

Uncover the UK Door2Door Holidays & Great Days Out



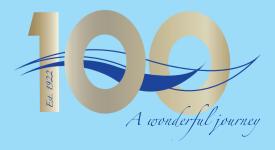








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What a wonderful year we've had celebrating the 100th anniversary of our family business. We returned to one of our all-time favourite destinations, Lytham St. Annes, to celebrate at our Centenary Reunion (we first visited here in September 1986 when a three day holiday cost just £65pp!). Thank you to everyone that joined us, we loved catching up with so many familiar faces and also welcoming customers that were not only new to Shaws but new to coach travel too.

Coach travel is a socially inclusive, economy boosting, congestion reducing, safe, convenient and affordable way to travel - perhaps that's why we've seen a fantastic growth in new customers this year? Improving the perception of coach travel is vital to our industry and all the kind reviews that we receive from you throughout the year go a long way in helping us to achieve this – thank you. Did you know that in 2019 there were 23 million visits to tourist attractions by coach, contributing £14 billion to the UK economy? And that one full coach could keep 50 cars off the road, reducing traffic by 1 mile? What a great movement to be part of.

As we head into our 101st year we remain so very proud of everything we've achieved, from one coach kept in a farm barn and repaired by candlelight to a thriving local business in its fourth generation of Shaws. Long may it continue.

Thank you for being part of Our Wonderful Journey

Why Choose Shaws?



CELEBRATING 101 YEARS!

Our wonderful journey started in 1922, we have 101 years of travel experience.



FAMILY-RUN AND OWNED

Proud to be in our fourth generation of Shaws.



AWARD-WINNING

Winners of Day Excursion Programme of the Year and finalists for Holiday Programme of the Year at the 2018 British Coach Tourism Awards.



FAIR PRICING POLICY

You won't find anyone on the coach that has paid significantly more or less than you.



EXPERIENCED DRIVERS

All our drivers have a Driver Certificate of Professional Competence and undergo DBS Checks. They are consistently praised for their perfect balance of professionalism and friendliness.



MODERN COACHES

Enjoy panoramic windows from comfortable seats on carefully planned routes. All maintained by our highly-skilled in-house mechanics.



FRIENDLY TEAM

We offer a simple, personal booking experience. Our small team handle each booking individually.



ECO TRAVEL

If everyone swapped one journey by car per month for one by coach there would be a billion fewer car journeys and we would reduce the UK's carbon dioxide emissions by 2 million tonnes a year!

Why choose our Great Days Out

▶ LOCAL PICK UP POINTS

Choose from Stamford, Peterborough, Deeping, Bourne, Spalding and many of the villages in between.

► FREE ACTIVITY SHEETS

Keep little ones entertained with our activity sheets and crayons. Suitable for 10 and under.

► HANDPICKED DESTINATIONS

We have great contacts in the travel and tourism industry who keep us well informed about exciting new attractions and special events.



Why choose our Door2Door Holidaus



FREE INSURANCE COVER

There's no age limit on our insurance cover. More details on page 43.



ALL OUR INCLUSIONS

- ► All travel (from your door)
- ▶ All excursions & entry fees in the tour itinerary
- ▶ 3* or 4* hotel
- Breakfast
- 3-course dinner with tea/coffee
- Pre-allocated coach seat

AMAZING HOLIDAY REVIEWS

This year we've been asking you to rate our drivers for their willingness to help, the information they provided, their driving skills and safety and their punctuality and efficiency. We are proud to tell you that the average rating across all four criteria is 98%. We also asked you to rate our coaches for their comfort and cleanliness and we are proud to report that the average rating across both criteria is 96%. Based on 542 customer reviews between 01.01.22 and 07.11.22.

LOW DEPOSITS

We ask for just a £40pp deposit on all our holidays with the balance due 8 weeks prior to departure.

BCH-ABTOT FINANCIAL SECURITY

Book knowing your money is in safe hands. We are proud





members of the Bonded Coach Holiday Group, overseen by The Association of Bonded Travel Organisers Trust Limited. This is a government approved protection scheme that means in the unlikely event of insolvency, your monies are protected. More details on page 44.

EXECUTIVE TOURING COACHES

- ▶ Refreshment station ▶ Reclining seats ▶ Reading lights
- ➤ Curtains ➤ Foot & arm rests ➤ Toilet
- ► Safety belts ► Air suspension ► Air-conditioning

HANDPICKED TOURING PROGRAMME

Our holidays offer all the benefits of a touring holiday, but with plenty of free time to relax and explore independently too. Whilst we include lots of visits that we think will enhance your holiday, taking part is certainly not compulsory and you're welcome to opt out of a trip and relax at the hotel or see some sights on your own any time you like!

NO HIDDEN EXTRAS

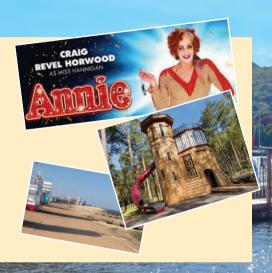
Our clear pricing ensures that you won't get caught out. In fact, you're more likely to find an added extra, like arrival refreshments or lunch.

Save With Shaws

We negotiate group discounts on our Great Days Out and Door2Door Holidays, so even if you're a single traveller you will still benefit from group rates on attractions, live events, hotels, etc. Book as early as you can as this helps us negotiate with our suppliers and we can only run tours that meet the minimum group numbers.

Great Day Out offers

- Our SPECIAL CHILD FARE won't break the bank on selected school holiday trips (age 3-16 inclusive).
- Our SENIOR SPECIALS offer seriously discounted fares for 65+.
- ► UNDER 3'S TRAVEL FREE, provided they are seated on an adult's lap.
- BOOK 12 GET THE 13TH FREE! Ideal for local clubs or family/friends. For concert and theatre tours, your free place will be for the coach seat only.
- ▶ If you have your own event or attraction ticket, or you're looking for a convenient way to visit friends or family, then pleask ask about our FARE ONLY DEALS or a ONE WAY SEAT to your chosen destination.



Stay in touch and in the know



- We're always adding extra dates for sold out tours or brand-new trips, so sign up for our eNews to make sure that you have immediate access to all our upcoming day trips and holidays plus our latest company news. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter for competitions, last minute trips and new releases.
- Lots of customers are now choosing to go green and receive our brochure via email. If you'd like to switch your preferences just let us know.

Door2Door Holiday offers



- SAVINGS FOR NATIONAL TRUST, ENGLISH HERITAGE, RHS AND HISTORIC HOUSES MEMBERS
 - Save £5pp for each property visited if you choose a holiday featuring an attraction managed by one of these organisations and your membership entitles you to free admission.
- ► LOYALTY DISCOUNT

Save £15pp on your third holiday and £20pp on your fourth and future holidays in any calendar year.

▶ MEET THE COACH

Save £10pp by choosing to board the coach at a central departure point – Maxey, Stamford Bus Station or Peterborough Extra Services.

Where do we depart from?

We offer over 35 local pick up points on our Great Days Out - find the best routes for you

ROUTE 1

Maxey ► Market Deeping (Godsey Lane / The Stage) ► Werrington (Centre) ► Paston ► Bretton (Centre) ► Westwood (St. Jude's) ► City Centre (Bourges Boulevard) ► Fletton Ave ► Stanground Whittlesey Road (opp. Tesco Express) ► Serpentine Green Hampton*

Route 1a will also call at the Danish Invader in Stamford

Route 1b will also call at Peterborough Extra Services and Warmington Bus Stop on the A605

ROUTE 2

As Route 1 above but in reverse order and omitting Maxey.

Route 2a will also call at Langtoft, Baston, Thurlby, Northorpe, Bourne (Elsea Park / Bus Station) and Morton

ROUTE 3

Maxey ➤ Deeping (Godsey Lane / The Stage) ➤ Werrington (Centre) ➤ Paston ➤ Westwood ➤ Bretton (Centre / South Bretton) ➤ Serpentine Green Hampton* ➤ Stanground Whittlesey Road (Tesco Express) ➤ Eastfield Road ➤ Newark Hill ➤ Eye Road ➤ Eye

Route 3a will also call at Thorney

ROUTE 4

Maxey ► Market Deeping (Market Place / Godsey Lane / Towngate East) ► Langtoft ► Baston ► Thurlby ► Northorpe ► Bourne (Elsea Park / Bus Station / West Rd) ► Toft ► Carlby ► Essendine ► Ryhall (Stamford Road

Route 4a will also call at Easton-on-the-Hill and Collyweston

Bus Stops) ► Stamford (Ryhall Rd / East

St / Bus Station / Danish Invader)

Route 4b will also call at Empingham (Exton Road Bus Stop, Main Street, westbound), Whitwell and Oakham (Bus Station) **Route 4c** will also call at Peterborough Extra Services (A1 / A605 junction)

ROUTE 5

Maxey ➤ West Deeping ➤ Tallington
➤ Uffington ➤ Stamford (Bus Station /
East St / Ryhall Rd) ➤ Ryhall

- Essendine ➤ Carlby ➤ Toft ➤ Bourne (West Rd / Bus Station / Elsea Park)
- Northorpe ➤ Thurlby ➤ Baston
 ➤ Langtoft ➤ Deeping (Towngate East /
 Godsey Lane / Spalding Road)
- Deeping St. Nicholas ➤ Spalding (Bus Station)

ROUTE 6

Maxey ▶ Deeping (Godsey Lane / The Stage) ▶ West Deeping ▶ Tallington ▶ Uffington ▶ Stamford (Bus Station / East St / Ryhall Rd) ▶ Ryhall ▶ Essendine ▶ Carlby ▶ Toft ▶ Bourne (West Rd / Bus Station) ▶ Morton

Ask us about parking at Serpentine Green, The Danish Invader and in Maxey.

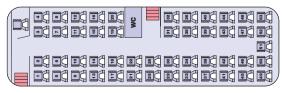
We include collection from your door on all our holidays

Our Door2Door service is the only way to start and finish a holiday and it's **FREE** if you live in one of the following local towns – and from most of the villages that are situated between them and our base in Maxey:

Bourne Spalding The Deepings Stamford Oakham Uppingham Peterborough Whittlesey

Don't worry if you live outside our free collection area. For neighbouring towns like Boston, Chatteris, Grantham, Holbeach, Huntingdon, Long Sutton, March, Melton Mowbray, Oundle, Ramsey, St. Ives, St. Neots, Wisbech, we can usually offer the same Door2Door service for a small supplementary charge. Please ask for further details and also for availability of intermediate pick-up points, en route to our holiday destinations.

Seating Plan



53 seat coaches (without a toilet or drinks servery) may some times be used on our Great Days Out. In these instances, comfort breaks will be scheduled according to journey times.

SLEEPING BEAUTY, MK THEATRE

ALL FARES £69.00

THUR 19 JAN **ROUTE 4C**

BAND A

STALLS

Matthew Bourne's Sleeping Beauty reawakens, celebrating 10 years since its premiere when it became the fastest selling production in



the company's history. With an unforgettable score by Tchaikovsky, sumptuous sets and costumes, evocative lighting, this beloved fairy tale is brought to life by the uniquely talented New Adventures company.

MILTON **KEYNES**

IANIIARY SALES

THUR 19 JAN **ROUTE 4C**

1000's of brands join the January sales inside centre:mk!

PRETTY WOMAN SAVOY THEATRE

BAND A STALLS

ALL FARES £79.00

WED 25 JAN **ROUTE 1**

One of Hollywood's most romantic stories comes to life at one of London's most iconic theatres. Great customer reviews.



JANUARY SALES

WED 25 JAN **ROUTE 1**

Enjoy an afternoon browsing Covent Garden or maybe take a stroll down The Strand to Trafalgar Square to enjoy a cultural experience at the free-to-enter National Gallery?

JANUARY SALES

WED 25 JAN **ROUTE 4B**

The compact city centre and pedestrianised streets makes for a great shopping experience. You'll find a mix of stylish independents, specialist boutiques and High Street stores plus all the big brand names in the indoor Victoria Centre.

STRICTLY COME DANCING, **NOTTINGHAM** MOTORPOINT ARENA

ALL FARES £79.00

For the first time ever, Anton Du Beke will join fellow TV judges Shirley Ballas and Craig Revel Horwood on the Strictly Live Tour, which also sees the return of Janette Manrara as the host of the sparkle-filled show.



WED 25 JAN

ROUTE 4B

BAND D

SPRINGFIELDS

GRFAT PRICE

TUE 31 JAN ROUTE 5

Expect discounts of up to 60% across the 50+ branded stores at Springfields outdoor shopping village! Treat yourself to a tasty lunch at one of the lovely restaurants.

FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS, **NOTTINGHAM** THEATRE ROYAL

STALLS **SEAT**

AD £69.50 SEN £67.00 CH £67.00 THUR 2 FEB **ROUTE 4B**

Brand new musical based on the true story of the Cornish singing sensations and the hit 2019 film. Packed with more musical treats



than you can fit in a lobster pot, it's a feel-good show about friendship, community and music, which smashed box office records when it premiered in Cornwall in Autumn 2021. So climb aboard, find your sea legs and allow yourself to fall for this critically acclaimed musical, hook, line and sinker.

GREAT SHOPPING

WED 2 FEB **ROUTE 4B**

VISIT CAMBRIDGE

GREAT PRICE

TUE 7 FEB **ROUTE 1**

Great for shopping and culture with lots of tempting cafés and restaurants. You'll find John Lewis in the Grand Arcade, all the usual High Street names and lots of interesting independents, including a great bookshop (Heffers).



CIRQUE DU SOLEIL, ROYAL ALBERT HALL

ALL FARES £110

THUR 9 FEB **ROUTE 4C**

BOX I FVFI

Discover a world of wonders at this evening's performance of Cirque du Soleil's European Premiere of Kurios: Cabinet of Curiosities. In an alternate vet



familiar past, a Seeker discovers that in order to glimpse the marvels that lie below the surface we must first learn to close our eyes and trust our imaginations. In his larger-than-life curio cabinet, the Seeker is convinced that there exists a hidden, invisible world, a place where the craziest ideas and grandest dreams await. A collection of otherworldly characters suddenly step into his makeshift mechanical world and jump to life one by one before his very eyes. Seeing is disbelieving with Kurios. Gasp at the daring acrobatics, clever contortion and breathtaking talent of Cirque du Soleil that will delight all ages.

MILTON KEYNES

PRICE

WED 15 FEB **ROUTE 1**

1000's of top brands at centre:mk, interesting exhibitions at MK Gallery and thrilling activities at Xscape!

THE LION KING, LYCFUM THEATRE

STALLS SEAT HALF TERM

ALL FARES £79.50

WED 15 FEB

This hugely successful musical never fails to delight with its stunning effects, moving story and iconic music by Elton John.



EVENLEY WOOD GARDEN

SPECIAL FRI 10 FEB

You'll find over 80 varieties of magnificent snowdrops planted in swathes throughout this beautiful



SNOWDROP

ROUTE 1B

60-acre woodland haven in Northamptonshire. Among them are Galanthus 'Evenley Double', a special snowdrop which was developed and propagated on site, and other notable varieties such as 'Hill Poe' and 'Lady Beatrix Stanley'. Spot them as you follow the paths, weave your way through the tall trees and take a stroll along the bank of the peaceful stream.

LONDON SIGHTS & SHOPS

SPECIAL CHILD FARE

WED 15 FEB **ROUTE 4C**

SPECIAL CHILD FARE

THUR 16 FEB

ROUTE 1B

Children never forget their first experience of London's amazing sights! You'll be set down in Kingsway, just a stone's throw from Covent Garden.

THE SILVERSTONE

INTERACTIVE MUSEUM

SEN £52.50 CH £45.00



CHILD FARE

MON 13 FEB **ROUTE 1**

ROUTE 1

More attractions per square mile than any other UK city!

SPECIAL

CIRCLE SEAT SENIOR SPECIAL WED 15 FEB

CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY MK THEATRE

AD £65.00 SEN £52.50 CH £59.00

A Roald Dahl family favourite choc-full of memorable songs from the iconic 1970's film as well as a host of new numbers. Grab your Golden Ticket for Half Term! Recommended age is 7+, under 5's not permitted.

of-the-art attraction taking visitors on an exciting

AD £55.00

A statejourney through the past,

present and future of Silverstone and British motorsport. In a former, trackside, WWII RAF hangar, you'll have the opportunity to climb into a replica Grand Prix car, practice your skills as an RAF pilot and learn about the design and engineering involved in racing cars and motorbikes. A notto-be-missed school holiday treat!



