lunch on Wednesday and the Sealink Bonus Pack (200 Rothman cigarettes and a litre bottle of gin or whisky or vodka or rum).*

**Tuesday** Epsom 0700 (other points group K back page). We drive direct to Weymouth stopping en route for coffee and boarding

the Sealink ferry for the lunchtime crossing to Jersey. Numbered seats are reserved and meals and refreshments are available at reasonable prices. We arrive in Jersey at approximately 2030 and are conveyed to the Woodville Hotel in time for a late dinner. The Hotel is set amongst terraced gardens in a quiet part of St. Helier yet only a few minutes walk from the town centre. There is central heating, a lounge bar, television room and a swimming pool. The Hotel is renowned for its superb Continental and English cuisine.

**Wednesday** We leave the hotel at approx-

imately 1100 and go on an island tour. Lunch will be provided en route and we will return at approximately 1530.

**Thursday** The day will be free to explore St. Helier and go shopping.

**Friday** After an early breakfast we are taken back to the terminal for the return journey. We should arrive in Weymouth at approximately 1500. There will be a tea stop on the way home. Home approximately 2000.

**Jersey** See Jersey by Air.

# Jersey by Air

**8 days £99.50**

single room supplement £8.00

supplement per person for room with private bath £4.50

Sunday 14th May

*Including air fares and seven nights dinner, room and breakfast at the Hotel Marina, St. Helier.*

**First day** Epsom 1400 (other points group N back page). We drive to Southampton Airport and board a British Airways flight (IT7BA2/06) to Jersey. A coach meets us at Jersey Airport and takes us to the Hotel Marina.

**Last day** We return to Jersey Airport in time for a mid-afternoon flight to Southampton. Home approximately 1945.

**Jersey** Jersey is an island of great natural beauty with superb scenery and beaches which rival any that can be seen in Europe. With a warm climate, golden sands, sheltered bays and sparkling blue seas, the island is an ideal holiday resort. Passports are not necessary for British subjects and there are no currency restrictions. Boat excursions operate regularly to the other Channel Islands and to France. Coach trips operate every morning, afternoon and evening to all parts of the island. There is

a wide range of luxury goods in the shops — leather goods, jewellery, cosmetics, perfumes, liquor and tobacco. There are many parks and gardens and facilities for most sports; also plenty of night life.

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**Hotel Marina** The Marina overlooks the sea and is only a few minutes walk from the shopping centre. The Hotel has a reputation for fine food and cuisine. There is a licensed bar overlooking the harbour entrance, central heating and double-glazing throughout; also a lift to all floors and a rooftop sunbathing area.

# Jersey by Sea

**8 days £99.50**

single room supplement £8.00

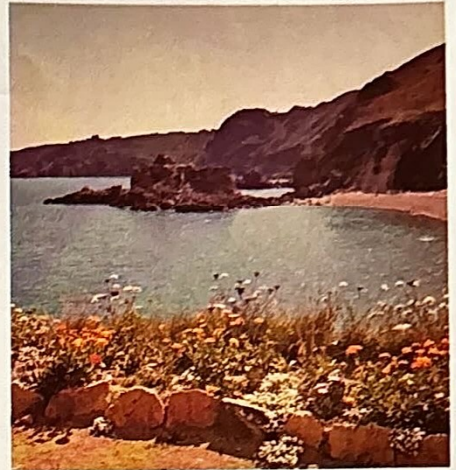
supplement per person for room with private bath £4.50

Sunday 17th September

*Including ferry fares and seven nights dinner, room and breakfast at the Hotel Marina, St. Helier.*

