

# ***Epsom Coaches***

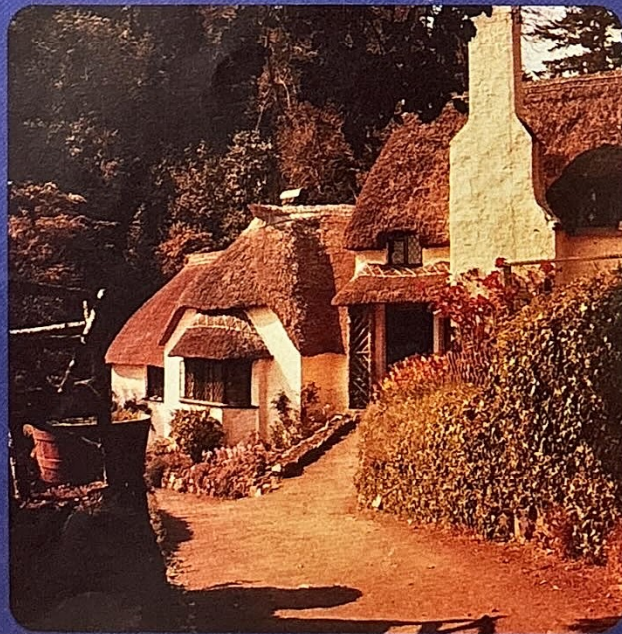
**2-8 day tours and holidays 1979**



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# Introduction



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Epsom Coaches is a family concern: we have been established in Epsom since 1920. Our 1979 programme offers a wide range of tours and holidays from a weekend in Rye to a week in Switzerland.

We welcome your comments and thank last year's passengers for filling in the questionnaires: the information has been very useful in compiling this brochure.

Prices are a lot more stable than in recent years and you will find the costs of many tours have increased very little since last year.

There are many new tours for 1979. On the Continent we are visiting the Swiss Lakes and Mountains; also the Chateaux and Vineyards of the Loire. The number of departures to the Channel Islands has been increased and we are visiting Guernsey as well as Jersey. In England there are special interest weekends including Industrial Heritage, Literary Heritage, Stately Homes and Gardens and a Taste of England. North of the border is a holiday in Oban and a tour to the Land o' Burns and Edinburgh. In Wales we have a holiday in Llandudno and a tour to Carmarthen and the Cardigan Coast. There are also many variations on existing tours. Going on a coach tour arranged by a local company you will find many advantages including being picked up and set down near home and not having to worry about booking hotels and finding your way around.

### Coaches and Driver/Couriers

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. All our coaches are inspected and maintained in our workshop.

A lot of our reputation has been built on the care and efficiency of our driver/couriers. We try to keep the same drivers on the same tours so they are familiar with the routes. Each driver takes a pride in his own coach.

### Hotels

Although our choice is more limited in some areas than others, we aim to use three-star hotels on all tours. On some eight-day centre holidays — e.g. Jersey and the Isle of Wight — we use lower grade hotels to keep down the cost. Many of the tours include rooms with private facilities in the basic price; others offer rooms with private facilities as an option subject to a supplementary charge. The number of single rooms is always limited and friends are asked to share wherever possible. Where there are three persons travelling together, it is usually possible to book a triple room. Should we have to stop in a different hotel to that advertised, you will be notified and given the option of a refund. The driver/courier 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 you wish to hire a coach privately, we would be pleased to help you with the arrangements.

### Departure Points and Times

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.

There are new departure points on many tours for 1979: East Molesey, Esher, Hershaw, Hurst Park, Surbiton and Walton-on-Thames. 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. The following train and bus services operate to and from Epsom: — *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. Please contact us if you would like information on local hotels, car parks and taxi services.

### What is included

All coach travel is included and there is no extra charge for optional excursions. Any other services which are included in the basic price of the tour — i.e. hotel accommodation, meals, air and ferry fares, admission charges, etc. — are mentioned in the description of each tour. Most tours include half board (evening dinner, bed and breakfast). Full breakfast is provided on most tours except on the Continent where Continental breakfast is served. In the evening a three- or four-course table d'hote 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 somewhere where you can make your own arrangements. Morning coffee and afternoon tea are not included: we 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. Very few tours are suitable for children although special prices are available on request. All prices include value added tax as at 1st October 1978.

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 driver's 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 three days.

Seat numbers are allocated at the time of booking. 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.

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 (pending availability). 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.

#### Late Bookings

Rooming lists are sent to the hotels at least four weeks before departure. An administration charge may 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 contact the hotels. Bookings will be accepted up to the day before departure. We advise you to book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Some tours are booked months in advance.

#### Cancellations and Refunds

Deposits are non-refundable. A cancellation fee of up to 60% of the total cost of the tour or holiday will be charged on bookings cancelled within six weeks of departure. All cancellations must be made in writing to our head office. If you have to cancel, please notify us as soon as possible.

#### Insurance

We strongly advise you to take our 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. Insurance enables you to travel with complete peace of mind.

#### Times

Everyone is kindly asked to be punctual when on tour. We have to run to schedule and cannot keep other people waiting. No liability can be accepted for anyone arriving too late at the departure point.

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

Although the departure times and estimated return times are stated, the times on tour will be arranged by the driver depending on prevailing conditions. Short itineraries giving information on hotels, etc. will usually be issued; also maps on British tours and leaflets of hotels and places of interest when available.

#### Passports

Passports are not required for Jersey and Guernsey. Identity cards can be used on some Continental tours: if you fill in an application form and let us have a passport-size photograph we will issue an identity card free of charge. Foreign nationals must use passports on all Continental tours.

#### Radios, Tape-Players and Musical Instruments

In the interest of other passengers radios, tape-players and musical instruments may not be played.

#### Smoking

Smoking can cause serious annoyance to other passengers. Please refrain from smoking or smoke as little as possible.

#### Pets

We regret we cannot carry pets.

#### Luggage

You will have to handle your own luggage on some island holidays. We recommend you keep your luggage to a minimum — only one medium-sized suit case per person plus light hand luggage. All baggage must be clearly labelled. Luggage labels will be issued by the agent when you pay the balance.

#### Responsibility

The brochure is issued on the sole responsibility of Epsom Coaches. 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 awaiting the final approval of the Traffic Commissioners.

#### Cancellations and Amendments

We reserve the right to cancel any tour. You will be notified at least six weeks prior to departure and given the option of a full refund. 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. We accept no liability for any errors or omissions.

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## Amsterdam Weekend

**3 days £69.50**

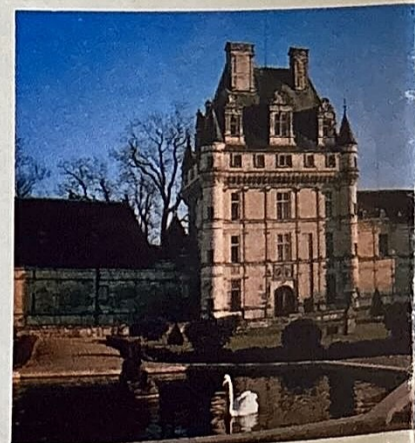
single room supplement £10.50  
 Friday 3rd August

*Including ferry fares and two nights bed and breakfast in the Victoria Hotel, Amsterdam (all rooms with private facilities).*

**Friday** Epsom 0700 (other points group C1 back page). Then to Dover and the Townsend-Thoresen ferry to Zeebrugge, meal facilities on board – crossing approximately 4 hours and arriving late afternoon in Belgium. Crossing into Holland we proceed direct to Amsterdam stopping en route for tea and dinner. The Victoria Hotel is situated in the heart of Amsterdam's shopping and theatre centre. Built in 1890 it still retains a restful and distinguished character.

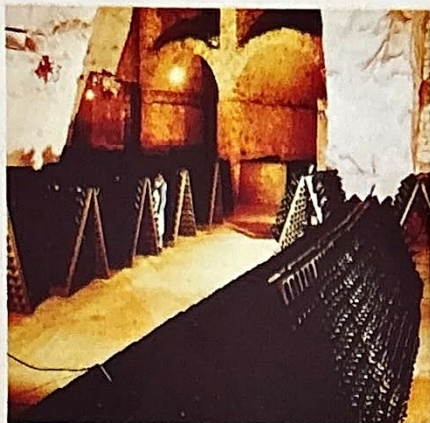
**Saturday** Amsterdam is one of the most fascinating cities in the world. In the morning there will be a guided tour of the most interesting sights including the Queen's Palace, 'Skinny Bridge', Rembrandt's House and the Rijksmuseum. Amsterdam has hundreds of canals and a thousand bridges. The afternoon is free allowing you time to go on a canal trip and explore the city on foot. In the evening you can choose where you want to have dinner. Amsterdam is famous for its night life and the town is dotted with cafes, clubs, bars and restaurants.

**Sunday** After breakfast we leave Amsterdam via Rotterdam, Europe's largest sea-port, to The Hague, stopping for lunch. The Hague is the administrative centre and seat of government of the Netherlands: it is rich in fine buildings, including the Royal residence. We return by the North Sea coastal route to Zeebrugge and ferry, back to Dover. Home approximately 2330.



French Chateau

# Champagne Country



**3 days £55.00**

single room supplement £7.00

Friday 5th October

*Including ferry fares and two nights dinner, bed and breakfast. Stopping in the Grand Hotel\*\*\* or Hotel de la Paix, St. Quentin (all rooms with private facilities).*

**Friday** Epsom 0700 (other points group C1 back page). We drive direct to Folkestone and board the Sealink ferry to Boulogne. The crossing lasts approximately 1½ hours and there are facilities for snacks and meals. We continue via St. Omer to Arras where there is a refreshment stop. Arriving in St. Quentin early evening we check into the hotel. Dinner will be served in the Hotel de la Paix.

Wine Cellar, Reims

**Saturday** We drive through rich agricultural country to Reims and stop at a famous Champagne cellar for a guided tour explaining the unique way in which Champagne is made. After the visit there will be time to obtain lunch and explore the magnificent Cathedral. In the afternoon we drive along the Champagne Route across undulating land where the vines grow. We wind our way along narrow country lanes to Epernay. Here we go on a conducted tour of the world-famous Mercier Champagne cellar by electric train. After tasting the sparkling Champagne we return direct to St. Quentin. We have dinner in a restaurant in the square.

**Sunday** After breakfast we drive direct to Calais via Vimy Ridge, scene of a bitter conflict in the First World War. There will be time in Calais for lunch and a little sight-seeing before boarding the ferry back to Folkestone. Home approximately 2000.

## Champagne Country and Paris

**4 days £75.00**

single room supplement £8.00

Friday 28th September

*Including ferry fares and three nights dinner, bed and breakfast. Stopping in the Grand Hotel\*\*\* or Hotel de la Paix, St. Quentin (all rooms with private facilities).*

**Friday** Epsom 0700 (other points group C1 back page). We drive direct to Folkestone and board the Sealink ferry to Boulogne (lunch facilities on board). After the 1½ hour crossing we continue via Montreuil and Hesdin to Arras where there is a refreshment stop. We arrive early evening in St. Quentin. Dinner will be served in the Hotel de la Paix.

**Saturday** We drive through rich agricultural country 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 magnificent Cathedral. In the afternoon we drive along the Champagne Route across undulating land where the vines grow. We drive through the heart of the French countryside winding our way along narrow lanes to Epernay. Here we go on a conducted tour of the world famous Mercier Champagne cellar by electric train. After tasting the sparkling Champagne we return direct to St. Quentin. We have dinner in a restaurant in the square.

