



# Epsom Holidays

## 2001 UK & Europe

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## WELCOME TO EPSOM TOURS

Welcome to our 2001 Epsom Holidays brochure. I hope you will enjoy browsing through it. We have worked very hard to ensure that the widest choice of tours are available and this year we have included some exciting holidays alongside our most popular tours. As always, we have taken great care to ensure that the hotels we have chosen are of the high standard our customers expect.

We have the widest range of local picking up points including Croydon, Mitcham, Wimbledon and Twickenham, new for our 2001 touring programme. We have also cut down on the picking up times and don't forget there are no feeder coaches or changeovers at motorway services, so you are on holiday from the moment you climb aboard.

I am also pleased to announce that the price you see in the brochure is the price that you pay, there are NO HIDDEN SURCHARGES the prices are guaranteed! An Epsom Holiday offers exceptional value for money. With many years experience you can have complete peace of mind.

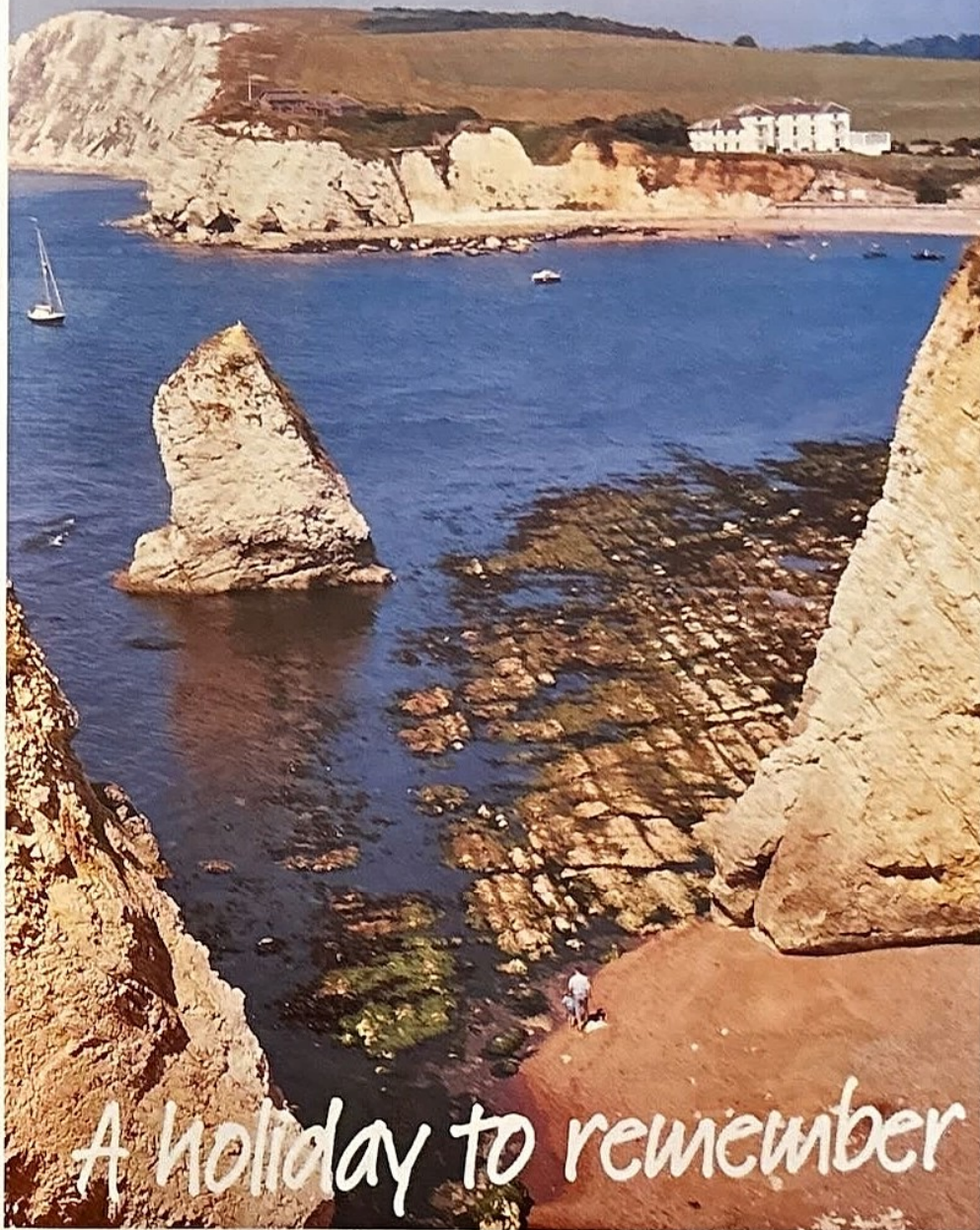
Enjoy selecting your holiday, and we very much look forward to welcoming you 'on board' in 2001.

*Andrew Richmond*

**Andrew Richmond**  
Managing Director



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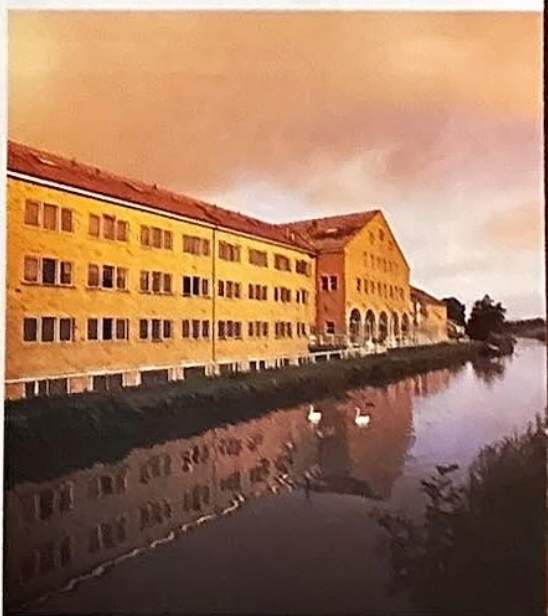
#### **New destinations**

New locations such as Northern Spain, Tuscany, Sardinia and Brittany offer something for everyone. Island hopping in Scotland is sure to be an exciting new tour and a wealth of varied scenery amongst our Irish tours awaits you. Many excursions are included in our tours, such as the fantastic Eden Project, a fascinating new global garden in Cornwall.

#### **First class hotels**

Great care is taken when choosing our hotels, and

excellent hotels such as the Livermead Cliff in Torquay continue to welcome guests back time and time again. This year we have added some new hotels such as the Chatsworth Hotel in Eastbourne where a warm and friendly welcome awaits you. Who could resist the stunning views from the Hotel Giardenetto across Lake Orta on our Italian Lakes tour or the dining room that seems to be part of the forest at the Hotel du Château, Rocamadour in the Dordogne, unique hotels that are sure to become a regular feature in our brochures.



*Exceptional value for money holidays*

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## Our coaches

We take great pride in the quality of our vehicles. New luxury coaches mean that you can relax right from the minute you join us. Reserve your seat in a non smoking environment. Most coaches have air conditioning with WC and servery for hot and cold drinks. Your safety is very important to us, so all of our coaches feature seat belts, speed limiter, anti lock brakes and most importantly, a careful driver.

## Drivers & Escorts



Our drivers are all members of the Institute of Advanced Motorists, but perhaps more importantly they ensure

you are well cared for whilst our guest. Most have been taking our tours for several years and have a reputation for their friendly, courteous and helpful manner. Air and rail holidays are always accompanied by one of our escorts, who are always available for any questions you might have.



## Local pick up points

Epsom Holidays offers you the best choice of local pick up points. You stay on the same coach throughout and there are no interchanges. We pick up before and after the rush hour to avoid delays and to ensure your holiday begins the moment you step on board. Please see the pick up details code letter on each tour and refer to the timetable on page 39 for exact details.

## Financial security

Epsom Holidays are fully bonded with the confederation of Passenger Transport's 'Bonded Coach Holidays Scheme'. We hold an Air Travel Organiser's Licence (ATOL) from the Civil Aviation Authority. Your holiday payments and repatriation costs are safeguarded by financial guarantee.

## Group concessions

Why not get together with a group of friends or family and take advantage of our special group concessions. For every 10 full fare paying passengers travelling on the same trip the 11th passenger receives 50% discount on the brochure price! (supplements and insurance charged in full). We are also pleased to arrange special group departures. With over 80 years of experience in the travel business, our success is the result of our commitment to you, to ensure your holiday starts from the moment you join us.

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## YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

A chance to visit the beautiful Isles of Scilly, with lush tropical gardens, temperate climate and glorious beaches. These Islands leave you wondering if you have been transported to some faraway place.

## YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

### Hugh Town

St Mary's is the largest Island in the group. It's capital Hugh Town sits on a narrow sandbar and is in reality, no bigger than a village. However, all the town's facilities are here along with various shops and attractive quay from which boat trips to other islands operate.

# UK Islands

## Isles of Scilly - 5 & 7 days

## YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

### Hotel Godolphin - RAC 2 star

Georgian Hotel sitting at the edge of Hugh Town, close to the shops, beaches and quay. Please note there is no lift. All rooms en-suite (except single rooms, which are in the attic with private facilities across the corridor), with colour television and tea/coffee making facilities.

**Day 1** Journey to Penzance for our British International Helicopters flight to St Mary's (two flights, one hour apart). We arrive early evening at the hotel.

**Day 2-4/6** Free to explore the Islands, including Treco with its tropical gardens, St Martins with its beautiful beaches and the smallest island, Bryher.

**Day 5/7** We return by helicopter to Penzance and our coach journey home.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

4/6 nights half board • Coach travel • Air fares

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
<b>7 day tour</b>		
Thurs 19 April Pick up G	£535	£535
<b>5 day tour</b>		
Sat 22 Sept Pick up N	£395	£395
Approximate return time 7-8.30pm		



Tresco Abbey Gardens

# The West Country

## Cornish Fishing Villages - 6 days

**Day 1** Journeying west, we arrive early evening.

**Day 2** Morning visit to Polperro, nestling in a narrow green ravine with its colour washed cottages huddled around a tiny harbour. This pretty town seems to grow out of the rocks and has inspired many painters.

**Day 3** Trip to Mevagissey on St Austell bay before journeying on to the Lost Gardens of Heligan. Asleep for more than 70 years, they have been carefully restored to include a working Victorian walled garden and four walled gardens full of exotic fruit. Not to be missed!

**Day 4** Visit Padstow, this ancient port has a small but busy fishing fleet. Its winding streets and crooked lanes slope down to the harbour.

**Day 5** Visit the hamlet of St. Mawes, attractively set on the Fal Estuary.

**Day 6** We return home.

## YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Visits to the charming fishing villages of Polperro, Looe and Mevagissey. Also, a trip to the Lost Gardens of Heligan

## YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

### Looe

The colourful fishing port of Looe is situated at the mouth of the river Looe, which flows through a deep wooded valley. East and West Looe are joined by a quaint Victorian bridge. This one time pilchard fishing town is now home to Cornwall's main shark fishing centre! Looe also boasts two small museums, a 17th century Inn and a church whose tower was once used as a cage for scolding women!

## YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

### Hannafore Point Hotel - AA 3 star

In a superb setting in West Looe overlooking the headland and bay. Leisure club with heated swimming pool. Steps to reception and stairs to lift. All rooms en-suite, with television and tea/coffee making facilities.



Polperro



Hannafore Point Hotel

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
Sun 27 May Pick up K	£329	£344
Mon 2 July Pick up D	£349	£364
Mon 8 Oct Pick up G	£309	£324
Approximate return time 5-6.30pm		

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

4 nights half board • All coach travel  
• Admission to the Lost Gardens of Heligan

# Cornish Riviera & The Eden Project - 5 & 6 days

## YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Experience this rugged and beautiful part of England with its mild climate and lush tropical gardens. New for 2001, the Eden Project - a living theatre of plants and people.

## YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

### Falmouth

Leading 'Riviera' resort and yachting town, Falmouth sits on the headland overlooking the River Fal. The natural harbour winds inland amongst beech trees. The genial climate allows sub-tropical and exotic fruits and plants to thrive. Good beaches and splendid cliff walks make Falmouth an excellent holiday base.

## YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

### Falmouth Beach Hotel - AA 3 star

A highly-rated modern hotel with superb views of the bay, within walking distance of the town centre. The hotel offers a leisure club with heated indoor pool, outdoor tennis courts, live music and entertainment. Lift access to almost all rooms. All rooms en-suite with tea/coffee making facilities and colour television (most rooms are non-smoking).

**Day 1** A pleasant journey to your holiday base, arriving early evening.

**Day 2** Free to explore Falmouth.

**Day 3** Journeying to St Michaels' Mount, we see the castle 'rise from the sea', before we head northwards to St Ives. This charming fishing village with its twisting alleys and narrow cobbled passages has inspired many painters.

**Day 4** A trip to Eden! This exciting new project created for the Millennium is not to be missed. See separate panel for more details (visitor centre only in March).

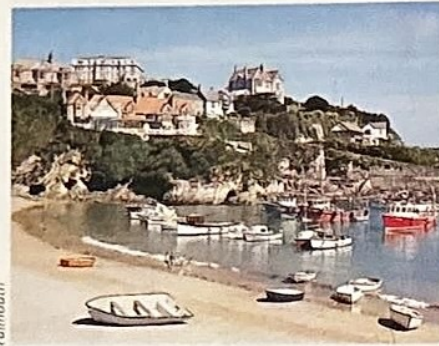
**Day 5** (6 day tour only) Morning visit to the Lizard, the southernmost tip of England and home to some of England's most beautiful coastline.

**Day 5/6** We return home.

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
<b>5 day tour</b>		
Mon 26 March Pick up E	£239	£274
Mon 22 Oct Pick up E	£279	£314
<b>6 day tour</b>		
Mon 25 June Pick up G	£359	£401
Fri 27 July Pick up Q	£382	£424
Mon 10 Sept Pick up K	£365	£407
Approximate return time 5-6.30pm		

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

4/5 nights half board with carvery dinner  
 • All coach travel • Admission to the Eden Project



Falmouth



The Eden Project

# Newquay & The Eden Project - 5 days

**Mon** We travel west, reaching Newquay early evening.

**Tue** Today we travel to the Georgian town of Truro with its three spired cathedral, before travelling to Trelissick Gardens (National Trust, admission extra). Large shrub garden in a lovely wooded park, overlooking the river Fal.

**Wed** We make a half day visit to Tintagel - the legend of King Arthur is firmly woven around romantic Tintagel Castle (admission extra - English Heritage), which stands on an isolated rock projecting into the sea and offers visitors stunning views out to sea (not suitable for those with walking difficulties). After lunch we return to Newquay for a half day free to explore your holiday base.

**Thur** A full day's visit to the amazing Eden Project. See the special panel for more details.

**Fri** We return home.

## YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Visit the exciting new Eden Project and explore this spectacular coastline with its romantic legends of King Arthur. Also includes a trip to the beautiful Trelissick Gardens.



Tintagel Castle

## YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

### Newquay

Home to some of the most magnificent beaches in England and a wide range of amenities for the holidaymaker. Grand cliffs and splendid caves along with many tourist attractions make Newquay one of Cornwall's most popular holiday destinations.

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
Mon 30 July Pick up E	£299	£314
Mon 24 Sept Pick up G	£249	£264
Approximate return time 5-6.30pm		

## YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

### Kilbimie Hotel - AA 3 star

This comfortable and well appointed hotel has one of the best situations in Newquay overlooking the crystal clear waters of the Atlantic. Leisure facilities include indoor and outdoor heated pools, solarium and sauna. Entertainment is also featured in high season. Lift. All rooms en-suite with colour television and tea/coffee making facilities.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

4 nights half board • All coach travel  
 Admission to the Eden Project

# The English Riviera

## English Riviera - 6 & 8 days



**Day 1** We take an attractive route to Devon, arriving early evening.

**Day 2** Morning visit to Brixham, a colourful village and once England's most prosperous fishing port.

**Day 3** Visit the famous naval town of Plymouth. Whilst Plymouth possesses a modern centre, much of its history has been preserved in the area known as Barbican. Plymouth's best known feature is the Hoe, a beautifully landscaped promenade.

**Day 4** Free to explore Torquay.

**Day 5** We travel to Totnes for coffee and take the scenic route to Dartmouth with time for a trip on the River Dart, we return to Torquay late afternoon.

**Day 6** (8 day holiday only) A last chance to explore your holiday base of Torquay.

**Day 7** (8 day holiday only) We travel to the pretty resort of Sidmouth, an elegant town with fine Victorian and Georgian buildings.

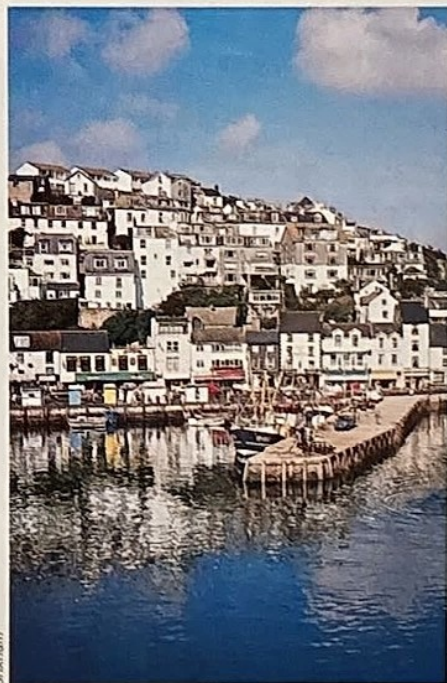
**Day 6/8** We return home.

## The Eden Project

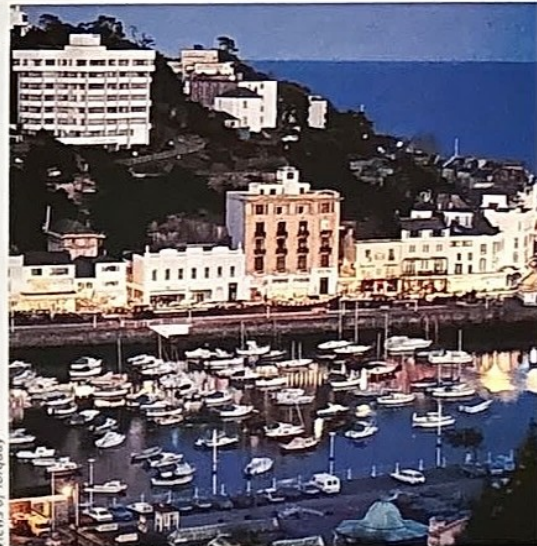
Created especially for the Millenium, The Eden Project is one of the most exciting tourist attractions in Great Britain. Two vast honeycomb 'biodomes' will house plants from all over the world. Firstly, visitors will be able to enjoy a humid tropical biodome housing exotic and extremely rare plants, as well as a beautiful waterfall. There will also be a warm temperate biodome housing plants from the Mediterranean, Africa and California. Outside in the landscaped garden, visitors can discover about plants from our own temperate climate. The project has already attracted 200,000 visitors before it was completed and has been hailed as one of the major attractions of the future. We are featuring Eden on two of our tours to this area, and we are sure it will be one of the highlights of your trip.



Livermead Cliff Hotel



Brixham



Views of Torquay

### YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Stopping in Torquay, capital of the English Riviera at one of our most popular hotels, we explore the naval towns of Plymouth and Dartmouth. Also, the attractive fishing port of Brixham.

### YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

#### Torquay

The Victorians first made Torquay popular, and it has remained a firm favourite ever since. Beautiful gardens and elegant villas add to its charm. A large modern shopping area, beaches, theatres and countless attractions ensure that Torquay remains a favourite holiday destination.

### YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

#### Livermead Cliff Hotel - AA 3 star

Highly rated and one of our most popular hotels in a superb situation on the water's edge, within easy reach of the town centre and shops. Sheltered sun terraces and secluded gardens with direct access to Livermead Beach. The hotel also has an outdoor swimming pool (Summer only). Lift. All rooms en-suite with colour television and tea/coffee making facilities.