THUR 16 FEB

LUNCH

INCLUDED

ROUTE 4C

Join us at the WWT at Welney lagoon to watch the midday swan feeding frenzy! The excitement builds as swans and ducks line up waiting



for their lunch (and your guide) to appear. After an introduction to the reserve, watch, as the a serene lagoon turns into a hive of activity! Enjoy close-up views of whooper and mute swans. The guide will point out any family groups or ringed individuals. Look out for the pochard diving beneath the surface for the grain whilst the mallard say "bottom's up" as they get in on the action. After the feed, there's a Q&A before lunch in the café. Please choose from Steak & Ale Pie, Cumberland Sausage or Jackfruit Pie - all served with mashed potatoes, peas and gravy, and tea/coffee.

SOUTH KENSINGTON MUSEUM QUARTER

SPECIAL CHILD FARE

AD £39.50 SEN £37.00 CH £29.50 FRI 17 FEB **ROUTE 4C**

Take your pick from The V&A, the Natural History Museum or the Science Museum - all free to enter! Remember to prebook direct (fees may apply) for any special exhibitions - for example, the immersive Science Fiction exhibition at the Science Museum!

RAF MUSEUM LONDON

SPECIAL CHILD FARE

AD £35.00 SEN £32.50 CH £20.00 FRI 17 FEB **ROUTE 1**

Get set for take-off at London's RAF Museum! Learn more about the brave men and women who protected our skies during both World Wars, discover the iconic Spitfire Mk1 and mighty Hurricane that fought in the Battle of Britain, explore the interior of a Chinook and tour the historic hangars - there's so much for all the family.

VOULEZ VOUS AHA!

SELL-OUT IN 2022

ALL FARES £75.00

TUE 21 FEB **ROUTE 4C**

Join us for a delicious 2 course set lunch and a live show from one of the UK's best ABBA tributes who'll play their way through the incredible back catalogue. Sing along, take to the dancefloor and enjoy spectacular views of the City skyline across the water from your reserved seat on board the stylish Tereza Joanne, moored in London's Royal Docks.

CHIPPENHAM PARK SNOWDROPS

LIMITED OPEN DATES

THUR 23 FEB **ROUTE 4C**

These beautiful, private Suffolk gardens have been awarded the highest two-star rating by the Good Gardens Guide. Famous for their vast swathes of snowdrops and aconites in late winter - it was a customer favourite in 2022.

KEW GARDENS ORCHID FESTIVAL **GARDEN ACCESS INCLUDED**

MON 27 FEB ROUTE 1

Journey to paradise at Kew's celebration of Cameroon! Encounter larger-than-life living sculptures as towering giraffes and wallowing hippos take over the state-of-the-art Princess of Wales Conservatory.

BOUNDARY OUTLET & DOWNTOWN GRANTHAM **GREAT** PRICE

WED 1 MAR **ROUTE 1**

Find fashion and homeware bargains at these two great stores at the same, undercover site. Take a shopping break in the café and don't miss the Garden Centre that's full of inspiration for your outdoor space.

EXPERT GUIDE INCLUDED

MON 6 MAR **ROUTE 1**

Visit the Queen's favourite residence and her resting place in St. George's Chapel. Our Blue Badge guide will take you around the Castle's exterior, precincts and Wards



and give an introduction to the interior. Guiding is not permitted inside the State Rooms and the richly decorated Semi-State Apartments or in St. George's Chapel but our guide will be on hand to answer questions. Rejoin the coach for a 45 minute guided tour around the Royal landscape, including views of the Castle from the Long Walk where thousands of people lined the route on HM The Queen's final journey. Finish the day at the Farm Shop where you'll be able to buy produce from the Royal farms and treat yourself to tea and cake before heading home.



LET'S FACE THE MUSIC, ROYAL ALBERT HALL

ALL FARES £72.50

WED 8 MAR

REAR ARENA

ROUTE 4C

Indulge in an afternoon of nostalgia as the RPO and West End vocalists perform muchloved songs from classic



musicals of the golden age of Hollywood. Featuring the ever-popular music of Rodgers & Hammerstein, George Gershwin, Irving Berlin, Lerner & Loewe and Leonard Bernstein, with unforgettable songs and music from Gypsy, Carousel, My Fair Lady, Anything Goes, Cabaret, Top Hat, Oklahoma, Sweet Charity ... and many more! Book early as this was quick to sell-out when we last featured it!

SAFFRON WALDEN

MARKET DAY

TUE 14 MAR **ROUTE 4C**

A charming market town with four unique mazes!

FFATURED ON BARGAIN HUNT

THUR 16 MAR **ROUTE 3A**

Once one of England's most important ports, Kings Lynn's rich past has left a wonderful heritage of fine old merchant houses and two magnificent market places. The nearby Warehouse (which has been featured on Bargain Hunt) offers the largest selection of antiques and collectables in East Anglia, with a wide range of silver, jewellery, militaria, books, vinyl, glassware, ceramics, art and much more, all carefully labelled, high quality and affordable. There's also a Steiff Shop at the centre and a restaurant.

SEWING FOR PLEASURE. **NEC**

ENTRY TO 3 **SHOWS**

AD £37.50 SEN £35.00 CH £25.00 FRI 17 MAR **ROUTE 4A**

Perfect for those with a passion for sewing, knitting, patchwork or stitching! Find must have fabrics, fabulous yarns, gorgeous patterns



and threads as you stock up on your stitching supplies, taking home ideas and inspiration for your next project too. Admission to the Fashion & Embroidery and Creative Crafts is included with your ticket.

WED 22 MAR **ROUTE 1B**

Winner of 'Best Small Market Town' award, Market Harborough has speciality antiques and retro collectables at their weekly indoor market. This afternoon, enjoy a spot of retail therapy at Rushden Lakes where you'll find over 50 top stores and restaurants at this waterfront location.

EXPLORE ELY

MARKET DAY

THUR 23 MAR **ROUTE 4C**

A magnificent Cathedral (aka The Ship of the Fens), riverside strolls and great shopping.

MARKET DAY

MON 27 MAR

ROUTE 1

The largest market in the Derbyshire Dales, with over 100 stalls! Of course, you must buy a Bakewell Pudding!

NEW TOUR

WED 29 MAR **ROUTE 4C**

Perhaps explore this fine city's magnificent 11th century cathedral, vibrant street market, impressive Roman remains and the Verulamium Museum. with its superb mosaics.



CENTRE

NEW TOUR

FRI 31 MAR **ROUTE 6**

Antiques Roadshow and Bargain Hunt fans will love our trip to Europe's largest antiques centre where four separate buildings,



containing 388 cabinets and 266 dealer displays will keep you enthralled for hours. Pause from your treasure hunting in the café whilst you ponder your interesting finds.



Great Days Out

TOWER OF LONDON

SPECIAL CHILD FARE

MON 3 APR

STRICTLY BALLROOM THE MUSICAL,

WED 5 APR **ROUTE 4C**

PRFMILIM

STALLS

AD £69.50 SEN £59.50 CH £49.50

MK THEATRE **ROUTE 1**

If you've been fascinated by viewing *Inside the Tower*, then you'll certainly enjoy visiting this iconic attraction. Entry includes the chance to see the fabulous Crown Jewels and the famous ravens plus the opportunity to join a Yeoman Warder guided tour. The 'Beefeaters', will share key stories from 1,000 years of history and entertain you with tales of intrigue, imprisonment, execution and torture. You'll learn about the Tower's history as a fortress, palace and prison, discover how William the Conqueror built the White Tower and hear tales of the prisoners who entered through Traitors' Gate. Fare only is available for customers who would like to visit one of the other nearby attractions like the Tower Bridge Walkway, HMS Belfast or St. Katherine's Dock.

ALL FARES £77.00

Directed by Britain's best loved TV judge, Craig Revel Horwood, Strictly Ballroom: The Musical follows the story of arrogant,



rebellious young ballroom dancer, Scott Hastings (Kevin Clifton). When his radical and daring dance style sees him fall out of favour with the Australian Federation, he must dance with a beginner, Fran (Maisie Smith). Together they find the courage to defy tradition and discover that to win, your steps don't need to be strictly ballroom! Featuring smash-hit songs and all new music to get your toes tapping!

BLETCHLEY PARK 'STATION X'

SPECIAL CHILD FARE

AD £49.50 SEN £47.00 CH £39.00 MON 3 APR **ROUTE 4C**

Once the hush-hush home of the wartime codebreakers, Bletchley Park is now a top visitor attraction telling the fascinating story of the site's incredibly important work that took place here. Visitors of all ages can uncover the top secret stories through immersive films, interactive displays, museum collections and faithful recreations of the WW2 rooms. Special fare for ages 11 and under at just £27.50.

THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUN

SPRING VISIT

WED 5 APR **ROUTE 1B**

An unforgettable experience, with 150 acres of beautiful woodland and gardens to explore and home to nearly 400 thoughtprovoking memorials,



each with a story to tell. The memorials represent a broad spectrum, from military associations and charities to the emergency services and individuals, with new memorials added throughout the year. At the heart of the Remembrance Centre is a fascinating, interactive exhibition called Landscapes of Life, with audio visual and hands-on displays, artistic interpretation and the opportunity for visitors to share experiences, it's the perfect introduction to your visit. Guided walks and talks take place daily and there is also a land train that takes visitors around the site for which you pay on the day.

THE MUSIC OF BOND, ROYAL ALBERT HALL

UNIQUE CHOIR WEST SEAT

ALL FARES £59.50

TUE 4 APR **ROUTE 1**

The RPO promises to take you to double-0-heaven with this sensational concert, featuring iconic Bond anthems from six decades of box office blockbusters. Highlights include Goldfinger, Diamonds are Forever, From Russia With Love, Casino Royale and the latest release, No Time To Die. These unique seats are located above and behind the orchestra, giving you a special, close-up view of the musicians.

TWO STOP **TOUR**

TUE 4 APR **ROUTE 4A**

Pick up a bargain at Moreton-in-Marsh's lively market and then enjoy a gentle amble along one of the prettiest streets in England at Bourton-on-the-Water - The Venice of The Cotswolds.

TWO STOP **TOUR**

THUR 6 APR **ROUTE 3A**

Spend a couple of hours browsing at Fakenham's popular weekly market and then round off the day with our first seaside visit of the year at Cromer.





THUR 6 APR

ROUTE 4B

Hunt out England's oldest inn, 800-year-old Ye Olde Trip to Jerusalem. Explore the city's unique subterranean cave network at the City of Caves, with grisly stories of crime and punishment at the nearby National Justice Museum. Back above ground, the compact city centre is largely pedestrianised, making Nottingham perfect for sightseeing and shopping.

AFTERNOON TEA

TUF 11 APR **ROUTE 4B**

It's never too early to book for this tour that sold out four dates in 2022! After a lunchtime break in the spa town of Buxton, step back



on board for a short ride to Whaley Bridge to enjoy a leisurely afternoon on the canal boat 'Judith Mary' accompanied by a generous afternoon tea!

RHS GARDEN **BRIDGEWATER**

OPENED MAY '21

TUE 11 APR **ROUTE 1A**

It's spring at the RHS's newest garden! Set in the grounds of a 19th century residence, the garden's master plan



echoes the original layout. Highlights include the restored Walled Garden (one of the largest in the country), a Wellbeing Garden, a Paradise Garden and the unique Chinese Streamside Garden.

GRFAT PRICE

WED 12 APR **ROUTE 4C**

Admire the beautiful stone buildings as you stroll around this famous university city whilst deciding whether to shop in the Grand Arcade, take a coffee by the Market Square. lunch at The Ivy, browse the books at Heffers, take a punt on the river or enjoy a cultural experience at one of the many (free-to-enter) museums.

RAF MUSEUM COSFORD

AD £35.00 SEN 32.50 CH £25.00

Discover amazing RAF stories through fantastic aircraft displays, learn about the bravery of pilots in Test Flight and don't miss the fascinating Cold War Exhibition.

CHILD FARE

WED 12 APR



MUSEUM

THUR 13 APR **ROUTE 1**

Home to the Meridian Line, the Royal Observatory, the free-to-enter National Maritime Museum, the Old Royal Naval College (including the fabulous Painted Hall). London's cable car, Greenwich Park, the Cutty Sark (the fastest ship of her age) and more. It's the perfect destination for a family outing and a day here will simply 'sail' by!

GUIDE & LUNCH **INCLUDED**

THUR 13 APR **ROUTE 4C**

Explore the slumbering villages and pastoral scenes immortalised by Constable and Gainsborough. We'll meet our highly knowledgeable guide in Long Melford over morning refreshments before our coach tour through beautiful rolling landscapes dotted with quintessentially English thatched villages and the great cloth towns of medieval Suffolk, including Clare and Cavendish. Back to Long Melford for a two-course choice lunch and time to stretch your legs along the lengthy High Street of this engaging Suffolk village. Round off a great day in Lavenham. Looming above the horizon the tower of St. Peter and St. Paul heralds our arrival in this immaculately kept town, full of crooked and timbered weavers' cottages. Enjoy a gentle walking tour followed by free time to browse and buy afternoon refreshments before we head home.

TWO STOP **TOUR**

FRI 14 APR **ROUTE 1**

Stop in Skipton and maybe tuck into some traditional Yorkshire fish & chips? Then sit back and enjoy a scenic drive through the magical Dales, via Grassington and Pateley Bridge, to the delightful spa town of Harrogate.



HISTORIC LINCOLN

SPECIAL CHILD FARE

FRI 14 APR

ROUTE 6

Shop or sightsee in this beautiful city, guarded by its fine Gothic Cathedral and medieval Castle where you can walk in the footsteps of kings, gain access to the impressive Victorian Prison and the one-of-a-kind Magna Carta Vault. Find a fascinating archaeology museum and art gallery in the Cultural Quarter, independent shops and boutiques in the Cathedral Quarter and along Steep Hill, whilst favourite brands line the High Street and the Waterside. Our coach will set down and pick up at the top and bottom of Steep Hill.

HAMPTON COURT PALACE TULIP FESTIVAL

ΡΔΙ ΔCF ADMISSION

MON 17 APR **ROUTE 4C**

The Tudor Court at Hampton Court Palace is packed full of history as well as being surrounded by stunning, riverside gardens which come alive with colour as thousands of tulips burst into bloom. A special trail guides visitors around the displays, revealing the history of the tulips, believed to date back to Queen Mary II in the 1600s.

HARROGATE SPRING **FLOWER SHOW**

UK'S BIGGEST FLORAL ART DISPLAY

THUR 20 APR **ROUTE 4**

This prestigious event features stunning new show gardens, live talks and demonstrations, great garden shopping and the biggest exhibition by florists and flower arrangers in the country.

JERSEY BOYS, LEICESTER CURVE

STALLS SFAT

ALL FARES £69.50

WED 26 APR **ROUTE 4**

THE WEST END & BREADWAY HIT MUSICAL Go behind the music and inside the story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons in this Olivier Award-

winning, original Broadway sensation. They were just four guys from New Jersey, until they sang their first note. They had a sound nobody had ever heard... and the radio just couldn't get enough! But while their harmonies were perfect on stage, off stage it was a very different story — a story that has made them an international sensation all over again. The show features all their hits including Sherry, Big Girls Don't Cry, Oh What A Night, Walk Like A Man, Can't Take My Eyes Off You and Working My Way Back To You.

AIN'T TOO PROUD, PRINCE EDWARD THEATRE

ALL FARES £75.00

From the creators of Jersey Boys comes another smash hit! Follow the jukebox journey of The Temptations, from the streets of Detroit to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. With signature dance moves and unmistakable harmonies listen out for hits including My Girl, Just My Imagination, Get Ready and Papa Was A Rolling Stone.



DRESS CIRCLE

THUR 27 APR

ROUTE 1

SAFFRON WALDEN

MARKET DΔY

TUE 2 MAY ROUTE 1

Spend an 'amazing' day in this charming historic market town, with no less than four mazes!

OKLAHOMA! LONDON'S WYNDHAM THEATRE

LIMITED **RUN**

ALL FARES £85.00

WED 3 MAY **ROUTE 4C**

A smash hit revival of Rodgers &

Hammerstein's famous musical, re-orchestrated and reimagined for the



21st century. This production was a sell-out on Broadway and at the Young Vic. Book early - it's a small theatre and a limited run!

ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS, KEW

INCLUDES PALACE ADMISSION

FRI 5 MAY **ROUTE 4C**

These beautiful botanic gardens need no introduction, with over 50,000 living plants across this UNESCO World Heritage site!



Don't miss the Rhododendron Dell - this hidden corner of Kew is at its prime in April/May when huge bushes burst into colour, showcasing their richly-hued petals.



LOVELY LICHFIELD

WAI KING TOUR ADD ON

> TUE 9 MAY **ROUTE 4A**

Spend a day uncovering the rich and varied history of this beautiful city. Georgian museums include the Samuel Johnson Birthplace and Erasmus Darwin House or step inside the stunning medieval Cathedral. The streets are lined with



tempting shops too! For an additional £7, join our 90 minute guided walking tour on arrival.