**Sunday** We drive south along the modern

highway to Paris. There will be a city sight-seeing tour and time to obtain lunch and explore some of the French capital on foot. In the evening dinner will be served in the Hotel de la Paix.

**Monday** You will have a little time after breakfast for a last look at St. Quentin. There are many fine shops and an impressive Cathedral. We return via Vimy Ridge, scene of a bitter conflict in the First World War. Arriving in Calais, there will be time for lunch and a little sightseeing before boarding the ferry back to Folkestone. Home approximately 2000.

## Chateaux and Vineyards of the Loire

**5 days £114.00**

single room supplement £19.50

Monday 25th June

*Including ferry fares and four nights dinner, bed and breakfast (all rooms with private facilities) – first night Grand Hotel de Normandie\*\*, Lisieux; second and third night Hotel de Bordeaux\*\*\*, Tours; fourth night Novotel Chartres\*\*\*.*

**Monday** Epsom 0700 (other points group C1 back page). We drive direct to Newhaven and board the Sealink ferry for the 1000 crossing to Dieppe, lunch facilities on board. Proceeding via the Tancarville Bridge (longest in Europe) we stop for tea in Honfleur which has a picturesque old harbour. We arrive early evening in Lisieux. The town is first and foremost a place of pilgrimage as the early home of St. Teresa, the 'Little Flower'. Many miracles were attributed to St. Teresa.

**Tuesday** Stopping for coffee in Alencon,

we proceed via Le Mans, which is best known for its 24 hour race, to Saumur where we stop for lunch. The town is beautifully situated on the left bank of the Loire. Saumur is famous for its wines and after lunch we visit some caves for tasting. Later in the afternoon we go to Fontevault Abbey which is one of the great curiosities of the Anjou: it has a magnificent church containing tombs of the Plantagenets and fine monastic buildings. We reach Tours via Chinon. The Hotel de Bordeaux is in the town centre near the old quarter.

**Wednesday** The morning is free to explore Tours. There are parks and gardens with rare plants and trees. The Cathedral quarter has many interesting old buildings and round the station is a fine shopping centre. We stop for lunch in Chenonceaux where you can see the famous chateau, one of the most interesting and striking in the Loire Valley. Later we visit Amboise, a charming old town dominated by a chateau. Before returning to Tours we visit another wine cellar in Vouvray.

**Thursday** In the morning we visit Chambord, the largest chateau of the Loire. It stands on the river bank in a park of forest land encircled by a wall. The lunch stop is in Blois: its pride and finest exhibit is the chateau. In the afternoon we stop for tea in Cloyes, a beauty spot on the River Loire. We continue via Chateaudun to Chartres where there will be time for sightseeing. Chartres is dominated by its famous Cathedral which occupies a hill in the centre of the city. Novotel Chartres is just outside the city: all rooms are air-conditioned and there is a heated swimming pool.

**Friday** We go via Dreux and Evreux to Rouen where we stop for sightseeing and lunch. Rouen has so many links with the past that it is known as the Museum Town of France. It has many associations with Joan of Arc and one of the finest cathedrals in Europe. We return to Dieppe and board the late afternoon ferry back to Newhaven. Home approximately 2215.



# Denmark

## 5 days £75.00

single room supplement £5.50  
supplement per person for a berth in a two berth cabin £6.00  
supplement for a single berth cabin £12.00  
Tuesday 5th 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, bed and breakfast in the Hotel Munken, Ribe and admission charges.*

**Tuesday** Epsom 0930 (other points group C3 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. In the afternoon we visit Lego Land, a miniature town made out of toy bricks. We arrive early evening in Ribe where we stop the next two nights. Ribe was once the capital of Denmark: it is 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. The Hotel Munken is a comfortable and cozy family hotel. There is a private garden bordering the beautiful, idyllic Ribe brook.

**Thursday** We drive to Kolding, 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.

**Friday** In the morning we are taken on a short tour of Ribe by a qualified guide. Later in the day we return to Esbjerg and

board the DFDS ship in the late afternoon.

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

## DFDS Ships

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

# Dutch Bulbfields

## 3 days £64.50

single room supplement £3.50  
Friday 4th May

*Including ferry fares and admission to the Keukenhof Gardens; also two nights dinner, bed and breakfast. Stopping in the Hotel Clarenwijck\*\*, Noordwijk-on-Sea (most rooms with private facilities).*

**Friday** Epsom 0730 (other points group C2 back page). We drive to Dover and board the Townsend-Thoresen ferry to Zeebrugge (lunch facilities on board). Crossing the

border from Belgium into Holland we drive to Roosendaal for dinner in the Hotel-Restaurant Goderie. Later we arrive in Noordwijk-on-Sea. The Hotel Clarenwijck is a family hotel situated in the most beautiful part of Noordwijk in quiet surroundings overlooking the sea.

**Saturday** After a morning visit to the flower auctions in Aalsmeer we go to the Keukenhof Gardens. There is a magnificent display of tulips, narcissi, hyacinths and smaller bulbs in a beautiful park. The tea stop is in Vogelenzang where we visit a flower farm. We return via the 'Tulip Route'

to Noordwijk. After dinner, you will have a little time to explore Noordwijk.

**Sunday** 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.

# Holland in Springtime

## 4 days £88.00

single room supplement £4.50  
Thursday 26th April

*Including ferry fares, admission to the Keukenhof Gardens and Madurodam Model Village; also three nights dinner, bed and breakfast. Stopping in the Hotel Clarenwijck\*\*, Noordwijk-on-Sea (most rooms with private facilities).*

**Thursday** Epsom 0730 (other points group C2 back page). We drive to Dover and board the Townsend-Thoresen ferry to Zeebrugge (lunch facilities on board). Crossing the border from Belgium into Holland we drive to Roosendaal for dinner in the Hotel-Restaurant Goderie. Later we arrive in Noordwijk-on-Sea. The Hotel Clarenwijck is a family hotel situated in the most beautiful part of Noordwijk in quiet surroundings overlooking the sea.

**Friday** After a morning visit to the flower



*Springtime in Holland*

auctions in 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.

**Saturday** We visit the world-famous Keukenhof Gardens. There is a magnificent 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 which is illuminated at night. We also visit The Hague to see some of the floodlit buildings and monuments.

**Sunday** 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.

# Paris and Fontainebleau

**3 days £69.50**

single room supplement £17.00

Saturdays 19th May and 25th August

*Including ferry fares and two nights dinner, bed and breakfast in the Hotel Astra\*\*\*, Paris (all rooms with private facilities).*

**Saturday** Epsom 0700 (other points group C1 back page). We drive to Dover and board the Townsend-Thoresen ferry to

Calais, lunch facilities on board. Arriving in France, we proceed direct to Paris stopping en route for refreshments. Early evening we reach the Hotel Astra which is located in the centre of Paris between the Opera and the Madeleine Church. After dinner you can experience some of the night life of Paris – maybe visit one of the many clubs or go for a drink in a pavement cafe.

*River Seine, Paris*



**Sunday** In the morning we go on a tour of Paris making short stops at the Church of Notre Dame, Louvre, Eiffel Tower, Champs Elysees and Arc de Triomphe. After lunch we go on an afternoon excursion to Fontainebleau to see the famous palace (admission extra). Napoleon made Fontainebleau his favourite residence and after his eclipse it was neglected until Louis-Philippe and Napoleon III restored it. The town is surrounded by a great forest.

**Monday** After breakfast you will have a little time for shopping before leaving Paris. We drive direct to Calais stopping en route for refreshments and boarding the late afternoon ferry back to Dover. Home approximately 2100.

# Rhine and Moselle Valleys

**4 days £91.50**

single room supplement £11.50

Thursdays 23rd August and 13th September

*Including ferry fares and three nights dinner, bed and breakfast (all rooms with private facilities) – first night Ramada Hotel\*\*\*, Liege; second night Hotel Traube\*\*\* or Aumuller\*\*\*, Rudesheim; third night Hotel Bedford\*\*\*, Brussels.*

Rhine. After dinner you can be entertained in a beer garden and watch the illuminated barges floating down the Rhine.

**Saturday** We re-trace the journey through wine-growing country to Koblenz and follow the Moselle Valley to Cochem where we stop for coffee. Cochem is a picturesque little town overlooking the Moselle. We stop for lunch in Monschau, a pretty little village in the Eiffel Mountains with a stream running down the main street. We arrive in

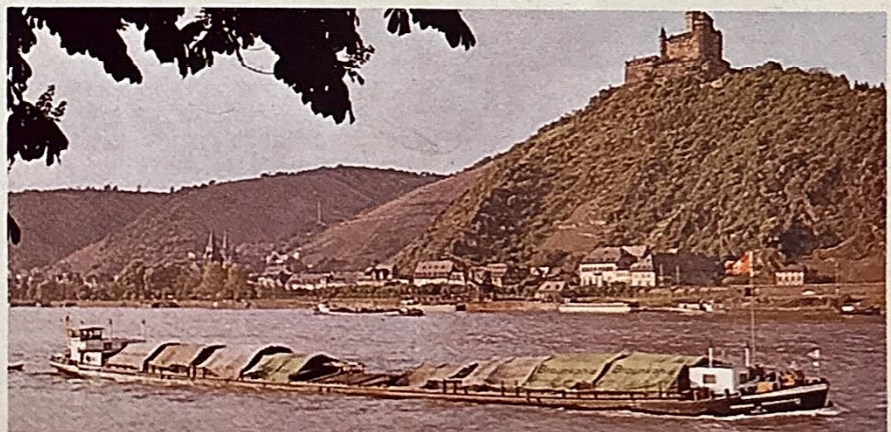
Brussels late afternoon. Brussels is the Belgium capital and administrative centre of the Common Market. After dinner you can roam around the city looking at the floodlit buildings. The Hotel Bedford is in the city centre near the Grand Place.

**Sunday** We do not leave Brussels till late morning allowing more time for sightseeing. The lunch stop is in Bruges, '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 2200.

**Thursday** Epsom 0700 (other points group C1 back page). We drive direct to Dover and board the Townsend-Thoresen ferry to Zeebrugge, meal facilities on board. Arriving in Belgium, 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.

**Friday** 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 Valley*



# Swiss Lakes and Mountains

**8 days £199.00**

single room supplement £21.00  
Saturday 1st September

*Including ferry fares and seven nights dinner, bed and breakfast (all rooms with private facilities) – first night Novotel\*\*\*, Reims; second to sixth night Hotel Jahanniterhof, Lucerne; last night Novotel\*\*\*, Luxembourg.*

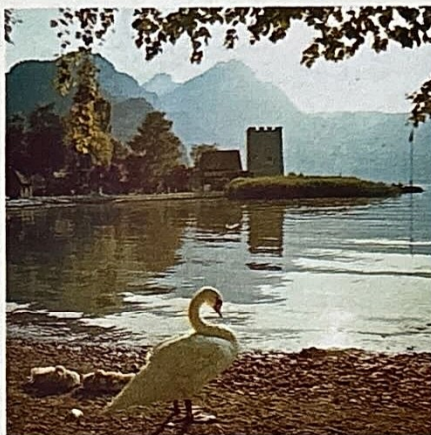
**First day** Epsom 0700 (other points group C1 back page). We drive to Folkestone and board the Sealink ferry to Boulogne, meal facilities on board. Arriving in France, we proceed to Reims stopping en route for tea. The Hotel is a few miles from the city centre: there is a swimming pool and all rooms are spacious and well equipped.