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
<b>6 day tour</b>		
Thurs 12 April Pick up D	£285 (Easter)	£305
Sun 3 June Pick up G	£345	£365
Sun 30 Sept Pick up N	£309	£329
<b>8 day tour</b>		
Sun 8 July Pick up N	£475	£505
Sun 2 Sept Pick up E	£445	£475
Approximate return time 5-6.30pm		

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

5/7 nights half board • All coach travel

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## Sidmouth & South Devon - 4 days



Sidmouth

**Fri** We travel to our holiday base of Sidmouth, arriving late afternoon.

**Sat** Free to explore this charming resort.

**Sun** We travel to Lyme Regis, beloved seaside home

### YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Staying in the charming seaside town of Sidmouth we include a trip to elegant Lyme Regis.

of Jane Austen, who set part of 'Persuasion' in the old port. Explore the steep narrow streets and Georgian houses.

**Mon** We return home.

### YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

#### Sidmouth

An old-fashioned resort with a wide esplanade, lined with elegant early Victorian and Georgian buildings.



Fortfield Hotel

### YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

#### Fortfield Hotel - AA 3 star

A handsome Edwardian Hotel, in its own gardens within walking distance of the sea front and shops. Leisure club with indoor heated pool. Lift to first and second floors only. All rooms en-suite with tea/coffee making facilities and colour television. *Gentlemen are required to wear a shirt and tie for dinner. Smoking is prohibited in all parts of the Hotel except the bar.*

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
Fri 8 June Pick up G	£235	£245
Fri 21 Sept Pick up N	£199	£209

Approximate return time 5-6.30pm

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

3 nights half board • All coach travel

### YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Based in Clevedon on the coast, we visit the elegant spa town of Bath with a trip to the delightful cathedral city of Wells.

### YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

#### Clevedon

A small seaside resort famous for its Victorian architecture, Clevedon is a quiet Severn Estuary town situated at a junction of hill ranges.

### YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

#### Walton Park Hotel - AA 3 star

Giving you glorious views of the Severn Estuary, the Walton Park is a well appointed hotel. Lift. All rooms en-suite with colour television and tea/coffee making facilities.

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
Fri 13 April Pick up H	£189 (Easter)	£199
Tue 17 July Pick up F	£215	£225
Wed 12 Sept Pick up L	£195	£205
Wed 24 Oct Pick up F	£195	£205

Approximate return time 5-6.30pm

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

3 nights half board • All coach travel

## Georgian Bath & Somerset - 4 days

**Day 1** A comfortable drive to Marlborough, where we stop for lunch before arriving in Clevedon mid afternoon.

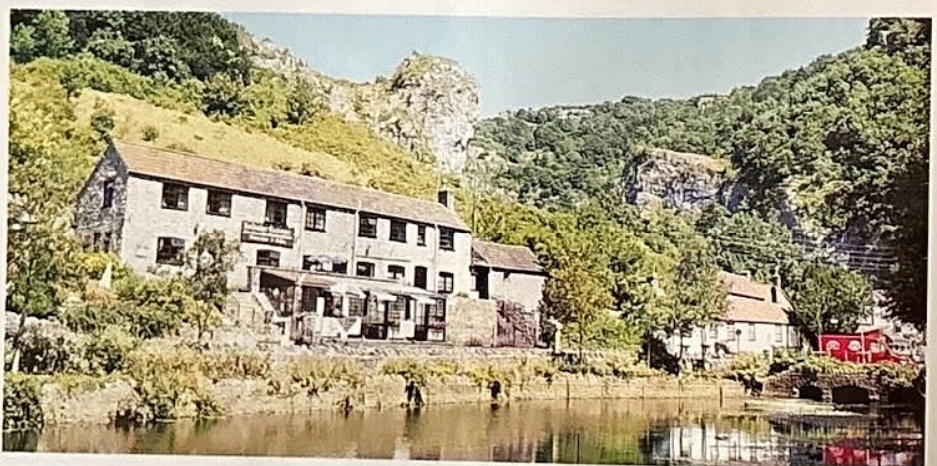
**Day 2** Visit the cathedral city of Wells, returning via Cheddar Gorge.

**Day 3** Full day trip to Bath - this beautiful and elegant Georgian spa town is home to the only natural hot springs in England. Visit the Roman Baths and Pump Room and see the beautiful sweeping crescents.

**Day 4** We return home, stopping for lunch in the picturesque village of Lacock, with its winding streets of Gothic-arched greystone houses and half timbered cottages.



Great Roman Bath



Cheddar

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# UK Islands

## Isle of Wight - 6 days

**Day 1** We travel down to Southampton and board the ferry for the Isle of Wight (55 minutes). Lunch in Cowes and arrive late afternoon in Ventnor.

**Day 2** Round the island trip. Along the south coast and via the charming resort of Freshwater, with glimpses up over Tennyson Down, to Yarmouth where we stop for lunch. Yarmouth is an elegant town with an attractive harbour. The small village square is one of the featured sets for the ITV series 'Reach for the Moon'. The wedding scene was filmed in the pretty church on the edge of the square. We continue our journey and make a short stop in Brading, home of the famous waxworks and the oldest house on the island.

**Day 3** We visit Osborne House (English Heritage, admission extra), seaside home of Queen Victoria, crammed full of treasured mementoes. Take a Victorian carriage ride to Swiss Cottage, a chalet built for the royal children.

**Day 4** We travel to Shanklin, situated on a beautiful bay, with golden sands and wide esplanade. Later, continue to Godshill, a charming village with pretty thatched cottages and gift shops.

**Day 5** Free to explore your holiday base of Ventnor.

**Day 6** We travel back by ferry to Southampton and our journey home.



Shanklin Old Village

### YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Discovering all that this delightful Island has to offer, including trips to Yarmouth, picturesque Godshill, historic Brading and elegant Osborne House.

### YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

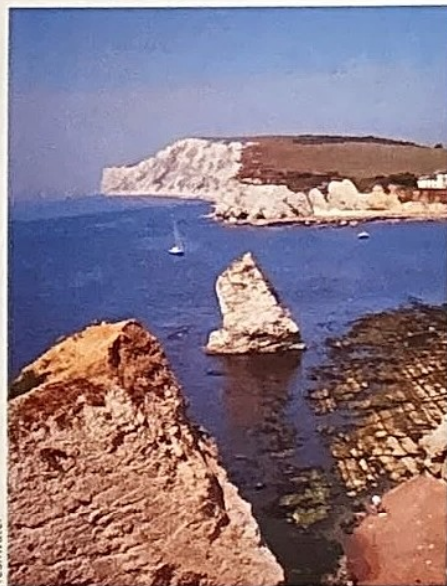
#### Ventnor

A mild and sunny climate makes Ventnor a firm favourite with visitors to the Island. This delightful resort 'zig zags' down to the seafront. The famous botanical garden is home to many tropical plants.

### YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

#### Ventnor Towers Hotel - AA 3 Star

Set in attractive gardens with splendid sea views, the Ventnor Towers is only a short distance from the main town centre. There is an outdoor heated pool, croquet lawn and putting green. All rooms en-suite with television and tea/coffee making facilities. Please note there is no lift.



Freshwater

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
Tues 29 May Pick up G	£285	£285
Sun 24 June Pick up D	£299	£299
Sun 23 Sept Pick up K	£285	£285
Approximate return time 5-6.30pm		

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 5 nights half board • All coach travel
- Ferry fare



Ventnor seafront

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- Travel club members weekends

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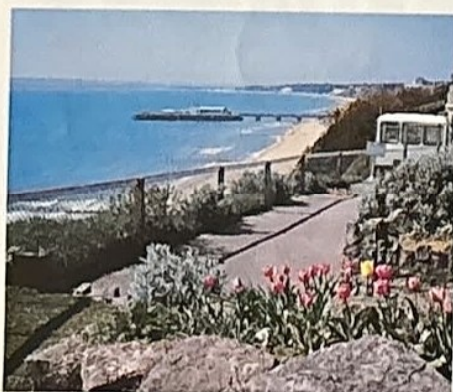


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# The South

## Bournemouth - 4 & 6 days

Views of Bournemouth



**Day 1** Lunch in the cathedral city of Winchester, arriving mid-afternoon in Bournemouth.

**Day 2** Tour of the New Forest. Deer, donkeys, ponies and cattle scattered across the rugged forest terrain. Via Christchurch, the pretty ferry port of Lymington and Beaulieu to the busy town of Lyndhurst.

**Day 3** Via the Sandbanks ferry to Swanage, a delightful seaside town with sparkling white cliffs and a glorious sandy beach. There is also a chance to stop at Poole famous for its pottery and beautiful natural harbour.

**Day 4** (6 day tour only) Stop for lunch in the stone-built town of Sherborne. Later travel through lovely Dorset countryside, past Cerne Abbas, famous for its 'Giant', to Lulworth Cove for tea.

**Day 5** (6 day tour only) Free to enjoy your holiday base of Bournemouth.

**Days 4/6** We follow a pleasant route home.

### YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Visits to Winchester with its superb cathedral, Swanage, the beautiful New Forest, and Poole with its natural harbour and pottery.

### YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

#### Bournemouth

This popular seaside resort built amongst pines at the rim of a wide bay is ideally placed for touring the area. Six miles of sandy beaches, two piers, three beach lifts and plenty of boat trips! Entertainment includes theatres, shopping arcade and many beautiful parks and gardens.

### YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

#### Cliffside Hotel - AA 3 star

Situated on the East Cliff with magnificent views across the bay and easy access to the beaches. There is a lift to all floors, free use of nearby Queensbury Leisure Club and during the Summer an outdoor heated pool. All rooms en-suite, with television and tea/coffee making facilities.

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
<b>4 day holiday</b>		
Fri 13 April Pick up F	£175 (Easter)	£192
Tues 22 May Pick up H	£165	£182
Tues 9 Oct Pick up F	£159	£176
Tues 6 Nov Pick up L	£149	£166
<b>6 day holiday</b>		
Sun 24 June Pick up F	£285	£313
Sun 22 July Pick up L	£285	£313
Wed 22 Aug Pick up H	£249	£277
Approximate return time 5-6.30pm		

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

3/5 nights half board • All coach travel

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## Eastbourne - 4 & 8 days

**Day 1** Arrive lunchtime in Eastbourne.

**Day 2** Free to enjoy Eastbourne.

**Day 3** Optional trip to the lovely town of Rye, which has many old buildings and a picturesque church.

**Days 5 to 7** (8 day holiday only) Free to enjoy your holiday base.

**Day 4/8** We leave our hotel early afternoon for our return journey.

### YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Stopping in a highly rated seafront hotel in the popular seaside resort of Eastbourne, with a day trip to Rye.

### YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

#### Eastbourne

Reputedly the sunniest resort in Britain! Eastbourne boasts a sea front with excellent pier, bandstand, promenades and terraces. Over 200 acres of beautiful parks and gardens including the famous carpet gardens on Grand Parade. With superb bathing beaches, pleasure boat trips, shops and entertainment, Eastbourne has remained a popular holiday destination.

### YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

#### Chatsworth - AA 3 star

Elegant Edwardian Hotel on one of the most attractive seafront promenades in the country. Restaurant with panoramic views over the English Channel. Lift. All rooms en-suite with colour television and tea/coffee making facilities.

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
<b>4 day holiday</b>		
Tues 3 April Pick up C	£172	£182
Tues 12 June Pick up P	£209	£219
Tues 10 July Pick up L	£215	£225
Tues 14 Aug Pick up C	£195	£205
Tues 16 Oct Pick up P	£179	£189
<b>8 day holiday</b>		
Sat 23 June Pick up C	£389	£409
Sat 28 July Pick up P	£409	£429
Sat 1 Sept Pick up L	£375	£395
Approximate return time 4-5.30pm		

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

3/7 nights half board • All coach travel



Seafront



Pier



Chatsworth Hotel



Rye

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# Suffolk & Constable Country - 4 days



Lavenham



Willy Lotts Cottage



Flatford Mill



Norwich Cathedral

## YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

This unique part of Great Britain is dotted with charming towns and villages. Glorious scenery, immortalised by Constable.

## YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

### Ipswich

One of the largest and most successful towns in Suffolk, with many old streets and well preserved half timbered buildings.

## YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

### County Hotel - AA 3 star

A modern hotel in a tranquil setting in Copdock, four miles from the centre of Ipswich. The hotel has a lift and also a leisure club with indoor heated swimming pool. All rooms en-suite with colour television and tea/coffee making facilities.

**Fri** We travel to our holiday base on the outskirts of Ipswich.

**Sat** We tour this lovely area, stopping for lunch in Lavenham, with its wealth of half-timbered buildings. Later travel via Cavendish and Clare to the picture postcard village of Finchingfield. Return via Halstead and the Colne Valley.

**Sun** Trip to Constable Country. An area of rural peace and beauty, with visits to Dedham and East Bergholt, his birthplace.

**Mon** Return journey, making convenient stops en route.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 3 nights half board
- All coach travel

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
Fri 25 May Pick up C	£199	£209
Fri 27 July Pick up P	£215	£225
Fri 7 Sept Pick up C	£199	£209

Approximate return time 4.30-6.00pm



Pulls Ferry River Wensum



County Hotel

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# East of England

## East Anglia Highlights - 4 days

### YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

An area of contrasts is dominated by the cathedral city of Norwich. Other attractions are the Broads and the scenic north Norfolk coast. Also, visit Sandringham, the Royal Family's country retreat.

### YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

#### Norwich

This historic town has architectural examples of almost every period from Norman, Medieval and Edwardian. Dominated by Norwich Castle which dates from 1100 and was home to many a torture and execution! Over 1,000 buildings in Norwich are listed as of historic and architectural interest, so you are never short of things to do and see. The majestic cathedral and a bustling market are also well worth a visit.

### YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

#### Quality Hotel - AA 3 star

This friendly, modern hotel is located five miles from the city centre. No lift. Leisure club with indoor heated swimming pool. All rooms en-suite, with television, tea/coffee making facilities and mini bar.

**Fri** Follow a pleasant route, breaking for lunch, before continuing to our hotel, arriving late afternoon.

**Sat** Free to explore your holiday base of Norwich (coach will drop off in central Norwich).

**Sun** We travel along the Norfolk coast via Sherringham and Hunstanton to Sandringham, private country retreat of Her Majesty the Queen, in a beautiful estate. All the main rooms used by the Royal family are open to the public.

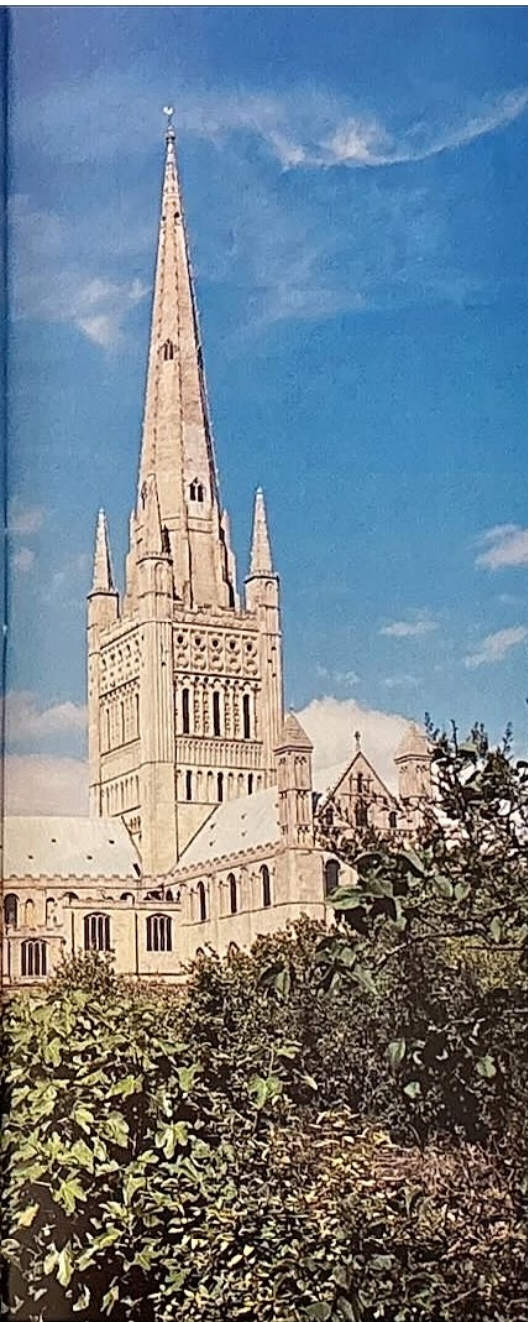
**Mon** We journey home along a pleasant route.

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
Fri 13 April Pick up P	£189 (Easter)	£206
Fri 22 June Pick up C	£199	£216
Fri 24 Aug Pick up P	£185	£202
Fri 28 Sept Pick up C	£185	£202

*Approximate return time 5-6.30pm*

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

3 nights half board • All coach travel  
• Admission to Sandringham



## Lincolnshire - 4 days

**Fri** Stop for lunch in Stamford and arrive late afternoon in Lincoln.

**Sat** Visit Boston, which has connections with the Pilgrim Fathers and is famous for its 'Stump' - St Botolphs Church tower, visible from many miles around.

**Sun** Free to explore Lincoln.

**Mon** Return journey.

### YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

#### Lincoln

Set on the River Witham and dominated by its cathedral, which sits majestically on a hilltop and is one of the most beautiful in England. There is also a castle and excellent museum which has a large collection of country bygones.

### YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Stopping in the historic city of Lincoln and exploring the beauty of this delightful area.

### YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

#### Grand Hotel - AA 3 star

Situated in the heart of Lincoln this well appointed hotel makes an excellent base to explore the city. No lift, but stairlift to bedrooms on first floor. All rooms en-suite with colour television and tea/coffee making facilities.

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
Fri 13 April Pick up N	£189 (Easter)	£199
Fri 12 Oct Pick up Q	£189	£199

*Approximate return time 5-6.30pm*

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

3 nights half board • All coach travel



Lincoln Cathedral

## YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

A chance to discover all this delightful part of England has to offer, pretty villages and quaint houses with traditional yellow Cotswold stone, small streams and wonderful countryside.

## YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

### Cheltenham

Set at the foot of the Cotswolds, this elegant spa town is renowned for its Regency terraces. Visit the elegant domed and colonnaded Pittville Pump room. Excellent shopping and entertainment.

## YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

### Carlton Hotel - AA 3 star

A handsome Regency hotel in a tree-lined road near the town centre. Lift. All rooms en-suite with television and tea/coffee making facilities.

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
Fri 13 April Pick up F	£195 (Easter)	£205
Fri 15 June Pick up J	£215	£225
Fri 21 Sept Pick up H	£199	£209

Approximate return time 5-6.30pm

# The Heart of England

## Glorious Cotswolds - 4 days

**Fri** We travel to the ancient town of Cirencester for lunch before continuing on to our holiday base in Cheltenham, arriving mid afternoon.

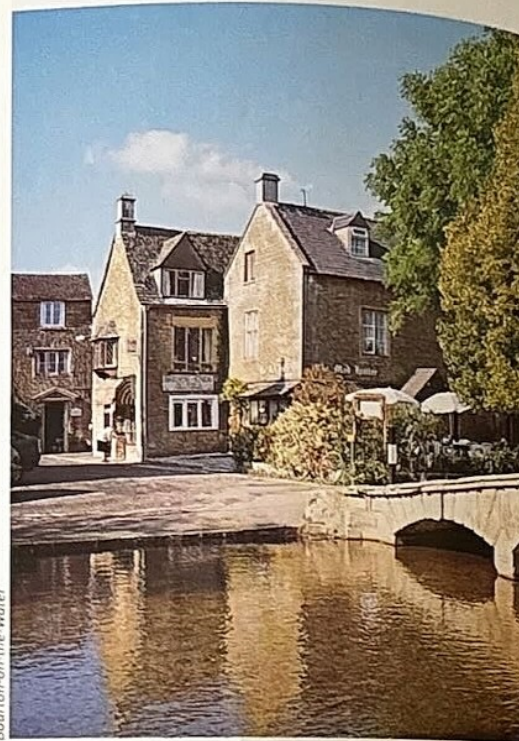
**Sat** We begin our tour of the area with a visit to Bourton-on-the-Water, a chocolate box village set on the River Windrush. Quaint houses, pretty bridges and typical Cotswold stone make this village a popular destination. Nearby Stow-on-the-Wold is our next stop, with its pretty market square and winding alleyways.