ANDRE RIEU, NOTTS MOTORPOINT ARENA LAST FEW SEATS

ALL FARES £145.00

WED 10 MAY **ROUTE 1A**

RHS MALVERN SPRING **FESTIVAL**

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FRI 12 MAY **ROUTE 1B**

Shop for flowers. food and crafts amongst a feelgood festival vibe with the Malvern Hills as your backdrop! New for 2023 is a Tips



& Tricks platform - all about growing food for the table.

CHATSWORTH **HOUSE**

WITH GARDEN ACCESS

AD £49.50 SEN £47.00 CH £42.50

TUE 16 MAY **ROUTE 4B**

Our 'Christmas at Chatsworth' trips are always popular. So, here's an opportunity to visit the house at a time when the



gardens will be looking spectacular and when more of the majestic rooms are open to view, from the magnificent Painted Hall to the beautiful Sculpture Gallery, via regal State Rooms and the restored Sketch Galleries. Outside, the 105 acre garden is famous for its rich history, waterworks and sculptures and its Victorian rock garden.

TITANIC - THE MUSICAL. NOTTINGHAM THEATRE ROYAL

AD £67.50 SEN £65.00 CH £65.00

WED 17 MAY **ROUTE 1A**

Based on real people aboard the world's most legendary ship, Titanic The Musical is a stunning and stirring production about the hopes and dreams of her passengers all innocently unaware of the fate awaiting them. The original Broadway production won five Tony Awards including Best Musical, Best Score and Best Book.

STRICTLY COME DANCING THE PROFESSIONALS. NOTTINGHAM ROYAL CENTRE

TIER 1 SEAT THUR 18 MAY ROUTE 1A

ALL FARES £79.00

This spectacular line-up of 10 of the world's best professional dancers - Dianne Buswell; Vito Coppola; Carlos Gu; Karen Hauer; Neil Jones; Nikita Kuzmin; Gorka Marguez; Luba Mushtuk; Jowita Przystal; and Nancy Xu will dazzle audiences with their exceptional talent, performed within the glitterball world of the hit BBC show, with its glamourous costumes and sparkling sets. Directed by Strictly's Creative Director, Jason Gilkison, whose original choreography will surprise and delight audiences.

HOLT & STODY LODGE

CREAM TEA INCLUDED

TUE 23 MAY **ROUTE 5**

Enjoy a couple of hours browsing in Norfolk's lovely Georgian town of Holt and then spend the afternoon at nearby Stody Lodge Gardens, where you'll find an amazing collection of rhododendrons and azaleas. The Azalea Water Garden is filled with over 2000 azalea mollis and the Lodge gardens feature magnolias, camellias and late flowering bulbs - very popular in 2022 and so special that we just had to include a cream tea!

42ND STREET, LEICESTER CURVE

STALLS SFAT

ALL FARES £65.00

THUR 25 MAY **ROUTE 4**

Don't miss this larger-than-life, massively entertaining celebration of musicals and the irrepressible spirit of Broadway that's guaranteed to lift anyone's spirits and have you clicking your fingers and tapping your toes!



Great Days Out

TWO STOP TOUR

TUE 30 MAY **ROUTE 3A**

Spend time in the lovely Georgian town of Holt before enjoying the sea air at Sheringham this afternoon.

CUSTOMER FAVOURITE

TUE 30 MAY **ROUTE 4**

Start the day in Captain Cook's Whitby, where you'll have time to wander around the quaint alleyways and maybe treat yourself to some



traditional seaside fish & chips, This afternoon, climb aboard for a nostalgic train journey through 24 miles of unspoilt scenery, all the way from Whitby to Pickering.

TWO STOP TOUR

WED 31 MAY **ROUTE 4C**

We love Bury's traditional market and the beautiful Abbey gardens and Lavenham's half-timbered houses are just so pretty!

90 MIN **CRUISE**

WED 31 MAY **ROUTE 1**

Explore Royal Windsor at leisure, then round off the day with a relaxing Thames cruise to the historic site at Runnymede. Expect impressive Castle views from the water.

CUSTOMER **FAVOURITE**

THUR 1 JUNE **ROUTE 3A**

This lovely tour features a 9 mile ride on the Bure Valley Railway (Norfolk's longest narrow gauge railway) through the county's pretty countryside from Aylsham to Wroxham the 'Capital of the Broads'. After free time in Wroxham, set sail for an afternoon cruise on the tranquil Norfolk Broads aboard the unique Mississippi Paddleboat Steamer, that sails out of the quaint village of Horning.

WITH LUNCH & CREAM TEA

THUR 1 JUNE **ROUTE 4C**

Enjoy a 2-hour afternoon cruise on the Deben Estuary - a Special Protection Area that lies within the Suffolk Coast & Heaths AONB. Learn about the river's rich wildlife and history from the interesting onboard commentary whilst enjoying a scone with jam/butter and a refreshing tea/coffee as you sail. There will be a one course, choice lunch at a local inn before your cruise too.

GARDEN CENTRE STOP

FRI 2 JUNE **ROUTE 3**

Stroll along the prom and pier, enjoy traditional fish & chips, spend a penny on the slots, get a bird's eye view from the Ferris wheel or kick off your shoes and go for a paddle - a walk down Memory Lane for many of us!

TWO STOP **TOUR**

FRI 2 JUNE **ROUTE 5**

Admire the rhododendrons, which should be coming into bloom at Sandringham Visitor Centre and let younger ones stretch their legs in the new outdoor adventure play (extra additions during 2022), before we continue to Hunstanton for a traditional afternoon by the sea.

THE HIMALAYAN GARDEN & SCULPTURE PARK

NEW TOUR

TUE 6 JUNE ROUTE 4

A rare gem in the heart of the North Yorkshire countryside. You'll find more than 90 striking contemporary

sculptures within



45 acres of stunning woodland and gardens. Its microclimate creates the perfect habitat for the rare blue poppy, alongside a large collection of rhododendrons, azaleas and magnolias in a tranquil setting, complimented by lakes and decorative bridges. The gardens have won several awards as well as being shortlisted for the BBC Garden of the Year.





RIPON A YORKSHIRE GEM

TUE 6 JUNE ROUTE 4

TOUR

Life in Ripon centres around the ancient marketplace and it's just a short walk to the city's beautiful medieval cathedral with an intriguing Anglo-Saxon crypt dating back to 672, the oldest structure of any cathedral in England still in use today. Inside, you will find unusual treasures of art and design, some of which inspired the writing of Alice in Wonderland and there's no entrance fee! The town's interesting museums are all nearby, too.

BBC GARDENERS WORLD LIVE, NEC

top and bottom of Steep Hill.

LINCOLN

BBC GOOD FOOD SHOW

FRI 9 JUNE

ROUTE 2A

THUR 15 JUNE ROUTE 1B

Step into a world of garden inspiration with Show Gardens, expert advice, shopping and entertainment. Your ticket includes entry to the BBC Good Food Show Summer!

Our coach will conveniently set down and pick up at the

MARKET WED 7 JUNE

ROUTE 3

Find out why Louth was once voted BBC Countryfile's favourite market town and why The Hairy Bikers describe it as a "food mecca". Find

local produce at the bustling market including speciality cheeses and Lincolnshire Plum Loaf. Look out for the stunning St James' Church sporting the tallest parish spire in the country and some magnificent Georgian and Victorian houses.

OXFORD

ROOF TERRACE AT WESTGATE

TUE 20 JUN **ROUTE 4A**

The 'City of Dreaming Spires' is full of historic buildings and fascinating museum collections like the Ashmolean and the Bodleian Library. Shopping is better than ever following the redevelopment of Westgate Shopping Centre which now boasts a stunning roof terrace offering great city views!



Something special for summer

TWO COURSE

MON 3 JUL ROUTE 1

LUNCH

LORD HESELTINE'S THENFORD ARBORETUM

NEW TOUR

GREAT

ROUTE 1

FRI 23 JUN ROUTE 1B

A rare opportunity to see the beautiful and impressive garden and arboretum, created by Lord & Lady Heseltine open only on selected dates and said to be of major importance. The arboretum features a collection of more than 3,000 trees and shrubs, together with extensive herbaceous borders, water gardens, an alpine trough garden, a sculpture garden, a rose garden and a rill - a must for all garden enthusiasts.

SUMMER IN THE CITY CAMBRIDGE

TUE 27 JUN

Shop, sightsee, or be punted along the river!

Let our expert City & Village Tours' guide tell you all about the fragile but fascinating Suffolk Coast as we pass through Orford and Snape en route to

Aldeburgh, where the Moot Hall that once stood in the centre of the town now teeters at the sea's edge! On to Dunwich where the Flora Tea Rooms have survived the town's demise and the finest fish & chips are on the menu for lunch, served with a dessert and hot drink! In the afternoon, we continue to Southwold where our guide will tell you all about 'Southwold Jack' at one of England's finest, medieval churches before leaving you to enjoy some free time in this elegant, Edwardian resort, where charming cottages cluster around the lighthouse and candy coloured beach huts line the shore.



RHS HAMPTON COURT PALACE GARDEN

RHS MEMBERS COULD SAVE

> FRI 7 JUL **ROUTE 4C**

Always one of the highlights of the gardening year packed with inspiration and stunning displays in a truly majestic setting! Fare only is available for RHS Members with their own show tickets.

RHS GARDEN

RHS MEMBERS COULD SAVE

> MON 24 JUL **ROUTE 4**

See the summer flowering at the new RHS Garden at Salford, set in the grounds of a 19th century residence. Highlights include the restored Walled Garden (one of the largest in the country), a Wellbeing Garden, a Paradise Garden and the unique Chinese Streamside Garden. Fare only is available for RHS Members.

THE YORKSHIRE SCULPTURE PARK

NEW TOUR

TUE 25 JUL **ROUTE 4**

Founded in 1977 by Sir Peter Murray CBE, YSP was the first sculpture park in the UK and is the largest of its kind in Europe.



It's the only place in Europe to see Barbara Hepworth's, The Family of Man in its entirety, alongside a significant collection of sculptures, including bronzes by Henry Moore, and site-specific works by Andy Goldsworthy, David Nash and James Turrell. The park also features a world-class, year-round temporary exhibitions programme hosting some of the world's leading artists outside and across six indoor galleries too. Set in a beautiful, landscaped garden laid out in the 18th century, it's a place to wander, discover and be amazed.

SANDRINGHA<u>M</u> **FLOWER SHOW**

GARDEN & CHURCH ENTRY

WED 26 JUL **ROUTE 5**

Show gardens, leading nursery displays, gardening experts, a craft marquee, music from the bandstand, rural crafts, a Victorian steam fairground and a full programme of arena events. This charming local show, held on the King's Norfolk estate, is always popular. Also includes admission to the gardens at Sandringham and to the church.

DERBYSHIRE'S PEAK PARK & SNAKE PASS

FRI 28 JUL **ROUTE 1A**

NEW

TOUR

Sit back and enjoy the scenery on our relaxing drive through the Peak District National Park. We'll make a lunch stop in Castleton before passing the Ladybower Reservoir (where the Dambusters trained) and driving over the famous Snake Pass before taking in the delightful Dales and making a final stop at Bakewell.

HARROGATE & RHS HARLOW CARR RHS MEMBERS **COULD SAVE**

MON 31 JUL **ROUTE 4**

Stop off for a lunchtime break in Harrogate before spending the afternoon at these beautiful gardens. Harlow Carr offers a variety of growing landscapes, from running and still water, to woodland and wildflower meadows. Highlights include the lavish Main Borders, bursting with generous prairie-style planting, and the lush, moisture-loving plants around Streamside. Fare only is available for RHS Members.

AFTERNOON TFA

MON 31 JUL **ROUTE 1**

Book early - four sell-out dates in 2022. See our spring cruise on page 11 for all the details.

CUSTOMER FAVOURITE

TUE 1 AUG **ROUTE 5**

See our early summer tour on page 14 for all the details. "We all had a wonderful time." 2022 customer comment

SOUTHWELL & THE SWAN SANCTUARY

GUIDED TOUR INCLUDED

TUE 1 AUG **ROUTE 1A**

Start with a guided tour of Southwell's magnificent Minster, then explore this charming town at leisure before we continue to a nearby garden centre, where you'll find the unique and magical Swan Sanctuary - five beautifully landscaped lakes, graced by a bevy of swans - an oasis of peace and tranquillity.



BEVERLEY

NEW TOUR

AD £37.50 SEN £35.00 CH £35.00 WED 2 AUG ROUTE 4

Voted one of the best places to live in the UK, the lovely town of Beverley is also one of Yorkshire's best kept secrets. With pretty market squares and beautiful Georgian townhouses, it's steeped in history. Easily explored on foot, the town has the perfect



mix of independently owned boutiques and High Street stores, along with its popular market. Don't miss the Minster, arguably one of Europe's best Gothic buildings before heading across to the opposite end of town where you'll find St Mary's Church. If you look closely, you'll see the white rabbit that inspired the character in Alice in Wonderland

THE SAVILL GARDEN & THAMES CRUISE

WITH CREAM

ALL EADES \$75 OC

THUR 3 AUG ROUTE 1

Take a summer stroll inside Windsor Great Park at Britain's finest ornamental garden before an afternoon Thames cruise between Runnymede and Windsor with cream tea served as you sail - expect superb views of Windsor Castle from the water.

SKIPTON, THE DALES & HARROGATE

CUSTOMER FAVOURITE

AD £42.00 SEN £39.50 CH £39.50 FRI 4 AUG ROUTE 4

Stop in Skipton and maybe treat yourself to some traditional Yorkshire fish & chips? Then sit back and enjoy a scenic drive through the rolling Dales, via Grassington and Pateley Bridge, to the delightful spa town of Harrogate.

ROYAL BOTANIC

INC. PALACE ENTRY

AD £52.00

MON 7 AUG ROUTE 1

From the Great Pagoda to the Temperate House and the Princess of Wales Conservatory, you'll find something to see in every corner at these beautiful botanical gardens. Don't miss the Rose Garden, with



170 different species and cultivars of rose, the bold plantings are designed to be a floral feast for the eye. Entry is included to Kew Palace, which is due to be open today.

HOLKHAM HALL & GARDENS

AD £55.00 SEN £52.50 CH £52.50 MON 7 AUG ROUTE 5

TOUR

Our Christmas tour to this beautiful Norfolk home was a sell-out success so don't miss the opportunity to see the Hall in summer, when an interactive



exhibition will give you the back story to Holkham before you enjoy a free-flow tour of the Hall. Experienced stewards will be present in the opulent State Rooms to answer questions. Later, our coach will be available to take you up to the beautiful 6 acre walled garden or you can stroll there through the beautifully landscaped parkland. Originally laid out during the late 1700s, the gardens are divided into squares and slips, each with their own theme and we think that they're as impressive as the Hall itself.

ANNIE, MK THEATRE

BAND A SEAT

ALL FARES £55.00

WED 9 AUG ROUTE 1

With Craig Revel Horwood revelling in the role of the tyrannical Miss



Hannigan, this performance is sure to be just FAB-U-LOUS!

SUFFOLK ESTUARY CRUISE WITH LUNCH & CREAM TEA

ALL FARES £65 OC

THUR 10 AUG ROUTE 1

Book early - this was a sell-out last year! See our June cruise on page 14 for all the details.

PIRATES OF PENZANCE, BUXTON OPERA HOUSE

MID STALLS

AD £72.50 SEN £69.50 CH £69.50

Settle in for the afternoon performance of this 'light opera' from the National G&S Opera Company at the



International Gilbert and Sullivan Festival, taking place in the impressive Buxton Opera House, designed by the famous theatre architect. Frank Matcham!



NORFOLK COAST SEAL SPOTTING

AD £52.00 SEN £49.50 CH £39.50

Enjoy the sea air in Sheringham and Wells-next-the-Sea, with a boat trip in between to see the

seals that are usually basking off

the far end of Blakenev Point.



60 MIN

CRUISE

FRI 11 AUG

ROUTE 3A

The experienced crew will be on hand to provide local information and there is often plenty of birdlife to spot too! NB The boats are open (so that you get the best view of the seals) so please dress accordingly.

WHITBY

ANNUAL REGATTA

AD £45.00 SEN £42.50 CH £42.50 MON 14 AUG ROUTE 1A

Our visit to Whitby will be enhanced by their annual Regatta that is scheduled to be taking place - look out for special events held across the harbour front.



NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM

SUMMER VISIT

AD £35.00 SEN £32.50 CH £32.50 TUE 15 AUG ROUTE 4A

See our spring visit on page 10 for all the details.