*Bouley Bay*

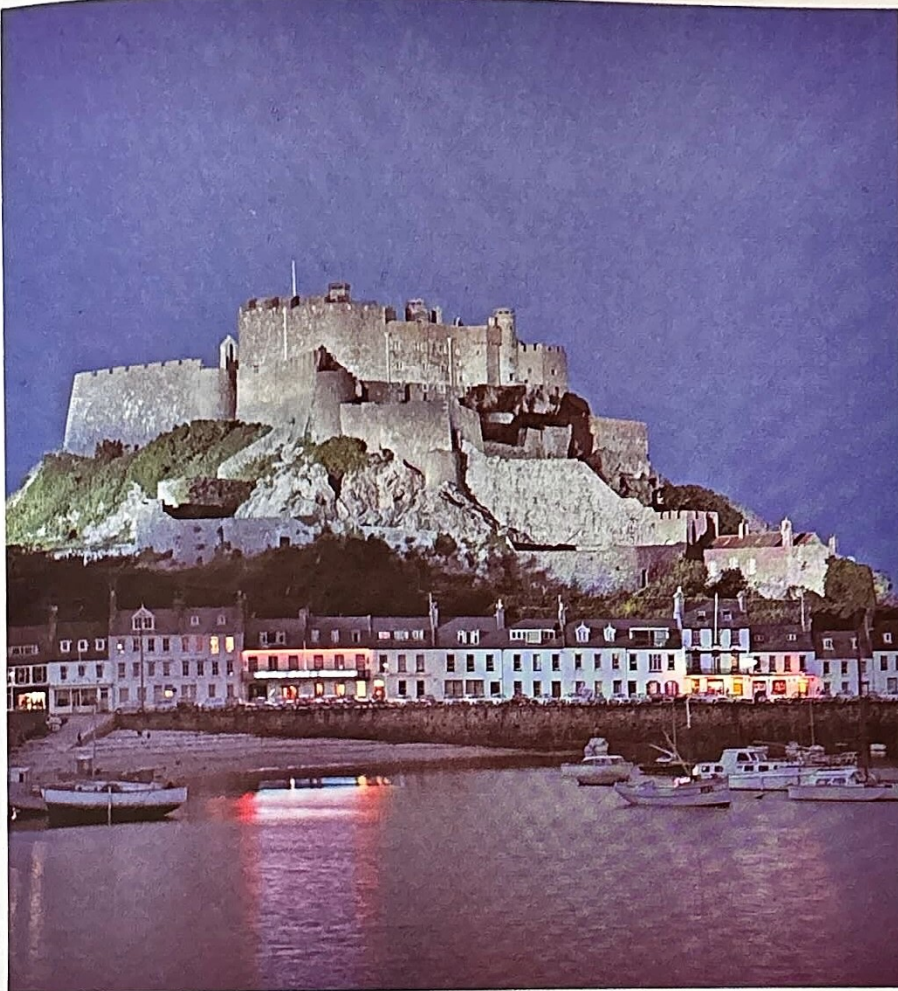
**First day** Epsom 0700 (other points group K back page). We drive direct to Weymouth stopping en route for coffee. Next we board the Sealink ferry for the lunchtime crossing to Jersey. Numbered seats are reserved and meals and refreshments are available at reasonable prices. We arrive



in Jersey in the evening and are driven to the hotel in time for a late dinner.

**Last day** After an early breakfast a coach takes us to the ferry terminal for the Sealink ferry to Portsmouth or Weymouth. We arrive in England late afternoon. There will be a tea stop on the return journey. Home approximately 2030.