**Second day** We drive direct to Lucerne stopping en route for coffee, lunch and tea. The Hotel Johanniterhof is a fine medium-grade hotel offering traditional Swiss hospitality. It is centrally situated in the town only a short walk from Lake Lucerne. The Hotel is run under the personal supervision of the resident proprietors.

**Monday to Thursday** Depending on the weather, there will be a day free in Lucerne

and three excursions. There will be a day excursion to Interlaken, the main town of the Bernese Oberland, superbly situated between two lakes. After lunch you can either stay in Interlaken or go to view the magnificent snow-capped heights of the Jungfrau by cable car. Another day there is a spectacular trip through the Alps visiting two famous passes – St. Gotthard and Susden. The third excursion is in the afternoon along the western shores of Lake

View of Mount Pilatus



Lucerne up the beautiful Alpine valley to the village of Engelberg set beneath the great peak of Mount Titlis. Engelberg has a Benedictine monastery: you can either take a trip by funicular or cable car or spend your time in the village.

**Seventh day** After breakfast we leave Lucerne and drive to Luxembourg stopping en route for coffee, lunch and tea. Although the Hotel is outside the city centre you will be able to view some of the fine old buildings including the Grand Ducal Palace and the Cathedral of Notre Dame.

**Last day** We go via Bastogne to Brussels where we stop for lunch. Brussels is the administrative centre of the Common Market. In the afternoon we continue to Ostend where we board the Sealink ferry back to Dover. Home approximately 2300.

**Lucerne** The town is magnificently situated at the northern end of Lake Lucerne. In the Old Quarter are the seven-towers on the old walls and the Lion Monument: two ancient bridges still span the River Reuss. Lucerne has many fine shops with a wide range of Swiss and foreign goods. There are many interesting museums including the largest transport museum in Europe and the Richard Wagner Museum. You can visit the lively cafes and cinemas; also go on a steamer excursion on Lake Lucerne. Above the town is Mount Pilatus which you can ascend by aerial cableway or electric railway.

## Guernsey Bonus Breakaway

**5 days £63.50**

single room supplement £5.50  
Thursday 19th April

*Including Sealink boat from Weymouth and return; four nights dinner, bed and breakfast in a medium-grade hotel; lunch on the island tour and vouchers for a litre of spirits and £2.50 worth of other duty-free goods.*

**Thursday** Epsom 0730 (other points group W2 back page). Stopping en route for coffee, we drive direct to Weymouth and board the Sealink ferry for the lunchtime crossing to Guernsey. Numbered seats are reserved and meals and refreshments are available at reasonable prices. We arrive in Guernsey at approximately 1815 and are conveyed to our hotel in time for dinner. The hotel will be medium-grade, First or Second Register

and in St. Peter Port. Details of the hotel will be available in early November.

**Friday** A coach will leave the hotel at approximately 1100 for an island tour. Lunch will be provided en route and we will return at approximately 1530.

**Saturday and Sunday** You will have two days at leisure to explore St. Peter Port and the rest of the island. The picturesque island of Guernsey has tranquillity and immense natural beauty. St. Peter Port, with its famous markets and shops clustered in narrow streets and arcades, is built on cliffs overlooking a colourful, lively harbour. A large number of sandy beaches and beautiful secluded bays are dotted around the island's rugged coastline. Boat trips operate regularly to the other Channel Islands. You can purchase liquor, cigarettes, jewellery, perfume and photographic equipment at duty-free prices. Spring comes early and there is an abundance of flowers.

**Monday** After breakfast a coach takes us back to the ferry terminal for the return journey. We should arrive in Weymouth at approximately 1515. There will be a tea stop on the way home. Home approximately 1945.



# Border Country and Yorkshire

**4 days £72.50**

single room supplement £5.50

Tuesdays 29th May and 18th September

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

**Tuesday** Epsom 0730 (other points group N1 back page). Stopping en route for refreshments, we drive to Lincoln where we halt for lunch. Lincoln has a majestic 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 had a colourful history. Alnwick Castle is the home of the Duke of Northumberland and looks out towards the Border Country. The White Swan Hotel dates back to medieval times.

**Wednesday** If the tides are right we go via

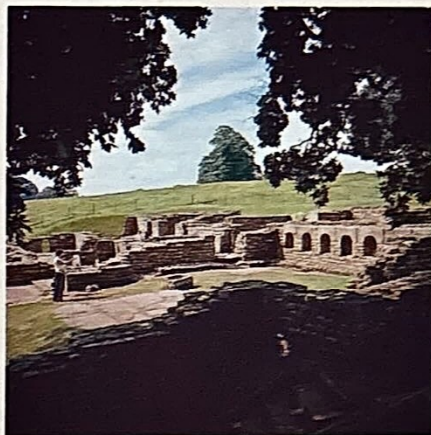
the causeway to Holy Island where there is a restored castle, ruins of a priory, limestone cliffs and sand-dunes. Should the tides not be right we visit the Grace Darling Museum in Bamburgh where there are relics of the heroine who rescued nine survivors from a seawreck. We continue via Berwick-upon-Tweed into Scotland where we stop in Jedburgh for lunch. Jedburgh is an ancient town, once the favourite residence of Scottish kings. The Castle changed hands many times in the Border battles. Later in the afternoon we return to England. We cross the Cheviot Hills and go via Redesdale to Chesters to visit the excavated ruins of a Roman fort on Hadrian's Wall. We arrive in Durham early evening. The heart of the city is a steep wooded bluff enclosed by a horseshoe bend in the river: here stand the majestic Cathedral and Castle of the Prince Bishops. The history of the Royal County Hotel goes back to Cromwellian times.

**Thursday** There is a little time to visit Durham Cathedral before leaving for Ripon where we stop for lunch. The market square has many fine old buildings and a very tall cross. We go 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. We stop en route for tea. Home approximately 2000.

*The Chesters Roman Fort*



## Bournemouth

**3 days £36.00**

single room supplement £3.50

supplement per person for room with private facilities £3.00

Fridays 6th April and 19th October

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

**Friday** Epsom 0900 (other points group W4 back page). We drive across the Hog's Back and through old world Hampshire villages. Alresford is lined with limes and colour-washed Georgian houses. Continuing via Ringwood and parts of the New Forest

we arrive in Bournemouth in time for lunch. The Pinehurst Hotel is situated within easy reach of the town centre; also close to the beautiful West Cliff and golden beaches. 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 of 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 shopping

centre. After lunch we go via Wareham to Dorchester where we stop for tea. Dorchester has many associations with Thomas Hardy. We return via Tolpuddle and Bere Regis. In the evening there is plenty of entertainment in Bournemouth – dancing, cinemas, theatres and concerts.

**Sunday** The morning is free and you can go for a stroll along the promenade or through the Pavilion Gardens. After lunch, we leave Bournemouth and return via Christchurch and the New Forest stopping en route for tea. Home approximately 1800.

## Derbyshire (Tissington Well-Dressing)

**2 days £25.00**

single room supplement £2.50

Thursday 24th May

*Including dinner, bed and breakfast in the Palace Hotel\*\*\*, Buxton (all rooms with private facilities).*

**Thursday** Epsom 0800 (other points group N2 back page). The lunch stop is in Ashbourne, one of the most attractive market towns in Derbyshire, often called 'the gateway to the Peak'. In the afternoon

we visit the Well-dressing in Tissington, 'the loveliest village in Derbyshire'. There are five wells and the dressings always take place on Ascension Day. Flower petals are pressed into clay making giant jig-saw patterns. The screens are very colourful and emphasise the religious origin of the custom. Later in the afternoon we visit Dove Dale where the River Dove flows swiftly through a richly wooded limestone gorge, often called Little Switzerland. We arrive early evening in Buxton. The Palace Hotel dominates the town and offers panoramic views of the Peak District and the

delightful Derbyshire Hills. Buxton became famous as a spa and is one of the highest towns in England. There are many fine buildings and some beautiful gardens.

**Friday** You will have a little time to explore Buxton before going on a short tour of the Derbyshire Peaks. We stop in Bakewell where you can buy some Bakewell tarts. The lunch stop is in Matlock which is situated among woodlands and hills, with dramatic views of the peaks and crags. We return direct stopping en route for refreshments. Home approximately 2030.



# Chester

**3 days £41.50**

single supplement £3.50

supplement for the Welsh Evening on Saturday night £3.00

Friday 2nd November

*Including two nights dinner, bed and breakfast in the Blossoms Hotel\*\*\*, Chester (all rooms with private facilities).*

**Friday** Epsom 0800 (other points group N2 back page). We stop for lunch in Lichfield where there is a Cathedral with three spires and Dr. Johnson's birthplace in the market square. Late afternoon, we arrive in Chester. The Blossoms Hotel is in the heart of the city and has been established since 1650.

**Saturday** The morning is free to explore the 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 an optional excursion to Jodrell Bank (admission extra). You can see the famous radio telescope, an exhibition of the latest space techniques and the planetarium (a theatre of the stars). In the evening there is an optional excursion to a 14th century restaurant in Wrexham for a Welsh Evening. The dinner consists of home-made farmhouse soup, roast saddle of Welsh lamb and vegetables, Caerphilly cheesecake and coffee. There will be entertainment and the waitresses will be in full Welsh dress.

**Sunday** We go via Whitchurch and Bridgnorth to Worcester for lunch. You will have 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.

# Cornwall

**4 days £74.00**

single room supplement £4.50

Tuesdays 19th June and 28th August

*Including three nights dinner, bed and breakfast in the Hannaford Point Hotel\*\*\*, West Looe (all rooms with private facilities).*

**Tuesday** Epsom 0800 (other points group W3 back page). We go via Salisbury and Shaftesbury to Yeovil where we stop for lunch. Yeovil is a prosperous market town in a rural setting of orchards, farmland, country lanes and old-world villages. We pass Exeter and Plymouth, stopping en route for tea and arriving early evening in West Looe. The Hotel is set in the loveliest

part of West Looe with unspoilt views of the glorious coastline, yet only minutes away from the old town and ever-changing river and harbour scenes.

**Wednesday** We stop in St. Austell for coffee; then continue to Falmouth for lunch. Falmouth is a leading holiday resort and yachting haven noted for its superb rugged setting. The natural harbour winds inland among beech woods. Boat trips can be made along the coast and up the River Fal. We stop for tea in Truro, an ancient town dominated by its Cathedral.

**Thursday** The morning is free in Looe. The resort is at the mouth of the River Looe, which flows through a deep wooded valley.

West and East Looe are connected by an old stone bridge. There is a colourful fishing harbour and many old buildings including the Jolly Sailor inn. In the afternoon there is an excursion to Tintagel, a village on the Atlantic coast. Tintagel is famous for its association with Arthurian legend, which says that King Arthur had a castle here.

**Friday** We go via Tavistock and Okehampton to Exeter where we stop for lunch. The Capital of Devon has a majestic Cathedral with beautiful carving in wood and stone; also an excellent new shopping centre. After lunch, we continue via Ilminster and Mere across the Salisbury Plain. Home approximately 2045.

# Cotswolds

**3 days £39.00**

single room supplement £3.50

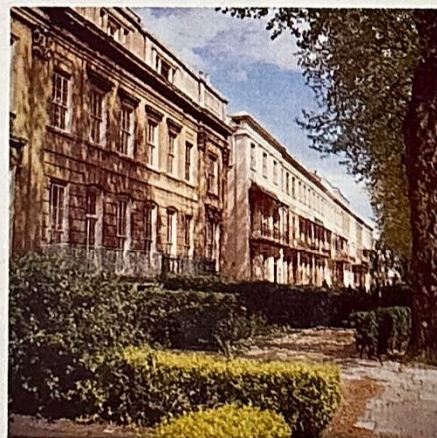
Friday 1st June and Tuesday 25th September

*Including two nights dinner, bed and breakfast in the Carlton Hotel\*\*\*, Cheltenham Spa (all rooms with private facilities).*

**First day** Epsom 0900 (other points group W4 back page). We make our way along the Thames Valley stopping for coffee in Henley-on-Thames, a pleasant riverside town famous for its Royal Regatta. Crossing the Chiltern Hills, we continue via Oxfordshire to Burford for lunch. Burford is a picturesque Cotswold town lined by old houses and inns. We arrive later in the afternoon in Cheltenham Spa. The Hotel commands a first-class position in the heart of the town.