NORFOLK LAVENDER

INC. TOUR & LUNCH

ALL FARES £45 00

WED 16 AUG ROUTE 3A

The fields at Norfolk Lavender are usually a glorious sight as visitors make their way to Hunstanton at this time of year. Find out how the plant is harvested and distilled during a short, guided tour of the Distillery and learn how to grow and care



for your plants as well as taking a turn around the lovely herb garden. Enjoy a one course choice lunch and time to browse the gorgeous grounds and shop before we continue to Hunstanton for an afternoon by the sea. Please let us know your choice of lunch – Cod, chips & mushy peas; Ham, egg & chips or Vegetarian quiche with new potatoes & a side salad. Book early – very popular in 2022. "There was so much to see ... the lunch was delicious and very well arranged." 2022 customer comment

RIVER ORWELL CRUISE

AFTERNOON TEA INCLUDED

AD £79.50 SEN £75.00 CH £59.50 THUR 17 AUG ROUTE 4C

Enjoy a stroll along the stylish Waterfront at Ipswich – and maybe take a coffee at one of the many cafés or restaurants whilst watching the boats at anchor in the Marina –



before stepping on board the 'Orwell Lady' for our very popular and super special $3\frac{1}{2}$ hour cruise on the River Orwell - voted one of the most beautiful and historic rivers in England. You'll pass through the lock gates and onto the river, under the stunning Orwell Bridge, through areas of outstanding natural beauty and wildlife, past the Pin Mill to the Stour Estuary to see (weather permitting) the UK's largest container port at Felixstowe and historic Harwich. Afternoon tea will be served during the cruise. Book early – customer (avourite.

"The boat trip itself was very enjoyable, and the afternoon tea served onboard exceptional." 2022 customer comment

THE CROMER PIER SUMMER SHOW

FRONT STALLS

AD £59.50 SEN £57.00 CH £57.00 TUE 22 AUG ROUTE 5

Take your seats for this afternoon's award-winning performance! A feast of live variety entertainment featuring comedy, singing, dancing and plenty of razzle and dazzle!



LOVE LIVERPOOL

FREE MUSEUMS

AD £45.00 SEN £42.50 CH £42.50 MON 21 AUG ROUTE 1A

Experience iconic sights like the famous Royal Liver Building, fantastic museums like Tate Liverpool and the Museum of Liverpool (both free entry). Don't miss the city's top attractions including The Beatles Story



and Albert Dock. Wander along the waterfront, board a 'Ferry 'Cross the Mersey' or take your pick from a superb choice of cafés and restaurants - the choice is yours.

STUNNING SCENERY

WED 23 AUG **ROUTE 4A**

WED 30 AUG **ROUTE 3A**

NEW TOUR

Head to Sheringham for a day on the Norfolk coast that also includes a delightful afternoon train iourney on 'The Poppy



Line' through Norfolk's pretty countryside to Holt and back.

Great summer destinations from just £27.50!

Cromer & Sheringham Mon 24 Jul	AD £35.00 SEN £32.50 CH £32.50	3/
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Wells & Hunstanton Thur 27 Jul	AD £32.00 SEN £29.50 CH £29.50	5
Harrogate Mon 31 Jul	AD £37.50 SEN £35.00 CH £35.00	4
Skegness Wed 2 Aug	AD £30.00 SEN £27.50 CH £25.00	3
Fakenham & Sheringhan Thur 3 Aug	n AD £35.00 SEN £32.50 CH £32.50	5
Scarborough Tue 8 Aug	AD £45.00 SEN £42.50 CH £42.50	4

Call at the lovely town of Broadway before a nostalgic ride

Cheltenham then back as far as Toddington. Pass through

glorious Cotswolds countryside, with views across to the

Malvern Hills and the Vale of Evesham. "A lovely day in

of almost 25 miles on the GWR, from Broadway to

every way." 2022 customer comment

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Wed 23 Aug	AD £35.00 SEN £32.50 CH £32.50	1
Clacton Air Show		
Thur 24 Aug	AD £39.50 SEN £37.00 CH £37.00	1
Southwold & Aldeburgh	1	
Tue 29 Aug	AD £39.50 SEN £37.00 CH £37.00	1

EARLY BOOKING ESSENTIAL for these special autumn tours...

ASPECTS OF LOVE, LONDON'S LYRIC THEATRE

LIMITED RUN

ALL FARES £89.00

WED 20 SEP **ROUTE 1**

Michael Ball returns to the West End in Andrew Llovd Webber's romantic musical for a

limited run -

MICHAEL BALL LYRIC THEATRE - OPENS MAY 2023

early booking is essential.

THE QUEEN AT WINDSOR CASTLE

Tue 29 Aug

Skegness

AD £75.00 SEN £72.50 CH £59.00 CASTLE ENTRY & TALK

AD £30.00 SEN £27.50 CH £25.00 5

THUR 28 SEP **ROUTE 4C**

Start with a special 30-minute, private introduction to Queen Elizabeth II's life at Windsor Castle. Windsor remained a constant in her life and served as a stage for the great events of her reign. At the same time, it was a peaceful refuge in which to raise a family; a place to ride horses with children and grandchildren and to enjoy many other private moments that made the Castle her favourite weekend home. New tour, book early.

THE DRIFTER'S GIRL, MK THEATRE

BAND B **SEAT**

ALL FARES £62.50

THUR 26 OCT **ROUTF 4C**

Discover the remarkable story of one of the world's greatest vocal groups, and the truth about the woman who made them, NB No 'Kissin' In The Back Row'!





TURRETS & TANKS IN DORSET

£525pp

MON 13 - FRI 17 FEB NO SINGLE SUPP. CODE: A3382

MON ▶ Check in with tea/coffee on arrival and relax before this evening's entertainment. TUE ▶ UNIQUE TOUR AT



THE TANK MUSEUM Walk in the footsteps of a WWI soldier - from

joining up at the local recruiting office all the way to the Front-Line trenches – during a unique guided tour at Bovington Camp's Tank Museum, Uncover stories of this armoured British invention from the mud of the Somme to the beaches of Normandy and the deserts of Iraq through powerful memories from the brave crews that fought in them. Enjoy hotel entertainment this evening.

WED ▶ HIGHCLIFFE CASTLE & WELCOME TALK

Discover one of the most important surviving houses of the Romantic and Picturesque architectural period during our morning visit to Grade I listed Highcliffe Castle. Visited by kings, queens and a host of famous names, like Harry Gordon Selfridge and Dame Nellie Melba, you'll hear all about its fabulously rich history during an introductory talk before exploring at your leisure. There's free time in Bournemouth this afternoon before tonight's entertainment.

THUR ▶ GUIDED TOUR OF SALISBURY CATHEDRAL

Gaze up at Britain's tallest spire (123m) as we drive into the medieval city of Salisbury. Take a guided tour of the serenely stunning Cathedral - home to the world's oldest mechanical clock and the best-preserved original 1215 Magna Carta before enjoying free time in the city. There's great shopping and restaurants amongst the medieval streets and historic buildings. FRI ► Home.

DURLEY DEAN HOTEL & SPA, BOURNEMOUTH

- ▶ Victorian townhouse hotel ▶ Situated just a short walk from Bournemouth cliff top and a ten-minute walk to Bournemouth Beach and Pier > Ensuite rooms featuring flat screen TV, radio, phone, hairdryer, ironing equipment, free WiFi, work area, air-conditioning and tea/coffee making facilities > Restaurant, lounge bar and patio/terrace
- Indoor pool, sauna, steam room, gym and beauty rooms
- Lift to all floors.



ST. DAVID'S DAY **IN WALES**

£525pp

MON 27 FEB - FRI 3 MAR SINGLE SUPP. £77 CODE: C3383

MON ► Croeso i gymru - Welcome to Wales with tea, coffee and Bara Brith at check in. TUE ▶ GUIDED TOUR AT HALON MÔN ▶ FREE TIME IN BETWS-Y-COED ▶ SCENIC TOUR



Visit Halen Môn, the award-winning home of Anglesey Sea Salt, boasting beautiful views from the banks of the Menai Strait. Take a production tour of this delicious condiment and browse the tempting gift and coffee shop. Camera at the ready as we ride through the Vale of Conwy to Betws-Y-Coed, surrounded by glacial landscapes, nestled between two waterways and full of inviting eateries and shops. Return to the hotel via the Cambrian Mountains and the Pass of Llanberis.

WED ▶ CAERNARVON FOR ST. DAVIDS DAY

Celebrate St David's Day with Wales' most famous castle as the backdrop in the beautiful surroundings of Caernarfon, where HM The King was crowned Prince of Wales in 1969. Wander through the pretty streets full of great shops and restaurants. watch boats bobbing on the water and take in the distant mountain views. The day is yours to enjoy as you choose.

THUR ► SNOWDONIA SCENERY

The lively harbour town of Porthmadog awaits, where a morning stroll along 'The Cob' is certain to wake you up. Take one of Britain's most spectacular routes along the mountainous Llanberis Pass to the town of the same name, which sits at the foot of Snowdon on the edge of Lake Padern. Revel in the endless scenery with a takeaway coffee on the waterfront or delve into the past on a self-guided Heritage Trail with information boards that are dotted around the village. FRI Amser i fynd adref - Time to go home.

CELTIC ROYAL HOTEL, CAERNARVON

- Located in the centre of the World Heritage town of Caernarfon, between Snowdonia's sea and mountains Within walking distance of the walled town, castle and the Welsh Highland Railway station > Ensuite rooms with TV, radio, phone, hairdryer, WiFi, hospitality tray & ironing equipment upon request Restaurant and bar/lounge Indoor pool, sauna, steam room, gym, bubble pool
- ► ACCESS There are two steps at the main entrance but level access is available via the side entrance, the lift serves all floors but some bedrooms have steps leading to them.



A TASTE OF

£650pp

MON 6 - FRI 10 MAR SINGLE SUPP. £94 CODE: C3384

MON ► Enjoy a traditional Cornish welcome with cream tea and a complimentary glass of cider before your evening meal.

TUE ▶ EDEN PROJECT

We'll depart mid-



morning for The Eden Project, a unique eco-visitor attraction that explores the planet from a holistic perspective through awe-inspiring Rainforest and Mediterranean Biomes, outdoor gardens and insightful exhibitions — with sustainability at the core. Enjoy a traditional Cornish Fish & Chip supper this evening.

WED ► BODMIN JAIL TOUR & CREAM TEA ► PADSTOW ► LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Delve into the dark history of Bodmin Jail at Cornwall's brandnew award-winning immersive experience. Dating back to 1779 with tales of hangings, hauntings and hardship, retold for 21st-century visitors – expect the unexpected! Then to pretty Padstow – grab an alfresco coffee around the turquoise waters on the harbour edge or make the most of this 'window shoppers' paradise' as you wind your way through the boutiques. Enjoy live Cornish entertainment in the Bay Bar this evening.

THUR ▶ NEWQUAY OR TRURO ▶ TASTER MENU

Choose to spend the whole day by the coast amongst Newquay's laid-back charm or spend the morning in Cornwall's only city – Truro – where you'll find some unique art galleries and lovely cafés. Finish up with a 5 course 'Taste of Cornwall' menu, accompanied by a complimentary glass of Camel Valley sparkling wine.

FRI > Home.

FISTRAL BEACH HOTEL & SPA, NEWQUAY

- Modern, beautifully furnished & exclusively for adults
- ▶ Situated above Fistral Bay with impressive Atlantic views
- ► Ten-minute walk from Fistral Beach in Cornwall's famous Fistral Bay ► Ensuite rooms featuring a TV, phone, hairdryer, WiFi and hospitality tray ► Restaurant and lounge bar with stunning ocean views ► Indoor pool, sauna, steam room, Jacuzzi and gym ► Award winning spa (pre-booking recommended) ► Lift ► ACCESS It isn't possible to accommodate wheelchairs and scooters in the lift and there are steps and level changes within the hotel so please discuss any mobility issues. Walk-in showers upon request.

KENT -CURIOSITY IS CALLING

£595pp

MON 27 - FRI 31 MAR SINGLE SUPP. £95 CODE: A3386

MON ▶ ROCHESTER

Sightsee in historic Rochester, a place cherished by the Victorian novelist Charles Dickens. You'll find a Norman Castle, England's second oldest cathedral and a



High Street packed with shops and cafés. Enjoy a welcome tea/coffee at the hotel.

TUE ▶ CHARTWELL (NT) ▶ WESTERHAM

Step back in time at Chartwell, the Churchill family home, where the rooms remain much as they were during Sir Winston's lifetime. He cherished this beautiful country setting and the gardens reflect his love of nature. Finish the day in Westerham. Perhaps pop into the newly refurbished,16th century, George & Dragon Pub, or take a self-guided walking tour of the town.

WED ▶ THE CRITERION BLUETOWN TOUR & LUNCH ▶ ISLE OF SHEPPEY COACH TOUR

After tea/coffee, take a private tour through Nelson's Cabin, an original Music Hall and Sheerness Co-op 1816 at The Criterion, a heritage centre dedicated to showcasing the diverse history of the Isle of Sheppey. Finish with a fish & chip lunch before a guided coach tour across the island. Drive through a range of landscapes and wildlife, learn about Sheppey's aviation history, naval links to Nelson and maritime significance.

THUR ► FAVERSHAM ► SPITFIRE & HURRICANE MUSEUM ► MARGATE

Start the day admiring over 300 listed buildings in Faversham as you wander through this medieval market town or along the creek to the quayside shops and eateries. Continue on to the Spitfire & Hurricane Memorial Museum, a rare surviving airfield from the Battle of Britain, telling stories of the brave men and women that served here, through aircraft displays and original objects. Finish the day in Margate – wander along the prom or view the unique exhibitions at Turner Contemporary.

FRI ▶ BIGGIN HILL TOUR & LUNCH

After breakfast we'll depart for Biggin Hill, Britain's most famous wartime fighter station where the Memorial Museum charts the story of those who served and the community who supported them. Finish with a buffet lunch before home.

BRIDGEWOOD MANOR HOTEL & SPA

- ➤ Situated between the Downs and the coast ➤ Well furnished and smartly styled ➤ Ensuite rooms featuring a TV, direct dial phone, hairdryer, trouser press or ironing facilities, desk area, free WiFi and tea/coffee making facilities
- ▶ Restaurant, bar, patio and inner courtyard
 ▶ Indoor pool, sauna, steam room, health club and beauty rooms
 ▶ Lift to all floors
 ▶ ACCESS Walk-in showers and ground floor rooms are available on request.





SCOTTISH CELEBRATIONS & SAILINGS

£665pp

MON 3 - FRI 7 APR SINGLE SUPP. £96 CODE: B3387

RFF BAR

EVERY NIGHT

SPRINGTIME ON THE RIVIERA

£575pp

MON 17 - FRI 21 APR NO SINGLE SUPP. CODE: C3389

MON ► Enjoy impressive Scottish scenery en route to the hotel.

TUE ► FALKIRK WHEEL ► THE KELPIES

Sail through the sky on the

world's only rotating boat lift at the famous Falkirk Wheel. Opened by Queen Elizabeth II in 2002, it reconnected Falkirk's two canals which were originally linked by a flight of 11 locks that took nearly 24 hours to transit! Later, see the world's largest pair of equine sculptures – the Kelpies – which pay homage to the working horses of Scotland that used to pull canal barges and work in the fields within which they now stand so majestically.

WED ▶ SCENIC TOUR

Sit back and enjoy spectacular scenery along Loch Lomond to the Green Welly Stop at Tyndrum, where you might choose to pick up a Scottish souvenir. Continue via Glen Lochy and Loch Awe to the pretty lakeside town of Inveraray on Loch Fyne. From here we'll follow the shoreline to the awesome Rest & Be Thankful Pass, an incredible route that reaches highs of 803 ft above sea level.

THUR ▶ LOCH KATRINE CRUISE ▶ GLASGOW RIVERSIDE MUSEUM

Enjoy a two-hour cruise on Loch Katrine this morning, taking in the unspoilt nature that surrounds this vast yet tranquil expanse, made famous by Sir Walter Scott's vivid descriptions. Return to the hotel for a light lunch and spend the afternoon relaxing here or re-join the coach for an afternoon at Glasgow's Riverside Museum. This impressive building –which opened in 2011 - gives a fascinating insight into the city's innovative industrial past.

GOOD FRIDAY ▶ Time to return home.

THE WINNOCK HOTEL, DRYMEN

▶ A lovingly restored 18th century coaching inn situated in the pretty village of Drymen, on the edge of the Trossachs National Park ▶ Ensuite rooms with TV, phone, radio, hairdryer & hospitality tray ▶ Restaurant, bar & lounge areas, many with cosy log fires ▶ ACCESS No lift, rooms are on the ground and first floors but please note that level access to some ground floor rooms is via a short walk across the lawn, walk-in showers on request.