**Sun** We take a circular tour of the Cotswolds, stopping at the olde-world village of Broadway and the market town of Moreton-in-Marsh. We return via the pretty town of Burford and wool village of Northleach.

**Mon** After breakfast we follow the Thames Valley through Lechlade, Faringdon and Abingdon for our journey home.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

3 nights half board • All coach travel



Bourton-on-the-Water

## YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

A marvellous mix of rural scenery with visits to the old towns of Hereford, Ludlow and Stratford-upon-Avon.

## YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

### Worcester

This historic town has a wealth of old buildings to discover. Its cathedral sits on the banks of the Severn and the tomb of King John is found in the choir.

## YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

### Star Hotel - AA 3 star

A historic coaching inn found in the heart of the city. Lift. All rooms en-suite with television and tea/coffee making facilities.

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
Fri 13 April Pick up K	£185 (Easter)	£195
Fri 7 Sept Pick up E	£185	£195

Approximate return time 5-6.30pm

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

3 nights half board • All coach travel

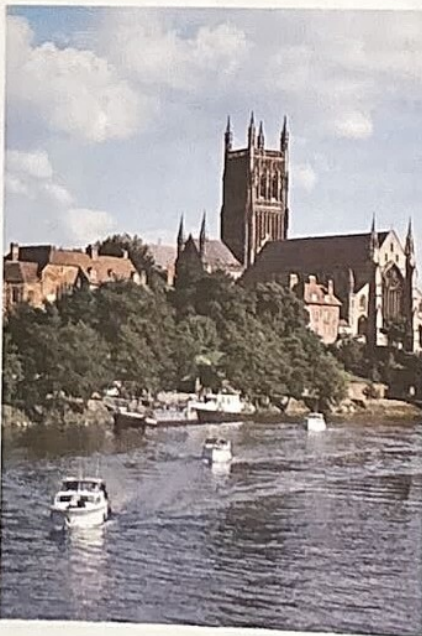
## Heart of England - 4 days

**Fri** We travel through the Cotswolds to Stow-on-the-Wold for lunch, arriving mid afternoon at our hotel in Worcester.

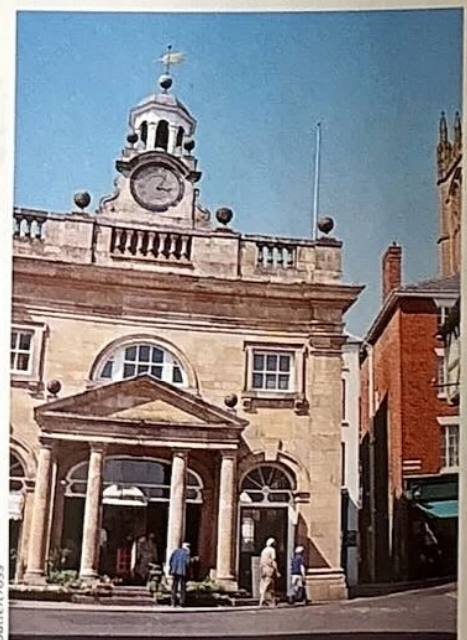
**Sat** We travel via the Malvern Hills with magnificent views towards Wales and Warwickshire, breaking our journey with coffee in the market town of Ledbury. Stop for lunch in the cathedral city of Hereford. We then take a short tour of the Wye Valley.

**Sun** We visit the border town of Ludlow with its historic castle overlooking the River Teme. This historic town has an old world atmosphere and is full of quiet lanes and courts, Georgian and Jacobean houses.

**Mon** We stop for lunch in the pretty town of Stratford-upon-Avon, filled with half timbered houses and memories of Shakespeare.



Worcester Cathedral & River Severn



Buttercross

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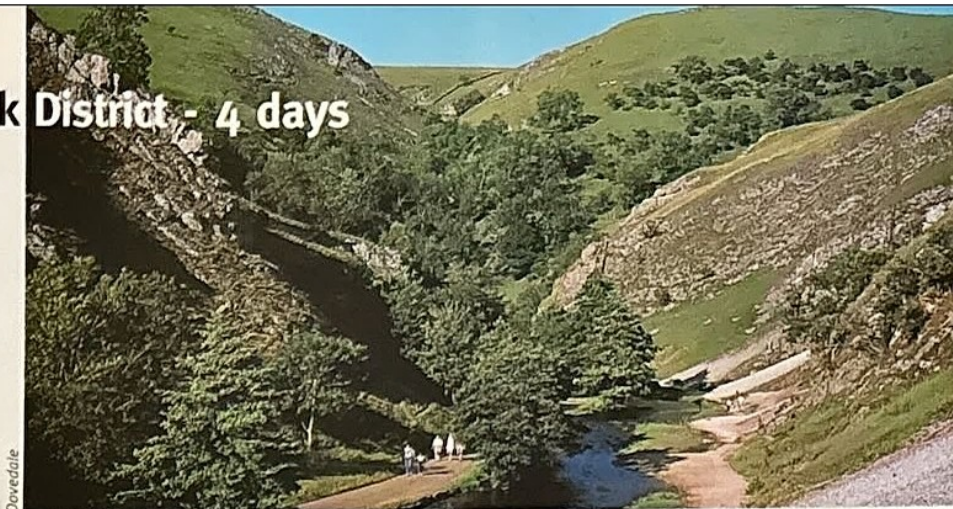
## Derbyshire Dales & Peak District - 4 days

**Fri** We journey north to our holiday base of Ashbourne.

**Sat** Tour of the Peak District. Journey via Buxton, Chapel-en-le-Frith and Glossop. Over Snake Pass and past Ladybower Reservoir to Castleton for lunch. Return via Bakewell, famous for its pudding.

**Sun** We take a trip to Chatsworth, considered one of the most beautiful stately homes in England, home to the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire. The house has richly decorated rooms and a superb art collection, along with delightful gardens.

**Mon** We travel home.



Dovedale

### YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

#### Ashbourne

Ashbourne has some fine architecture and is famous for the delicious gingerbread still made locally from when it was taught to the town's bakers by French soldiers held during the Napoleonic Wars. Perfect for eating along with a drink of the local sparkling spring water!

### YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

#### Hannover International - AA 3 star

Located on the edge of Ashbourne, this modern hotel has a leisure club with indoor pool, sauna and steam room. Lift. All rooms en suite with colour television and tea/coffee making facilities.

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 3 nights half board • All coach travel
- Admission to Chatsworth

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
Fri 20 April Pick up E	£205	£239
Fri 13 July Pick up D	£225	£259
Fri 5 Oct Pick up Q	£205	£239
Approximate return time 5-6.30pm		

### YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Explore the beautiful Derbyshire Peaks with a visit to Chatsworth, one of England's finest stately homes.



Hannover International Hotel

## Derbyshire Stately Homes & Gardens - 4 days



Chatsworth

**Fri** We journey to Haddon Hall near Bakewell, seat of the Duke of Rutland. Set on a wooded hill, overlooking the River Wye, this is one of the few remaining 12th century manor houses and noted for its tapestries wood carvings and wall paintings. Arrive early evening in Ashbourne.

**Sat** We visit Hardwick Hall (National Trust - admission extra) a spectacular Elizabethan treasure house. Hardwick stands testament to its builder, the wealthy and powerful 'Bess of Hardwick'. The hall dominates the surrounding countryside and has survived largely unaltered since completion in 1597.

**Sun** Explore Chatsworth House, home of the Duke

and Duchess of Devonshire and considered by many to be England's finest stately home. The richly decorated rooms also houses a fine art collection. A visit to the landscaped gardens completes this visit.

**Mon** We travel home stopping at Kedleston Hall (National Trust - admission extra) built in 1759-65 for the Curzon family, who have lived in the area since the 12th century. The house boasts the most complete and least altered sequence of Robert Adam interiors. The rooms are adorned with important portraits, landscapes and history paintings. The gardens have colourful displays of azaleas and rhododendrons in spring.

### YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

A chance to discover some of the finest houses and gardens of England.

### YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

Ashbourne  
See previous tour

### YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

Hannover International  
See previous tour

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
Fri 18 May Pick up D	£215	£249
Fri 7 Sept Pick up N	£215	£249
Approximate return time 6.30-8.00pm		

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 3 nights half board • All coach travel
- Admission to Haddon Hall • Admission to Chatsworth

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# Yorkshire

## Yorkshire Highlights - 7 days

**Day 1** We travel to our holiday base of either Ripon (May) or Harrogate (September).

**Day 2** A trip to the historic city of York. One of the finest medieval cities in Europe. Walk along the city walls and through narrow streets with their overhanging gables. See the great Minster of York with its magnificent towers and priceless stained glass windows.

**Day 3** Visit the spa town of Harrogate (May) or the cathedral city of Ripon (September).

**Day 4** We travel to the lovely Yorkshire Dales, one of the most picturesque areas of the country, visiting Hawes and Skipton.

**Day 5** Free to explore Ripon (May) or Harrogate (September).

**Day 6** Out on the Moors, a chance to discover the beautiful scenery and travel through this unique terrain. We stop in delightful Whitby for lunch. This small fishing port and seafarer's haven is unspoilt, bursting with character and quite unique. We travel on to Scarborough for tea, built around its mighty headland topped by a castle overlooking the harbour below.

**Day 7** We travel home.



York

### YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

#### Ripon

The mighty cathedral is amongst one of Britain's finest. Founded in the 7th century, St Wilfrid's crypt is one of the oldest in Europe. Ripon is a bustling and lively city with a popular market place and some fine Georgian buildings.

#### Harrogate

Dignified Victorian architecture, banks of flowers and 200 acres of parkland probing into the very centre of the town characterise this delightful spa town. See the Royal Baths with its charming Fountain Court.

### YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Visit to the medieval city of York and explore the Yorkshire Moors and Dales, with visits to Ripon and Harrogate.

### YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

#### The Ripon Spa Hotel AA 3 star (May departure)

Highly rated traditional hotel, peacefully set in superb gardens in the heart of the city. Lift. All rooms en-suite with colour television and tea/coffee making facilities.

#### The Old Swan AA 4 star (Sept departure)

One of the Harrogate's largest and best known hotels, close to the centre of town. Lift. All rooms en-suite with colour television and tea/coffee making facilities.

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
Fri 18 May (Ripon)	£409	£429
<b>Pick up D</b>		
Sat 15 Sept (Harrogate)	£375	£442
<b>Pick up E</b>		
<i>Approximate return time 5-6.30pm</i>		

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

6 nights half board • All coach travel

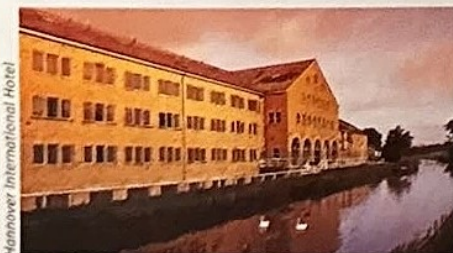
## Glorious Yorkshire Dales - 4 days



Yorkshire Dales



Harewood House



Hannover International Hotel

**Fri** We travel to our holiday base of Skipton, making convenient stops en route, arriving late afternoon.

**Sat** We visit Harewood House, renowned for its architecture, outstanding collections and magnificent "Capability" Brown landscaped gardens. Enjoy a woodland walk or boat trip on

the lake.

**Sun** We travel through the beautiful Yorkshire Dales, officially designated an area of outstanding natural beauty. Rolling hills and dales contrast with expanses of heather carpeted moorland.

**Mon** We return home.

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

3 nights half board • All coach travel  
• Admission to Harewood House

### YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

#### Skipton

Attractively situated in Airedale, Skipton is dominated by an impressive medieval castle.

### YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

#### Hannover International Hotel - AA 3 star

Just south of Skipton, this modern hotel has an attractive waterside setting and offers guests the use of its indoor pool, sauna and solarium. Lift. All rooms en-suite, colour television and tea/coffee making facilities.

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
Fri 8 June <b>Pick up E</b>	£219	£253
Fri 17 Aug <b>Pick up D</b>	£199	£233
<i>Approximate return time 5-6.30pm</i>		

### YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Explore the beautiful Yorkshire Dales and visit splendid Harewood House.

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# Medieval York & 'Heartbeat' Steam Special - 4 days



Monkbar Hotel

**Day 1** Travel north and making a convenient stop for lunch, arriving late afternoon in York.

**Day 2** Free to explore York.

**Day 3** At Pickering, we board a steam train for a trip on the North Yorkshire Moors, via Newton Dale to the picturesque village of Goathland. See places featured in television's 'Heartbeat', for you are truly in 'Aidensfield', post office, village shop, sheep and all! Return to Pickering and continue via Helmsley, Ampleforth (where Peter Walker, author of Heartbeat, lived and worked as the village 'bobby') and Coxwold, one of Yorkshire's best kept villages.

**Day 4** We travel home.



York Petersgate

## YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Staying in the medieval city of York, with a trip on the scenic North Yorkshire Moors Railway to the pretty village of Goathland, 'Aidensfield' in the popular television series, "Heartbeat".

## YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

### York

One of the finest medieval cities in Europe. Walk along the city walls and through narrow streets with their overhanging gables. See the great Minster of York with its magnificent towers and priceless stained glass windows.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 3 nights half board • All coach travel
- Train fare

## YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

### Monkbar Hotel - AA 3 star

Situated in the heart of the city, overlooking the Roman walls, the Monkbar is just a short walk for the famous York Minster and city centre. Lift. All rooms en-suite, colour television and tea/coffee making facilities.

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
Tues 8 May Pick up N	£219	£268
Tues 3 July Pick up D	£229	£278
Mon 17 Sept Pick up Q	£219	£268

Approximate return time 5-6.30pm

## YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

A chance to explore this ruggedly beautiful part of England and some of the finest medieval architecture in Europe.

## YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

### Scarborough

Britain's earliest seaside resort and a popular spa. Extensive beaches and wide promenades are complemented with wide flower-filled gardens. A ruined 12th century castle dominates the town. At the foot of Castle Hill is the old town and picturesque fishing harbour.

## YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

### Esplanade Hotel - AA 3 star

A comfortable Hotel with an enviable position overlooking South Bay and the harbour, with a short walk to the shops and sea. Lift. All rooms en-suite with television and tea/coffee making facilities.

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
Mon 26 March Pick up E	£195	£210
Sun 30 Sept Pick up D	£205	£220

Approximate return time 5-6.30pm

# Yorkshire Break - 5 days



Whitby

**Day 1** Lunch in the old wool town of Stamford, arriving late afternoon in Scarborough.

**Day 2** Across the rugged North York Moors to Whitby. See Captain Cook's cottage and the Abbey ruins.

**Day 3** Day visit to York, one of the finest medieval cities in Europe. Walk along the old city walls and in the narrow streets with overhanging gables. See the great Minster with its magnificent towers and priceless stained glass windows.

**Day 4** Morning visit to the lovely town of Helmsley, beautifully situated in the Vale of Pickering on the edge of the North Yorkshire Moors.

**Day 5** Return journey

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 4 nights half board • All coach travel



York 'Shambles'

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# Northern England

## Lake District - 5 days

**Day 1** We arrive late afternoon on the outskirts of Morecambe.

**Day 2** Southern Lakes. Via Newby Bridge and Haverthwaite to Coniston for lunch. Continue via Hawkshead to Windermere, most famous of all the lakes, for tea.

**Day 3** Half day visit to Levens Hall, Elizabethan home of the Bagot Family (small admission fee). Contains fine panelling and furniture and world famous topiary gardens.

**Day 4** Northern Lakes. Stop for lunch in Keswick. Travel south via Thirlmere to Grasmere. Later follow the breathtaking Kirkstone Pass to Ullswater.

**Day 5** Homeward journey.

### YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Extensive tour of some of the most beautiful scenery in the country, with majestic lake and mountain views.

### YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

#### Morecambe

'Gateway to the Lakes' and rival to Blackpool as the holiday resort of the north-west, with its fine beaches and entertainments.

### YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

#### The Elms - AA 3 star

Set in pleasant gardens, The Elms is just off the promenade at Bare. Morecambe Bay and the panoramic Lakeland Fells are just beyond. Lift. All rooms en-suite with colour television and tea/coffee making facilities.

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
Mon 2 April Pick up D	£245	£265
Sun 10 June Pick up Q	£265	£285
Mon 23 July Pick up E	£265	£285
Mon 24 Sept Pick up N	£249	£269

Approximate return time 5-6.30pm

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

4 nights half board • All coach travel



Ambleside, Lake Windermere



Coniston Water

## Durham, Beamish & Bowes - 5 days

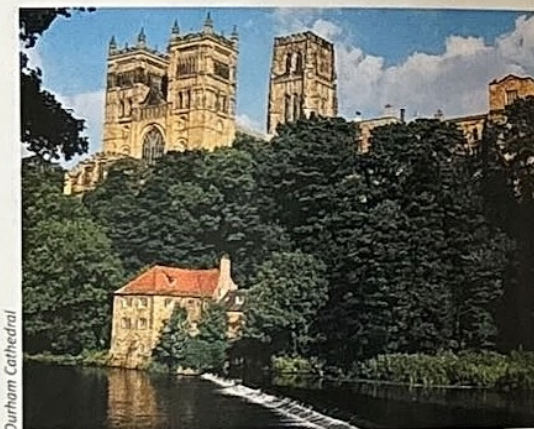
**Sun** Making convenient stops we arrive late afternoon in Durham.

**Mon** Time to explore your holiday base of Durham.

**Tues** Via Bishop Auckland and the small town of Barnard Castle to the Bowes Museum, a French chateau in the English countryside! Named after its founders, John and Josephine Bowes, the museum houses over 30 galleries filled with paintings, ceramics and porcelain collected from all over the world.

**Wed** A change of style today as we visit Beamish, a living and working example of life in the "Great North" at the turn of the last century. Set in a picturesque valley you can meet people from the past, travel on trams and vintage buses and venture underground at a drift mine! Also included is an authentic inn, where you can sup a pint of ale, or visit Pockerley Manor and see how life was in the 1820's.

**Thur** We travel home.



Durham Cathedral

### YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Stopping in the city of Durham, ancient home of the Prince Bishops, with fascinating visits to Beamish and Bowes Museum.

### YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

#### Durham

Few sites can be more impressive than the towering cathedral that dominates this charming city. Standing on a rock in a horseshoe bend on the River Wear, the cathedral is testament to Norman power and pride. Next to the cathedral is the castle, now part of the university. Pleasant walks along the River Wear are recommended.

### YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

#### Three Tuns Hotel - AA 3 star

Coaching Inn dating from the 16th century right in the heart of the city. All rooms en suite with colour television and tea/coffee making facilities. Please note there is no lift at this hotel.

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
Sun 27 May Pick up N	£289	£334
Sun 19 Aug Pick up D	£279	£324

Approximate return time 5-6.30pm



Interior of the Three Tuns

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

4 nights half board • All coach travel  
• Admission to Beamish • Admission to Bowes Museum

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# North West & Cumbria

## Medieval Chester & Welsh Borders - 4 days

**Fri** A pleasant journey to our holiday base of Chester, arriving late afternoon.

**Sat** Free to explore Chester.

**Sun** We take a scenic drive through the Vale of Llangollen, filled with meadows, woods and mountains. Later follow Horseshoe Pass to Ruthin.

**Mon** We travel home.



River Dee

### YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Staying in the medieval town of Chester and visiting the picturesque Vale of Llangollen.

### YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

#### Chester

This medieval walled city on the River Dee is renowned for its black and white half-timbered houses. Wander along the medieval walls which follow the old Roman fortifications, see the cathedral and castle. visit the old taverns and galleried shops known as 'Rows'.

### YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

#### Queen Hotel - AA 4 star

Elegant traditional 19th century hotel, close to the station. Lift. All rooms en-suite with colour television and tea/coffee making facilities.