**Second day** After breakfast we are taken on a short tour of Cheltenham accompanied by a local guide. The rest of the morning is free to explore the town on foot. The Hotel is only 250 yards from the Promenade which is acknowledged to be one of the finest shopping centres in the country

The town is at the foot of the Cotswolds and renowned for its elegant Regency terraces, tree-lined streets and beautiful



Regency Houses, Cheltenham

gardens. In the afternoon we go for a leisurely tour of the Cotswolds. We go via Cleeve Hill to Broadway which has many mellow, honey-coloured old stone buildings.

A stop is made in Stow-on-the-Wold, a hilltop town which was once a bustling centre of the wool industry. Narrow passageways lead into the market square where there are many interesting old houses and inns, a market cross and stocks. We stop for tea in Bourton-on-the-Water a beautiful village with the little River Windrush flowing down its main street under low bridges beside trees and lawns.

**Third day** We stop for coffee in Cirencester which after London was the largest town in Britain in Roman times. Then we drive along the Vale of White Horse to see the prehistoric 'White Horse' cut into the slopes of the hill of the same name. The lunch stop is in Abingdon, a Thameside town with many fine buildings including the magnificent Guildhall. We stop for tea in Windsor which has the largest inhabited castle in the world built on a hill overlooking the River Thames. Home approximately 1830.

# English Lakes

**4 days £60.00**

single room supplement £4.50

supplement per person for room with private facilities £4.50

Thursdays 14th June and 16th August

*Including three nights dinner, bed and breakfast in the Grange Hotel\*\*, Grange-over-Sands.*

**Thursday** Epsom 0800 (other points group N2 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 early evening in Grange-over-Sands. The Grange Hotel is personally supervised by the Proprietor and the Manager. It is situated in its own grounds

with fine views over Morecambe Bay and within easy walking distance of the shops.

**Friday** We drive 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 continue via Thirlmere to Keswick where we stop for tea. Keswick is on the northern extremity of Derwent Water: it was the home of the poet Robert Southey. We proceed via Troutbeck and Ullswater to Brothers Water and the lofty Kirkstone Pass. Motoring along the banks of Windermere we arrive back early evening in Grange-over-Sands. The Cavendish Bar of the Grange Hotel has French windows leading into the garden.

**Saturday** The morning is free in Grange-over-Sands. The town has a long promen-

ade with excellent views across Morecambe Bay. The mild climate has led to Grange being called the Riviera of the North. In the afternoon we visit Kirkby Lonsdale which is one of the most beautiful towns in south Cumbria, set on a hill above the River Lune. The tea stop is in Kendal which was once the centre of a local wool trade. Kendal has many buildings in grey limestone and the ruins of a Castle on a green hill. You will have time to visit the Lakeland Museum which has period rooms with exhibits of costumes, local industries and farming.

**Sunday** We go through Knutsford where Mrs. Gaskell lived, via the Cat and Fiddle Inn to Buxton where we stop for lunch. The town became famous as a health spa and is one of the highest towns in England. We continue via Bakewell and Matlock before returning direct. Home approximately 2045.

# Heart of England

**3 days £39.50**

single room supplement £3.50

Tuesday 15th May

*Including two nights dinner, bed and breakfast in the Abbey Hotel\*\*\*, Great Malvern (all rooms with private facilities); also a conducted tour of Worcester Porcelain Works.*

**Tuesday** Epsom 0800 (other points group W3 inside back page). We go out via the Thames Valley and across the Chiltern Hills; then through Woodstock and Chipping Norton into the Cotswolds visiting Broadway with its beautiful honey-coloured stone buildings. Crossing the Vale of Evesham, we arrive in Worcester in time for lunch. You will have a little time to visit the beautiful Cathedral overlooking

the River Severn. Later in the afternoon we have arranged a tour of the Royal Worcester Porcelain Works. You will be conducted through a cross section of all departments by trained guides. After the tour you can visit the Museum and Reject Shop. We leave Worcester and drive a short distance to Great Malvern.

**Wednesday** The morning is free in Great Malvern. The Abbey Hotel is in a quiet setting overlooking Malvern Abbey. On one side are the lovely hotel gardens and on the other the Malvern Hills. Great Malvern is one of Britain's loveliest inland resorts. It is sheltered by hills from the west wind. In the afternoon we go on a short tour of the Malvern Hills halting at the Worcestershire Beacon where you can see wonderful views of the surrounding countryside. We

make a short stop in Ledbury, a charming old-world market town greatly loved by John Masefield who was born there. The journey continues via Leominster, a quaint old town with many black and white timbered houses, to Ludlow where we stop for tea. Ludlow has a medieval gateway, a butter cross and a Norman castle overlooking the river.

**Thursday** We go via Alcester to Stratford-upon-Avon where you will have time to obtain lunch and do a little sightseeing. Stratford is rich in half-timbered buildings and memories of Shakespeare. Later in the afternoon we stop in Warwick for tea. The town is situated on the River Avon with a fine Castle and a wealth of ancient buildings. We return via Banbury, Aylesbury and the Chiltern Hills. Home approximately 2000.

# Industrial Heritage

**3 days £39.50**

single room supplement £5.00

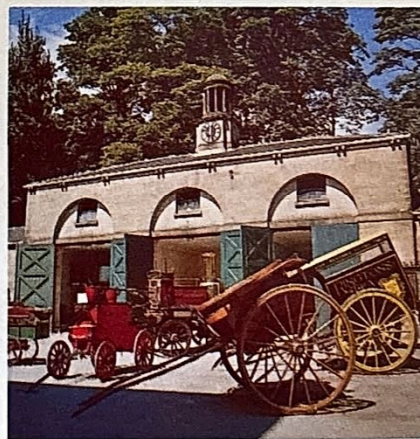
Friday 10th August

*Including admission fees and two nights dinner, bed and breakfast in the Swallow Hotel\*\*\*\*, Stockton-on-Tees (all rooms with private facilities).*

**Friday** Epsom 0730 (other points group N1 back page). Stopping en route for coffee and lunch, we arrive early afternoon at the National Railway Museum in York. There are collections illustrating the history and development of British railway engineering including the social and economic aspects. Early evening we reach the Swallow Hotel in Stockton. The Hotel is situated in the High Street, in the heart of Stockton's new development near one of the finest shopping centres in the North of England.

**Saturday** After breakfast you will have a little time to visit the open-air market in the High Street. We drive to Middlesbrough via

the Transporter Bridge which spans the River Tees. You can see the large iron and



Beamish Museum

steel works and extensive docks. We stop for lunch in Darlington 'the birthplace of

the railway'. You can see the oldest railway station and engines and rolling stock from 1825 including the first locomotive to run on a public railway. In the afternoon we visit the North of England Open Air Museum at Beamish. On the 200 acre site you can see a colliery, steam locomotives, a Victorian pub and band-stand and trams working.

**Sunday** We drive south to the Abbeyle Industrial Hamlet near Sheffield where there is an 18th century scytheworks with all its equipment including a furnace for producing steel in crucibles, and water-powered tilt-hammers and grindstones. Stopping en route for lunch, we proceed to Stoke Bruerne where we stop for tea. The village is on the Grand Union Canal and in a converted warehouse on the tow-path is a museum illustrating the period when canals were extensively used in a landlocked country for transporting grain, coal and other cargoes to the ports. Home approximately 2030.



# Ilfracombe

**4 days £55.00**

single room supplement £4.50

supplement per person for room with private facilities £4.50

Friday 25th May and Tuesday 2nd October

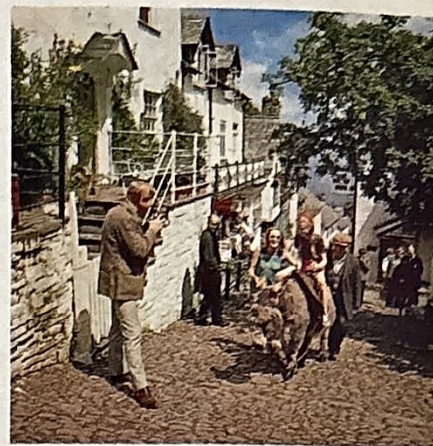
*Including full board in the Dilkhusa Grand Hotel\*\*, Ilfracombe from dinner on the first day to lunch on the last day.*

**First day** Epsom 0800 (other points group W3 back page). We stop for coffee in Winchester which for centuries was the capital of England. Proceeding via Salisbury and Shaftesbury we stop in Sherborne for lunch. The town abounds in old houses and inns: there is an imposing abbey and the school figured as the setting for the film 'Goodbye, Mr. Chips'. We continue through Yeovil and in the shadow of the Quantocks to Dunster for tea. Dunster is one of the most beautiful villages on Exmoor and dominated by a tower and a castle. We go on via Minehead and Lynton to Ilfracombe. The Hotel is on the level part of the town

and only a few minutes walk from the quaint old harbour. In Hindustani Dilkhusa means 'House of the Friendly Heart'.

**Second day** We stop for coffee in South Molton, a hilly market town with a narrow island of shops in the High Street. The journey continues via Tiverton and Crediton to Okehampton where we stop for lunch. Okehampton is at the northern edge of Dartmoor and has the ruins of a castle. We go via Launceston to Bude before stopping in Clovelly for tea. Clovelly is a colourful little cliff village with a picturesque harbour and fishing boats. We return via Bideford and Barnstaple.

**Third day** The morning and afternoon are free to explore Ilfracombe. In May you will probably have an opportunity to go on a cruise from Ilfracombe Pier to Lundy Island. Ilfracombe is built around its old Harbour and is the largest seaside resort in north Devon. There are many good shingle beaches, two of them reached by tunnels through the rocks. Ilfracombe is warmed by gentle breezes of the Gulf Stream. There are many pleasant walks to the Capstone and Lantern Hills. After dinner, we go for



Clovelly

a short mystery drive, stopping at a public house on the way.

**Last day** The morning is free for a last look at Ilfracombe. After lunch we leave Ilfracombe and return direct via the Vale of Taunton Deane, Ilminster and Amesbury stopping en route for afternoon tea and an evening drink. Home approximately 2030.

# Isle of Man and Southport

**5 days £102.00**

single room supplement £5.50

Monday 8th October

*Including air fares and four nights dinner, bed and breakfast. First and last night in the Royal Clifton Hotel\*\*\*, Southport (all rooms with private facilities); second and third night in the Hotel Sefton, Douglas (all rooms with private facilities).*

**Monday** Epsom 0900 (other points group N3 back page). We stop for lunch in Coventry where you can see the new Cathedral which has works by many of Britain's finest artists and craftsmen. Late afternoon we arrive in Southport. The resort has broad golden sands, beautiful gardens and Lord Street which is often called 'the shopping centre of the North'. The Royal

Clifton Hotel is on the Promenade with panoramic views over the sands out to sea.