Steam your way from Paignton to Kingswear along this scenic

HOTEL ENTERTAINMENT

heritage line, then take the foot passenger ferry over the River Dart to Dartmouth and board the boat for a 60-minute circular river cruise. You'll pass Dartmouth Castle and Agatha Christie's Greenway House – look out for wildlife along the way too. There's free time to wander in the picturesque naval town of Dartmouth before we return to the hotel, with entertainment this evening.

WED ▶ TORQUAY ▶ BUCKFAST ABBEY

Enjoy a relaxing morning - perhaps make the most of the hotel's leisure facilities or take a stroll along the SW Coastal Path. Continue your restful day with peace and serenity at Buckfast Abbey. The impressive 11th century Abbey is complimented by spacious gardens, a restaurant and gift shops.

THUR ► SCENIC DARTMOOR WITH CREAM TEA

It's all about Dartmoor National Park today, starting with a morning break in the only town in Devon to hold a World Heritage status – Tavistock. Continue through the moors, pausing for a traditional cream tea at Badgers Holt Café at Dartmeet – the famous beauty spot at the junction of the East and West Dart Rivers. Enjoy more scenery before returning to the hotel for this evening's entertainment.

FRI ▶ Home.

THE HEADLAND HOTEL & SPA, TORQUAY

Quiet spot on the headland with stunning sea views

Direct access to the SW Coastal Path ▶ 20-minute walk to Torquay Harbour ▶ Ensuite rooms with TV, phone, hairdryer, free WiFi & hospitality tray ▶ Restaurant & lounge/bar ▶ Garden & spacious outdoor terrace with sea views ▶ Hydro pool, sauna, steam room, mini-gym & beauty treatments (pre-booking advised) ▶ Nightly hotel entertainment (except Wed) ▶ ACCESS Lift to most floors but some rooms involve stairs, limited ground floor rooms and walk-in showers, steps to the pool and at the garden entrance.





THE BONNY **BORDERS**

£610pp

MON 24 - FRI 28 APR SINGLE SUPP. £80 CODE: B3390

3 HISTORIC

MON ▶ Enjoy traditional Scottish shortbread with tea/coffee at check in.

TUE ▶ PEEBLES

► TRAQUAIR HOUSE



WED ▶ NEW LANARK

Take in the scenery as we drive west to the UNESCO World Heritage Site at New Lanark. This revolutionary 18th century Mill Village on the River Clyde set an example to industrial communities across the world with its focus on the education and welfare of workers. See a reconstruction of an 1820's Millworkers' House, take in the natural views from the 9000sq.ft Roof Garden, journey through time in the awardwinning Visitor Centre and much more.

THUR ▶ KELSO ▶ FLOORS CASTLE & GARDENS

Wander down cobbled streets and past elegant Georgian buildings during a morning visit to Kelso, at the picturesque junction of the rivers Tweed and Teviot. Speciality shops surround the large town square with some lovely cafés to choose from too. Continue to the largest inhabited house in Scotland and stroll through the stunning collection of fine art, porcelain and tapestries at Floors Castle. Situated in parkland, with a Victorian Walled Garden and formal Millennium Garden. FRI Back over the border and home.

BARONY CASTLE HOTEL, NEAR PEEBLES

Set within a 25 acre estate with horticultural features dating back to the 17th century ▶ Family owned ▶ Every bedroom is unique with differing views of the surrounding castle estate, garden and glen Winners of a 2022 AA Rosette award for culinary excellence Ensuite rooms with TV, phone, free WiFi, radio, desk, ironing equipment (on request) hairdryer and hospitality tray > Restaurant, TV lounge (with an extensive range of malt whiskies) and a cosy log fire Pool, whirlpool, sauna, heated loungers, gym and beauty treatments Lift to all floors apart from the fourth ACCESS There are a limited number of walk-in showers, available on request. No ground floor bedrooms and some bedrooms are reached via 15 steps. Non-slip bath maths available on request.



SPRINGTIME IN **SOMERSET**

£660pp

MON 1 - FRI 5 MAY NO SINGLE SUPP. CODE: C3391

MON ► Enjoy a leisurely bank holiday arrival.

TUE ▶ WEST SOMERSET RAILWAY ▶ HESTERCOMBE GARDENS

Start the day on the West



Somerset Railway, steaming your way across 20 miles of coast and country, between Bishop's Lydeard and Minehead. Spend the afternoon exploring three centuries of garden design at Hestercombe, from the Georgian landscape to the Victorian Shrubbery and the Edwardian Formal Gardens. The Contemporary Art Gallery and Café make a lovely addition to these stunning surroundings.

WED ▶ SCENIC EXMOOR TOUR

We'll take the spectacular coastal route over Porlock Hill to the twin towns of Lynmouth and Lynton, home to the highest and steepest totally water powered railway in the world. Continue through beautiful scenery to the popular coastal resort at Ilfracombe with its pretty harbour and pastel-coloured houses, backed by dramatic cliffs. We'll pause beside the River Exe in the heart of Exmoor for cream tea at The White Horse Inn before returning to the hotel through the National Park.

THUR ▶ KNIGHTSHAYES COURT (NT)

Spend the morning at leisure before an afternoon amongst 19th-century parkland and grand Gothic Revival architecture at Knightshayes. This country house is a rare example of William Burges' lavish designs with intricately decorated ceilings throughout. There are over 1200 plant species unique to Knightshayes in the extensive gardens and the ever-changing displays are full of seasonal colour.



THE NORTHFIELD HOTEL, MINEHEAD

Set in 2 acres of landscaped gardens, reputed to have been laid out by Gertrude Jekyll > Located in the centre of Minehead just 5 minutes' walk to the seafront and 10 minutes' walk to the SW Coastal Path With just 30 bedrooms you can expect a warm welcome > Ensuite rooms with TV, free WiFi and hospitality tray Restaurant with three dining areas, all with sea views > Bar lounge with terrace ▶ Indoor pool, gym and steam room ▶ ACCESS There are a limited number of rooms with walk-in showers, available

on request. Four bedrooms on the lower floor are accessed

via 13 steps. 13 steps (or a chair lift) to the leisure facilities.



Holiday Destinations





2023 REUNION - 101 YEARS

£450pp

WED 29 NOV - FRI 1 DEC SINGLE SUPP. £60 CODE: A3423

Our Reunion short breaks seem to get better and better each year. It's our opportunity to thank you for joining us on our Great Days Out and Door2Door Holidays, to catch up with so many friends that we've made over the years and, of course, to warmly welcome new customers. This year, our inclusive break will be held at the stylish Bridgewood Manor Hotel & Spa, and along with our

usual breakfast and dinner





inclusions, we've also arranged lunch every day at three different venues, including a special Christmas lunch at Hever Castle. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible.

WED ▶ LUNCH

Catch up with friendly faces en route to the hotel, stopping off for a light lunch along the way. Enjoy tea/coffee at the hotel as your bags are taken to your room. After a glass of wine with dinner tonight you'll be ready for some evening entertainment and maybe a light-hearted quiz.

THUR ▶ BLUE TOWN & THE CRITERION HERITAGE CENTRE WITH LUNCH ▶ ROCHESTER ▶ GALA DINNER

Cross over to the Isle of Sheppey to spend this morning at the Blue Town and Criterion Heritage Centre. After tea/coffee, take a private guided tour through Nelson's Cabin, an original Music Hall and Sheerness Co-op 1816 – this unique heritage centre is dedicated to showcasing the diverse history of the Isle of Sheppey. The choice is yours this afternoon – either treat

yourself to complimentary tea/coffee and cake in the hotel lounge, take a dip in the pool or join the coach to Rochester for some sightseeing (or Christmas shopping). Rochester was cherished by the Victorian novelist Charles Dickens, who lived here as a child and returned as a successful author. You'll find a Norman Castle, England's second oldest cathedral and a High Street packed with independent shops and cafés. This evening, enjoy a pre-dinner drink before our special Gala Dinner and dancine.

FRI ▶ HEVER CASTLE WITH CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We'll check-out mid-morning and make our way to the romantic, double-moated, 13th century castle at Hever - once the childhood home of Anne Boleyn and displaying two of her prayer books bearing her inscriptions and signature! The richly decorated rooms look even more elaborate at this time of year as warming log fires and twinkling Christmas trees light up the panelled walls, Tudor portraits, tapestries and antiques. There's time for a wander in the gift shop before tucking in to a two-course Christmas lunch to round off the Reunion celebrations.



BRIDGEWOOD MANOR HOTEL & SPA



➤ Situated between the Downs and the coast ➤ Wellfurnished and smartly styled

■ Ensuite rooms with TV, direct dial phone, hairdryer, trouser press or ironing facilities, desk area, free WiFi and hospitality tray ■ Restaurant, bar, patio and inner courtyard ■ Indoor pool, sauna, steam room, health club and beauty rooms (pre booking advised) ■ Lift to all floors ■ SINGLES ARE DOUBLE FOR SOLE ■ ACCESS Walk-in showers and ground floor rooms are available on request.

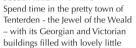


STEAMING THROUGH KENT'S JEWELS

£670pp

MON 8 - FRI 12 MAY SINGLE SUPP. £80 CODE: A3392







shops and cafés. Board the East Sussex Railway for a nostalgic 50-minute journey through the unspoilt Rother Valley to Bodiam. Continue by coach to the ancient medieval streets of Rye, with its cobbled alleys and a relaxed atmosphere.

WED ▶ FOLKESTONE

Enjoy your day at leisure - the hotel is just 10 minutes' walk from Folkestone town centre and an even shorter stroll to the cliff top where you'll find winding routes down to the sandy beach. The Creative Quarter is packed with independents and the new developments on the Harbour Arm are a great place for morning coffee. The Leas Lift, a water balanced funicular that opened in 1885, was the third hydraulic lift in the world. On a clear day the French coast can be seen over The Channel. THUR > HOLE PARK WITH LUNCH > CRANBROOK

Four generations of the Barham family have created a beautiful 16 acre garden at Hole Park, with a skilful mix of formal design and naturalised planting. In May tulips, roses and rhododendrons bloom with lovely countryside views from The Sundial Garden. Enjoy a Ploughman's lunch here before we continue to Cranbrook where the narrow medieval streets are lined with pretty houses, each one different from its neighbour. You'll find interesting shops and the wonderful Union Mill, England's tallest and finest working smock mill.

FRI ► CANTERBURY

Enjoy time in another of Kent's 'Jewels' – Canterbury, where you'll find three UNESCO World Heritage sites, six museums, seven art galleries, six theatres, one castle, one abbey, one cathedral and 24 Canterbury Tales. You may not have quite enough time to fit them all in! We'll head home early afternoon after spending time at this pretty spot on the River Stour.

BEST WESTERN PLUS BURLINGTON HOTEL

▶ Situated on The Leas clifftop promenade ▶ Modern hotel with Victorian charm ▶ Ensuite rooms with TV, phone, hairdryer, free WiFi & hospitality tray ▶ Restaurant, bar and lounge ▶ Garden and terrace ▶ Lift to all floors ▶ ACCESS There are several steps to the main door but ramped access is available through another entrance, ground floor rooms involve 3 steps but ramps are available.



DEVON & SOMERSET, FLAVOURS & FLORALS

£635pp

MON 15 - FRI 19 MAY SINGLE SUPP. £108 CODE: C3393

MON ► Check in. TUE ► TOUR & TASTING AT SHEPPY'S CIDER FARM WALLED GARDENS OF CANNINGTON

The Sheppy's are now in their seventh generation, making them one of the



oldest cider making families in the country. Tour the fully working farm with their famous longhorn cows, 90 acres of blossoming orchards and take a look around the Rural Life Museum before a guided tasting. Walk off the cider at the beautiful Walled Gardens of Cannington, set against the backdrop of a Grade I listed medieval priory with plants from all over the world.

WED ▶ TIVERTON ▶ KILLERTON (NT)

Spend the morning at leisure before an afternoon at Killerton. The ground floor of this busy Georgian family home is just as it was in the 1920s/30s and includes a music room, library and dining room. Upstairs you'll find over 20,000 items in the fashion collection, outside, the estate is famous for rare trees and shrubs with a formal terrace, wildflower meadows and winding woodland paths.

THUR ▶ AXMINSTER ▶ BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

Potter around the small but charming selection of market stalls set around the Minster, at Axminster. Visit the Heritage Museum to find out more about the town's world renowned carpet industry. During its peak, each time a carpet was finished the Minster's bells were rung in celebration! This afternoon, enjoy the sea air in the unspoilt resort of Budleigh Salterton, with its unique pebble beach and views of the Jurassic Coast. FRI > Home.

BEST WESTERN TIVERTON HOTEL

► Located in the heart of rural Devon, in the historic market town of Tiverton ► Set within mature gardens ► Ensuite rooms featuring TV, radio, phone, hairdryer, ironing equipment, WiFi and hospitality tray ► Restaurant and lounge bar ► ACCESS No lift, but ground floor rooms may be available on request, the remaining rooms are just one floor up.



YORKSHIRE'S **CANALS &** CARRIAGES

£645pp

MON 29 MAY - FRI 2 JUN SINGLE SUPP. £118 CODE: B3394

MON ▶ HOLMFIRTH

Holmfirth is famous for being the filming location for Last of the Summer Wine vou can even still pop into "Sid's Café". This traditional



town, in the beautiful Holme Valley, is a lovely spot to stretch your legs before we arrive at the hotel to tea/coffee.

TUE ▶ SETTLE-CARLISLE RAIL JOURNEY

Carve your way through the Dales to the Eden Valley on the world-famous Settle-Carlisle Line. Enjoy panoramic views along 72 miles of unspoilt countryside, encountering 14 tunnels and 20 viaducts, including the iconic Ribblehead, before crossing into Cumbria to the historic city of Carlisle. There's time to find a nice spot for lunch before the return journey.

WED ▶ SKIPTON CANAL CRUISE

Spend the day in the friendly market town of Skipton. You'll find great local produce and a welcoming atmosphere at the market, from the top of which you'll see the Gatehouse to the town's impressive 900-year-old medieval castle. We'll finish the day with a peaceful, interesting cruise along the Leeds-Liverpool Canal with tea/coffee served on board.

THUR ▶ HARROGATE ▶ HAREWOOD HOUSE

With its handsome historic buildings and verdant gardens, Harrogate is one of Yorkshire's most elegant destinations. Stroll through the Grade II listed Valley Gardens and amongst the independent boutiques this morning before we continue to Harewood House, one of the Treasure Houses of Great Britain. Built in the 18th century, Harewood has a fabulous art collection, an impressive display of Chippendale furniture and a rare Bird Garden, all set amongst 100 acres of 'Capability' Brown landscape.

FRI ▶ BRODSWORTH HALL & GARDENS (EH)

Take a glimpse into the grandeur of Victorian living at Brodsworth Hall. Walk through the grand rooms and the cavernous Victorian kitchen and explore the pleasure gardens, which feature a fern dell grotto and restored summerhouse.

CEDAR COURT HOTEL BRADFORD

Stylish decor ► 2018 bedroom refurb ► Located just outside Bradford
Ensuite rooms with freeview TV, phone, hairdryer, ironing equipment, desk, room service, free WiFi, hospitality tray Restaurant, bar lounge and courtyard ► FITFLEX gym ► Lift to all floors ► ACCESS Bedrooms have shower over bath, two rooms have walk-in showers that have a small lip into the shower, available on request.



SUSSEX SUMMER **GARDENS**

£660pp

MON 12 - FRI 16 JUNE NO SINGLE SUPP. CODE: A3396

MON ▶ Check in with tea/coffee.

TUE ▶ RYE ▶ GREAT DIXTER GARDENS

Spend the morning on the ancient medieval streets of Rve with its cobbled allevs



and a relaxed atmosphere. This afternoon, visit a worldrenowned place of pilgrimage for horticulturalists - Great Dixter Gardens. Enjoy the scents and scenes of The Sunk Garden, The Exotic Garden, The Peacock Garden and Topiary Lawn, to name but a few. Each unique garden offers a pretty view of the preserved medieval house that they surround.

WED ▶ EASTBOURNE

Enjoy a day at leisure in the classic seaside resort of Eastbourne, maybe walk into town, stroll along the pier or take an open top sightseeing tour?

THUR ▶ ALFRISTON ▶ WAKEHURST PLACE (NT)

This morning we'll drive out via Beachy Head to spend time in the pretty village of Alfriston where you'll find lots of delightful shops and tearooms along with a Grade I listed church known as 'The Cathedral of the Downs', Visit the wild botanic garden at Wakehurst - wander in the Himalayan inspired Westwood Valley and discover plants from all over the world in The Mansion Gardens.