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
Fri 13 April Pick up E	£205 (Easter)	£239
Fri 24 Aug Pick up Q	£205	£239
Fri 2 Nov Pick up D	£205	£239

Approximate return time 5-6.30pm



Chester 'Rows'

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

3 nights half board • All coach travel

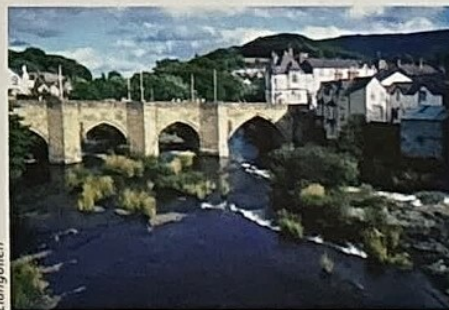
## Shropshire & Welsh Border - 4 days

**Fri** We stop for lunch in Worcester, a historic city with a wealth of old buildings and a magnificent cathedral, situated alongside the River Severn. Arriving late afternoon in Telford.

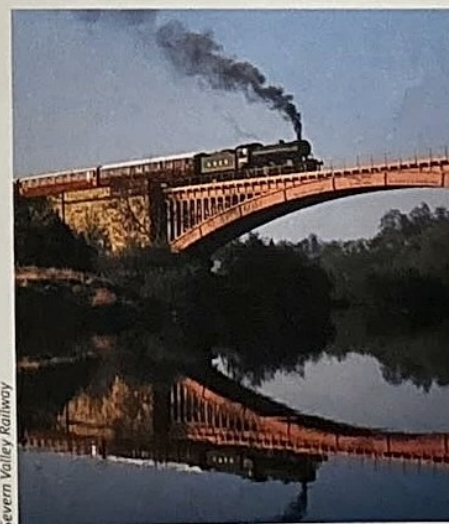
**Sat** We take a morning ride on the Severn Valley Railway, through lovely countryside from Bridgnorth to Bewdley, before lunching in Ludlow.

**Sun** We take a drive through beautiful countryside to the riverside town of Llangollen. Surrounded by meadows, woods and mountains in the Vale of Llangollen. The beautiful 14th century stone bridge over the River Dee is one of the traditional "Seven Wonders of Wales". Later climb the scenic Horseshoe Pass.

**Mon** We travel home stopping at Warwick, famous for its castle and one of the most complete historic towns in the country. The great fire of 1694 destroyed part of the town, but elegant Queen Anne re-building provides Warwick with a unique architectural heritage. After our stop we continue our journey home.



Llangollen



Severn Valley Railway

### YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

#### Telford

New town in the heart of Shropshire. An ideal base for touring the area.

### YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

#### Holiday Inn - 3 star standard

Modern hotel with excellent facilities and an ideal base for exploring the area. Excellent Leisure Club featuring swimming pool, sauna and steam room and solarium. All rooms en-suite facilities, with colour television and tea/coffee making facilities.

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
Fri 13 April Pick up Q	£185 (Easter)	£219
Fri 22 June Pick up E	£205	£239
Fri 3 Aug Pick up N	£185	£219
Fri 5 Oct Pick up E	£195	£229

Approximate return time 5-6.30pm

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

3 nights half board • Carvery dinner  
• All coach travel • Train fare

### YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Explore the beautiful countryside of the Vale of Llangollen and a memorable trip on the Severn Valley Railway.

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# Wales

## North Wales & Snowdonia - 6 days

**Sunday** Arriving late afternoon in Llandudno.

**Monday** Morning visit to the medieval fortress town of Conwy, one of the finest remaining walled towns in Europe. See the majestic ramparts of Edward I's imposing castle built between 1283 and 1287.

**Monday** Along the North Wales coast to the Menai

Bridge and the Isle of Anglesey with its peaceful lanes, lakes, forests and long sandy beaches and Llanfair...a railway station with the longest name in Britain!

Lunch in Beaumaris with its beautiful moated castle and views across the Menai Strait to the mountains of Snowdonia.

**Tuesday** Day tour of Snowdonia, with its wild mountains, wood-ringed lakes and cascading waterfalls. We travel along the Alpine route to Betws-y-coed, across the spectacular Llanberis Pass to Llanberis at the foot of Snowdon. Alongside the twin lakes of Llyn Padarn and Llyn Peris, this village is beautifully situated. We return via Nant Ffrancon Pass with a visit to the water-driven woollen mill at Trefriw. Beautiful tweeds and bedspreads are made here and are available in the mill shop.

**Wednesday** After coffee in Caernarfon, with its colourful harbour and medieval castle, we travel to the Italianate village of Portmeirion. Built by Sir Clough Williams-Ellis, all the buildings are arranged around a central Piazza, many were saved from destruction elsewhere. Of course, there is also a chance to purchase Portmeirion pottery.

**Thursday** We return home stopping for lunch in the medieval walled city of Chester.

### YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Stopping in the seaside resort of Llandudno, explore the breathtaking countryside and majestic scenery of the area, with a visit to the charming village of Portmeirion.

### YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

#### Llandudno

Known for its mild climate, Llandudno is set along 2 miles of curving beaches, with a fine pier and delightful rock gardens the town has managed to preserve a great deal of its Victorian charm. Happy Valley Park contains an open air theatre and cable car rides to the summit of Great Orme.

### YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

#### St George's Hotel - AA 3 star

Overlooking the promenade and sea, St George's is an ideal holiday base and has, during its history, accommodated no less than 5 Prime Ministers including Disraeli and more recently Baroness Thatcher. All bedrooms with private facilities, colour television and tea/coffee making facilities.

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
Sun 8 July Pick up E	£325	£380
Sun 12 Aug Pick up Q	£295	£350

*Approximate return time 6.30-8.00pm*

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 5 nights half board • All coach travel
- Admission to Portmeirion

### YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Visit to the pretty coastal resort of Tenby and the pilgrimage town of St David's. Also, Colby Woodland Gardens.

### YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

#### Saundersfoot

A picturesque resort on the Pembrokeshire coast. Originally an 18th century fishing village its sits in a sheltered valley, cottages and shops slope gently down to the pretty harbour and three excellent sandy beaches.

### YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

#### St Bride's Hotel - AA 3 star

Situated above the town set in its own gardens and boasting an outdoor heated swimming pool, this hotel offers superb views over the harbour and beaches below. Facilities include all bedrooms with private facilities, colour television and tea/coffee making facilities. Please note this hotel has no lift.

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
Mon 18 June Pick up D	£269	£322
Mon 3 Sept Pick up E	£255	£308

*Approximate return time 6.7.30pm*

## Pembrokeshire Coast - 5 days

**Mon** We take lunch in Cardiff with its magnificent castle, and we arrive late afternoon at our holiday base of Saundersfoot.

**Tue** We travel to the pretty coastal town of Tenby, set on a rocky promontory, overlooking two great bays. With its Victorian seafront, colourful harbour and busy narrow streets, Tenby has something for everyone. From the harbour, boat trips to the pretty Island of Caldy are available.

**Wed** Visit the pilgrimage town of St David's, set on a rugged peninsula. See the lovely 12th century cathedral, the largest in Wales.

**Thur** Morning visit to Colby Woodland Gardens (National Trust admission extra), set in a tranquil and secluded location in a hidden valley. Afternoon free to explore Saundersfoot.

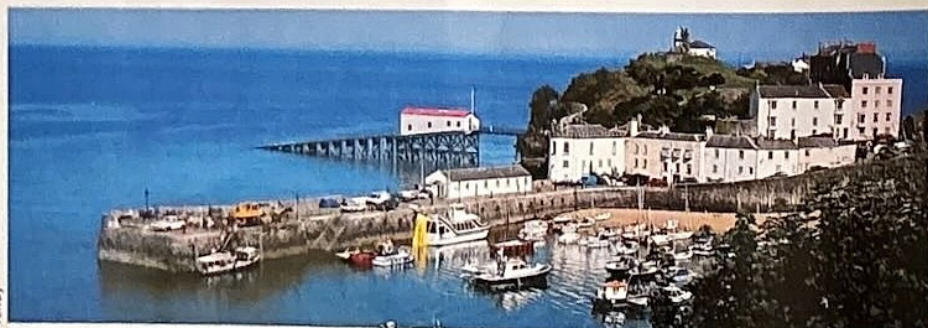
**Fri** We return home via the rugged Brecon Beacons, with their timeless beauty.



Saundersfoot

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 4 nights half board • All coach travel



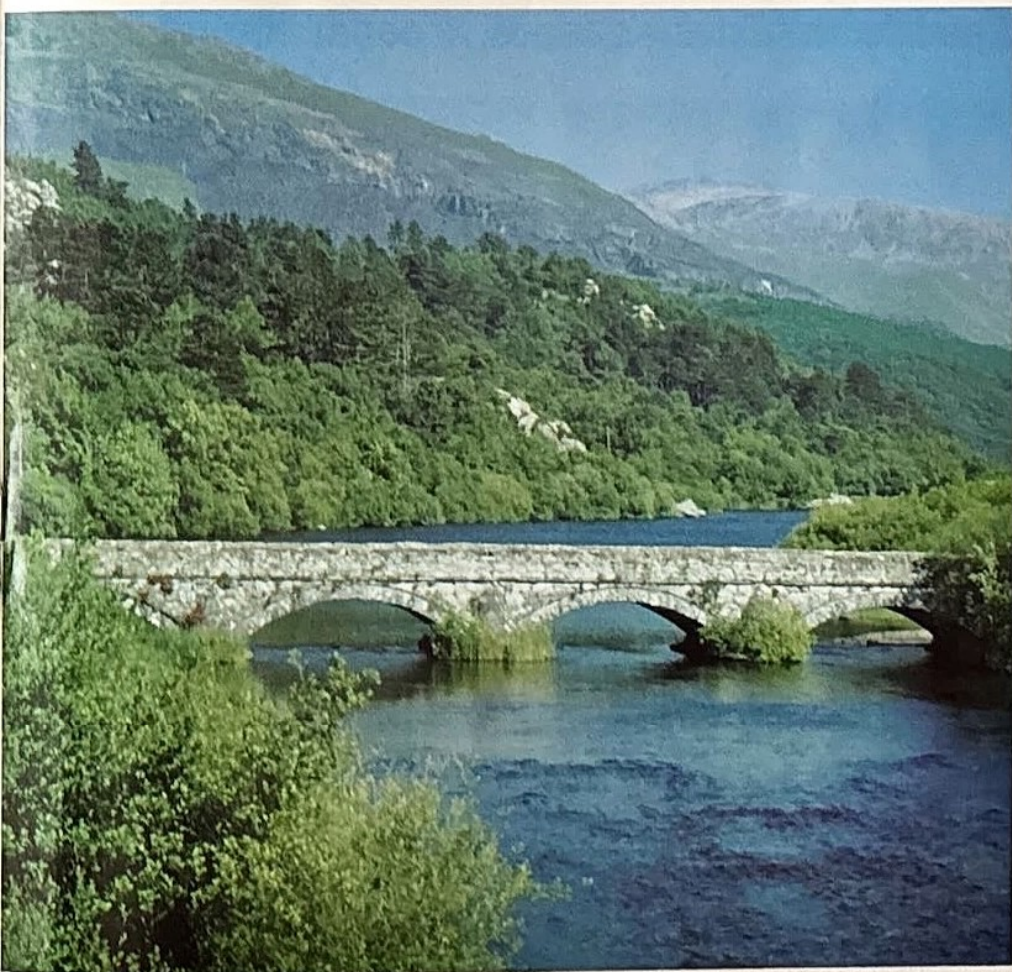
Tenby

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# Splendour of Snowdonia - 5 days



**Day 1** Arrive late afternoon in Beddgelert.  
**Day 2** Time to relax and explore Beddgelert before we set off across Llanberis Pass to Llanberis beside the waters of Lyn Padarn, at the foot of Snowdon. Time for a trip on the Llanberis Lake Railway.  
**Day 3** We take a full day tour of Snowdonia, a beautiful region with rugged mountains, wood ringed lakes and cascading waterfalls. Follow the Alpine route to Betws-y-coed, surrounded by woods, hills, glens and rivers.  
**Day 4** Tour the Llyn Peninsula with distant horizons broken by dramatic mountains falling sheer to the sea. Via the attractive seaside resort of Criccieth to the coastal village of Abersoch.  
**Day 5** We travel home making convenient stops.



## YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Stopping in the heart of Snowdonia, explore the breathtaking scenery of the area, including the Llyn Peninsula.

## YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

### Beddgelert

A delightful village in the heart of Snowdonia, set in spectacular scenery. With mountains, forests, lakes and streams, there really is a wealth of beauty to explore.

## YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

### Royal Goat Hotel - AA 3 star

This attractive Georgian Hotel is set in four acres of woodland, perfect for relaxing. Lift. Facilities include all rooms en-suite, television, and tea/coffee making facilities.

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
Mon 21 May Pick up N	£255	£286
Sun 30 Sept Pick up D	£255	£286

Approximate return time 6.30-8.00pm

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

4 nights half board • All coach travel

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## YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Scotland at its best, with lochs and mountains, moorland and forests. Excursions include the Island of Mull, Fort William, Glencoe and Loch Lomond.

## YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

### Oban

On the West Highland coast, situated on a sheltered bay almost landlocked by the Isle of Kerrera. Backed by woods and hills, Oban Harbour is the starting point for many ferry crossings to the Western Isles.

## YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

### Alexandra Hotel - AA 3 star

On the esplanade, with wonderful views over the bay to the islands of Kerrera and Mull. Leisure club with indoor heated pool. Lift. All rooms are en-suite with tea/coffee making facilities and colour television.

This holiday includes overnight stays at the following hotels (details on request):

**Station Hotel, Dumfries AA 3 star**

**Vermont Hotel, Newcastle AA 4 star**

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
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Sat 15 Sept Pick up E	£489	£561
Approximate return time 6-7.30pm		

# Scotland

## Oban & Western Highlands - 8 days

**Sat** Arriving in the early evening in Dumfries. Sun Lunch in Balloch and time for a trip on Loch Lomond. We continue to Oban (5 nights).

**Mon** Free to explore Oban.

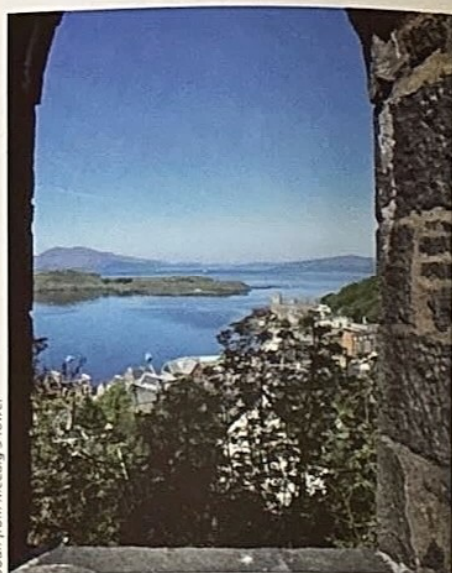
**Tue** Across the 'Bridge over the Atlantic' to the Isle of Seil and Easdale. We then follow the banks of Loch Fyne to the white-walled town of Inverary. We return via Loch Awe and Pass of Brander.

**Wed** We travel to Fort William at the foot of Ben Nevis. We continue through Glencoe, the "Glen o' Weeping", over Rannoch Moor to the Bridge of Orchy, Tyndrum and Dalmally.

**Thur** Full day tour to Mull. We sail from Oban to the island capital of Craignure. This beautiful island is full of moorland, forests and peaks, continuing on we pass along the south bank of Loch Scridain to Fionnphort. Short ferry crossing to the tiny Island of Iona, cradle of Scottish Christianity. The famous Abbey has been completely restored and became the final resting place for many Scottish Kings.

**Fri** Lunch in Edinburgh, Scotland's bustling capital, before continuing to the Newcastle.

**Sat** Homeward journey.



Oban from McCaig's Tower

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

7 nights half board • All coach travel  
• Ferry fares

## YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Exploring this delightful part of Scotland visiting Loch Lomond, Ben Nevis and the beautiful Isle of Skye

## YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

### Fort William

The finest touring centre in the Western Highlands. Set on the shores of Loch Linnhe at the western end of the Great Glen, almost at the foot of Ben Nevis, tallest mountain in the British Isles.

## YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

### Croit Anna Hotel - STB 3 star

On the shores of Loch Linnhe, three miles south of Fort William, the hotel offers every bedroom with private facilities, television and tea/coffee making facilities. There is also a small gift shop and evening entertainment. Please note there is no lift.

This holiday includes overnight stays at the following hotels (details on request):

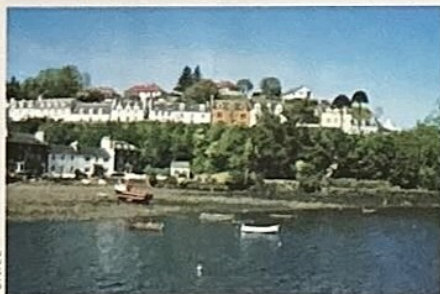
**Station Hotel, Dumfries AA 3 star**

**Vermont Hotel, Newcastle AA 4 star**

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
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Sat 14 July Pick up N	£499	£535
Approximate return time 6-7.30pm		

## Road to the Isles - 8 days



Portree

**Sat** Arriving early evening in Dumfries.

**Sun** Via Balloch along Loch Lomond to the Bridge of Orchy and Glencoe, arriving late afternoon in Fort William (5 nights).

**Mon** A chance to discover Fort William. Why not take a trip by cable car into the Nevis range at an altitude of 2,150 feet! Spectacular views towards the Highlands and Islands await you at the top.

**Tue** A very full day 'over the sea' to Skye, full of myth and history along with breathtaking scenery, see Dunvegan castle idyllically placed alongside the loch. It was to Skye that Flora Macdonald helped 'Bonnie' Prince Charlie escape, she is buried on the island reputedly wrapped in one of



Glencoe

the handsome Prince's bed sheets. Visit the island's capital Portree before we return on the ferry from Armadale to Mallaig along the romantic 'Road to the Isles'. Back to the hotel for a late dinner.

**Wed** Through Appin and 'Kidnapped' country past Castle Stalker to the coastal town of Oban in a sheltered bay backed by woods and hills. Back along the Pass of Brander and Glen Lochy.

**Thur** Via Invergarry and Fort Augustus, we skim along the banks of Loch Ness to Inverness 'Capital of the Highlands'. We return via Scotland's Winter playground of Aviemore, Kingussie and Spean Bridge, with excellent views of Ben Nevis.

**Fri** We lunch in Edinburgh, Scotland's bustling capital, before heading south to England, arriving early evening in Newcastle.

**Sat** Our homeward journey.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

7 nights half board • All coach travel  
Ferry fare

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## Grand Tour of Scotland - 7 days

**Day 1** Epsom Coach to King's Cross Station for the train journey to Perth (6 hrs 30 mins), arriving early evening.

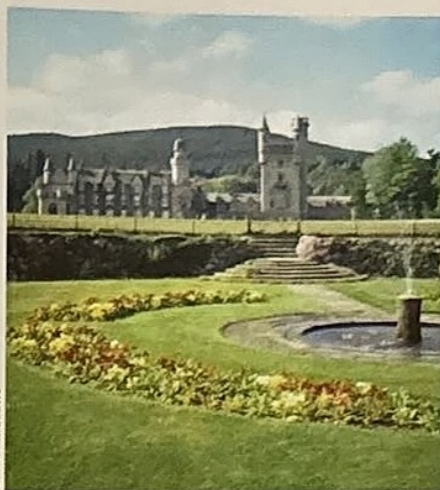
**Day 2** Via Crieff and Loch Earn to Loch Tay, a salmon fisherman's paradise! Also overlooked by Perthshire's highest mountain Ben Lawers. We travel along the River Tay to Aberfeldy and the beautiful inland resort of Pitlochry.

**Day 3** Morning free to discover Perth. Afternoon visit to Glamis Castle, royal residence since 1372 and the childhood home of Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother. Legendary setting of Shakespeare's Macbeth.

**Day 4** Via Glen Shee and Clunie Water to Royal Deeside for lunch at Braemar, famous for its Royal Highland Games. We travel on to Balmoral (admission included), summer home of the Royal Family since Queen Victoria's time. September tours will visit Crathes Castle (admission extra), with its fairytale turrets and gargoyles. Building work began in 1553 and took 40 years to complete, the castle has superb painted ceilings and delightful gardens.