**Tuesday** After breakfast, we drive direct to Blackpool Airport where we board a flight by British Island Airways (1T8UK2/110) 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 island. The rest of the day is free to explore Douglas. There is a magnificent bay, expansive sandy beach, clear blue sea and beautiful sunken gardens.

**Wednesday** We go on a full day tour of the island visiting Laxey, Ramsey, Ballaugh, Peel, Port Erin and Castletown. Laxey is famous for its Lady Isabella waterwheel and Peel is home of the Manx kipper industry. In Castletown is Castle Rushen, one of the finest medieval fortresses in

Britain. We return along Marine Drive with its rugged cliff scenery.

**Thursday** The morning is free for shopping and a last look at Douglas. In the afternoon we return to Ronaldsway for a flight back to Blackpool. If it is dark, you will be able to see Blackpool Illuminations from the sky. We return to Southport for another night in the Royal Clifton Hotel.

**Friday** We stop in Knutsford for coffee and Buxton for lunch. Buxton became famous as a spa and is one of the highest towns in England. We continue via Baweil and Matlock; then return direct making refreshment stops en route. Home approximately 2015.

# Isles of Scilly

**8 days £148.50**

single room supplement £8.50

supplement per person for room with private facilities £4.50

Saturday 12th May

*Including return flight by helicopter from Penzance to St. Mary's and half 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 W1 back page). We drive direct to Penzance stopping en route for refreshments. In the

early evening we board a British Airways helicopter for the short flight to St. Mary's. A bus conveys us to the Hotel.

**Last day** We leave after breakfast and return to the heliport for the flight back 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 Treco with its world famous subtropical gardens, St. Martin's, St. Agnes, Bryher and many other islands.

**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.

# Isle of Wight

## 8 days £83.50

single room supplement £8.50

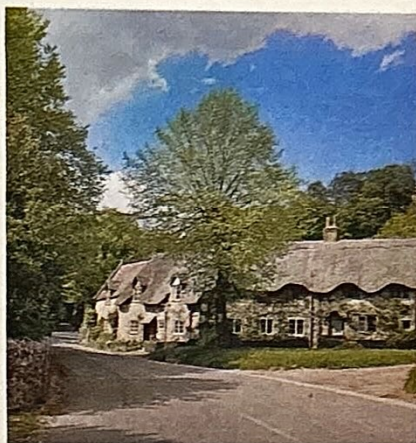
supplement per person for room with private facilities £6.50

Saturdays 2nd June and 8th September

*Including ferry fares and seven nights dinner, bed and breakfast in the Littledene Hotel, Ventnor.*

**First day** Epsom 0900 (other points group W4 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 Cowes. All the luggage will be transported in a skip so you need not worry about carrying your own luggage. A coach meets you at the ferry terminal and conveys you to the Littledene Hotel, Ventnor.

**Last day** We leave after breakfast and return to West Cowes for the ferry back to Southampton. You will have time to



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obtain lunch in Southampton before returning. Home approximately 1700.

**Ventnor** Often named the "Madeira of England", Ventnor, a town of great natural beauty, is situated on the southern coast

of the Isle of Wight in the heart of the famous Undercliff. It is sheltered by the green heights of St. Boniface Down and has everything for an enjoyable holiday — a fine sandy beach, safe bathing, a canoe lake and a miniature "Isle of Wight". There are facilities for putting, bowling, horse-riding, tennis and golf; also entertainment at the Winter Gardens and Royal Victoria Pier. In the Botanic Garden rare plants and palm trees thrive out of doors.

**Littledene Hotel** The hotel is situated in a charming spot on the town level, near Ventnor Beach and a few minutes from the picturesque village and delightful beach of Bonchurch. The Littledene stands in its own beautiful grounds, and facing due south, is sheltered on the north by natural rugged cliffs. It is under the personal supervision of the resident proprietors. The dining room and sun lounge overlook the garden and all bedrooms are modern and well furnished. There is a choice of menu at all meals and at least two nights entertainment a week. The hotel is centrally heated.

# Isle of Wight

## 3 days £38.00

single room supplement £3.50

supplement per person for room with private facilities £2.50

Tuesday 16th October

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

**Tuesday** Epsom 0900 (other points group W4 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 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.

**Wednesday** 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. Proceeding via Sandown and Brading, we arrive in 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.

**Thursday** The morning is free in 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.

# Literary Heritage

## 2 days £29.50

single room supplement £2.50

Saturday 28th July

*Including dinner, bed and breakfast in the Swan Hotel\*\*, Lichfield (all rooms with private facilities); also admission to Shaw's Corner and Milton's Cottage.*

**Saturday** Epsom 0800 (other points group N2 back page). In the morning we visit Shaw's Corner in Ayot St. Lawrence. The home of George Bernard Shaw is hidden

deep in the heart of the Hertfordshire countryside. Personal treasures fill his house and at the bottom of the garden is the revolving summer-house where he used to work. Stopping en route for lunch, we drive direct to Lichfield where you will have time to visit Dr. Johnson's birthplace in Breadmarket Street. There are relics and pictures of Dr. Johnson and his contemporaries. The Swan Hotel is in Bird Street near Johnson's house and overlooking the Cathedral with three spires: it is an old coaching inn with oak beams and sloping floors.

**Sunday** We stop for lunch in Stratford-

upon-Avon, a lovely old market town rich in half-timbered houses and memories of Shakespeare. You can see Holy Church where Shakespeare was baptised and buried, the restored house where he lived, the Grammar School where he was educated and New Place where he died. After lunch, we go via Woodstock and West Wycombe to Chalfont St. Giles to visit Milton's Cottage where he completed 'Paradise Lost' and 'Paradise Regained'. The house is preserved as it was in 1665 and contains many relics including first editions. Home approximately 1900.



# Norwich and Norfolk Broads

**3 days £39.50**

single room supplement £5.00

supplement per person for room with private facilities £4.00

Thursday 26th July

*Including two nights dinner, bed and breakfast in the Castle Hotel\*\*, Norwich; also a cruise on the Norfolk Broads and a visit to Caley Lavender Mill.*

**Thursday** Epsom 0800 (other points group N2 back page). We go out via the Epping Forest and Roding Villages to Great Dunmow; then make a short stop in Lavenham which is rich in half-timbered houses. The lunch stop is in Bury St. Edmunds where there are ruins of an Abbey founded by King Canute and a Cathedral. We continue direct to Norwich arriving late

afternoon at the Castle Hotel which is situated in the City Centre in the shadow of the imposing Norman Keep and within easy reach of the Cathedral. Each bedroom in the Castle has its own television, radio, telephone and tea and coffee making facilities.

**Friday** After breakfast 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. The Broads are a haven for sailing and motorboat enthusiasts.

**Saturday** We drive to Cromer and follow the coastal road via Hunstanton to Heacham where we visit Caley Mill, home of the Norfolk lavender industry. You can see the cutting and distilling and enjoy the marvellous sight of the fields in full bloom. The lunch stop is in King's Lynn on market day. King's Lynn is an ancient port near the Wash with quaint narrow streets, fine old houses and two market places. In the afternoon we visit Ely which has a fine Cathedral and was once on an island until the Fens were drained over two hundred years ago. The tea stop is in Cambridge, famous as a University city and centre of scientific research. You will have a little time to see some of the colleges and walk beside the River Cam which is spanned by many fine bridges. Home approximately 2015.

# St. Ives

**8 days £87.00**

single room supplement £8.50

Saturdays 12th May and 22nd September

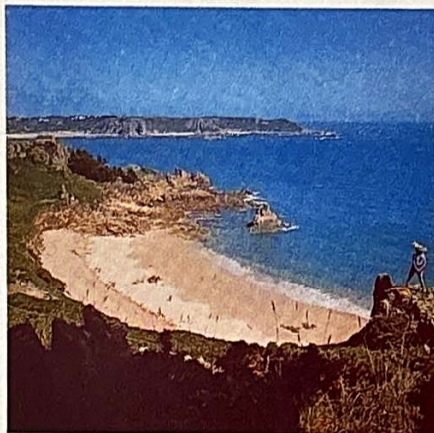
*Including seven nights dinner, bed and breakfast in Chy-an-Dour Hotel\*\*, St. Ives (hotel gratuities not included).*

**First day** Epsom 0700 (other points group W1 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, Truro, Penzance, a tin mine and many local beauty spots. There will

St. Ives



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 and Okehampton stopping on the way for refreshments. 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 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.

# South Devon

**4 days £56.50**

Thursdays 26th July and 13th September

*Including three nights dinner, bed and breakfast in the Strathmore Hotel, Plymouth (many rooms with private facilities).*

**Thursday** Epsom 0800 (other points group W3 back page). We go out via Salisbury and Shaftesbury, stopping in Sherborne for lunch. The town has many old inns and houses: Sherborne School figured as the setting for the film musical 'Goodbye Mr. Chips'. We continue via Yeovil and along the edge of Dartmoor, arriving early evening in Plymouth. The Strathmore Hotel is situated near Plymouth Hoe and the modern city centre is only walking distance.

**Friday** The morning is free for shopping and sightseeing in Plymouth. It was from here the Mayflower sailed to America; also in Plymouth where Sir Francis Drake finished 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 in the Dartmoor Inn near Lydford Gorge. The tea stop is at Badgers' Holt near Dartmeet, a local beauty spot.

**Saturday** Morning at leisure in Plymouth.

We leave at midday and go on an excursion via the busy little market town of Kingsbridge to Dartmouth, an ancient port with many seafaring traditions. Dartmouth is superbly situated on a steep hill on the west bank of the River Dart. There are many interesting old buildings including the remains of two castles. You will have time to go on a boat trip on the River Dart, the loveliest of Devon's rivers.

**Sunday** We go via Totnes to Torquay where we stop for lunch. Torquay has a pretty fishing harbour and beautiful gardens with palm trees and sub-tropical plants. We return via Ilminster and the Salisbury Plain, passing Stonehenge. Home approximately 2100.

# Sidmouth at Easter

**4 days £63.00**

single room supplement £6.50

supplement per person for room with private facilities £6.50

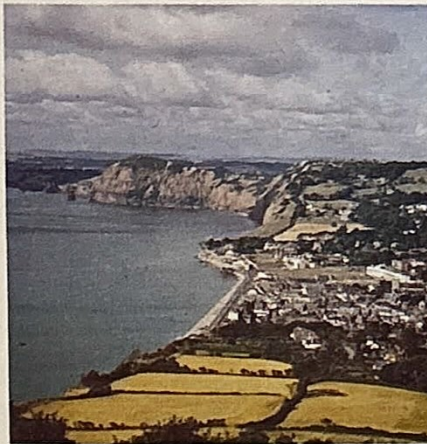
Friday 13th April

*Including full board in the Fortfield Hotel\*\*\*, Sidmouth from dinner on Friday to lunch on Monday.*

**Good Friday** Epsom 0800 (other points group W3 back page). Stopping in Winchester for coffee, we continue via Blandford Forum to Dorchester where we stop for lunch. Dorchester was an important town in Roman times: it has many links with Thomas Hardy and Judge Jeffreys. In the afternoon we go via Bridport to Lyme Regis which has pretty colour-wash cottages and wonderful cliff scenery. We arrive in Sidmouth at tea time.

**Saturday** The morning is free. In the afternoon we go on an excursion to Exeter, the

*Sidmouth*



capital of Devon. You can visit the majestic Cathedral with its beautiful carving in wood and stone; also the excellent new shopping centre.

**Sunday** Morning at leisure. In the afternoon we go on an excursion to Torquay which is capital of the South Devon Riviera with a magnificent setting on Tor Bay, flanked by red cliffs and sheltered by wooded hills. There is a picturesque harbour, a splendid seafront and colourful gardens with many palm trees and other sub-tropical plants.