FRI ▶ PENSHURST PLACE & GARDENS WITH LUNCH

The family home at Penshurst is surrounded by 50 acres of immaculate 'Garden Rooms', lakes and an impressive Arboretum. In early June you may be lucky enough to see the famous 100m long Peony Border erupt with colour, alongside vivid Lupins and Irises on Jubilee Walk. Finish your holiday with a two-course lunch in these stunning surroundings.

BEST WESTERN LANSDOWNE HOTEL, EASTBOURNE

 Seafront position, overlooking the Western Lawns and Wish Tower with views of Beachy Head ▶ Privately owned and looked after by the same family since 1912 Ensuite rooms with TV, radio, phone, hairdryer, WiFi & hospitality tray Restaurant, bar & lounge areas, many with sea views ► Games room ► ACCESS Steps to the main door but a wheelchair lift is available, lift to all floors but some rooms are accessed by a few steps, limited walk-in showers available on request, no ground floor rooms.





SCOTLAND -A ROYAL PROGRESSION

£740pp

SUN 4 - THUR 8 JUNE SINGLE SUPP. £110 CODE: B3395

A real Royal tour of Scotland with links to the monarchy at every turn. Uncover stories of Mary, Queen of Scots inside the fairy-tale towers of Glamis Castle and visit The King's official Edinburgh residence at The Palace of Holyroodhouse. Step on board the Royal Yacht Britannia, an official Royal residence for over 40 years and now a five-star visitor attraction, voted 2022 Best Historic Attraction by Which. Sticking with the sailing theme you'll also have the chance to follow in the footsteps of Captain Scott and his Heroes of the Ice aboard RRS Discovery. Once a pioneering wooden, three-masted steamship and now a winner of a 2022 Travellers' Choice Award from TripAdvisor. Sail down the Firth of Forth with guided commentary and marvel at the impressive engineering of Queensferry Crossing – the tallest bridge in the UK – and the world-famous UNESCO World Heritage Forth Bridge.

SUN ► Enjoy the changing scenery as we arrive in Scotland.

MON ► GLAMIS CASTLE ► RRS DISCOVERY

Indulge in 650 years of Royal history at



Scotland's most beautiful castle during a guided tour of Glamis. These majestic walls and elegant gardens were the childhood home of The Queen Mother, they've hosted Mary, Queen of Scots and provided inspiration for Shakespeare's Macbeth. Visit the home of the world famous RRS Discovery – the ship that took Scott to Antarctica in 1901 and went on to be designated a Royal Research Ship in 1923.

TUE ▶ THREE BRIDGES CRUISE ▶ HOPETOUN HOUSE

Cruise along the Firth of Forth and absorb the astounding engineering of the UNESCO World Heritage Forth Railway Bridge with Edinburgh and Kingdom of Fife in the distance. You may be lucky enough to spot seals and puffins too. Back on dry land, we'll visit the house and grounds at Hopetoun, Scotland's finest stately home. The magnificent Georgian interiors remain largely unchanged since the 18th century, with beautifully crafted architecture and period furniture.

WED ▶ ROYAL YACHT BRITANNIA ▶ PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE WITH AFTERNOON TEA

Visit Scotland's capital and experience five decks of discovery on board the former floating palace of the late HM Queen Elizabeth II. Royal Yacht Britannia sailed over 1,000,000 nautical miles on 968 state visits – see everything from the Crew Quarters to the State Apartments. Continue to The King's official Edinburgh residence at Holyroodhouse with ceilings famous for ornate plasterwork and walls adorned with intricate tapestries. Finish with afternoon tea in the historic Mews Courtyard THUR > Cheerio the nou as we head home.

PITBAUCHLIE HOUSE HOTEL, DUNFERMLINE



- ➤ Family-owned and set within three acres of woodland and gardens
 ➤ Ensuite rooms with
- Freeview TV, free WiFi, direct dial phone, radio alarm, hairdryer, ironing

equipment & hospitality tray ▶ Two restaurants & two bars ▶ Lounge bar with terrace overlooking the gardens

▶ ACCESS No lift, ground floor rooms and walk-in showers are available on request.



THE LAKES AND MORECAMBE BAY

£695pp

MON 19 - FRI 23 JUNE SINGLE SUPP. £150 CODE: B3397

MON ► Enjoy The Lakes scenery en route to the hotel. TUE ► RAYENGLASS & ESKDALE RAILWAY ► MUNCASTER CASTLE

We'll drive along the coast



and fells of West Cumbria to board the scenic Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway, affectionately known as 'La'al Ratty'. Originally built in 1873, it's one of the oldest and longest narrow-gauge railways in the country. Finish the day in the impressive surroundings of Muncaster Castle. See the sumptuous State Rooms and ancient Great Hall of this lived-in family-home, then enjoy breathtaking Lakeland views from the historic gardens.

WED ► HOLKER HALL ► GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

Visit the sixteenth century home of the Cavendish family at Holker Hall. This intricately decorated house is set in beautiful countryside, framed by the Lakeland Hills. The immaculate, award-winning gardens were the BBC Countryfile Garden of the Year 2016 and are full of colour in spring/summer. Enjoy time by the sea at Grange-over-Sands, at the tip of the Cartmel Peninsula, betwixt the mountains and sea.

THUR ▶ LAKELAND TOUR ▶ WINDERMERE CRUISE

Travel along the shores of Coniston Water and Thirlmere to the small market town of Keswick, where the impressive 19th century Moot Hall (now home to the TIC) dominates the bustling Market Square. Back on the coach we'll pass the western end of Ullswater before ascending the famous Kirkstone Pass, reaching an altitude of 1489 ft at its highest point! A relaxing cruise on Lake Windermere from Bowness to Lakeside will round off your day nicely.

FRI ▶ Home.

NETHERWOOD HOTEL & SPA

- ▶ Grade II listed Victorian Mansion set amongst 15 acres of woodland and gardens with views across Morecambe Bay, just a short stroll to the promenade ▶ Ensuite rooms with TV, direct dial telephone, hairdryer, free WiFi & hospitality tray
- ▶ Restaurant with bay views
 ▶ Bar/lounge
 ▶ Gym
 ▶ Thermal Spa featuring aroma steam room, salt inhalation room, sauna, monsoon shower, ice fountain, hot tubs and
- treatment rooms chargeable at £15 per hour, prebooking required Lift (space for fold-up wheelchairs)

 ACCESS 13 steps into the hotel, lift access is available via the spa. No ground floor rooms and five rooms on the second
- ▶ ACCESS 13 steps into the hotel, lift access is available via the spa. No ground floor rooms and five rooms on the second floor are reached by 19 steps, walk-in showers are limited and on request.



SCOTLAND'S GALLOWAY COAST & GARDENS

£695pp

SUN 25 - THUR 29 JUN NO SINGLE SUPP. CODE: B3398

SUN ► Enjoy a scenic drive to the hotel. MON ► LOGAN BOTANIC GARDENS ► PORTPATRICK ► CASTLE

PORTPATRICK ► CASTLE KENNEDY GARDENS

Experience the exotic at Logan Botanic Garden where an almost subtropical climate enables fascinating plants from

fascinating plants from around the world to flourish! Visit the picture-

postcard, pastel-coloured harbour town of Portpatrick, where cliffs surround the small bay. This afternoon, visit Castle Kennedy Gardens, where you'll find a riot of colour in the Walled Garden & rare Victorian waterlilies in the round pond – with impressive castle ruins for the backdrop.



Look for the distinctive shape of Ailsa Craig as we take the coast road to the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum which holds over 5000 artefacts and the opportunity to visit the humble cottage where life began for Scotland's national poet. Then to cliff-top Culzean Castle, designed by Robert Adam in the late 18th century, this treasure trove is bursting with artefacts from one of the oldest clans in Scotland.



Travel inland, stopping for a wildlife photo opportunity at Red Deer Range before arriving at The Clatteringshaw Visitor Centre to enjoy tranquil loch views. This afternoon, learn about local farming traditions during a 'Kitchen Coos & Ewes' guided tour, with cream tea, at Airyolland Farm.

THUR Enjoy endless views en route home.

NORTH WEST CASTLE HOTEL, STRANRAER

Family owned, town centre hotel ► Ensuite rooms with TV, phone, hairdryer, trouser press, WiFi & hospitality tray ► Restaurant, bar & lounge ► Indoor pool, gym, sauna & spa bath ► Games room with snooker, pool, table tennis & carpet bowling ► Garden ► Lift.



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HISTORY & HERITAGE

MON 3 - FRI 7 JUL SINGLE SUPP. £106 CODE: B3399

MON ▶ Check in with tea/coffee.

TUE ▶ HOLY ISLAND ▶ BAMBURGH CASTLE (HH)

Cross the paved causeway and spend time enjoying the remote scenery and fascinating



history of tidal Holy Island. Continue to Bamburgh Castle, a 1400-year-old coastal fortress that went on to become the home of Victorian inventor William Armstrong. There's plenty to see with State Rooms full of global treasures, battle-scarred weapons in The Armoury, Anglo-Saxon archaeology and much more

WED ▶ HEXHAM ▶ WALLINGTON (NT)

Spend the morning in the historic market town of Hexham, dominated by its fine medieval Abbey. This afternoon, discover the National Trust property at Wallington, an impressive home for an unconventional family, full of quirky curiosities and surrounded by rolling hills, lakes and a hidden walled garden. THUR ► CRAGSIDE (NT) ► AFTERNOON TEA

Visit Britain's original smart home at Cragside! This pioneering mansion is illuminated with hydroelectricity, powered by hydraulics and packed with Victorian gadgets. It's surrounded by a fantasy mountain landscape, featuring tumbling waterfalls, imagined by resident inventor Lord Armstrong. Return to the hotel for afternoon tea.

FRI ▶ BEAMISH. THE LIVING MUSEUM OF THE NORTH

Check out after breakfast and board the coach to Beamish. This world-famous museum was rated number 1 in The Times 2022 list of Best Open-air Museums! Experience life in the NE from the 1820s to the 1950s - look inside a pit village cottage, ride the heritage trams and experience wartime farming life. You'll also find an aptly themed tearoom, chip shop and pub.

COPTHORNE HOTEL NEWCASTLE

 Contemporary hotel in Newcastle Quayside, with bedrooms (refurbished in 2017) overlooking the River Tyne ▶ Ensuite rooms featuring flatscreen TV, ironing equipment, hairdryer, safe, free WiFi & hospitality tray > Restaurant, bar & riverside terrace Lift ACCESS Steps to the outdoor terrace, steps at the river entrance but none at the roadside entrance, no walk-in showers.



THE AYRSHIRE **ISLANDS**

£625pp

MON 10 - FRI 14 JUL SINGLE SUPP. £80 CODE: B3400

MON ▶ Enjoy the changing scenery en route to the hotel. TUE ▶ ISLE OF BUTE ▶ MOUNT STUART **HOUSE & GARDENS**

Cross the clear coastal



waters to the Isle of Bute. enjoying spectacular scenery along the way. See the unique blend of Georgian and Victorian architecture at Mount Stuart, a house that's full of innovations – from a Victorian passenger lift to (what's believed to be) the world's first domestic heated pool! Outside, there are vibrant colours in The Rock Garden and

thriving southern hemisphere plants in the (not so) Wee Garden.

WED ▶ DALGARVEN MILLS MUSEUM ▶ LARGS

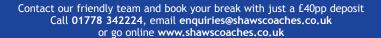
Discover the extensive costume collection and authentic country life collection at Dalgarven Mill, see one of Scotland's oldest water wheels and enjoy a light lunch before we depart for an afternoon by the sea in Largs. Stroll along the Victorian prom to enjoy views across to the Isle of Cumbrae and maybe pause at Nardini's, Scotland's most famous ice cream parlour! THUR ▶ ISLE OF ARRAN ▶ BRODICK CASTLE (NTS) From lush green forests to dramatic mountain peaks - there's

stunning scenery to enjoy on the Isle of Arran. Here, we'll head to the grand baronial estate at Brodick Castle. There's a new interactive experience in the castle that helps to bring the impressive rooms to life whilst a new Silver Garden Trail and Plant Hunters' Walk will keep you entertained outside. Don't miss the new border design in the ancient Walled Garden, with stunning views of Brodick Bay.

FRI > Time to return home.

RIVERSIDE LODGE HOTEL, IRVINE

 Located on Scotland's west coast, ten minutes drive from Irvine Beach ▶ Refurbished Jan 2022 ▶ Ensuite rooms with TV (and radio), phone, hairdryer, ironing equipment, desk, free WiFi & hospitality tray > Riverside Bar & Grill ► Cocktail lounge with BT Sport ► ACCESS No lift but ground floor rooms available, one accessible room.





THE SEVERN **VALLEY**

MON 17 - FRI 21 JUL SINGLE SUPP. £88 CODE: C3401

MON ► STRATFORD-LIPON-AVON

Wander in Shakespeare's footsteps with free time in this ancient market town.

TUE ▶ FORGE MILL NEEDLE

MUSEUM ▶ WORCESTER **▶ RIVER SEVERN CRUISE**



Severn with summer flowers blooming on the banks. WED ▶ SVR ▶ BRIDGNORTH ▶ BEWDLEY

Board the Severn Valley Railway at Kidderminster for a vintage steam ride that follows the river's route, crossing it at the impressive, 200ft Victoria Bridge. Disembark in the pretty town of Bridgnorth with its 19th century funicular railway and ancient Cartway - one of Shropshire's most interesting streets. Finish the day in the small, Georgian town of Bewdley with an attractive riverside area and quaint shops.

cathedral, Royal Worcester porcelain and that piquant sauce we

add to a Bloody Mary! Finish with a leisurely cruise along the

THUR ▶ LUDLOW ▶ HERGEST CROFT GARDENS

Spend time in the thriving medieval market town of Ludlow with its friendly vibe and no less than 500 listed buildings! This afternoon, take in stunning views towards the Black Mountains during a visit to Hergest Croft Gardens, home to a unique collection of rare plants, 'champion' trees and beautiful borders, spread across six distinct areas.

FRI ▶ WHITLENGE GARDENS & LUNCH

Depart after breakfast to spend the morning at Whitlenge Gardens, as seen on Alan Titchmarsh's Love Your Garden. This 3 acre show garden is designed to inspire visitors with over 500 plant varieties, rockeries and living tree sculptures. Finish with a light lunch in the tearoom to top off your holiday.

STOURPORT MANOR HOTEL. SURE HOTEL **COLLECTION BY BEST WESTERN**

Victorian manor house with landscaped gardens on the outskirts of Stourport-on-Severn Ensuite rooms with TV, direct dial telephone, hairdryer, internet access, ironing equipment & hospitality tray > Brasserie Restaurant > Bar and TV Lounge with a wide selection of malt whiskies and speciality gins Indoor pool, steam room, whirlpool, gym, squash court, tennis court, foot golf (pre-booking and extra charges may apply) ACCESS Three steps into the hotel (ramp access available), no lift but ground floor rooms are available, including one wet-room (accessed by a chair lift), remaining rooms are one floor up (16 steps), walk-in showers are only available in upgraded rooms that are accessed by steps.



HORTICULTURE

SUN ▶ Check in. MON ▶ CHESTER COACH TOUR

Enjoy an introductory coach tour around the ancient walled city of Chester, then explore at your leisure.



SUN 23 - THUR 27 JUL

SINGLE SUPP. £80

CODE: C3402

TUE ▶ WORLD OF GLASS & LUNCH ▶ ARLEY HALL GARDENS

You'll find some artistically crafted pieces at Pilkington's World of Glass. Learn how they're made, watch a glass blowing demonstration and uncover the history of glass from Ancient Egypt to Victorian life in St. Helens during a guided tour, finishing with a light lunch. This afternoon, wander in the beautiful gardens that surround Arley Hall. There are eight acres of formal gardens - including its impressive Herbaceous Border, probably the first to be planted in England!

WED ▶ PORT SUNLIGHT VILLAGE ▶ NESS BOTANIC GARDENS

Spend a day on the Wirral Peninsula, starting with a guided coach tour around the garden village of Port Sunlight. This 'model village' was founded in 1888 to house soap factory workers and is now considered to be one of the finest examples of early urban planning in the UK - with over 900 Grade II listed buildings across 130 acres of parkland. Continue to Ness Botanic Gardens where vibrant plants from all over the world thrive, and the views of the River Dee into North Wales are pretty special too.

THUR ▶ CHOLMONDLEY CASTLE GARDENS

Depart after breakfast to visit the gorgeous gardens at Cholmondley Castle. There are eight areas to explore including the newly created 100m double Herbaceous Border, the Folly Water Gardens and Rose Garden.

THE OUEEN AT CHESTER HOTEL

▶ Best Western Premier Collection ▶ Victorian style décor, frequented by Charles Dickens Finsuite rooms with TV, hairdryer, phone, free WiFi & hospitality tray > Restaurant and Bar/Lounge ▶ Courtyard ▶ Two lifts (one travels to all floors, one travels to the second floor only) > ACCESS Walk-in showers are in executive rooms - available on request and at a supplement. Step access to some rooms on the third floor and steps at one of the hotel's entrances.