**Day 5** Via Glen Garry, Loch Laggan, Spean Bridge, Loch Lochy and Glen More to Fort Augustus for lunch. Time for some 'Nessie' spotting as we travel along Loch Ness, returning via Aviemore, Scotland's winter holiday centre.

**Day 6** Day visit to Edinburgh, Scotland's historic capital, with a famous castle, but be warned, the



Balmoral Castle

1 o'clock cannon is sure to wake you up! A short guided tour will help you make the best of your time here.

**Day 7** Our homeward journey takes us back to King's Cross.

### YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

An wide-ranging tour of the marvellous highland region, with interesting visits to Glamis Castle, Braemar, Loch Ness and Edinburgh. Relaxed journey, travelling by train to Perth.

### YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

#### Perth

Set on the River Tay. Royal Borough and Scotland's capital until the 15th century. Many historic buildings including St John's Kirk, Perth's House and City Chambers.

### YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

#### Queens Hotel - AA 3 star

A short walk from the city centre and the beautiful River Tay. Residents have use of the Leisure Club facilities which include an indoor swimming pool. Lift. All rooms have private facilities, television, tea/coffee making facilities.

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
Sat 30 June Pick up D	£485	£552
Thurs 13 Sept Pick up E	£475	£542
Approximate return time 6.30-8.00pm		

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

6 nights half board • All coach travel  
Train fare • Admission to Glamis Castle  
Admission to Balmoral (June) • Guided tour of Edinburgh

## Edinburgh Tattoo & Royal Yacht Britannia - 4 days

**Sunday** Arrive early evening in Dumfries.

**Monday** After an early lunch we drive to Edinburgh and pay an afternoon visit to Edinburgh's port of Leith where the Royal Yacht Britannia is moored. We then travel to Edinburgh Castle for an evening performance of the Tattoo.

### YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Edinburgh Military Tattoo set against the stunning backdrop of Edinburgh Castle, this truly magnificent event features drums, display teams, dancers and bands from all over the world.

The Royal Yacht Britannia is one of the most famous ships of the 20th century. Launched at Clydebank in 1953, the ship has entertained countless Kings and Queens, Presidents and Prime Ministers. The Royal Yacht proudly served Queen and Country for some 44 years.

### YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

#### Dumfries

This fascinating town has a 13th century bridge crossing the River Nith. Home of Robbie Burns, you can visit his home and view many of his personal mementoes.

**Tuesday** After a late start we explore Solway's 'Smugglers' coast, past the ruins of Sweetheart Abbey to the delightful town of Kircudbright. Formerly a flourishing port it has an attractive waterfront and elegant houses.

**Wednesday** Homeward journey.

### YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

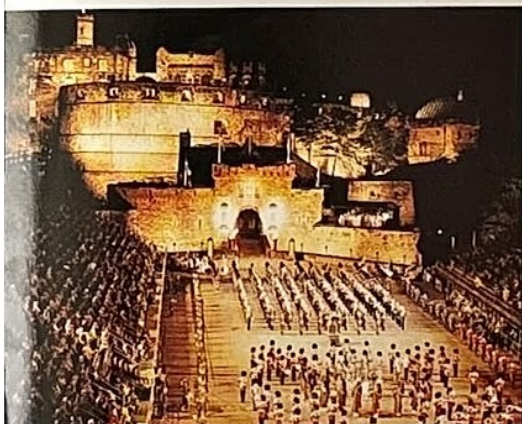
#### Station Hotel - AA 3 star

A comfortable hotel close to the town centre. Lift. Every room has private facilities, colour television and tea/coffee making facilities.

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
Sun 5 Aug Pick up Q	£249	£266
Sun 12 Aug Pick up E	£249	£266
Sun 19 Aug Pick up D	£249	£266
Approximate return time 6-7.30pm		

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

3 nights half board • All coach travel  
• Admission to Royal Yacht Britannia  
• Top price reserved seat for Edinburgh Tattoo



Edinburgh Tattoo



Royal Yacht Britannia

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# Scotland

## Mystical Islands of Scotland - 10 days

**Sun** Journey north, arriving early evening in Stockton.

**Mon** Continuing north through the majestic Scottish Highlands and arrive late afternoon in Aviemore.

**Tue** We journey on to Ullapool to board the late afternoon ferry to the Isle of Lewis. Transfer to the Cabarfeidh Hotel (2 nights) for a late dinner.

**Wed** Tour Lewis, including the monumental standing stones of Callanish, this ancient site is over 4,000 years old and proof of an ancient culture, but exactly why this ancient ring of stones was built is still a mystery. Lewis has enormous peat bogs and hundreds of lochs, with around a hundred small crofting communities.

**Thur** We drive through spectacular 'moonscape' scenery of Harris, with some of the oldest rocks known to man. Catch the ferry to North Uist. We drive across the North Ford causeway to the Dark Island Hotel, Benbecula (2 nights).

**Fri** We explore the Uist's and Benbecula. Past the ruin of Flora Macdonald's birthplace to the small ferry port of Lochboisdale.

**Sat** We sadly leave Benbecula to travel onwards to North Uist and Lochmaddy, where we board the ferry to Skye. Journey to the Broadford Hotel (2 nights) for a late dinner.

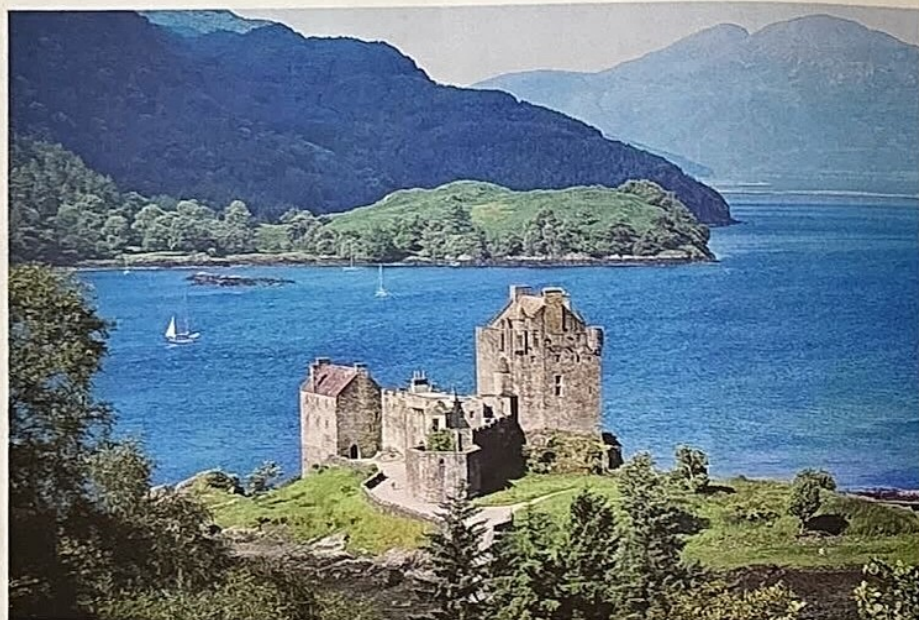
**Sun** Tour the romantic Isle of Skye, with a visit to the fairytale castle of Dunvegan. Home of the Macleods for over 700 years.

**Mon** An early start. Across the Skye Bridge, we make our journey south through truly beautiful scenery via Fort William, Glencoe and Loch Lomond to our final overnight stay in Dumfries.

**Tue** Return journey.



Isle of Lewis Dalbeg Bay



### YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Whoever said that Greece was the only country you could go 'Island Hopping'? The Outer Hebrides are home to breathtaking scenery and some of Europe's most beautiful beaches. Join us while we tour around them to sample the remote, peaceful but enchanting way of life.

### YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

Each Scottish island has its very own character - Lewis is a land of moors and meadows, Harris is craggy and home to the highest mountain in the outer islands, Benbecula and the Uist's are dominated by small sea lochs with a myriad of seabirds, Skye is rich in history and has an ever-changing coastline.

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
Sun 1 July Pick up E	£695	£752
Sun 26 Aug Pick up D	£645	£702
Approximate return time 6-7.30pm		

### YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

**Cabarfeidh Hotel, Stornoway - STB 3 star**  
Finest hotel on Lewis with a good reputation for food. All rooms en-suite with tea/coffee making facilities and colour television. Lift.

**The Dark Island Hotel - STB 2 star**  
Comfortable hotel with a warm welcome. No lift (low rise). All rooms en-suite with tea/coffee making facilities and colour television

**Broadford Hotel - STB 2 star**  
Traditional hotel with extensive gardens overlooking Broadford Bay. No lift. Every bedroom with private facilities, colour television and tea/coffee making facilities.

This tour also includes overnight stops at the following hotels (details on request):  
**Swallow Hotel, Stockton AA 4 star**  
**Aviemore Inn, Aviemore 3 star standard**  
**Station Hotel, Dumfries AA 3 star**

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

9 nights half board • All coach travel  
Ferry fares • Admission to Dunvegan Castle



Cabarfeidh Hotel

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# UK Islands

## Jersey by air - 8 days

Sat Epsom Coach to Gatwick airport for our scheduled flight (1 hour 10 minutes) to Jersey with British Airways in standard class. Transfer to our Hotel in St Brelade's Bay. Sun - Fri Free to relax and enjoy all the island has to offer. Sat We return by air to Gatwick.

### YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

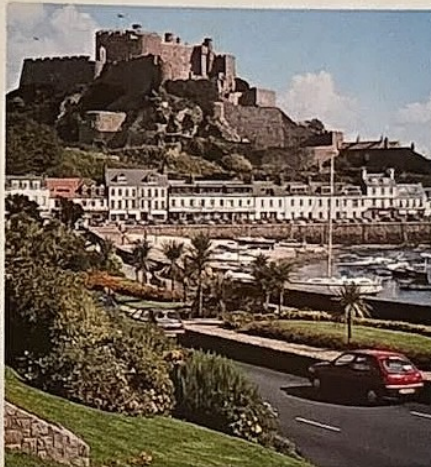
#### Jersey

A diverse mix of English castles, French cuisine and almost Mediterranean beaches, leaves visitors eager to return to Jersey. A visit to Mont Orgueil is a must, a dramatic and rugged castle perched on a hilltop overlooking the sea at Gorey. Elizabeth Castle in the bay at St Helier can only be reached by causeway or amphibious vehicle. Another popular destination is the underground hospital at St Lawrence, an evocative museum that stands testament to five years of enemy occupation during World War 2.

St Aubin



Gorey Harbour & Mont Orgueil Castle



### YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

A chance to discover this beautiful island, from the bustling capital of St Helier to golden sandy beaches and lovely scenery.

### YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

#### Golden Sands Hotel, St. Brelade's Bay - AA 3 star

Sheltered by cliffs and sitting in the centre of the bay almost on the beach, with panoramic views. The resort of St Brelades has a beautiful stretch of golden sand and is situated in the south west corner of the island. Lift. All rooms en-suite with colour television and tea/coffee making facilities. Courtesy minibus to St Aubin and St Helier.

### DEPARTURE DATE PRICE PER PERSON SINGLE ROOM

Sat 19 May Pick up B	£549	£635
Sat 29 Sept Pick up M	£469	£578
Approximate return time 8.30 - 9.30pm		
Seaview supplement £45 pp		

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

7 nights half board • Airport transfers  
Air fares • Services of a tour escort

# Cruising holidays

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The Parthenon, Athens



Feluccas, Egypt

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# Europe

## Irish Adventure by air - 9 days



Cliffs of Moher

Dublin

### YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Explore the magical 'Emerald Isle'. Spectacular scenery, a wealth of history and a warm welcome awaits you.

### YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

#### Dublin

Ireland's lively capital has many attractions, most within walking distance of one another - see Dublin Castle, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Trinity College and O'Connell Street.

**Dungarvan** - A busy market town situated where the River Colligan broadens and enters the sea.

**Tralee** has been an important trading town since ancient times and **Oranmore** is at the heart of oyster country on Galway Bay.

### DEPARTURE DATE, PRICES AND PICK UP DETAILS

Mon 11 June Pick up B	£625	£717
Wed 29 Aug Pick up G	£635	£727
Approximate return time 6-7.30pm		

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

8 nights half board • All coach travel • Air travel • Admission to Queenstown Story Museum • Services of a tour escort

### YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

#### Dublin - Trinity Capital - ITB 3 star

Comfortable hotel located near Trinity College, ideal for exploring the city. Lift. Every bedroom with en-suite facilities, television and tea/coffee making facilities.

#### Dungarvan - Lawlors Hotel - ITB 3 star

A traditional family-run hotel in the heart of the town. Lift. Every bedroom with private facilities, colour television and tea/coffee making facilities.

#### Tralee - Earl of Desmond Hotel - 3 star standard

Located on the outskirts of Tralee, this hotel is situated in 22 acres of landscaped gardens. Guests have use of the swimming pool, jacuzzi and steam room. Lift. All rooms with private bathroom, colour television and tea/coffee making facilities.

#### Galway - Oranmore Lodge Hotel - ITB 3 star

8 km from Galway city the Oranmore Lodge is set in the pretty town of Oranmore, overlooking Galway Bay. Facilities include swimming pool and gym. Please note there is no lift. Every bedroom with private facilities and colour television.

**Day 1** Epsom Coach to Gatwick for the scheduled flight to Dublin (1 hour 25 minutes). We transfer to our hotel (2 nights).

**Day 2** Morning guided tour of Dublin. Afternoon free to explore this vibrant city.

**Day 3** Through the beautiful Wicklow Mountains to Dungarvan (2 nights).

**Day 4** We travel to Cork, a busy and lively city (Ireland's second largest). Later visit Cobh and the Queenstown Story Museum. Many emigrants left from Cobh to start a new life in America. It was also the last place that Titanic stopped before its ill-fated journey.

**Day 5** Stop for lunch in Killarney. This town has much to offer and is surrounded by several scenic lakes, with breathtaking scenery that has inspired many a song! We arrive at our hotel in Tralee (2 nights).

**Day 6** Experience Ireland's loveliest natural scenery on a tour around the 'Ring of Kerry'. The road winds between the mountains on one side and the Atlantic on the other. The view changes constantly with colourful villages and beautiful lakes.

**Day 7** Cross the River Shannon and via the Cliffs of Moher. Rising over 600 feet above the Atlantic this massive limestone wall is approximately five miles long and makes impressive viewing. Travel to Oranmore (2 nights).

**Day 8** Day tour of the rugged area of Connemara. Evocative scenery and mist-shrouded mountains and lakes, home of the sure footed little Connemara ponies, who have adapted to this rocky and wild part of Ireland.

**Day 9** We leave Galway and drive back through the heart of Ireland to Dublin for our flight home.

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# Donegal & Romantic Ireland - 8 days

**Wed** We travel to Caernarfon for our overnight stay, arriving early evening.

**Thur** An early start to catch the fast ferry (99 minutes) from Holyhead to Ireland. Journey to our hotel in Donegal (5 nights), arriving late afternoon.

**Fri** Free to explore the town of Donegal.

**Sat** We tour 'W B Yeats' country. Stop for lunch in Sligo where he spent much of his childhood. Later we explore the beautiful rural countryside that so inspired him including Lough Gill, site of the 'Isle of Innisfree'.

**Sun** We explore the wild beauty the Glenveagh National Park. Return via Letterkenny.

**Mon** We take a half day trip to Belleek, a pretty border village famous for its pearly coloured china. A guided tour reveals craftsmen at work. Later visit the showroom and see several elaborate pieces of fragile lattice work, decorated with small flowers.

**Tue** We travel through the heart of Ireland to Dublin for an overnight stay.

**Wed** We continue our journey home via fast ferry.

## YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Explore the wild beauty of the Glenveagh National Park and 'Yeats' Country around Sligo. Also, a trip to Belleek, famous for its pearly coloured china.

## YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

### Donegal

Meaning 'Fort of the Foreigners' after the Vikings, who built a garrison here. However, it was under the O'Donnells that the town began to take shape in the Middle Ages. The ruins of Donegal Castle are in the centre along with many fine Jacobean buildings.

## YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

### Abbey Hotel, Donegal - ITB 3 star

A comfortable hotel in the town centre. Lift. Every bedroom with private facilities, colour television and tea/coffee making facilities.

This tour also includes overnight stays at the following hotels (details on request):

**Celtic Royal Hotel, Caernarfon - AA 3 star**

**Rathmines Capital Hotel, Dublin -**

**ITB 3 star**

## DEPARTURE DATE PRICE PER PERSON SINGLE ROOM

Wed 18 July Pick up N £485 £560

Approximate return time 8-9.30pm

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

7 nights half board • All coach travel  
• HSS fast ferry fares • Admission to Belleek Pottery • Admission to Glenveagh National Park

Glenveagh Castle



## Rugged Ireland & the 'Ring of Kerry' - 8 days

**Tue** We travel to Caernarfon for an overnight stay, arriving early evening.

**Wed** An early start to catch the fast ferry (99 minutes) from Holyhead to Ireland. We stop en route to Killarney at Tully for a fascinating visit to the Irish National Stud and Japanese Gardens. We then continue to Killarney (5 nights), arriving late afternoon.

**Thur** A day free to explore Killarney.

**Fri** We travel on to the old town of Tralee. Later visit the beautiful Dingle Peninsula. To the north rises the towering Brandon Mountain, while the west coast offers spectacular seascapes.

**Sat** We take a half day tour to Bantry Bay which nestles beneath the hills that run down to the sea. Also included is a visit to the beautiful Bantry House, this delightful house has been the home of the White family since 1739. See the Italian garden inspired by the Boboli Garden in Florence and take a walk up the 'staircase to the sky' to experience stunning views across the bay.

**Sun** Experience the best of Ireland's natural scenery on a tour around the 'Ring of Kerry'. The road winds between the mountains on one side and the Atlantic on the other. The view changes constantly with colourful villages and beautiful lakes.

**Mon** Leave for Dublin for an overnight stay.

**Tue** We leave Dublin for our fast ferry home.



Dingle Peninsula



Interior, Killarney Avenue Hotel

### YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

#### Killarney

Leading holiday destination of County Kerry with a warm welcome and full of traditional Irish atmosphere. An ideal base to explore the beautiful scenery of south west Ireland.

### YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

#### Killarney Avenue Hotel - awaiting classification

An excellent new hotel in the heart of Killarney. Guests have use of leisure facilities at the nearby Killarney Towers Hotel. Lift. All rooms with private bathroom, colour television and tea/coffee making facilities. Highly recommended.

This tour also includes overnight stays at the following hotels (details on request):

**Celtic Royal, Hotel Caernarfon - AA 3 star**  
**Rathmines Capital Hotel, Dublin - ITB 3 star**

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
Tues 11 Sept Pick up E	£519	£646
Approximate return time 8-9.30pm		

### YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Explore the spectacular natural scenery around the 'Ring of Kerry' and the Dingle Peninsula. Enjoy a trip to Bantry Bay, visiting Bantry House and Gardens.

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

7 nights half board • All coach travel • HSS fast ferry fares • Admission to Bantry House • Admission to National Stud & Japanese Gardens

## Waterford & Wicklow Mountains - 6 days

### YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Enjoy the scenery of the beautiful Wicklow Mountains and marvel at the craftsmanship of Waterford Crystal.

### YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

#### Waterford

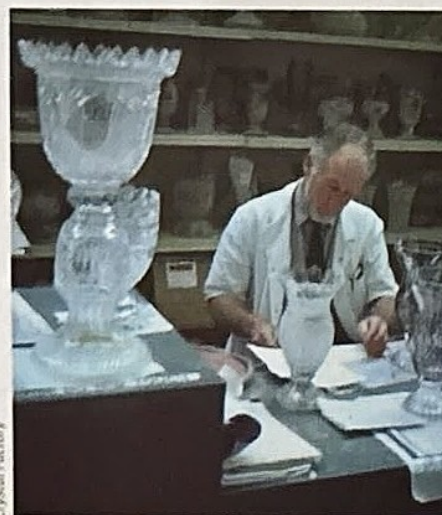
Set in a commanding position by the estuary of the River Suir, it has a strong commercial position, which include the local glassworks for which it has become famous. It also has one of Ireland's busiest ports. Although the town retains its medieval layout, many of its finest buildings are Georgian.

### YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

#### Tower Hotel - ITB 3 star

Waterford's leading hotel, situated in the heart of the city. Lift. There is also a leisure and fitness centre. All rooms have private facilities, colour television and tea/coffee making facilities.

This tour also includes overnight stays at the following hotels (details on request):  
**Celtic Royal Hotel, Caernarfon - AA 3 star**  
**Trinity Capital Hotel, Dublin - ITB 3 star**



Crystal Factory

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

5 nights half board • All coach travel • HSS fast ferry fares • Guided tour of Waterford Crystal • Admission to Japanese Gardens

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
Sun 20 May Pick up D	£395	£456
Mon 15 Oct Pick up E	£379	£440
Approximate return time 8-9.30pm		

**Day 1** We travel to Caernarfon for an overnight stay, arriving early evening.

**Day 2** An early start to catch the fast ferry (99 minutes) from Holyhead to Ireland. Break for lunch at the Japanese Gardens & Irish National Stud. Continue to Waterford (3 nights).

**Day 3** Morning guided visit of Waterford Crystal, watch the transformation of molten glass into elegant hand-cut crystal. Founded in 1783 by two local brothers, who chose Waterford because of its port, their crystal enjoyed unrivalled success. Despite changing fortunes, the company retained its status and visitors are tempted to buy after seeing the magnificent stemware on display in the showrooms! Afternoon free. Optional evening tour with the delightful 'Jack's Tour', capture the romance and history of Waterford with this short entertaining evening walk (approx 1 mile), a real Irish delight!

**Day 4** We travel to the beautiful Wicklow Mountains, the rugged beauty of this area and mountains made an excellent hiding place for many rebels from the 1798 uprising. The area remains almost peaceful with lush rock-strewn glens. Visit Glendalough and Avoca, famous as 'Ballykissangel'.

**Day 5** We return to Dublin with an afternoon free to enjoy this vibrant city and an overnight stay.

**Day 6** We leave Dublin for our return journey via fast ferry to England.

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## YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Marvel at the Keukenhof, one of the greatest flower shows on earth with millions of flowers set in landscaped gardens. Visits to Amsterdam, Delft and the Zuiderzee Museum.

## YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

### Rotterdam

A thriving modern town and the largest port in Europe. Relaxed nightlife with plenty of bars and street cafes.

## YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

### Rotterdam Hilton Hotel - 5 star (local rating)

This modern luxury hotel is situated in the heart of Rotterdam, close to shops, and restaurants. Lift. All rooms with private bathroom, television and mini bar, restaurant and lobby lounge serving snacks.

DEPARTURE DATE	PICK UP	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
Fri 13 April	Pick up B	£229 (Easter)	£261
Fri 27 April	Pick up M	£229	£261
Fri 4 May	Pick up B	£219	£255
Fri 11 May	Pick up M	£219	£255
Fri 10 Aug	Pick up B	£199	£235

Approximate return time 8-9.30pm

## Highlights of Holland - 4 days



Keukenhof-Lisse-Holland

**Fri** Via Eurotunnel to Calais (35 minutes) before journeying on to Rotterdam, arriving early evening.

**Sat** Morning visit to the lively city of Amsterdam, with time for a canal trip. Later travel to the fascinating Zuiderzee Museum (admission extra) in Enkhuizen which recreates

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

3 nights bed and buffet breakfast • All coach travel • Shuttle fare • Admission to Keukenhof Gardens

Dutch life in the last century.

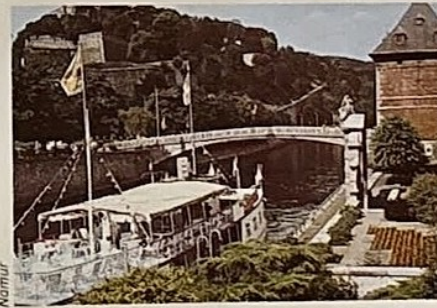
**Sun** Visit to Keukenhof Gardens, these truly beautiful gardens are a delight to visit with special displays, perennials, show gardens, walled gardens and of course bulbs!! Although famous for the Spring displays, they contain many favourite Summer flowering bulbs making Keukenhof one of the greatest flower shows in the world. We also travel to Delft, a picture book city with tree lined canals and bridges.

**Mon** Lunch in the medieval city of Ghent, before taking an early evening shuttle home.

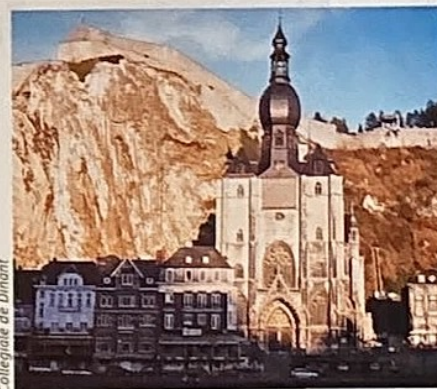
## Heart of the Ardennes - 5 days



Namur



Namur



Collegiale de Dinant

Office de promotion du Tourisme Wallonne - Bruxelles (OPT)

**Thur** Via Eurotunnel to Calais (35 minutes). Continue to our holiday base of Liege, arriving early evening.

**Fri** Free to explore Liege.

**Sat** We travel via Namur and the River Meuse to Dinant. The Dinant Citadel dominates the town from the top of its 408 steps or cable car for the less energetic! The views are stunning and look out over the town and its church and famous 'Bayard' rock, which seems to have been cut from the mountain with a blow from an enormous sword.

**Sun** We take a trip to Maastricht, a beautiful Dutch town filled with a wealth of historic buildings and monuments. The centre of the town is especially attractive, with an excellent selection of bars, shops and pavement cafes.

**Mon** Early evening shuttle back to England.

## YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

An unexpectedly beautiful part of Europe with tree-covered hills cut with rivers and streams. Trips to the lovely riverside towns of Dinant and Maastricht.

## YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

### Liege

Liege has retained its pride and spirit from its time as an independent state. The town has grown up on the banks of the River Meuse. St Lambert's Place marks the historical centre of Liege and is dominated by the imposing Palace of the Prince Bishops, a surprising mix of varying architectural styles, mainly Gothic and Renaissance.

## YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

### Mercure Liege Centre - 4 star (local rating)

Modern hotel close to shops and attractions. Lift. Every bedroom with en-suite bathroom, colour television, mini bar and air conditioning.

DEPARTURE DATE	PICK UP	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
Thurs 9 Aug	Pick up B	£189	£250

Approximate return time 8-9.30pm

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

4 nights bed and buffet breakfast  
• All coach travel • Shuttle fare

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## Hamelin, Harz Mountains & Berlin - 8 days

### YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Visit Berlin, one of Europe's most vibrant and exciting cities. Also, traditional old German towns, including your holiday base of Hamelin and a visit to the scenic Harz Mountains

### YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

#### Hamelin

Picturesque town with many old buildings, beautifully set on the River Weser. Renowned in folklore as the home of the 'Pied Piper'.

### YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

#### Dorint Hotel, Hamelin

Modern hotel in the heart of the town. Lift. Every bedroom with en-suite facilities and colour television.

There are also overnight stays at the following hotels (details on request):-

**Queens Hotel, Cologne 3 star**

**Mandarin Park Plaza, Eindhoven 3 star**

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
Sat 9 June	Pick up A £585	£678
<i>Approximate return time 8-9.30pm</i>		



Hamelin

**Sat** We travel by Eurotunnel to Calais (35 minutes). Continue to Cologne, arriving early evening.

**Sun** Stop for lunch in the lovely town of Munster, historic capital of Westphalia. Continue to Hamelin (5 nights).

**Mon** Half day tour to Celle. This picturesque town has a wealth of 18th century half-timbered buildings.

**Tue** Full day tour to Berlin. A 7am start and a long, but ultimately rewarding journey to Germany's most important city. Now reunited, the sights are renowned. Five hours free to explore the Brandenburg Gate, the Reichstag, the Zoo, the



Berlin Brandenburg Gate

Berlin Wall Museum (Checkpoint Charlie) or simply to walk along Kurfurstendamm with its fashionable restaurants, shops and boutiques.

**Wed** Free in Hamelin (market day).

**Thur** Day tour to the scenic Harz Mountains. A hilly forested area cut with river valleys and lakes. Stop for lunch in Goslar.

**Fri** Travel to Eindhoven for an overnight stop.

**Sat** Early evening shuttle back to England.

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

7 nights half board • Shuttle fare  
• All coach travel

## Cologne, Rhine Valley & the Eifel - 5 days

**Fri** Via Eurotunnel to Calais (35 minutes), we arrive early evening in Cologne.

**Sat** Free to explore Cologne (coach will set down and pick up centrally).

**Sun** We travel through the romantic Rhine Valley via Koblenz, past fairytale castles to the quaint riverside town of Boppard.

**Mon** Visit the Eifel, a picturesque area of moors, forests and winding valleys. We lunch in the enchanting town of Monschau, with its twisting streets and half timbered buildings.

**Tue** Early evening shuttle back to England.

### YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Explore the mighty Rhine Valley, the scenic Eifel and the cathedral city of Cologne.

### YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

#### Cologne

Rhineland capital with the most extensive 'old town' in Germany. The majestic cathedral dominates the town and is a masterpiece of Gothic architecture.

### YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

#### Queens Hotel - 3 star (local rating)

Modern hotel situated next to parkland, 10-15 minutes drive from the town centre. Lift. All rooms with en suite bathroom, colour television and minibar.

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
Fri 5 Oct	Pick up A £275	£324
<i>Approximate return time 8-9.30pm</i>		



Monschau



Boppard riverfront

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

4 nights half board • All coach travel  
• Shuttle fare

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## Bavarian Alps - 8 days

**Thurs** Via Eurotunnel to Calais (35 minutes).

Continue to Metz, arriving early evening.

**Fri** An early start for our journey into the heart of the Bavarian Alps. Arrive early evening in Garmisch-Partenkirchen (5 nights).

**Sat** Free to relax and explore your holiday base.

**Sun** Full day tour through the Bavarian Alps. Follow the Isar Valley to the pleasant scenery of the German Lake District. Cross the border into Austria and follow the Inn Valley to Innsbruck. The chief town of the Austrian Tyrol is spectacularly set amongst majestic mountain scenery. Return via the alpine village of Seefeld.

**Mon** Visit Munich, the Bavarian capital and one of the largest cities in Germany. The old town has many notable Gothic buildings including the town hall in Marienplatz, with a famous clock with bright figures, which at midday, enact the Dance of the Coopers.

**Tues** Memorable day out to visit the 'fairytale' castle of Neuschwanstein. Built for King Ludwig II, the castle has a dream like quality, inspired by the works of Wagner, whom he admired. Also see Oberammergau, site of the famous Passion Play, held every ten years.

**Wed** Travel to Liege for an overnight stop.

**Thurs** Early evening shuttle back to England.

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

7 nights half board • All coach travel  
• Shuttle fares • Admission to Neuschwanstein

### YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

#### Garmisch-Partenkirchen

Germany's great winter sports resort, beautifully situated in the Bavarian Alps, overlooked by Zugspitze, the highest mountain in the country. Home to Richard Strauss until his death in 1949.

### YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

#### Hotel Mercure, Garmisch-Partenkirchen - 3 star (local rating)

Modern hotel in a central but quiet location. All rooms en-suite with TV and minibar. Swimming pool and fitness centre including sauna and solarium.

There are also overnight stays at the following hotels (details on request):-

**Holiday Inn Technopole, Metz 3 star**

**Holiday Inn Palais des Congress, Liege 3 star**

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
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Thurs 12 July Pick up A	£535	£625
Approximate return time 8-9.30pm		

### YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

A tour through majestic alpine scenery, with fascinating visits to King Ludwig's fairytale castle and Munich.



Neuschwanstein Castle

Innsbruck - Maria-Theresienstrasse

## French Riviera by air - 8 days

**Wed** Epsom Coach transfer to Gatwick for a scheduled British Airways flight in standard class to Nice (2 hours). Transfer to your hotel in Cannes.

**Thur** Free to explore your holiday base of Cannes.

**Fri** We visit Grasse, famous for its flower fields and centre of the French perfume industry.

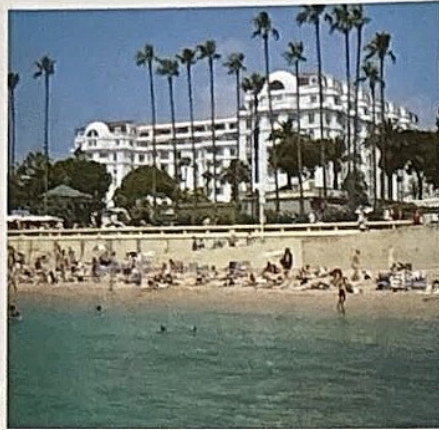
**Sat** We travel to the Principality of Monaco, playground of the rich with its casino, Royal Palace and winding streets, host to the famous Monaco Grand Prix.

**Sun** We visit the lively resort of Nice with its Italianate old town. See the opera house, cathedral and flower market.

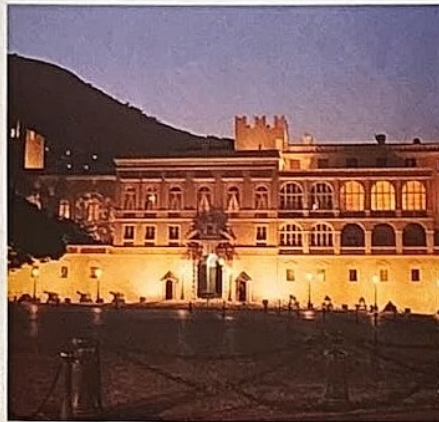
**Mon** We travel to the spectacular Grand Canyon du Verdon, this magnificent gorge (largest in Europe) is, in places over 600m deep. For most of the way down the sides of the gorge fall down sheer to the river.

**Tue** Free in Cannes.

**Wed** Travel to Nice airport for the flight home.



Cannes



Monaco

### YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Stopping in the fashionable resort of Cannes with visits to the wealthy Principality of Monaco, Nice, Grasse and the spectacular Grand Canyon du Verdon.

## Secrets of the Dordogne - 8 days

**Sat** We travel by Eurotunnel to Calais (35 minutes). Journey through France to Orleans, city of Joan of Arc, for an overnight stay, arriving early evening.

**Sun** An early start and stop for lunch in Clermont Ferrand, which is built on the site of a volcano, hence much of the black rock you see in the buildings (including the cathedral) and earning the town the nickname of 'Ville Noire' (Black Town). We arrive late afternoon in Rocamadour (5 nights).

**Mon** Free to explore the pretty town of Rocamadour.

**Tue** We travel to Sarlat, capital of the Perigord Noir region, bounded by the Dordogne and Vézère rivers.

A conservation programme, started in 1964, has safeguarded Sarlat's exceptional townscape and irregular network of medieval streets. We continue

our journey to Domme, a splendid fortified town with views of the valley down to the Dordogne, 475 feet below!

**Wed** We visit Cahors, almost surrounded by a meander of the river Lot, Cahors enjoyed fame and fortune during the Middle Ages, as a commercial and university town. The Pont Valentre is a superb six arched stone bridge, built between 1308-1378 and demonstrates the importance attached to the fortification of the town at the time.

**Thur** We travel to Figeac, sprawled along the north bank of the Cele, the old town is filled with narrow alleys and elegant beige sandstone buildings.

**Fri** Travel to Reims for an overnight stay.

**Sat** Early evening shuttle back to England.



Sarlat



Interior of Hotel du Château

### YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

A chance to explore this beautiful area of France with its deep gorges, narrow streams and rocky hilltop towns.

### YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

**Hotel des Orangers - 3 star (local rating)**  
Provençal building in the old town, set in its own small garden of lavender, oleander, and olive trees. Lift. Every room with private facilities, air conditioning and colour television.

### YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

#### Cannes

Once a quiet fishing village, Cannes is now a mecca for the rich and famous and home to the Cannes Film Festival each spring. La Croisette is the THE place to see and be seen. The perfect place to view the expensive yachts in the marina. Explore the cobbled streets of the old town before visiting the shops for some serious spending!

DEPARTURE DATE	PICK UP	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
Wed 19 Sept	Pick up B	£545	£633
Approximate return time 7-8pm.			

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

7 nights half board • All coach travel • Air fares • Services of a tour escort

### YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

**Hotel du Château, Rocamadour - 3 star (local rating)**

With its garden like lounge and terrace in the woods, the hotel offers relaxing accommodation. A swimming pool is available for guests use. All rooms have private facilities and colour television.

This tour also includes overnight stops in:  
**Hotel Mercure, Orleans - 3 star (local rating)**  
**Hotel Mercure, Reims - 3 star (local rating)**

### YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

#### Rocamadour

This beautiful town clings to the hillside and seems to grow from the rocks. Perched at the top of the gorge cut by the tiny river of Alzou, this is a popular stopping point for those wishing to discover this delightful region.

DEPARTURE DATE	PICK UP	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
Sat 30 June	Pick up A	£575	£734
Approximate return time 8-9.30pm			

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

7 nights half board • All coach travel • Shuttle fare

# Chateaux of the Loire - 8 days

**Sat** We travel by Eurotunnel (35 minutes) to Calais. Continue to our overnight stay on the outskirts of Paris.

**Sun** We continue our journey and head south to Chartres. The magnificent cathedral or 'Acropolis of France' is one of the most picturesque in Europe. We stop here for lunch before continuing on to Tours, arriving late afternoon.



Chenonceau

## YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

A chance to discover some of the most beautiful châteaux in France, each with its own distinctive character, including the impressive Château de Chenonceau.

**Mon** We travel to Chambord, largest of the Loire châteaux with no fewer than 440 rooms. The view approaching the château is strikingly impressive. Chambord was built for Francis 1 from 1519 and surrounded by 13,600 acres of parkland. In the afternoon we drive to Amboise a pretty town dominated by its own château, one of the oldest and most beautiful royal residences in the Loire Valley.

**Tue** We travel to Chinon, the town offers an interesting insight in to life in the Middle Ages. Rabelais spent much of his early life here. The Rue Voltaire has some fine old houses, as has the Place du Grand Carroi heart of the old town. Later we travel to the Azay-le-Rideau, a notable renaissance château. This building of fairytale charm and elegance sits on the banks of the Indre. It was built between 1518 and 1529 by a financier who later had to flee the country!

**Wed** Free to explore Tours.

**Thur** We travel to the Château de Chenonceau, considered by many the most beautiful of them all. Built over the River Cher in about 1520 it was presented by Henry II to his favourite, Daphne de Poitiers, who was later forced by Henry's widow to swap it for Chaumont! Approached by a fine avenue of plane trees to a drawbridge the château contains many great treasures, including Gobelin tapestries.

**Fri** We travel to our overnight stop in Lisieux.

**Sat** Early evening shuttle back to England.

## YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

### Tours

Chief town of Touraine, majestically set on the Loire and an ideal base to discover the châteaux of the region.

## YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

**La Boetie Hotel, Tours - 3 star (local rating)**  
Comfortable hotel located in St Pierre des Corps (about 2km from the centre of Tours). Lift. Every bedroom with private facilities, colour television and air conditioning.

This tour also includes overnight stops at the following hotels (details on request)

**Novotel Aulnay Sous Bois, Paris - 3 star (local rating)** - please note twin rooms have double bed and sofa bed

**Grand Hotel de L'Esperance, Lisieux - 2 star (local rating)**

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
Sat 2 June	Pick up A £505	£627
Approximate return time 8-9.30pm		

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 7 nights half board • All coach travel
- Shuttle fare • Admission to Chambord
- Admission to Azay-le-Rideau
- Admission to Chenonceau

# Breathtaking Brittany - 9 days

**Sat** Travel via Eurotunnel to Calais (35 minutes). Overnight in Lisieux.

**Sun** We continue our journey to St Malo (3 nights).

**Mon** We travel to Mont St Michel. It's extraordinary site, rich history and glorious architecture combine to make this the most splendid of all abbeys of France. Rest of the day free in St Malo.

**Tues** We visit the popular holiday spot of Dinard, the most elegant of the Breton bathing resorts and known as the 'Nice of the North'. Basking in an almost Mediterranean climate with sandy beaches and luxuriant vegetation.