**Monday** Morning free for a last look at Sidmouth. After lunch we return via Yeovil and Shaftesbury stopping en route for refreshments. Home approximately 2030.

**Sidmouth and Fortfield Hotel** see Sidmouth at Christmas.

# Sidmouth in Autumn

**3 days £44.00**

single room supplement £4.00

supplement per person for room with private facilities £4.00

Tuesday 23rd October

*Including full board in the Fortfield Hotel\*\*\*, Sidmouth from dinner on Tuesday to lunch on Thursday.*

**Tuesday** Epsom 0900 (other points group W4 back page). We stop at Four Marks for coffee; then proceed via the New Forest

to Bournemouth where we stop for lunch. Bournemouth has a fine shopping centre: it is set amidst gardens, pines and picturesque chimes with beautiful sands. In the afternoon we continue via Dorchester, Bridport and Lyme Regis arriving late afternoon in Sidmouth.

**Wednesday** The morning is free to explore Sidmouth. In the afternoon we go on an excursion to Torquay which is capital of the South Devon Riviera with a magnificent setting on Tor Bay, flanked by red cliffs

and sheltered by wooded hills. There is a picturesque harbour, a splendid seafront and colourful gardens with many palm trees and other sub-tropical plants.

**Thursday** Morning at leisure for a last look at Sidmouth. After lunch we return via Ilminster and the Salisbury Plain passing Stonehenge. We stop en route for refreshments. Home approximately 2030.

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

# Sidmouth at Christmas

**5 days £129.50**

single room supplement £8.50

supplement per person for room with private facilities £8.50

Sunday 23rd December

*Including full board and Christmas programme in the Fortfield Hotel\*\*\*, Sidmouth from afternoon tea on Sunday to lunch on Thursday; also lunch in Shaftesbury on the first day.*

**Sunday** Epsom 0900 (other points group W4 back page). We drive through old world villages to Winchester where we stop for coffee; then proceed via Salisbury to Shaftesbury for lunch (included); Proceeding via Yeovil, Crewkerne and Chard, we arrive in Sidmouth at tea time.

**Christmas Eve** There is a morning excursion to Exeter where you will have time to visit the Cathedral and do a little shopping. 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 a traditional Christmas dinner will be served by candlelight. There will be 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.

**Thursday** In the morning we are hoping to arrange an excursion to the Donkey Sanctuary in Salcombe Regis. Betty Svendsen devotes almost her whole life to

caring for over 400 donkeys. The Sanctuary is now a registered charity. After lunch we leave Sidmouth and return via Ilminster and the Salisbury Plain passing Stonehenge. There will be refreshment stops en route. Home approximately 1930.

**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 and a solarium (extra charge).



# Southport and Blackpool Illuminations

**5 days £66.50**

single room supplement £5.50  
Monday 8th October

*Including four nights dinner, bed and breakfast in the Royal Clifton Hotel\*\*\*, Southport (all rooms with private facilities).*

**Monday** Epsom 0900 (other points group N3 back page). Stopping en route for coffee we arrive in Lichfield for lunch. Lichfield has a magnificent Cathedral with three spires; also Dr. Johnson's birthplace in the market square. We arrive late after-

noon in Southport. The Royal Clifton, Southport's largest hotel, stands in an unrivalled position on the Promenade. There are panoramic views over the Marine Lake and parks, and over the sands out to sea.

**Tuesday to Thursday** Southport is a quiet family seaside resort with a particularly good sunshine record. The broad, mile-long Lord Street, with its cafes, gardens, fountains and arcades, is a stately shopping street. Southport has a very wide expanse of sands and a sea-bathing lake flanked by beautiful gardens. The long pier has its own railway. During our stay there will be

excursions to Blackpool Illuminations, the Yorkshire Moors and Chester. There will also be plenty of time to explore Southport.

**Friday** We go via the attractive town of Knutsford to Buxton where we stop for lunch. Buxton became famous as a spa and is one of the highest towns in England. It has many fine buildings and some beautiful gardens. In the afternoon we continue via Bakewell and Matlock; then return direct stopping en route for refreshments. Home approximately 2015.

# Stately Homes and Gardens

**3 days £48.00**

single room supplement £3.50  
Friday 20th April

*Including two nights dinner, bed and breakfast in the Hotel St. George\*\*\*, Harrogate (all rooms with private facilities); also admission to Chatsworth House and Belvoir Castle.*

**Friday** Epsom 0800 (other points group N2 back page). Stopping en route for coffee we proceed direct to Bakewell where we stop for lunch. In the afternoon we visit Chatsworth House, one of the great stately homes of England. It was built in 1707 for the 1st Duke of Devonshire and its collection of paintings, sculpture, manuscripts and fine furniture is world renowned. The extensive garden with its celebrated cascade and fountains, and the wooded park on the banks of the Derwent provide a splendid setting for the House. We arrive early evening in Harrogate. The Hotel St. George is privately owned and managed. It has an



*The Elizabeth Saloon, Belvoir Castle*

attractive terraced rose garden. All rooms have radio, telephone and colour television.

**Saturday** Morning at leisure in Harrogate. Our visit coincides with the Harrogate 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 an optional excursion to Harewood House (admission extra). The 18th century house is Home of the Earl and Countess of Harewood and was designed by John Carr and Robert Adam. It contains fine paintings, Sevres and Chinese porcelain and Chippendale furniture. The grounds were landscaped by "Capability" Brown.

**Sunday** We drive south stopping en route for coffee and lunch. In the afternoon we visit Belvoir Castle, Home of the Duke and Duchess of Rutland. The house occupies a commanding position overlooking the beautiful Vale of Belvoir. Inside you are free to enjoy the magnificent State Rooms, beautiful works of art and a historic Armoury of Weapons. There is an attractive Statue Garden. We return direct stopping on the way for refreshments. Home approximately 2045.

# A Taste of England

**3 days £44.50**

single room supplement £6.50  
Fridays 23rd March and 13th July

*Including two nights dinner, bed and breakfast in the Grand Hotel\*\*\*\*, Bristol (all rooms with private facilities); also visits to Westbury Farm Vineyard, Priory Farm and R. J. Sheppy and Sons.*

**Friday** Epsom 0800 (other points group W3 back page). In the morning we visit Westbury Farm Vineyard near Pangbourne in Berkshire. There will be a conducted tour and a short lecture on winemaking. After the tour, you will be given a glass of wine. The lunch stop is in Marlborough, a town noted for 'having one of the widest high streets in the country. We arrive in Bristol in the afternoon allowing you a

little time for shopping. The Grand is an old established hotel in the heart of the city specialising in traditional English food. Bristol is linked to the sea by the River Avon and is rich in seafaring traditions. There are many fascinating old taverns in the quayside area. Bristol has a fine Cathedral and the oldest existing theatre in England.

**Saturday** In the morning we visit Priory Farm in Chewton Mendip where you can watch the cows being milked and see traditional farmhouse Cheddar cheese being made. We continue via Wells, Glastonbury and Street to Taunton where we stop for lunch. The town has a fine Norman castle and is the county capital of Somerset. In the afternoon we visit R. J. Sheppy and Sons in Bradford-on-Tone which is just

outside Taunton. Sheppy's produce cider from their own 35 acres of orchards. You will see the orchards, cider-making plant and a museum. After the tour you can buy cider in the shop. We return direct to Bristol. The city has a lively entertainment centre and you will have plenty to do in the evening.

**Sunday** After breakfast, we visit Brunel's famous suspension bridge which crosses the Avon Gorge. You will also be able to see Brunel's early steamship 'Great Britain' on view in the dock where she was built in 1845. The lunch stop is in Bath, an ancient Roman city with the only natural hot springs in Britain. You can see the Roman Baths and the Pump Room. The city was a popular spa in Georgian times and there are many fine Georgian buildings. We drive on via Chippenham to Marlborough where you can have a traditional cream tea in one of many old tea houses in the High Street. Home approximately 2000.

# Torquay

**8 days £123.50**

single room supplement £8.50

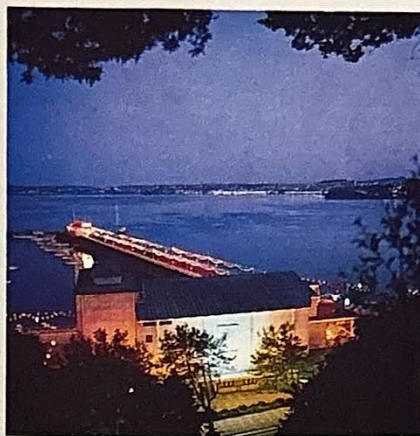
supplement per person for room with private facilities £8.50

Saturday 9th June

*Including seven nights dinner, bed and breakfast in the Belgrave Hotel\*\*\*, Torquay.*

**Saturday** Epsom 0800 (other points group W3 back page). Stopping en route for coffee, we arrive in 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



Princess Theatre

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. Torquay has theatres, a museum and an art gallery. During our stay

we shall visit Buckfast Abbey, Cockington, Dartmoor, Dartmouth, Exeter, Looe, Plymouth, Salcombe and many other local beauty spots.

**Saturday** We leave Torquay and return via Ilminster, Mere and the Salisbury Plain passing Stonehenge. Stops will be made for coffee, lunch and tea. Home approximately 2030.

**Belgrave Hotel\*\*\*** The Belgrave Hotel 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.

# Weekend in Chateau Impney

**2 days £30.00**

single room supplement £2.50

Saturday 24th November

*Including dinner dance, bed and breakfast in Chateau Impney\*\*\*\*, Droitwich Spa (all rooms with private facilities).*

**Saturday** Epsom 0900 (other points group W4 back page). We stop for coffee in Henley-on-Thames; then continue via the Chiltern Hills and Abingdon to Burford. The lunch stop is in Stow-on-the-Wold, a Cotswold town once a bustling centre of

the wool industry. Narrow passageways lead into the market square where there are many interesting old houses and inns, a market cross and stocks. In the afternoon we go via Broadway and the Vale of Evesham to Worcester where we stop for tea. Worcester Cathedral overlooks the River Severn and contains the tomb of King John. We arrive late afternoon at Chateau Impney. The hotel was built originally for a wealthy Victorian industrialist and resembles a French chateau. Each room is superbly appointed with telephone, radio and colour television. In the evening there is a dinner dance. There is a set menu with five courses and coffee is included.

**Sunday** We do not leave till late morning allowing time to explore the grounds. The hotel is situated in 60 acres of beautiful parkland and there are delightful walks amongst a superb abundance of trees and shrubs. We stop for lunch in Stratford-upon-Avon which is rich in half-timbered buildings and memories of Shakespeare. The tea stop is in Oxford and you will have a little time to explore some of the colleges. Home approximately 1930.

# Weekend in Rye

**2 days £23.00**

Saturday 27th October

*Including dinner, bed and breakfast. Doubles and twins in the Mermaid Inn\*\*\*, Rye (all rooms with private facilities); singles in the Ship Inn, Rye.*

**Saturday** Epsom 0930 (other points group C3 back page). We go via Limpsfield and Westerham to Aylesford where we stop for coffee at the Friary. Proceeding via Charing Hill, we go through the heart of the Kent countryside 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. In the afternoon we go along the coast through Dover, Folkestone and Hythe; then drive across the Romney Marsh arriving in Rye at tea-time. The Mermaid Inn 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. The Ship Hotel is on the corner of Mermaid Street. In the evening dinner is served in the Tudor Room of the Mermaid Inn.