'BRIGHTON' UP YOUR WEEK

£640pp

MON 24 - FRI 28 JUL SINGLE SUPP. £142 CODE: A3403

MON ► Check in with tea/coffee. TUE ► BRIGHTON

Enjoy Brighton at leisure. Your hotel is within 5 minutes' walk of The Pier, The Royal Pavilion and 'The Lanes'. Walk a little further along the seafront and you can experience Brighton from 450ft on



the British Airways i360 Viewing Tower!

WED ▶ WEALD & DOWNLAND MUSEUM ▶ CHICHESTER

Start the day in the heart of the South Downs National Park at the Weald & Downland Living Museum, created to preserve the history of rural England and the untold stories of people living in it. This unique, open-air site explores 1000 years of traditional trades and crafts through fascinating working exhibits. Finish the day in Chichester, with its carefully preserved Georgian buildings and towering Cathedral.

THUR ► BRIGHTON ► PARHAM HOUSE & GARDENS

Spend the morning at leisure before an afternoon in Elizabethan surroundings at Parham, a family home that's changed little over the centuries, with sensitive restoration throughout. The great rooms are adorned with intricate tapestries and grand portraits, whilst outside you'll find an ancient Walled Garden and 18th century Pleasure Grounds.

FRI ► LEONARDSLEE LAKES & GARDENS

Depart, after breakfast, to spend time at Leonardslee Gardens. These Grade I listed, ancient woodland gardens reopened in 2019 following a huge restoration project. In the summer months you can expect to see flowering Rhododendrons and Azaleas as you explore woodland walkways and looping paths, passing tranquil lakes and looking out for wandering wallabies along the way.

THE OLD SHIP HOTEL, BRIGHTON

- Striking Georgian hotel overlooking Brighton's iconic beach
 Individually designed ensuite rooms featuring TV, phone, hairdryer, ironing equipment, WiFi and hospitality tray
- Restaurant, bar (with outdoor seating) and lounge
- ► Fitness centre ► Lift ► ACCESS There are a few steps to the main entrance but level access is available via another door. The lifts can accommodate folding wheelchairs but not mobility scooters which, if needed, can be left at reception. No walk-in showers.



ISLE OF MAN

WED 2 - MON 7 AUG SINGLE SUPP. £75 CODE: B3405

WED ► Relax during your 3.5 hour sailing over the Irish Sea.

THUR ▶ CASTLETOWN

► NIARBYL BAY ► RAMSEY

Tour this scenic island, starting in the ancient capital



of Castletown with picturesque fishing cottages along the harbour and a superbly preserved Viking castle. Next, visit the secluded beauty spot at Niarbyl Bay. This is one of the island's most picturesque locations and on a clear day you may see Irreland's Mountains of Mourne in the distance. Finish in Ramsey with its beautiful long sandy beach, promenade walkway and Victorian Pier.

FRI Enjoy at leisure. Relax on the beach, visit the Manx Museum, the Promenade Gardens or amble around the local shops & cafés.

SAT ▶ PEEL ▶ CALF OF MAN ▶ PORT ERIN ▶ STEAM JOURNEY

Start the day in Peel, a beautiful bay with a long sandy beach enclosed by a medieval castle, harbour wall, red cliffs and a promenade selling local tasty treats. Ride out to the southernmost tip at The Calf of Man for stunning views from The Sound, before boarding Britain's longest, narrow gauge railway at Port Erin. The original locomotives offer a nostalgic way to experience the island's charming countryside as you ride back to Douglas.

SUN ► MANX ELECTRIC RAILWAY ► SNAEFELL MOUNTAIN RAILWAY ► LAXEY ► MILTOWN HOUSE & GARDENS (HH)

Enjoy a coastal ride on the Manx Electric Railway from Douglas to Laxey on original Victorian and Edwardian trams. Transfer to the Snaefell Mountain Railway, with spectacular summit views, before descending to Laxey for free time. Finish the day at the island's only historical estate at Milntown, a 16th century mansion surrounded by ornamental gardens and water features.

THE CHESTERHOUSE HOTEL, DOUGLAS

- ➤ Seafront location on Loch Promenade ➤ Ensuite rooms with TV, telephone, hairdryer, free WiFi & hospitality tray
- ➤ Carvery restaurant & Bar/Lounge ➤ Lift to all floors
- ➤ ACCESS Steps in the public areas and six at the entrance, one ground floor room and lift not suitable for wheelchairs. All rooms have showers, baths are in executive seaview rooms at a supplement.





SUMMER IN ST. AGNES

TUE 1 - MON 7 AUG NO SINGLE SUPP.

CODE: C3404

Our annual visit to the quaint Cornish coastal village of St. Agnes is always a popular choice. The village is not only a World Heritage Site but also an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. You'll find no fewer than four unspoilt beaches from which dolphins, sharks and



winston Graham lived just down the road and used the whole parish as the inspiration for his series of books, dubbing it 'Poldark Country'! This year we'll visit two of the Great Gardens of Cornwall – Lamorran and The Lost Gardens of Heligan. Gardens in this prestigious group have a worldwide reputation for innovation and excellence and because they're warmed by the Gulf Stream they're home to some of the most exciting rare species on the British Isles.

TUE ► Travel to the pretty Cornish village of St. Agnes. WED ► ST. AGNES ► LOST GARDENS OF HELIGAN

Spend your morning at leisure before an afternoon visit to the mysterious estate at The Lost Gardens of Heligan. Hidden by brambles, after the outbreak of WW1 this secret garden was reawakened in 1990 to become a garden explorer's paradise. Expect to find 19th century Pleasure Grounds and the UK's only outdoor jungle!

THUR ▶ SCENIC TOUR

Enjoy a scenic tour of the south west today. We'll stop to enjoy views of the tidal island of St Michael's Mount before continuing to the crashing Atlantic waves at Land's End Landmark, where a photo next to the iconic signpost is almost compulsory. Finish the day in the picturesque fishing harbour and seaside town of St. Ives.

FRI > ST. AGNES

Spend the day by the sea, enjoy the hotel surroundings or perhaps wander into St Agnes.

SAT ▶ FALMOUTH ▶ LAMORRAN GARDENS

Spend the morning in the harbour town of Falmouth, home to an award-winning Maritime Museum, a leading Art Gallery and Cornwall's largest fortress – Pendennis Castle. This afternoon, visit 'one of Britain's most exotic and exciting gardens'.

Lamorran is a subtropical, Italianate inspired garden with stunning sea views and a unique microclimate supporting colourful plants from across the world. We'll offer a stop in St. Mawes on the Roseland Peninsula for anyone who would prefer to spend time enjoying the picturesque harbour here instead.

SUN PENCARROW HOUSE & GARDENS (HH)

Visit family-owned Pencarrow House and Gardens this morning. This unique country home, on the edge of Bodmin Moor, hides secret passageways, eye-following portraits and statues sporting top hats! Outside you'll find Grade II Listed gardens with unique features such as an Iron Age fort, a grotto, a sunken Italian Garden, an ancient Cornish Cross and summer displays in the Memorial Garden.

MON ► Homeward bound.

ROSEMUNDY HOUSE HOTEL, ST. AGNES



Within
walking distance
of St. Agnes and
just over a mile
from the beach
at Trevaunance
Cove and Chapel

Porth Beach ▶ Set amongst four acres of secluded gardens and woodland ▶ Former Georgian house with many original features ▶ Ensuite rooms featuring flat screen TV, radio, phone, hairdryer and hospitality tray ▶ Restaurant, bar and various lounges ▶ 45ft outdoor heated swimming pool and hot tub (May-Sep) ▶ ACCESS No lift, but ground floor rooms may be available; all other rooms are on the first floor (18 steps). There are three steps to the hotel entrance, bar and ground floor areas. Please note that Lamorran Gardens are not suitable for anyone with mobility concerns, there is a lovely viewing platform or an option to visit St. Mawes instead.





AYRSHIRE COAST & GARDENS

£675pp

MON 14 - FRI 18 AUG SINGLE SUPP. £66 CODE: B3406

MON ► Enjoy welcome tea/coffee and scones at the hotel.

TUE ► TROON ► CULZEAN CASTLE & COUNTRY PARK (NTS)

Spend the morning enjoying your Scottish



surroundings. Troon's esplanade has tranquil views across the water to the Isle of Arran and Aisla Craig as you make your way into town. This afternoon we'll visit cliff-top Culzean Castle with over 40 buildings and secret follies to discover in the surrounding Country Park. Designed by Robert Adam in the late 18th century, this treasure trove is bursting with artefacts from one of the oldest clans in Scotland.

WED ► SCOTTISH MARITIME MUSEUM

► GREENBANK GARDEN (NTS)

Head to Irvine Harbourside to visit the Scottish Maritime Museum where you'll find a fascinating collection of vessels and personal sea-stories, all housed under a spectacular glass roof! Continue to the peaceful oasis at Greenbank Garden featuring over 3,600 species, all carefully planted with the aim of providing you with inspiration for your own garden.

THUR ▶ TOUR & LUNCH AT DUMFRIES HOUSE ▶ TROON

Return to another of Robert Adam's masterpieces with a guided tour and light lunch at Dumfries House. This pristine 18th century stately home contains an unrivalled collection of Chippendale furniture and is surrounded by intriguing gardens, all part of The Prince's Foundation after being saved by His Majesty King Charles III. Back to Troon where the soft sandy beach is ideal for a summer stroll.

FRI > Home.

SOUTH BEACH HOTEL, TROON

► Family-owned hotel within five minutes' walk of the beach, the Esplanade and the town ► Ensuite rooms featuring TV, radio, phone, hairdryer, WiFi, ironing equipment (on request) and hospitality tray ► Restaurant, lounge with garden views and a bar with pool table and SKY ► Garden and covered terrace ► ACCESS No lift so please request level access bedrooms if required. There are some steps in the public areas. Ramps are provided at the front and rear of the hotel.



CASTLES & COTSWOLDS

£670pp

SUN 20 - THUR 24 AUG SINGLE SUPP, £108 CODE: C3407

SUN ► KIFTSGATE COURT GARDENS

Visit the family run gardens at Kiftsgate, a tranquil site home to many rare plants, including the Kiftsgate Rose. Check in with tea/coffee.

MON ► WYE VALLEY ► LEDBURY ► EASTNOR CASTLE



Take a scenic drive along the meandering River Severn and through the deep green Wye Valley to Ledbury, where black and white, timber-framed buildings stand proudly in this medieval market town. Finish the day at the foot of the Malvern Hills, at enchanting Eastnor Castle with its magnificent state rooms and opulent bedrooms with friendly guides on hand to answer your questions.

TUE ▶ MORETON-IN-MARSH ▶ BOURTON HOUSE GARDEN & CREAM TEA

Start the day at Moreton-in-Marsh's lively weekly market before spending the afternoon at Bourton House Gardens (as featured on BBC2 Gardeners' World) with stunning texture and colour combinations that come alive in summer. Highlights include a topiary walk, spring-fed water features and the delicious cream tea that we've included.

WED ▶ CHELTENHAM ▶ GLOUCESTER-WARWICKSHIRE RAILWAY ▶ SUDELEY CASTLE & GARDENS

Sightsee in the spa town of Cheltenham before boarding the GWR for a nostalgic journey through Cotswold countryside. Disembark at Toddington where there's time to pop into the café and see the museum memorabilia before we continue to Sudeley Castle holding treasures from the ancient Romans to the present day. Ten striking, award-winning gardens, sweep around the castle which is also the resting place for the last of Henry VIII's six wives.

THUR ▶ BROADWAY ▶ GARDEN CENTRE & LUNCH

Check out after breakfast for a sightseeing stop amongst the honey-coloured buildings, filled with tea rooms and shops, at Broadway. Continue through Worcestershire countryside to The Valley Evesham, home to 25 designer shops and an extensive Blue Diamond Garden Centre, where we've arranged a two-course lunch with tea/coffee before heading home.

DELTA BY MARRIOTT CHELTENHAM CHASE

- Contemporary hotel on the edge of the Cotswolds

 Air-conditioned ensuite rooms with TV & radio, phone,
- hairdryer, ironing equipment, mini fridge, desk, free WiFi & hospitality tray Restaurant, Bar/Lounge, Courtyard
- Pool, sauna, steam room, whirlpool, fitness centre and spa treatments (pre-booking required) ► Lift ► SINGLES

ARE DOUBLE FOR SOLE ► ACCESS Limited walk-in showers, mostly in double rooms. Few steps along corridors with ground floor rooms on request.





ORKNEY & SCOTLAND'S SPECTACULAR NORTH COAST_____

£975pp

WED 30 AUG - TUE 5 SEP SINGLE SUPP. £129 CODE: B3409

WED ▶ PERTH

Begin our journey north, pausing overnight in the 'Fair City of Perth' at The Royal George Hotel.

THUR ▶ INVERNESS

Drive through the stunning Cairngorm National Park, Britain's largest mountain range, en route to Inverness. Spend lunchtime at leisure in this Highland city before continuing to the Castletown Hotel near Thurso – your home for two nights.

FRI DORKNEY ISLES GUIDED TOUR

Take the morning ferry to Orkney and meet your local guide who'll be with us for the day. Start at the Italian Chapel, 'the miracle of camp 60', built by Italian prisoners in WWII. Then, pass the Churchill Barriers (a construction ordered by Churchill after the tragic torpedoing of battleship Royal Oak in 1939) as we head to Kirkwall to stretch your legs in Orkney's largest town. This afternoon, view the standing stones at the Ring of Brodgar – a mystical site, reminiscent of Stonehenge and dating back to around 2500BC. Go even further back in time as we visit the ancient Neolithic settlement at Skara Brae - the amazingly preserved rooms were only uncovered during a storm in 1850! Finish your tour of Orkney at Skaill House, the finest mansion on the island, dating back to 1620 and overlooking the spectacular Bay of Skaill.

SAT ▶ LUNCH AT DURNESS

Travel west on Scotland's answer to Route 66, a spectacular road that hugs the north coast with breathtaking views at every turn. Pause at Durness, where we've arranged lunch at the family-run Smoo Cave Hotel, before heading south on scenic single-track roads to Ullapool. Here, check in at The Royal Hotel, your home for the next two nights.

SUN ▶ ULLAPOOL

Spend your day at leisure in the picturesque fishing village of Ullapool, nestled on the shores of Loch Broom and surrounded by natural beauty. You may choose to visit Ullapool Museum or hop on a boat trip around the nearby Summer Isles.

MON ▶ SCENIC ROUTE TO STIRLING

Enjoy more spectacular scenery, as we head west towards Inverness, passing the in(famous) Loch Ness. Our route along The Great Glen will take us past the Commando Memorial at Spean Bridge and through the dramatic Pass of Glencoe, across rugged Rannoch Moor and via the Trossachs National Park to spend our final night at Stirling's Highland Hotel.

TUE Homeward bound through Scottish Borders scenery and the lovely Northumbrian countryside.

THE ROYAL GEORGE HOTEL, PERTH

Central hotel on the River Tay ► Ensuite rooms with TV (with DVD player), phone, ironing equipment, hairdryer, free WiFi & hospitality tray ► Restaurant & Lounge/Bar with terrace ► Fitness suite & games room ► ACCESS No lift, bedrooms on the first and second floors (no ground floor rooms), steps at the entrance (ramp available), limited walkin showers on request.

CASTLETOWN HOTEL, THURSO

➤ Situated in the fishing village of Castletown ➤ Family run with just 28 bedrooms ➤ Ensuite rooms with TV (and radio), hairdryer, ironing equipment (on request), free WiFi & hospitality tray ➤ Restaurant & Lounge/Bar with terrace, pool table & darts ➤ Library & board games ➤ ACCESS No lift, ground floor rooms and limited walk-in showers on request.

THE ROYAL HOTEL, ULLAPOOL

■ Situated on Loch Broom in the Highland village of Ullapool ■ Ensuite rooms with TV (and radio), hairdryer, phone, desk, ironing equipment (on request), free WiFi & hospitality tray ■ Restaurant and Waterfront Bar/Bistro with around 150 Scotch whiskies ■ Small terrace ■ Ullapool Leisure Centre card available from reception, free of charge ■ ACCESS No lift, limited ground floor bedrooms available, 10" step to shower cubical (all rooms have walk-in showers).

THE STIRLING HIGHLAND HOTEL, STIRLING

➤ Central hotel with a unique 130-year-old rooftop telescope and observatory ➤ Ensuite rooms with TV, free WiFi & hospitality tray ➤ Lounge, bar & terrace ➤ Indoor pool, sauna, steam room, gym, squash court, ESPA Beauty Treatments (pre-booking advised) ➤ Lift from ground to top floor (not first floor) ➤ ACCESS Ground floor rooms available, ramp access at entrance.