**Wed** We leave St Malo for our next holiday base of Quimper. We travel via the Pointe du Raz, with its spectacular coastline, before continuing to Quimper (3 nights), arriving early evening.

**Thur** Free to explore Quimper.

**Fri** We travel south to Vannes, which dominates the Gulf of Morbihan. and is one of Brittany's treasures. Potter around the narrow medieval streets or take a boat trip.

**Sat** We leave Quimper and head east towards our overnight stop of Caen.

**Sun** Early evening shuttle back to England.



Quimper

## YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

**Oceania Hotel, St Malo 3 star (local rating)**  
Just along from the walled city, where a wide selection of restaurants and bars are found. Lift. All rooms with private facilities and colour television. Dinner at a restaurant opposite.

**Novotel, Quimper 3 star (local rating)**  
Ideally situated, two minutes from the town centre. Swimming pool. Lift. All rooms with en suite facilities, television and mini bar. Rooms are equipped with double bed and sofa bed (including twins).

There are also overnight stays at the following hotels (details on request):

**Grand Hotel L'Esperance, Lisieux - 2 star (local rating)**

**Mercure Centre, Caen - 3 star (local rating)**

## YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

### St Malo

This pretty walled town and ancient port and is one of France's most popular destinations. It is possible to walk right around the ramparts of the town, along the top of the walls!

### Quimper

Combining the attractions of a gothic cathedral and picturesque streets, Quimper is a typical Breton town with fine old buildings.

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
Tues 12 May	Pick up B £529	£663
Approximate return time 8-9.30pm		

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 8 nights half board • All coach travel
- Shuttle fare



Vannes

## YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Touring this delightful area of France with pretty coastal towns, sandy beaches and visit to the famous 'Mont St Michel'.

## Treasure of Tuscany by air - 7 days



Florence



Piazza della Signoria

### YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

A chance to discover this delightful region, including trips to Florence, Pisa and Siena.

### YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

#### Montecatini Terme

A lively and elegant spa resort in the heart of Tuscany. Lovely buildings and parks with some elegant shops and cafes.

### YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

#### Ariston - 3 star (local rating)

In a quiet position, with large outside terraces and comfortable public areas. Lift. All rooms en-suite, with colour television and mini bar.

### DEPARTURE DATE PRICE PER PERSON SINGLE ROOM

Thurs 21 June Pick up F	£599	£655
Approximate return time 9-10pm		

**Thur** Scheduled Ryanair flight in standard class from Stansted to Pisa (2 hours 15 minutes). Transfer to hotel.

**Fri** We travel south to the walled town of Assisi which retains much of its medieval character. See the beautiful St Francis' Basilica and medieval castle.

**Sat** We travel through the beautiful Chianti region to the medieval city of Siena. A walk through Siena's web of streets is like a trip back to the Middle Ages. See the elegant Piazza del Campo, with its Gothic town Hall and site of the twice yearly famous horse race, the 'Palio'.

**Sun** Visit the ancient town of Lucca which has a rich array of churches, palaces and squares. We travel on to Pisa, pleasantly situated on the river Arno. Many splendid buildings including the famous 'Leaning Tower'.

**Mon** Free to explore Montecatini Terme.

**Tue** We visit Florence, 'City of Art', set in the heart of the Tuscan countryside. We take a guided tour and see the famous Duomo and Pontevecchio. Also, Renaissance palaces and churches.

**Wed** We return to Pisa for our flight home.

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

6 nights half board • Air fares • All coach travel • Guided tour of Florence • Services of a tour escort

### YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Staying in the beautiful Italian resort of Sorrento with memorable visits to Capri, Pompeii, Mount Vesuvius and the Amalfi coast.

### YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

#### Sorrento

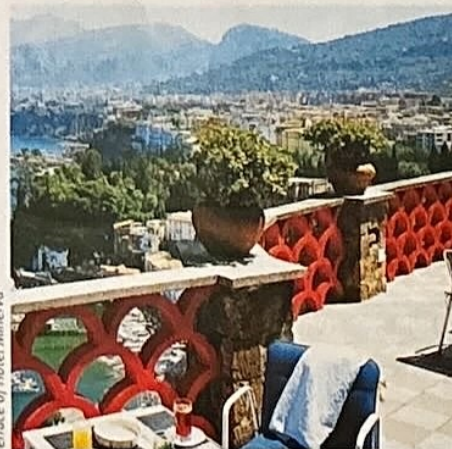
This enchanting town nestles on a beautiful stretch of coastline. The surrounding hills are carpeted with lemon, orange and olive trees. The town retains much of its charm and we have allowed plenty of free time to sit in street cafes and restaurants, to watch the world go by!

### YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

#### Hotel Minerva - 3 star (local rating)

Built in 1875 this Hotel has an enviable position overlooking the bay and only 10 minutes walk from the heart of Sorrento. It has recently been completely refurbished to offer a high standard of accommodation. Lift. All rooms with sea view and have en suite facilities, air conditioning and television.

## Sorrento & Neapolitan Riviera by air - 8 days



Terrace of Hotel Minerva

### DEPARTURE DATE PRICE PER PERSON SINGLE ROOM

Mon 23 April Pick up A	£639	£799
Approximate return time 7-8.30pm		

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

7 nights half board • All coach travel  
• Air fares • Hydrofoil crossing to Capri  
• Admission to Pompeii • Admission to Villa San Michele • Services of a tour escort

**Mon** Epsom Coach to Gatwick Airport for the British Airways scheduled flight in standard class to Naples (2 hours 50 minutes). Transfer to hotel.

**Tue** A free day to explore Sorrento.

**Wed** Full day tour along the Amalfi coast. This beautiful stretch of coastline is home to several small holiday resorts, among them the lovely Positano, featured in many romantic films. The narrow streets and alleys slope gently down to the sea and the whitewashed houses have a Moorish influence. We also travel on to Ravello with its alleyways, stairways and roofed passages, it clings to the hillside and appears to be suspended between sea and sky!

**Thur** Free to explore Sorrento.

**Fri** Visit Pompeii. After a catastrophic eruption in AD79 the town of Pompeii was completely buried in ash. This huge port was once an important town in Roman Italy. The many shops, villas and temples reveal the wealth of the town. Wonderfully preserved ruins attract thousands of visitors and will almost certainly leave a lasting impression. Later we visit the active volcano, Vesuvius.

**Sat** We take the short hydrofoil crossing to Capri - 'island of dreams' and home of two great Emperors, Augustus and Tiberius. The island is a magnet for the rich and famous and Gracie Fields spent much of her life at her villa here. Visit Villa San Michele which has splendid views over the Island.

**Sun** Your last free day to explore Sorrento.

**Mon** We return to Naples airport and our flight home.

## YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

A chance to explore this delightful area of Italy, with beautiful lakes and mountains. Also includes a trip to Zermatt in Switzerland and the mighty Matterhorn.

## YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

### Lake Orta

An unspoilt gem, quieter than nearby Maggiore and the only lake to lie entirely in Piedmont. The little village of Pettenasco is just north of Orta San Giulio, the lake's attractive main town which has cobbled streets and the pretty Piazza Motto, a 16th century town hall, pavement cafes and panoramic views.

## YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

### Hotel Giardinetto - 3 star (local rating)

In an excellent position situated on the edge of the lake, this family-run hotel is attractively furnished and has terraces overlooking the lake, boat trips around the lake are also available. Lift. Outdoor swimming pool (scheduled to open mid May). All rooms with private facilities and television. This tour also includes overnight stops both ways at **Mercure Hotel, Strasbourg- 3 star (local rating)**.

## Italian Lakes - 8 days

**Sun** We travel via Eurotunnel to Calais (35 minutes) to our overnight stop at Strasbourg and a late dinner.

**Mon** We continue our journey through Switzerland on to the Italian Lakes, travelling through beautiful scenery towards our base of Lake Orta (5 nights), arriving early evening.

**Tue** Free to relax and discover the peaceful village of Pettenasco.

**Wed** We tour the Italian Lakes including Maggiore, or Lacus Verbanus as it was known by the Romans, because of the verbena surrounding the lake. It zigzags for some 39 miles, the northern end jutting into Switzerland. The lake is surrounded by charming villages and terraced gardens. We also visit Lake Lugano. Known by the Italians as Lago di Ceresio, this narrow wiggly lake lies almost entirely in Switzerland. By a strange anomaly the tiny village of Campione d'Italia is entirely surrounded by Switzerland!

**Thur** Today we travel to over the Simplon Pass to Zermatt, synonymous with the Matterhorn, the celebrated peak which is over 14,000 feet high. Zermatt is a colourful lively town with splendid views of the surrounding mountains.

**Fri** We travel to Milan, city of culture and well known



Lake Orta



Hotel Giardinetto

for its fashion links, the Quadri Latero d'Oro or Golden Square is home to the famous fashion shows during Milan fashion week. The cathedral is one of the most beautiful in the world. Also see Da Vinci's Last Supper at Santa Maria delle Grazie and La Scala, one of the world's greatest musical venues.

**Sat** We return via the St Bernard Pass into Switzerland and journey back to Strasbourg for our overnight stay.

**Sun** Early evening shuttle back to England.

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
Sun 27 May Pick up A	£455	£539
Approximate return time 8-9.30pm		
Lakeview room supplement £85pp		

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 7 nights half board • All coach travel
- Shuttle fare

## Sardinia, Italy's secret isle by air - 4 days

## YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

A relaxing break on this unspoilt island staying at the pretty resort of Alghero

## YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

### Alghero

An unspoilt area with a wealth of historical sites and beautiful countryside. This pretty town has plenty of shops, bars and restaurants top enjoy. Local dialect is Catalan, a remnant of its Spanish domination from the 1300's. A splendid beach and thriving coral industry make Alghero a popular holiday destination. Take a boat trip to Neptune's Grotto, a series of spectacular caves.

## YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

3 nights half board • Air travel • Coach transfers • Services of a tour escort

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
Fri 25 May Pick up B	£325	£362
Average return time 9.30-10.30pm		



Alghero

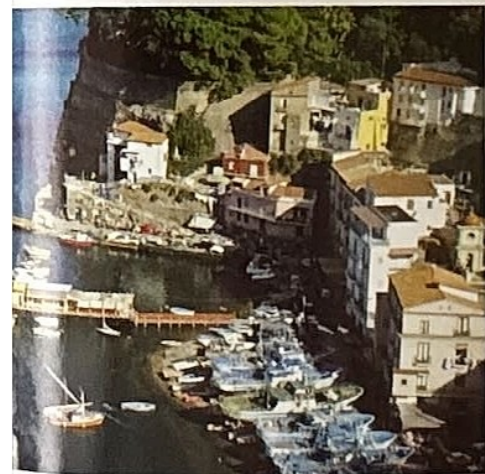
**Fri** We travel to Stansted for our Ryanair scheduled flight in standard class to Alghero (2hrs 35 minutes). Transfer to hotel.

**Sat/Sun** Free to relax and enjoy the pretty town of Alghero, the nearby sandy beach and the crystal clear waters.

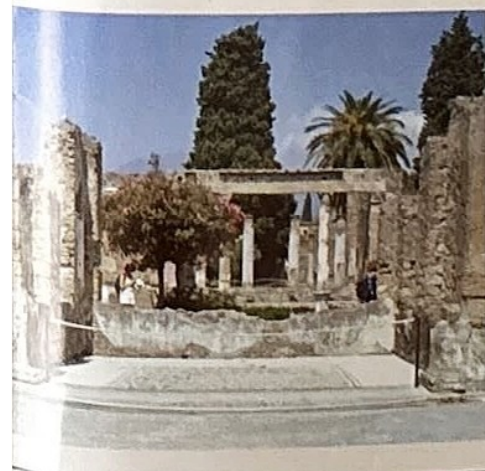
**Mon** We travel to Alghero for the flight home to Stansted.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 3 nights half board • Air fares
- Coach transfers
- Services of a tour escort



Sorrento - Marina Grande



Pompeii - House of the Town

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# Unspoilt Spain & the Bay of Rosas by air - 8 days



Sagrada Família, Barcelona



Cadaques

## YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

A memorable tour to a less commercial part of Spain, with a trip to the fantastic city of Barcelona. Also, visits to Gerona and Cadaques, a picturesque town which was home to Salvador Dali.

## YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

**Bay of Rosas**  
This unspoilt Coastline just south of the French border is an ideal base to explore bustling Barcelona and Gerona. The Bay of Rosas itself is wide and sweeping with glorious sandy beaches. Catalan hospitality and food make this a unique holiday destination, which remains typically Spanish.

## YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

**6.Your holiday hotel - Goya Park - 3 star (local rating)**  
Situated just 200m from the sandy beach at Rosas the Goya Park is a modern hotel with good facilities. Boasting a large garden and swimming pool and entertainment programme in high season. Lift. The restaurant is buffet style and all public areas are air-conditioned. All rooms en suite with balcony and colour television.

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
Sat 16 June Pick up C	£575	£631
Approximate return time 8.30-9.30pm		

**Sat** Epsom coaches transfer to Gatwick for our early afternoon British Airways flight in standard class to Barcelona (2hrs 15 minutes). Transfer to hotel.

**Sun** Free to explore your holiday town of Rosas. A lively fishing port and market, with a good choice of shops, tavernas and bars.

**Mon** We take a half day trip to the pretty town of Cadaques, close to where Salvador Dali lived. It is easy to see why he and many other artists were so inspired. The whitewashed houses were built on to the rocks and are separated by cobbled streets. Several pretty bars line the harbour front.

**Tue** We travel south to the vibrant city of Barcelona, Spain's second largest after Madrid, famous for its cathedral. Set in the medieval streets, the old quarter of the city retains much of its charm, whilst the newer section is buzzing with life and creativity. Try one of the excellent tapas bars in the backstreets and explore the excellent shops and museums.

**Wed** Half day tour to Figueras, home to the impressive Teatre Museu Dali (admission extra). Salvador Dali created the museum as a memorial to his work and it features some of his most impressive pieces of work.

**Thur** We travel to the market town of Gerona, chief town of its province, founded by the Iberians, probably on the remains of a Greek settlement. Old houses line the river and the town is dominated by its cathedral.

**Fri** Free to enjoy Rosas.  
**Sat** We make the short journey to Barcelona to catch our return flight to Gatwick.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

7 nights half board • Air travel • All coach travel • Services of a tour escort

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# Norwegian Fjords by air - 8 days

**Fri** Air Botnia (SAS) scheduled flight in standard class from Stansted to Bergen ( 1 hour and 50 minutes). Transfer to hotel (2 nights).

**Sat** Morning guided tour of Bergen, gateway to the Fjords and ancient trading town. Enjoy the Hanseatic Museum, fishmarket and Bryggen Wharf. Rest of the day free, with time to take the funicular up Mount Floyen for fantastic views over the city.

**Sun** Via Voss and Vik, across Sognefjord, Norway's longest and most celebrated fjord. Overnight in Balestrand.

**Mon** Follow magnificent Sognefjord to Sande. Through wonderful scenery to Loen, beautifully situated on Nordfjord (3 nights).

**Tue** Via Stryn and Grodas, to Hellesylt. Splendid cruise along breathtaking Geirangerfjord, with sheer cliffs, deep blue water and impressive waterfalls.

**Wed** Morning visit to the mighty Briksdal Glacier, with a memorable horse and carriage ride.

**Thur** Via Skei and Sogndal to Kaupanger, cruise along Sognefjord through dramatic scenery to Gudvangen. Along the zig zag road to Stalheim. Overnight in Voss.

**Fri** Travel to Bergen for our flight home.

## YOUR HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

One of our most acclaimed tours, stopping at excellent hotels, with unsurpassed Fjord scenery - travelling to this region is truly a once in a lifetime experience.

## YOUR HOLIDAY BASE

Bergen is the gateway to the fjords, but has an atmosphere all its own. Balestrand is beautifully set on Sognefjord. Loen is a small village on Nordfjord, surrounded by mountains. Voss is set amongst spectacular scenery.

DEPARTURE DATE	PRICE PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM
Fri 1 June Pick up A	£989	£1164
Approximate return time 7-8.30pm		

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 7 nights half board • All coach travel
- Air fare • Guided tour of Bergen
- Ferry cruises • Horse and carriage ride
- Services of a tour escort

## YOUR HOLIDAY HOTEL

### Radisson SAS Hotel Norge

Modern hotel overlooking a park in the city. Lift. Indoor swimming pool. All rooms with private bathroom, television, mini bar and air conditioning.

### Kvikes Hotel, Balestrand

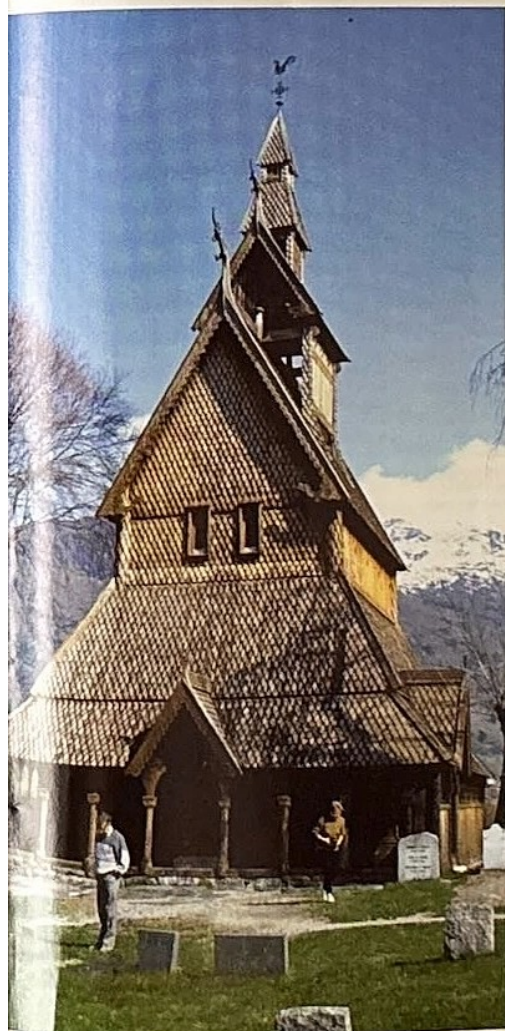
Distinctive Swiss style hotel, in a spectacular location in Sognefjord. Indoor swimming pool. Lift. All rooms with private facilities, television and mini bar.

### Alexandra Hotel, Loen

Modern family run hotel in a beautiful situation on Nordfjord. There is also a heated indoor swimming pool, and sauna fitness centre. Lift. All rooms with private facilities, colour television and mini bar.

### Fleischer's Hotel

Impressive and highly rated hotel with lovely mountain views. Facilities include an indoor swimming pool and sauna. Lift. All rooms have private facilities, colour television and mini bar.



Geirangerfjord



Vik Stave Church

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# Epsom Holidays fair trading agreement

H R Richmond Ltd subscribes to the Code of Conduct of the Bonded Coach Holiday Group (BCH) of the Confederation of Passenger Transport UK (CPT).

The BCH requires a bond to be taken out to provide protection in the unlikely event that a member cannot carry out his obligations to his passengers for financial reasons.

Our Fair Trading Agreement and holiday information sets out clearly and simply the responsibilities which we at H R Richmond Ltd / a Epsom Holidays, have to you and which you in turn have to us when a contract is made between us. The contract is made when you make a booking and we accept it by written confirmation on the terms set out in this brochure. When signing the booking form for your holiday you will sign on behalf of yourself, and the others named in your party, that you have read, understood and have accepted this Fair Trading Agreement and the Holiday Information provided in this brochure. Your obligation is to pay the price of the holiday and recognise your liabilities if you wish to alter the holiday or have to make a cancellation. On our part we have the obligation to provide you with the holiday you have booked. Our specification of that holiday and our terms are clearly stated in this brochure. Your contract is entered into with H R Richmond Ltd / a Epsom Holidays. Any other subsidiary companies of the (Company Name) involved in the booking or management of your holiday shall be deemed to act as our agents. This Fair Trading Agreement applies to all holidays sold from this brochure.

H R Richmond Ltd / a Epsom Holidays holds ATOL Licence 40335 and is financially bonded with the Civil Aviation Authority.