**Sunday** We do not leave Rye till midday allowing time to explore the narrow cobbled streets lined with timbered houses. From Ypres Tower there are fine views across the marsh to the modern harbour of Rye. We continue along the coast via Hastings and Bexhill to Eastbourne for lunch. Later in the afternoon 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 1830.



# York and Castle Howard

**3 days £46.00**

single room supplement £3.50

Fridays 8th June and 12th October

*Including two nights dinner, bed and breakfast in the Abbey Park Hotel\*\*\*, York (all rooms with private facilities).*

**Friday** Epsom 0800 (other points group N2 back page). We stop for lunch in Stamford, a charming stone-built market town with many interesting old houses. After lunch we continue along the Great North Road and arrive in York early

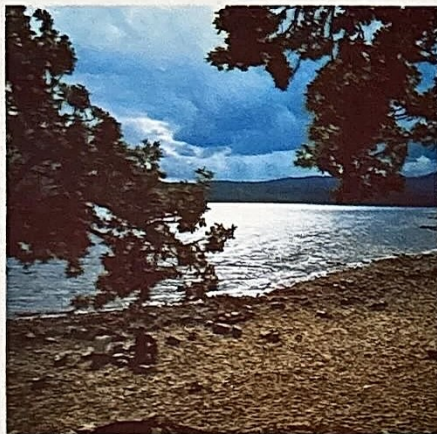
evening. The Abbey Park Hotel is near Micklegate Bar, the West Gate of the old Norman city.

**Saturday** The morning is free to explore York which is one of the finest medieval cities in Europe. You can walk along the city walls and in the narrow streets with overhanging gables and visit the pride of the city, the great Cathedral with its majestic towers and priceless stained windows. The Castle Museum has period rooms, a cobbled street and an Edwardian street. In the afternoon you can stay in York or go on an excursion to Castle Howard (admission extra). Castle Howard is the largest

house in Yorkshire. It is set in magnificent parkland and can be seen for miles around. The mansion was designed by Vanbrugh and contains a fine collection of pictures, statuary and furniture.

**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. We continue via the Fens and Ely to Cambridge where we stop for tea. You will have a little time to see some of the colleges and the River Cam which is spanned by many fine bridges. We return via Epping Forest and Tower Bridge. Home approximately 2000.

# Grand Tour of Scotland



Loch Scene

Hotel stands in pleasant wooded gardens overlooking Lake Windermere.

**Sunday** We go via the Kirkstone Pass to Ullswater; then north of the border into Scotland visiting Gretna Green where runaway couples from England used to be married. Driving along Annandale we go through Lockerbie and Moffat which thrives as the centre of a sheep-farming area. We arrive early evening at the Bellahouston Hotel which is a few minutes drive from the centre of Glasgow. After dinner we go on a short tour seeing some of the city's famous landmarks.

**Monday** We drive along the banks of Loch Lomond, the largest and one of the loveliest lochs in Scotland. Proceeding via Rest and be Thankful we continue through the beautiful white-walled town of Inveraray passing Loch Tyne. We arrive early evening in Oban. The Caledonian Hotel overlooks the bay and is within easy distance of the shops.

**Tuesday** The day is at leisure in Oban. From Pulpit Hill there is a fine view across the Firth of Lorn and the Sound of Mull. Overlooking the town is a tower which is an unfinished replica of the Colosseum in Rome. Near the little granite Cathedral is the ruin of a castle, seat of the MacDougall Lords of Lorn who once owned a third of Scotland. You can visit Oban Glassworks or go on a boat excursion to the lovely island of Mull.

**Wednesday** We continue north past Loch Linnhe to Fort William which is in the shadow of Ben Nevis, Britain's highest mountain; then we drive via Spean Bridge along the banks of Loch Ness, famous for the Loch Ness Monster. Reaching Inverness, the Capital of the Highlands, we turn south and go via Aviemore to Pitlochry. After dinner, you can visit the Great Dam and Fish Ladder.

**Thursday** Stopping en route for coffee, we arrive in Edinburgh in time for lunch. In the afternoon there is a conducted tour of Edinburgh visiting the Castle and Royal Mile: there will be a little time for shopping in Princes Street. In the evening we arrive at the Golden Circle Hotel in Bathgate.

**Friday** We travel via Peebles and Galashiels to Melrose where Robert Bruce's heart is buried in the Abbey. Later we visit Jedburgh, once the favourite residence of Scottish kings. We make a short stop in Chollerford to see the remains of a Roman fort and arrive early evening in Durham. The Royal County Hotel is near the Castle and the Cathedral.

**Saturday** We stop for lunch in York, one of the finest medieval cities in Europe. There is a fine Cathedral and many streets with overhanging gables. We return direct stopping en route for refreshments. Home approximately 2045.

**8 days £159.00**

single room supplement £22.00

supplement per person for room with private facilities in Oban £6.00

Saturdays 9th June, 21st July and 18th August

*Including seven nights dinner, bed and breakfast (all rooms with private facilities except in the Caledonian Hotel, Oban) – first night Burnside Hotel\*\*, Bowness-on-Windermere; second night Bellahouston Hotel\*\*\*, Glasgow; third and fourth night Caledonian Hotel\*\*\*, Oban; fifth night Scotland's Hotel, Pitlochry; sixth night Golden Circle Hotel\*\*\*, Bathgate; seventh night Royal County Hotel\*\*\*\*, Durham.*

**Saturday** Epsom 0800 (other points group N2 back page). Stopping en route for coffee, we arrive in Coventry for lunch. Coventry Cathedral was consecrated in 1962 and has works by many of Britain's finest artists and craftsmen. In the afternoon we continue direct to the Lake District stopping for tea on the way. We arrive early evening in Bowness-on-Windermere. The Burnside



# Kyles of Bute and Loch Lomond

**4 days £69.50**

single room supplement £6.50

Tuesdays 12th June, 17th July and 4th September

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

**Tuesday** Epsom 0730 (other points group N1 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 at 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.

**Wednesday** We go along Nithsdale past rolling hills to the North Ayrshire Coast; then take the ferry across the firth of Clyde from Gourock 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 Tighnabraich. We continue via Loch Fyne and Rest and be Thankful to Tarbet. The Hotel is stone-built and situated on the banks of Loch Lomond with a fine view of Ben Lomond.

**Thursday** 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 the 'Tannochbrae' of the television series 'Dr.

Finlay's Casebook'. Crossing the Forth Bridge, we enter Edinburgh for a short tour to see Holyrood Palace, the Royal Mile, Edinburgh Castle and Princes Street. The tea stop is in Melrose which is in the centre of Sir Walter Scott Country. We continue via Jedburgh and Redesdale arriving in Durham in time for a late dinner. Durham has a majestic Cathedral and Castle overlooking the River Witham.

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

## Oban

**8 days £122.00**

single room supplement £11.50

supplement per person for room with private facilities in Oban £9.00

Saturdays 19th May and 8th September

*Including seven nights dinner, bed and breakfast — first night County Hotel\*\*, Dumfries; Sunday to Thursday night Caledonian Hotel\*\*\*, Oban; last night Seaburn Hotel\*\*\*, Seaburn (all rooms with private facilities).*

**Saturday** Epsom 0730 (other points group N1 back page). We drive north-west stopping en route for refreshments and arriving in Knutsford for lunch. Knutsford is an attractive town with narrow streets and old black-and-white houses. In the late afternoon we visit the Blacksmith's shop at Gretna Green where runaway couples used to be married. We arrive early evening in Dumfries, hometown of Robert Burns. The Hotel is within easy walking distance of Burns' house and the beautiful river with salmon leap.

**Sunday** We go via Moffat to Glasgow, Scotland's largest city; then along the banks of Loch Lomond via Tyndrum to Oban. The Caledonian Hotel overlooks Oban Bay; it is centrally situated for the steamboat pier and the shops. The Hotel is tastefully decorated and all rooms have telephone and radio.

**Monday** Morning free in Oban. From the hill there is a fine view across the Firth of Lorn and the Sound of Mull, Overlooking the town is an unusual tower and near the little granite Cathedral is the ruin of a

castle. In the afternoon we go on a tour to Inveraray, a beautiful white-walled town. Inveraray is the hereditary seat of the Dukes of Argyll whose castle has been the headquarters of the Campbell clan since the early 15th century. At the end of the main street is a tall Celtic burial cross from Iona.

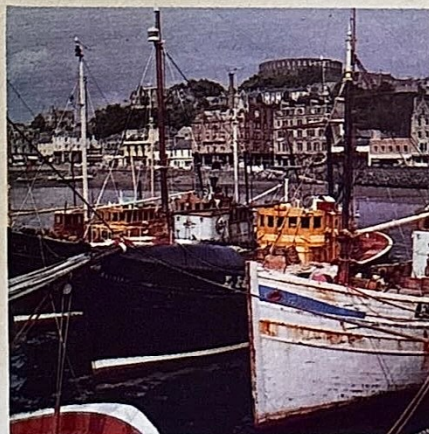
**Tuesday** We go via Ballachulish to Fort William for lunch. Fort William overlooks Loch Linnhe and is in the shadow of Ben Nevis, Britain's highest mountain. In the

excursion to Mull or Iona. Mull is a beautiful island of moorland, forest and peaks. Iona is the cradle of Scottish Christianity.

**Thursday** We drive to Loch Leven and along Glencoe, one of Scotland's wildest and most celebrated glens which runs between some magnificent mountains to Rannoch Moor. The journey continues via the Bridge of Orchy to Tyndrum where we stop for lunch. We arrive back in Oban late afternoon.

**Friday** We retrace our journey via Loch Lomond to the Glasgow area; then go via Peebles, Galashiels and Melrose to Jedburgh which was once a favourite residence of Scottish kings. Crossing the border into England, we drive across Northumberland, arriving early evening in Seaburn. Seaburn has wide stretches of sandy beach and a pleasant coastline. It was one of Lowrie's favourite spots and he stayed year after year in the Seaburn Hotel which overlooks the sea.

**Saturday** Going via Durham, we reach the Great North Road and travel south to York where we stop for lunch. The city has a fine Cathedral, city walls and medieval streets with overhanging gables. After lunch we continue our homeward journey stopping en route for refreshments. Home approximately 2100.



Oban Harbour

afternoon we go along the 'Road to the Isles' stopping in the small fishing village of Mallaig where the steamers leave for the Isle of Skye and the Outer Hebrides.

**Wednesday** All day at leisure. You can either explore Oban or go on a steamer



# Land o' Burns and Edinburgh

**4 days £64.00**

single room supplement £4.50

supplement per person for room with private facilities £5.00

Tuesday 7th August

*Including three nights dinner, bed and breakfast in the County Hotel\*\*, Dumfries.*

**Tuesday** Epsom 0730 (other points group N1 back page). We drive north-west stopping en route for refreshments and arriving in Knutsford in time for lunch. Knutsford is an attractive town with narrow streets and old black-and-white houses. In the afternoon, we continue via Lancashire and Cumbria beyond the Scottish border to

Gretna Green where we stop to see the blacksmith's shop where runaway couples from England used to be married. We arrive in Dumfries early evening. The County Hotel is situated in the main street within easy walking distance of Burn's House and the beautiful river with salmon leap. Bonnie Prince Charlie established his headquarters here in 1745.

**Wednesday** The morning is free in Dumfries. You will have time to see the house where Burns died and his mausoleum in St. Michael's Churchyard. In the afternoon we go on a tour of the Land of Burns visiting Alloway where Robert Burns was born. There is a new information centre with a fascinating exhibition and a shop.