**Jersey and Hotel Marina** See Jersey by Air.



*The floodlit Mont Orgueil Castle, Gorey*



# Departure Points and Times

|                    | A    | B    | C    | D    | E    | F    | G    | H    | J    | K    | L    | M    | N    |
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| Ashtead            | 0550 | 0650 | 0720 | 0750 | 0850 | 0850 | 0720 | 0750 | 0850 | 0710 | 0810 | 0910 | 1410 |
| Banstead           | 0620 | 0720 | 0750 | 0820 | 0920 | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | 0640 | 0740 | 0840 | 1340 |
| Burgh Heath        | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | 0635 | 0735 | 0835 | 1335 |
| Chessington North  | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | 0745 | 0815 | 0915 | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    |
| Cobham             | 0515 | 0615 | 0645 | 0715 | 0815 | 0815 | ■    | ■    | ■    | 0735 | 0835 | 0935 | 1435 |
| Coulsdon           | 0630 | 0730 | 0800 | 0830 | 0930 | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    |
| Dorking            | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | 0650 | 0720 | 0820 | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    |
| Drift Bridge       | 0615 | 0715 | 0745 | 0815 | 0915 | 0915 | ■    | ■    | ■    | 0630 | 0730 | 0830 | 1330 |
| Epsom              | 0600 | 0700 | 0730 | 0800 | 0900 | 0900 | 0730 | 0800 | 0900 | 0700 | 0800 | 0900 | 1400 |
| Ewell              | 0610 | 0710 | 0740 | 0810 | 0910 | 0910 | 0735 | 0805 | 0905 | 0650 | 0750 | 0850 | 1350 |
| Fetcham            | 0530 | 0630 | 0700 | 0730 | 0830 | 0830 | 0710 | 0740 | 0840 | 0725 | 0825 | 0925 | 1425 |
| Great Bookham      | 0535 | 0635 | 0705 | 0735 | 0835 | 0835 | 0705 | 0735 | 0835 | 0720 | 0820 | 0920 | 1420 |
| Hook               | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | 0750 | 0820 | 0920 | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    |
| Kingswood          | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | 0935 | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    |
| Leatherhead        | 0545 | 0645 | 0715 | 0745 | 0845 | 0845 | 0715 | 0745 | 0845 | 0715 | 0815 | 0915 | 1415 |
| Oxshott            | 0510 | 0610 | 0640 | 0710 | 0810 | 0810 | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    |
| Stoke d'Abernon    | 0520 | 0620 | 0650 | 0720 | 0820 | 0820 | ■    | ■    | ■    | 0730 | 0830 | 0930 | 1430 |
| Tadworth           | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | 0925 | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    |
| Tattenham Corner   | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | 0920 | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    |
| Walton-on-the-Hill | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | 0930 | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    |
| West Ewell         | 0605 | 0705 | 0735 | 0805 | 0905 | 0905 | 0740 | 0810 | 0910 | 0655 | 0755 | 0855 | 1355 |

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| Ashtead           | Street Bus Stop                 | Great Bookham      | Crown or Beckley Parade       |
| Banstead          | Post Office, High Street        | Hook               | White Hart, Hook Road         |
| Burgh Heath       | Brighton Road Bus Stop          | Kingswood          | Fox Hotel, Brighton Road      |
| Chessington North | Opposite Station                | Leatherhead        | Opposite 17 Church Street     |
| Cobham            | High Street, opposite Fine Fare | Oxshott            | Steels Lane/Kenilworth Avenue |
| Coulsdon          | Opposite 216 Brighton Road      | Stoke d'Abernon    | Plough, Cobham Road           |
| Dorking           | Opposite Dorking Halls          | Tadworth           | Chappell's Post Office        |
| Drift Bridge      | Bus Stop opposite Hotel         | Tattenham Corner   | N.S.S. Newsagents             |
| Epsom             | Public Library, Waterloo Road   | Walton-on-the-Hill | Hedge Corner Bus Stop         |
| Ewell             | Spring Bus Stop                 | West Ewell         | Bungalow Stores               |
| Fetcham           | Post Office, Cobham Road        | West Ewell         | Chessington Road/Green Lanes  |

## Booking Form

Tour or holiday \_\_\_\_\_ Departing \_\_\_\_\_

Departure point \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodation Single \_\_\_\_\_ Double \_\_\_\_\_ Twin \_\_\_\_\_ Triple \_\_\_\_\_

Seat numbers in the coach \_\_\_\_\_

| MR<br>MRS<br>MISS | INITIALS | SURNAME | ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER |
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Passport number (Continental only) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of expiry \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit £ \_\_\_\_\_ Ticket number \_\_\_\_\_ Balance due \_\_\_\_\_

Full amount £ \_\_\_\_\_ Ticket number \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to the conditions of booking (see pages 2 and 3).

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

You are advised to insure against personal accident, medical expenses, cancellation charges, baggage and personal effects and personal money (details on request).