## YOUR CONTRACT WITH H R RICHMOND LTD

### 1. YOU PAY A DEPOSIT

When you make your booking you must complete a booking form, accepting on behalf of all your party the terms of this Fair Trading Agreement, and pay a deposit of £50 per person. All monies paid to your Travel Agent are held by him/her on your behalf until you receive our confirmation. Thereafter the travel agent holds the monies on our behalf.

### 2. YOU PAY THE BALANCE

The balance of the fare must be paid via the office which you made your booking at least 6 weeks before the holiday departure date. If you book within the applicable balance due period, you must pay the full holiday cost at the time of booking. If the balance is not paid in time we reserve the right to cancel your holiday, retain your deposit, and apply cancellation charges set out in Paragraph 4 "If You Cancel Your Holiday". If you book within 6 weeks of the departure date you must pay the full amount at the time of booking.

Any travel agent requesting that you pay balances earlier than these dates will hold that money as your agent (not as the agent of H R Richmond Ltd / a Epsom Holidays) until such time as payment is deemed due by us as per these conditions.

### 3. IF YOU CHANGE YOUR BOOKING

If, after our confirmation has been issued, you wish to change to another of our holidays or change departure date we will do our utmost to make the changes, provided that written notification is received at our office from the person who signed the Booking Form, or their Travel Agent, not later than the date on which the balance of the original holiday cost was due for payment. This must be accompanied by a payment of £10 to cover administration costs. Any alteration by you made later than the original balance date will be subject to the cancellation charges set out below. Other alterations such as the addition of requests or change of pick-up point that require a reconfirmation to be issued must be notified and accompanied by a payment of £10 to cover administrative costs.

### 4. IF YOU CANCEL YOUR HOLIDAY

You, or any members of your party, may cancel your holiday at any time provided that the cancellation is made by the person signing the booking form and is communicated to us in writing via the office at which you made your booking. As this incurs administrative costs we will retain your deposit and, in addition, apply cancellation charges up to the maximum shown below.

Period before departure within which written cancellation is received	Amount of cancellation charge shown as % of holiday price
More than 42 days	Deposit
29 to 42 days	30%
15 to 28 days	45%
8 to 14 days	60%
1 to 7 days	90%
Departure day or after	100%

Alternatively you have the right to transfer the booking to another person provided that they satisfy all the conditions applicable to the package as long as you give the Company at least seven days written notice of your intention to do so.

Both you and the person to whom you transfer the booking will be responsible for payment of any outstanding monies and in addition there will be an administration fee of £10 per passenger to cover costs incurred. Insurance premiums are non-transferable.

**NOTE:** If the reason for cancellation is covered under the terms of an insurance policy, you may be able to reclaim these charges.

### 5. IF YOU HAVE A COMPLAINT

If you have a complaint during your holiday, please inform, in the first instance the supplier (eg Hotel) of the service and then inform our driver/couner, or representative who will do his/her utmost to resolve the problem immediately. If the matter cannot be put right on the spot, you must notify us in writing within 28 days of the completion of your holiday and this must be sent to Customer Services, Epsom Holidays, Blenheim Road, Epsom, Surrey KT19 9AF and you must quote your booking reference number, holiday number and departure date. Failure to establish your complaint immediately in accordance with the above procedure may affect the outcome of it.

### 6. STATUTORY AUTHORITIES

This brochure is issued subject to applicable Acts of Parliament and Government Regulations and the company reserves the right to

modify itineraries to conform with requests from the competent authorities in the United Kingdom and any other sovereign state through which the tours run.

### 7. CONDITIONS OF CARRIAGE

When you travel on an aircraft, train or ship, the conditions of carriage of that carrier apply and are subject to National and International conditions which may limit or exclude liability. Your contract made under the terms of this Fair Trading Agreement is subject to English law and jurisdiction. Some coach journeys are operated by vehicles other than those owned by H R Richmond Ltd / a Epsom Holidays and the specification may be different to that detailed in this brochure.

The Public Service Vehicle (Conduct of Drivers, Conductors and Passengers) Regulations as amended 1990, apply to all coaches throughout any holiday in the UK.

### 8. OTHER TERMS

#### On a holiday you may not:

- Bring a pet or any other animal (other than Guide Dogs in the UK and Fire only and by arrangement).
- Play a radio or a cassette player on a coach.
- Smoke on board the coach.

H R Richmond Ltd / a Epsom Holidays reserves the unconditional right to refuse a booking or terminate a clients holiday in the event of unreasonable conduct which in H R Richmond Ltd / a Epsom Holidays opinion is likely to cause damage, distress, danger or annoyance to other clients, employees, property or to any third party. If you are prevented from travelling or continuing your holiday by such a termination H R Richmond Ltd / a Epsom Holidays responsibility for your holiday thereupon ceases. Full cancellation charges will apply and H R Richmond Ltd / a Epsom Holidays will be under no obligation for any refund, compensation or loss, which you may incur.

You are responsible for ensuring that you are at the correct departure point at the correct time, and we cannot be liable for any loss or expense suffered by passengers because of their late arrival at any departure point.

Excursions are included in the price of most holidays and refunds cannot be made for passengers not wishing to go on these excursions.

Admission fees to buildings, grounds etc. are not included in the price of the holiday unless otherwise stated in the brochure.

### 9. HOLIDAY INSURANCE

Where holiday insurance is purchased from the organiser, the name and address of the insurer must be supplied to the customer. It is a condition of your contract with H R Richmond Ltd / a Epsom Holidays that you should take out insurance to cover you in the event of illness, personal injury or death during the course of your holiday.

### 10. PASSPORT

For all Continental holidays you will require a full 10 year British Passport.

If you have any doubts about your status as a resident British subject or do not hold a full British Passport, you must check with the Embassies or Consulates of the countries to be visited to confirm the passport or visa requirements needed in your particular circumstances.

We cannot accept responsibility if passengers are not in possession of the correct travel documents.

### 11. HEALTH

Under normal circumstances most Western European Countries do not require visitors to be vaccinated. However, we will indicate any known vaccination or other health requirements where possible for each country to be visited. You are advised to check with your own doctor before travelling.

### OUR PROMISE TO YOU

#### 1. WE RESERVE YOUR HOLIDAY

When you have ascertained or your travel agent has provisionally confirmed that we have available space on the holiday of your choice, a confirmation/invoice will be forwarded to you normally within 2 weeks of receipt of your signed booking form and the contract is made between us when you receive this confirmation.

#### 2. YOUR HOLIDAY PRICE

Holiday prices include all coach travel, hotel accommodation and meals as specified in the holiday description and VAT at the current rate where applicable. THE PRICE OF YOUR HOLIDAY IS FULLY GUARANTEED AND WILL NOT BE SUBJECT TO ANY SURCHARGES.

In addition to Sterling we use the following currencies in calculating our rates and fares for 2001. Below are the equivalent exchange rates to £1 Sterling as per the Daily Telegraph dated 6 September 2000

COUNTRY	EXCHANGE RATE
Belgium	BF 63.19
France	FF 10.29
Ireland	IRE 1.2402
Italy	Lira 3034
Netherlands	Nfl 3.45
Norway	Nkr 12.67
Spain	Pta 260.74
W. Germany	DM 3.0755

#### 3. IF WE CHANGE YOUR HOLIDAY

The arrangements for holidays in this brochure are made many months in advance and changes are sometimes unavoidable. Most of these changes are likely to be minor and we, or our representatives will endeavour to keep you informed. However, where before departure we have to alter significantly an essential term of this contract, such as location of resort, quality of main hotel (not including single overnight hotels on touring holidays) or tour itinerary changes involving a destination being eliminated, we will notify you of the change as soon as possible. In such circumstances you will be given the following options:

- to accept changes to the contract.
- to take a substitute holiday of equivalent or superior quality if we are able to offer you one;

- to take a substitute holiday of a lower quality if we are able to offer you one and to recover from us the difference between the price of the original holiday and that of the substitute holiday; or
  - to have repaid to you as soon as possible all the monies paid by you under this contract.
- If you choose a) b) or c) we will pay you compensation on the scale below. If you choose d) we will refund all monies paid by you, plus compensation on the scale below.

#### Period before departure within which a cancellation has taken place

More than 42 days	Nil
29 - 42 days	£10
15 - 28 days	£15
8 - 14 days	£20
0 - 7 days	£25

### 4. IF WE CANCEL YOUR HOLIDAY

It is necessary for there to be a minimum number of passengers in order to operate a tour. If this minimum number is not achieved before the balance due date the tour could be cancelled.

In certain circumstances, therefore, we may have to cancel your holiday, and if this should occur we will return to you all the money you have paid to us, or offer you a suitable alternative. However, we will not cancel your holiday:

- Immediately prior to the departure date unless you have not paid for your holiday in full.
- After the balance due date, except as a result of war, riot, industrial dispute, terrorist activity, natural or nuclear disaster, adverse weather conditions or other circumstances amounting to force majeure.

If we have to cancel your holiday at any time H R Richmond Ltd / a Epsom Holidays is liable only for any monies you may have paid to H R Richmond Ltd / a Epsom Holidays at the time of cancellation and for the compensation payments as detailed in paragraph 3 above.

### 5. WHAT HAPPENS TO COMPLAINTS?

All complaints that are received are thoroughly investigated and customers are kept informed at each stage of the investigation. Sometimes the investigators can take time when awaiting a response from hotels. We can normally agree an amicable settlement of the few serious complaints we receive, if the complaint is found to be genuine.

Arbitration Conditions Disputes arising out of, or in connection with, this contract which cannot be amicably settled, may (if the customer so wishes) be referred to arbitration under a special Scheme which, though devised by arrangements with the Confederation of Passenger Transport UK, is administered quite independently by the Travel Industry Arbitration Service.

The Scheme (details of which will be supplied on request) provides for a simple and inexpensive method of arbitration on documents alone with restricted liability on the customer in respect of costs. The Scheme does not apply to claims for an amount greater than £1,500 per person. There is also a limit of £7,500 per booking form. Neither does it apply to claims, which are solely, or mainly in respect of physical injury or illness or the consequences of such injury or illness. (There is a time limit of 9 months from the date of return). Please note that correspondence received between June and September may take us longer to respond to.

### 6. OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO YOU

We accept responsibility for ensuring that all component parts of your holiday as described in this brochure are supplied to you to a reasonable standard and this includes Optional Excursions purchased through our employees or agents.

If any such part is not provided in the advertised manner, we will pay you reasonable compensation unless the non-provision was due to circumstances which we could not predict and which were beyond our control such as adverse weather, road or traffic conditions or the matters referred to in paragraph 4 (b) above.

- Please remember that some amenities (eg hotel lifts, swimming pools etc) require servicing and cleaning and may not therefore be available at all times. Some services may be affected by weather conditions and their availability is entirely at the discretion of the provider of the service. Entertainment (particularly live entertainment) provided by hotels is frequently subject to demand and its nature and/or frequency may be varied if there is lack of demand or insufficient numbers staying in the hotel.
- Some excursion itineraries include the use of ferries and other forms of transport which can be affected by inclement weather, and may have to be cancelled or arrangements changed. Whenever possible a suitable alternative excursion will be offered.
- The published running times of services are estimates only and we will not be liable for any loss (howsoever caused) arising from delay or failure to operate services in accordance with published timings.

### 7. PERSONAL INJURY (Whilst participating in arrangements made by us)

H R Richmond Ltd / a Epsom Holidays has taken all reasonable and proper steps to ensure that proper arrangements have been made for all the holidays which are advertised in this brochure, including Optional Excursions offered by our employees or agents, and that the suppliers of all the services are efficient, safe and reputable and that they comply with the local and national laws and regulations of the country in which they provide those services. Whilst we have no direct control over the provision of services to you by suppliers, we will pay to our clients the equivalent of such damages as they would be entitled to receive under English Law in an English Court for any personal injury to the client, including illness or death, caused by the failure to perform or the improper performance of such services by the servants or agents of ourselves or any of our suppliers contracted or subcontracted by us to provide any part of the arrangements for your holiday as described in this brochure where such failure or improper performance is due to the fault of such person and not an event which such person could not foresee or forestall even if they had taken all due care.

**NOTE:** We will make payments as stated above provided: (a) that claims for personal injury are notified to us within 3 months of the return from holiday (b) the injured client(s) assign to H R Richmond Ltd / a Epsom Holidays any rights against a supplier or other person or party they may have relating to the claim (c) they agree to cooperate fully with us should we or our insurers wish to enforce those rights which have been assigned to us and in respect of which we are subrogated and (d) such payment is limited in the case of transport by water or air to a maximum of such sums as would be obtained under the provisions of the appropriate International Conventions.

This assignment is necessary to enable us to try and recover from suppliers any compensation we have paid to clients, and associated costs, arising from personal injury to clients caused by the fault of those suppliers. If we recover more than such compensation and costs, any excess will be paid to the injured clients.

### 8. PERSONAL INJURY (Unconnected with arrangements made by us)

Where appropriate and subject to our reasonable discretion, we will afford general assistance to clients who through misadventure suffer illness, personal injury or death whilst travelling on a H R Richmond Ltd / a Epsom Holidays holiday arising out of an activity which does not form part of the advertised itinerary nor part of an excursion offered through the company, and which is the responsibility of a third party.

### HOLIDAY INFORMATION

#### 1. CHILDREN'S REDUCTION

On all centred holidays reductions are available for children aged over 3 and under 16, providing the child shares a room with two full fare paying passengers. Please enquire at time of booking.

#### 2. LUGGAGE

We ask you to keep luggage down to one medium sized suitcase per person, but a small holdall can also be taken on board the coach.

#### 3. SEAT ALLOCATION AND SPECIFICATION

Requests for particular seats can be made on most holidays when booking, but since allocations are made on a first come first served basis, early booking is advisable. When bookings are made with us you will be offered the best seats that are available on the coach at that time. Therefore, if you do have anyone who wishes to join you at a later date, do enquire at your Travel Agency who will check with our Reservations Department for any vacancies. There is a seating plan of the coach for each holiday, but it is possible that, on occasions, for operational reasons, a coach of different configuration may be used and we must, therefore, reserve the right to alter a seating plan and allocate seats other than those you have booked, although this will be avoided as far as possible. We shall have no liability in relation to any such change of specification. Specific seats will not be allocated on coaches, which operate on feeder services between joining points and main holiday departure points, on coaches which carry out transfers to and from air and seaports or on H R Richmond Ltd / a Epsom Holidays connecting services.

#### 4. TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

When you have paid the balance we will either send you or the Travel Office through which the booking was made, all the necessary labels, so that you receive them in good time before the holiday departure date. Certain documents, for example air or boat tickets, may have to be retained and your driver or courier will then issue them to you at the relevant airport or port.

#### 5. SPECIAL CARE FOR THE DISABLED

The holidays in this brochure have been carefully planned to include as much of interest as possible. Inevitably some of the holidays include lengthy periods of travel and some walking on sightseeing excursions. Additionally, many of the hotels will have steps to contend with and may not possess lifts, and although we will try our best to look after disabled passengers, it is important that you enter the word DISABLED in block capitals in the special requirements section of the booking form, together with a brief description of your disability. We will make every endeavour to minimise the discomfort and inconvenience, but for obvious reasons are unable to make any guarantees.

#### 6. SPECIAL DIETS

If you require a special diet you must inform us at the time of booking with a copy of the diet. This will be notified to the hotel or hotels on your holiday but on certain holidays the hotels used are tourist class and whilst offering value for money within the price range, they may not have the full facilities to cope with special diets. Any extra costs incurred must be paid to the hotel by yourself before departure from the hotel.

#### 7. LOW FLOOR ACCOMMODATION

There is usually a limited number of ground or low floor rooms available and requests for this accommodation must be made in the "Special Requirements" section of the booking form, but this type of accommodation cannot be guaranteed. If lifts are available at a hotel the facility will be shown on the holiday page.

#### 8. SINGLE ROOMS

On a holiday there are only a limited number of single rooms. When a single room is available it may be subject to a supplementary charge and this will be shown on the brochure page.

#### 9. ENTERTAINMENT

Some of our hotels arrange additional entertainment, which could include music, dancing, film shows, bingo etc. Entertainment offered by hotels is indicated in the hotel description on the holiday page. Where this brochure does not specify entertainment in a hotel, it may still be available. However, the nature and frequency of the entertainment presented is at the discretion of the hotel and therefore not guaranteed and could be withdrawn if there is a lack of demand or insufficient numbers in the hotel.

#### 10. PUBLICATION DATE

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# Your holiday picking up times

Your picking up point must be specified at the time of booking. The exact picking up point will be printed on both your confirmation and your travel ticket. Please be at the correct place in plenty of time and do not leave the stop. We cannot be held responsible for any loss or expense suffered by your late arrival at a picking up point. Heavy traffic can result in delays.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	L	M	N	P	Q
Ashted				0655			0745	1005		0745	1005				
Banstead	0730	0800	1015		0655	0910							0640		
Bookham				0640			0800	1020		0800	1020				
Carshalton							0700	0920							
Croydon							0640	0900				0755	0655	1010	
Epsom	0655	0725	0940	0705	0730	0945	0735	0955	0900	0735	0955	0645	0730	0900	0645
Ewell	0700	0730	0945	0710	0725	0940	0730	0950	0905	0730	0950	0650	0725	0905	0650
Kingston	0625	0655	0910	0800	0800	1015			1000	0700	0920		0800		0745
Leatherhead				0650			0750	1010		0750	1010				
Mitcam												0745		1000	
Morden									0925			0735		0950	0710
New Malden				0740					0940	0650	0910	0720		0935	0725
North Cheam	0710	0740	0955	0720	0715	0930	0720	0940	0915				0715		0700
Raynes Park				0735					0935	0645	0905	0725		0940	0720
Stonecot Hill				0725											
Surbiton	0635	0705	0920	0750	0750	1005			0950	0710	0930	0705	0750	0920	0735
Sutton	0720	0750	1005		0705	0920	0710	0930					0705		
Teddington									1010						0755
Tolworth	0640	0710	0925		0745	1000				0715	0935		0745		
Twickenham									1015						0800
Wallington							0655	0915				0800	0650	1015	
Wimbledon										0640	0900				

# Your holiday insurance

Travel insurance is essential. Each year, many people have to cancel their holiday, often due to the illness of a close relative. If you have to cancel your holiday, you will incur cancellation charges. If you are taken ill on holiday you and/or a relative may incur additional hotel costs.

We have arranged a special Travel Insurance package with Fogg Travel Insurance Services Limited, underwritten by AXA Insurance Company Limited.

A brief summary of the cover is provided below, with full details of terms, conditions and exclusions available on request. A full copy of the insurance certificate will be sent with your confirmation of booking. If within seven days of receipt you find that the insurance does not meet your needs, provided you have not travelled, or made a claim, a full refund of the premium will be given.

For any claims or further information regarding this insurance please contact:-

## Fogg Travel Insurance Services Limited

Crow Hill Drive, Mansfield,  
Nottinghamshire NG19 7AE  
Telephone 01623 631331  
Fax 01623 420450

## INSURANCE PREMIUMS

Premiums will be automatically added to your holiday invoice unless your alternative insurer is clearly indicated at the time of booking. The following rates are per person including Insurance Premium Tax.

Period up to:	Area 1 UK (excluding Jersey)	Area 2 Jersey and Ireland	Area 3 Europe (excluding Ireland)
4 days	£7.00	-	£12.50
6 days	£9.50	£10.00	£18.00
7 days	£13.50	-	-
10 days	£15.00	£14.50	£23.50

## SUMMARY OF COVER

The limits of cover per person are up to:

Personal Accident	£15,000
(under 16 years £1,000)	
Medical and Associated Expenses	
(Europe)	£2,000,000
(United Kingdom)	£2,000
Hospital Expenses	£600
Cancellation/Loss of Deposit/ Curtailment	Invoice Cost
Baggage	£1,250
Delayed Baggage	£150
Personal Money	£500
(Cash £200, under 16 years £100)	

Passport Expenses	£200
Delayed Departure	£100/Invoice Cost
Public Liability	£1,000,000
Missed Departure	£300
Legal Expenses	£10,000

## EXCESSES PER PERSON

£30 in respect of Medical Expenses, Personal Baggage, Personal Money and Cancellation (Loss of Deposit £10). For holidays costing £150 or less the Cancellation excess per person is reduced to 10% of the Holiday Cost, Loss of Deposit excess reduced to £5

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