We return via Mauchline where Burns married Jean Armour.

**Thursday** We go via Hawick and Galashiels to Edinburgh where there is a short sight-seeing tour. You will see Edinburgh Castle, the Royal Mile and Holyrood Palace. Later there will be time for shopping in Princes Street. We return via Moffat, an Annandale town which thrives as the centre of a sheep-farming area.

**Friday** We drive via Penrith, Appleby and Brough to Barnard Castle where we stop for lunch. The Castle, now in ruins, used to guard a crossing point on the River Tees. In the afternoon, we join the Great North Road at Scotch Corner and drive south stopping en route for refreshments. Home approximately 2145.

# Carmarthen and Cardigan Coast 3 days £46.00

single room supplement £3.50

Friday 5th October

*Including two nights dinner, bed and breakfast in the Ivy Bush Royal Hotel\*\*\*, Carmarthen (all rooms with private facilities).*

**Friday** Epsom 0800 (other points group W3 back page). We stop for coffee in Marlborough High Street which has changed little over the last century. The route continues via Chippenham and the Severn Bridge to Cardiff where we stop for lunch. The Welsh capital has a fine Castle and spacious Civic Centre. In the afternoon we visit Llandaff Cathedral and the Welsh Folk Museum at St. Fagans. The Museum has buildings from all parts of Wales re-

erected in a park. You can sometimes see craftsmen practising traditional crafts. We drive direct to Carmarthen and arrive early evening. The Hotel is said to have been a favourite rendezvous of Lord Nelson and Lady Hamilton. The great wizard Merlin was said to have been born in Carmarthen. Standing on a height above the river, the town is majestically crowned by the ruins of a Norman castle.

**Saturday** We stop for coffee in Cenarth which is picturesquely situated on the River Teifi with fine waterfalls. There is an old four-arch bridge and coracles are still to be seen on the river here. We stop for lunch in Cardigan on market day. The town has an interesting bridge and the remains of a Castle. In the afternoon we visit Gwbert-on-Sea which has cliffs and

sands and overlooks Cardigan Bay. We drive via Fishguard to St. Davids where we stop for tea. St. Davids is named after the patron saint of Wales and is Britain's smallest cathedral city. We return via Haverfordwest and St. Clears arriving early evening in Carmarthen.

**Sunday** We go via Llandovery to Brecon where we stop for coffee. Proceeding via Abergavenny and Monmouth, we stop in Ross-on-Wye for lunch. Ross is a lovely old town overlooking a horseshoe bend in the River Wye with fine views of the Welsh hills. We continue via Cheltenham and the Cotswolds to Burford for tea. The main street in Burford is lined with old buildings made of Cotswold stone. We return via the Chilterns and Thames Valley. Home approximately 2030.

# Llandudno 7 days £109.50

single room supplement £7.50

supplement per person for room with private facilities £10.50

Saturday 19th May

*Including six nights dinner, bed and breakfast in the Imperial Hotel\*\*\*, Llandudno.*

**Saturday** Epsom 0800 (other points group N2 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 continue via Kidderminster, Bridgnorth and Shrewsbury to Llangollen where we stop for tea. Llangollen is surrounded by meadows, woods and mountains in the Vale of Llangollen. We go on via the Vale of Conwy to Llandudno.

**Sunday to Thursday** Although Llandudno is the largest of all Welsh resorts, it has retained its character. The principal beach,

North Shore, consists mainly of a magnificent crescent bay, with good bathing and firm sand. It is contained by two headlands, Great Ormes Head and Little Ormes Head.



Conwy Castle

You can reach Great Ormes Head by road, cable car, funicular tramway or on foot through the delightful Happy Valley. West Shore offers fine views of Conwy Bay and

Snowdonia. During our stay we will visit Anglesey, Bangor, Betws-y-coed, Caernarvon, Colwyn Bay, Conwy, the Menai Bridge, the Pass of Llanberis, Portmeirion and Snowdonia.

**Friday** In the morning we visit St. Asaph, a village-city with one of the smallest cathedrals in Britain. The lunch stop is in Chester which has streets full of black and white half-timbered houses and arched shops known as the 'Rows'. We stop for tea in Coventry where you can visit the new Cathedral which was consecrated in 1962. A few of Coventry's medieval buildings remain but primarily Coventry is a modern city. Home approximately 2030.

**Imperial Hotel\*\*\*, Llandudno** The Imperial overlooks the sea and is close to the shops and entertainment centres. Over many years the hotel has built up a reputation for comfort and fine food. There is dancing on Saturday night and a billiards room. The dining room is spacious and there are two bars.

# North Wales Coast and Snowdonia

## 3 days £42.50

single room supplement £3.50

supplement per person for room with private facilities £4.50

Fridays 20th July and 14th September

*Including two nights dinner, bed and breakfast in the Imperial Hotel\*\*\*, Llandudno.*

**Friday** Epsom 0800 (other points group N2 back page). We stop for coffee in Henley-on-Thames, a pleasant riverside resort famous for its regatta. The journey continues via Woodstock, the Cotswolds and the Vale of Evesham to Worcester where we stop for lunch. The city has a majestic Cathedral overlooking the River Severn and is famous for its porcelain. We continue via Kidderminster and Bridgnorth

across the Welsh border to Llangollen for tea. The town is surrounded by meadows, woods and mountains in the Vale of Llangollen. We continue via the Vale of Conwy arriving early evening in Llandudno. The Imperial Hotel overlooks the sea and is close to the shops and entertainment centres. Llandudno Bay is enclosed by two headlands.

**Saturday** We stop for coffee in Conwy where you can see the impressive Castle and Telford's suspension bridge. Following the coastal road we go via Bangor across the Menai Bridge to Anglesey. We visit Llanfair P.G. and stop for lunch in Beaumaris which is one of the most attractive towns in Wales. In the afternoon we drive along the Llanberis Pass which runs dramatically between Snowdon and

the huge rock slabs of the Glyders. We return to Llandudno via Capel Curig and Betws-y-coed. There should be a little time for shopping in Llandudno. After dinner, you are welcome to join in the Hotel dance.

**Sunday** We follow the coast road via Colwyn Bay to Rhyl where we stop for coffee. The lunch stop is in Chester where you will have a little time for sightseeing. Chester has streets full of black and white half-timbered houses and arcaded shops known as the 'Rows'. We stop for tea in Coventry where you can see the new Cathedral which has works by many of Britain's finest artists and craftsmen. Home approximately 2030.

## Wales

## 4 days £62.00

single room supplement £7.00

Thursdays 21st June, 9th August and 6th September

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

**Thursday** Epsom 0730 (other points group N1 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. Llangollen is the home of the International Eisteddfod. The Hand Hotel used to be a coaching inn and is situated on the banks of the River Dee.

**Friday** We pass Bala Lake which is the largest natural lake in Wales. Crossing the Cambrian Mountains, we go via Dolgellau

to Dinas Mawddwy to visit a woollen mill. We continue via Caersws and Llanidloes to Rhayader and the Elan Valley where there is a chain of lakes built as reservoirs and surrounded by beautiful hill scenery. Later



Group in Welsh National Costume

in the afternoon we go via Builth Wells and Llandovery to the Vale of Tywi before arriving in Llanelli. The Stradey Park Hotel

is situated on an elevated position with views over Llanelli and out to the Gower Peninsula.

**Saturday** We go through Carmarthen ('Merlin's City') to Laugharne to see the boat house where Dylan Thomas lived and worked. Then we drive to St. David's which has many fine cliffs and bays and is Britain's smallest cathedral city. Passing through Pembroke which has an impressive Norman castle, we make for Tenby. Tenby is an attractive resort with narrow streets and houses, shops and cafes built against the ruins on the old town walls. There is a colourful harbour and beautiful sandy bays. We arrive back in Llanelli early evening. For a small charge you can usually join in the Dance on Saturday nights.

**Sunday** Driving along the Vale of Neath we go via the Brecon Beacons National Park to Brecon. We continue through Abergavenny and Monmouth to Symond's Yat where we stop for lunch. The River Wye winds its way through a wooded gorge at Symond's Yat. There will be time to go on a river excursion. Proceeding along the Wye Valley we pass Tintern Abbey before crossing the Severn Bridge and returning via Wiltshire and Berkshire. Home approximately 2030.

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# Departure Points and Times

	C1	C2	C3	N1	N2	N3	W1	W2	W3	W4
Ashtead	0650	0720	0920	0720	0750	0850	0710	0740	0810	0910
Banstead	0725	0755	0955	■	■	■	0640	0710	0740	0840
Burgh Heath	■	■	■	■	■	■	0635	0705	0735	0835
Byfleet	■	■	■	■	■	■	0745	0815	0845	0945
Chessington North	0655	0725	0925	0745	0815	0915	■	■	■	■
Cobham	0620	0650	0850	■	■	■	0735	0805	0835	0935
Coulsdon	0735	0805	1005	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Dorking	■	■	■	0650	0720	0820	■	■	■	■
Drift Bridge	0720	0750	0950	■	■	■	0630	0700	0730	0830
East Molesey	0630	0700	0900	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Epsom	0700	0730	0930	0730	0800	0900	0700	0730	0800	0900
Esher	0605	0635	0835	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Ewell	0710	0740	0940	0735	0805	0905	0650	0720	0750	0850
Fetcham	0640	0700	0900	0710	0740	0840	0725	0755	0825	0925
Great Bookham	0630	0710	0910	0705	0735	0835	0720	0750	0820	0920
Hersham	0610	0640	0840	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Hook	0650	0720	0920	0750	0820	0920	■	■	■	■
Hurst Park	0625	0655	0855	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Leatherhead	0645	0715	0915	0715	0745	0845	0715	0745	0815	0915
Oxshott	0615	0645	0845	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Stoke d'Abernon	0625	0655	0855	■	■	■	0730	0800	0830	0930
Surbiton	0645	0715	0915	0800*	0830*	0930*	■	■	■	■
Walton-on-Thames	0620	0650	0850	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
West Ewell	0705	0735	0935	0740	0810	0910	0655	0725	0755	0855

\*We cannot pick up in Surbiton on the following tours – Kyles of Bute and Loch Lomond, Land o' Burns and Edinburgh, Chester, Norwich and Norfolk Broads, Blackpool Illuminations, Blackpool Illuminations and English Lakes.

Ashtead	Street Bus Stop	Fetcham	Post Office, Cobham Road
Banstead	Post Office, High Street	Great Bookham	Crown Public House
Burgh Heath	Bus Stop, opposite St. Mary's Church	Great Bookham	Beckley Parade
Byfleet	Opposite Noel Roscoe Garage	Hersham	UCAN, Esher Road
Chessington North	Opposite Railway Station	Hook	White Hart, Hook Road
Cobham	High Street, opposite Fine Fare	Hurst Park	Paddock Public House
Coulsdon	Opposite 216 Brighton Road	Leatherhead	Opposite Crescent Travel
Dorking	Opposite Dorking Halls	Oxshott	Steels Lane/Kenilworth Avenue
Drift Bridge	Bus Stop opposite Hotel	Stoke d'Abernon	Plough Public House
East Molesey	Woolworth, Walton Road	Surbiton	Freeman Hardy Willis, Victoria Road
Epsom	Public Library, Waterloo Road	Walton-on-Thames	Gilbert Jackson, Church Street
Esher	Council Offices	West Ewell	Chessington Road/Danetree Road
Ewell	Spring Bus Stop	West Ewell	Chessington Road/Green Lanes

## Booking Form

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

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

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

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

MR MRS MISS	INITIALS	SURNAME	ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER

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

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