LAKE DISTRICT -RAIL & SAIL

£699pp

MON 4 - FRI 8 SEP SINGLE SUPP. £100 CODE: B3410

ISLE OF WIGHT

£725pp

TUE 29 AUG - SUN 3 SEP NO SINGLE SUPP. CODE: A3408

TUE ▶ Sail across The Solent from Southampton to Cowes.

WED ▶ OSBORNE HOUSE (EH)

Spend the afternoon at Queen Victoria's lavish 'holiday home', Osborne



House, where the sumptuous furnishings and immaculate gardens give a glimpse into the Royal Family's extravagant lifestyle. Gain a sense of colonial history in the State Rooms, imagine family time on the private beach and enjoy a riot of colour in the Italianate gardens (renovated in 2017 when plants as old as the building itself were uncovered!).

THUR ▶ IOW PEARL ▶ CALBOURNE WATER MILL ▶ YARMOUTH

Take a morning break at IOW Pearl, where beautiful jewellery has been crafted for over 30 years. This cliff-top attraction has wonderful sea views, especially from the panoramic café. Next, to Calbourne to see one of the oldest working water mills in the country, dating back to the Domesday Book! You'll also find a selection of small museums, a café and great island views from the hilltop. Finish at the ancient port of Yarmouth, where you'll find a 16th century castle and a restored Victorian pier.

FRI > Enjoy free time on the island.

SAT ▶ RYDE ▶ IOW RAILWAY ▶ GODSHILL

Spend a while at the classic seaside resort of Ryde before experiencing the golden age of travel on the IOW Steam Railway. Pass through unspoilt countryside and ancient woodland in beautifully restored Victorian and Edwardian carriages. Round off the day in the quintessentially English village of Godshill.

SUN > Time to sail home.

TROUVILLE HOTEL, SANDOWN, IOW

► Central, seafront location ► Ensuite rooms with TV, radio, phone, hairdryer, WiFi & hospitality tray > Restaurant and Lounge-bar ▶ Short mat bowls, table tennis & pool table ► Lift ► ACCESS Five steps at the entrance (ramp access to the side), limited walk-in showers on request.



TUE ▶ LEVEN VALLEY STEAM JOURNEY ▶ LAKE WINDERMERE CRUISE ▶ WORLD OF BEATRIX POTTER™



Begin with a scenic steam journey on the Lakeside & Haverthwaite Railway, through the Leven Valley to the bottom of Lake Windermere. From here, sail across the tranquil lake to Bowness and enjoy a short walk to the enchanting World of Beatrix Potter™ where treasured childhood tales have been magically recreated and a tempting café awaits.

WED ▶ KENDAL ▶ LAKE ULLSWATER CRUISE

Enjoy the bustle of Kendal's weekly market before setting sail once more from Pooley Bridge to Glenridding on Lake Ullswater. Ullswater steamers have been sailing across these beautiful waters for 160 years, it's a wonderful way to take in the view. We'll take the scenic route, over Kirkstone Pass, back to the hotel

THUR ▶ TEN LAKES SPECTACULAR

Adventure off the beaten track in mini-coaches that can access unique routes through this incredible scenery. This exhilarating tour includes a visit to the 4,000 year-old Castlerigg Stone Circle set high on the fells, offering panoramic mountain views. Your passionate driver/guide will be happy to answer any questions you may have about this mesmerising landscape, there'll be a lunchtime stop in Keswick and photo opportunities throughout.

FRI ▶ YORKSHIRE DALES

Enjoy a scenic ride home through the Yorkshire Dales.

THE RIVERSIDE HOTEL, KENDAL

Converted 18th century tannery on the banks of the River Kent ▶ Short walk to shops, galleries, museums and the castle ruins Ensuite rooms with TV, radio, phone, hairdryer, ironing equipment, free WiFi & hospitality tray Restaurant ▶ Bar and river terrace ▶ Indoor pool, hot

tub, steam room, sauna & gym Lift to all floors

► ACCESS One walk-in shower available in an accessible twin room, there are 10 ground floor rooms available access by a chairlift or 7 steps. There are a few steps to the lift and restaurant, but disabled access is available.



TORQUAY -BACK TO NATURE

£675pp

MON 11 - FRI 15 SEP NO SINGLE SUPP. CODE: C3411

MON ► Check in with tea/coffee.

TUE ► UGBROOKE HOUSE & GARDENS ► RIVER EXE CRUISE & CREAM TEA

Visit Ugbrooke House & Gardens - steeped in



centuries of history with stunning architecture and landscaping, Ugbrooke has been the Clifford family home for almost 500 years. The Park was designed by Lancelot 'Capability' Brown and you can see his draft drawings inside the house. This afternoon, spot wildlife amongst stunning natural scenery during a 1.5 hour cruise along the River Exe, with cream tea served on board.

WED > TORQUAY

Spend the day as you please - perhaps make the most of the hotel leisure, take a scenic stroll along the SW Coastal Path or use the complimentary taxi service to Torquay Harbour.

THUR ▶ DARTMOOR OTTERS & BUCKFAST BUTTERFLIES

▶ S. DEVON RAILWAY ▶ TOTNES RARE BREEDS FARM

Learn about the daily life of otters in their sanctuary and see exotic colours dart through the air in the Butterfly Farm. Next door, board the South Devon Railway for a country ride along the River Dart valley to Totnes. Disembark here and get up close to rare ducks, sheep, goats and even snakes at the special conservation farm.

FRI > Home.

THE HEADLAND HOTEL & SPA, TORQUAY

Description of the New York of the SW Coastal Path → 20-minute walk to Torquay Harbour → FREE DAILY TAXI from hotel to harbour (departs approx. 10:00 and returns 16:30, prebook before 09:30 on the day) → Ensuite rooms with TV, phone, hairdryer, free WiFi & hospitality tray → Restaurant & lounge/bar → Garden & spacious outdoor terrace with sea views → Hydro pool, sauna, steam room, mini-gym and beauty treatments (pre-booking advised) → Nightly hotel entertainment (except Wed) → ACCESS Lift to most floors but some rooms involve stairs, limited ground floor rooms and rooms with walk-in showers that are available on request. There are steps to the pool and at the garden entrance.



SOUTH WALES & THE WYE VALLEY

£675pp

MON 18 - FRI 22 SEP SINGLE SUPP. £116 CODE: C3412

MON ► Check in. TUE ► GUIDED TOUR OF CARDIFF ► LLANCAIACH FAWR MANOR

Get to know the Welsh capital this morning with a two-hour guided tour of Cardiff taking in the bay,



waterfront, barrage and Penarth seafront. Afterwards there'll be free time for you to explore this wonderful city for yourself - perhaps the Castle, Millennium Centre or National Museum? Continue to the Manor House at Llancaiach Fawr, with defensive walls 1.2m thick and charming period gardens.

WED ► ABERGAVENNY ► BRECON ► BRECON MOUNTAIN RAILWAY

Take the scenic route through the Black Mountains with time to enjoy the market towns of Abergavenny and Brecon. This afternoon, enjoy a return journey on the Brecon Mountain Railway passing the Taf Fechan Reservoir and ascending to Torpantau Station, high in the Beacons and following part of the original line that closed in '64.

THUR ▶ CHEPSTOW ▶ DEWSTOW GARDENS & GROTTOES

Spend the morning in the historic border town of Chepstow, in the lower Wye Valley with an imposing Norman Castle, independent shops and handsome ancient buildings. Continue on to Dewstow Gardens & Grottoes for a unique outdoor experience along landscaped paths through decorative beds, waterfalls and pools with a labyrinth of tunnels and grottoes underneath your feet.

FRI ▶ TINTERN ▶ MONMOUTH

Drive home through the Wye Valley, stopping in the pretty, riverside village of Tintern, then historic Monmouth with traditional buildings full of independent shops and eateries.

ST. PIERRE MARRIOTT HOTEL & COUNTRY CLUB

▶ 14th century manor surrounded by 400 acres of parkland
▶ Ensuite rooms with TV, phone, hairdryer, ironing equipment, desk, free WiFi (if you sign up to Bonvoy) & hospitality tray
▶ Restaurant, bar & lounge areas
▶ Indoor pool, sauna, steam room, gym, jacuzzi & beauty rooms (pre booking advised)
▶ Jogging trail, tennis courts & two golf courses (pre book)
▶ SINGLES ARE DOUBLE FOR SOLE

➤ ACCESS No walk-in showers, no lift but ground floor rooms available on request, some bedrooms are in the Lakeside Village or Courtyard (up to three minutes uncovered walk from reception).





ST. DAVIDS, TENBY & SW WALES

£599pp

SUN 24 - THUR 28 SEP NO SINGLE SUPP. CODE: C3413

SUN ► Enjoy welcome tea/coffee at the hotel.

MON ► CARDIGAN

CASTLE ► ST. DAVID'S

Step back in time during a guided tour of 900year-old Cardigan Castle.

Medieval walls and



castle ruins are accompanied by Grade II listed Regency gardens and historical exhibitions that unlock the story of the site. Next, to the smallest city in Britain – St. Davids. A 12th century cathedral and Gothic ruins add to the character of this quirky destination.

TUE ▶ PEMBROKE DOCK HERITAGE CENTRE ▶ TENBY

Explore over 200 years of maritime, military and social history at Pembroke Dock Heritage Centre. This unique site houses uniforms, medals, aircraft parts, documentation and paintings that celebrate the history of Wales' only Royal Dockyard. Spend the afternoon at leisure in the seaside town of Tenby with a small harbour, beautiful soft beaches and a friendly local vibe.

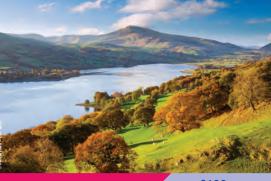
WED CARMARTHEN NATIONAL BOTANIC GARDEN OF WALES Spend the morning enjoying your surroundings in Carmarthen, on market day, before heading to The National Botanic Garden of Wales. This award-winning site boasts an Apothecary Garden, a Regency Double Walled Garden, the largest single-span Glasshouse in the world, an exotic Tropical House, a recently refurbished café and more.

THUR ▶ ABERGAVENNY

On our journey home we'll stop in Abergavenny. This quaint but lively market town on the edge of the Brecon Beacons is a foodie's favourite.

IVY BUSH ROYAL HOTEL, CARMARTHEN

Within 5 minutes' walk of Carmarthen Castle
 Ensuite rooms featuring TV, hairdryer, ironing equipment, radio, free WiFi, telephone
 Patio
 Lift to all floors
 ALL SINGLES ARE DOUBLE
 FOR SOLE
 ACCESS No walk-in showers.



SNOWDONIA'S AUTUMN VISTA

£699pp

MON 2 - FRI 6 OCT SINGLE SUPP, £80 CODE: C3414

MON ► Check in.

TUE ► CAERNARFON

► PENRHYN CASTLE (NT)

Drive through Snowdonia's spectacular mountains to the Royal town of Caernarfon, on the shores of the Menai Strait, where HM The King was



invested as Prince of Wales back in 1969. This afternoon, discover the wonderful and elaborately decorated rooms at Penrhyn Castle, along with its beautiful gardens, offering endless views towards the coast at Llandudno and inland to Snowdonia.

WED ▶ BODNANT GARDEN (NT) ▶ LLANDUDNO

Spend the morning amongst sweeping lawns, grand terraces, and intimate corners at Bodnant's world-famous gardens. Enjoy a stroll along the prom this afternoon, in Llandudno - a traditional seaside resort with two stunning beaches and memorable views out to the Irish Sea.

THUR ▶ BETWS-Y-COED ▶ FFESTINIOG RAILWAY ▶ PORTMERION

There's more spectacular scenery as we make our way to the pretty town of Betws-y-Coed, where you'll find some lovely local shops. Take a thrilling journey on the Ffestiniog Railway from Blaenau to Porrthmadog, climbing over 700 ft above sea level through mountains, pastures and forests. Finish your day in the unique, Italian inspired village at Portmerion – with colour-washed buildings and a lively central piazza.

FRI ▶ TRENTHAM GARDENS

Pause at Trentham on the way home and wander in the intricate gardens created by Chelsea Gold Medal winners and enjoy views over the spectacular mile-long, 'Capability' Brown designed lake. Shoppers will love the unique outdoor shopping village featuring over 80 stores housed in timber lodges!

THE KINMEL & KINSPA, ABERGELE

Country setting on the outskirts of Abergele ► Ensuite rooms with TV, phone, hairdryer, trouser press, ironing equipment & hospitality tray ► Two restaurants and lounge/bar ► Lift ► Award-winning spa complex with pool, hydrotherapy pool, sauna, steam room and gym (access is charged at £10 per day) ► ACCESS Walk-in showers on request, lift to two floors, five rooms without lift access.



DUBLIN & WICKLOW'S WONDERS

£699pp

SUN 8 - THUR 12 OCT SINGLE SUPP. £116 CODE: C3415

SUN An early afternoon sailing to Dublin with tea/coffee/biscuits at the hotel.

MON ▶ ENNISKERRY

- **▶** POWERSCOURT ESTATE
- ▶ DUBLIN COACH TOUR



Drive through the Wicklow Mountains to the picturesque village of Enniskerry, with its picture-postcard cottages built to accompany the nearby manor house at Powerscourt Estate. Continue to Powerscourt to be greeted by 47 stunning acres of sweeping terraces, formal gardens, ornamental lakes and impressive statues. Finish the day with a guided highlights tour of Dublin and free time in Ireland's lively capital.

TUE ► AVONDALE HOUSE & BEYOND THE TREES ► GLENDALOUGH

An exciting, award-winning visitor experience opened in summer '22 at Avondale, 'Beyond The Trees' is a revolutionary age-friendly, 1.4km walkway that weaves through the forest floor and above the treetop canopy, culminating in a 12-story 360° Viewing Tower! Back on ground level there's a unique Living History tour of Avondale House that recreates 19th century life here. Finish the day in the delightful village of Glendalough, renowned for its natural beauty.

WED ▶ LULLYMORE HERITAGE & DISCOVERY PARK ▶ TOUR OF RUSSBOROUGH HOUSE

Stroll above the Peatlands on a Biodiversity Boardwalk and take a ride on the heritage railway at Lullymore as you gain an insight into the history of the Irish bog lands and the people that lived in this challenging location. Then for a guided tour through the exquisitely decorated Russborough House – a Palladian jewel holding an exceptional collection of world-class art.

THUR ▶ Depart early morning and enjoy a leisurely final breakfast on the ferry.

TULFARRIS HOTEL & GOLF RESORT, COUNTY WICKLOW

COUNTY WICKLOW

Located in the Garden of Ireland, within an impressive 200-acre resort, on the banks of the Blessington Lakes with the Wickley Properties as your backdoor.

200-acre resort, on the banks of the Blessington Lakes with the Wicklow mountains as your backdrop ▶ Ensuite rooms with TV (and radio), phone, free WiFi, desk, hairdryer, ironing equipment and hospitality tray ▶ Restaurant with golf course and lake views ▶ Bar and terrace ▶ 18-hole championship golf course ▶ Lift to all floors ▶ ACCESS Upgraded rooms are in the Manor House (not the main hotel).



SUSSEX COAST & COUNTRY

£625pp

MON 9 - FRI 13 OCT NO SINGLE SUPP. CODE: A3416

MON ► Check in with tea/coffee.

TUE ► SISSINGHURST CASTLE (NT)

► TENTERDEN

▶ BEDGBURY PINETUM

Visit the romantic, world-renowned gardens at Sissinghurst Castle. Ten distinctly different 'garden rooms', imagined by poetic



designers whose vision was to create a colourful 'refuge of beauty'. Enjoy free time in the typical country town of Tenterden, with lovely shops and pretty streets to wander amongst. Pause at Bedgebury Pinetum, en route back to the hotel, to admire the autumnal bues.

WED ▶ EASTBOURNE

The town centre and pier are less than five minutes' walk from the hotel so enjoy a day by the coast, at your leisure.

THUR ▶ BLUEBELL RAILWAY ▶ SHEFFIELD PARK & GARDEN (NT)

Ride through 11 miles of glorious Sussex scenery on the carefully preserved steam locomotives and carriages that run along the Bluebell Line. Then delight in the calming autumn colours at Sheffield Park Gardens, where four lakes form the heart of this "horticultural work of art", with 'Capability' Brown influences.

FRI ► EMMETTS GARDEN (NT)

On our journey home we'll stop to enjoy the 19th century hillside gardens at Emmetts. Plants from across the world thrive at one of the highest spots in Kent, offering panoramic views over the unspoilt Weald countryside.

BEST WESTERN LANSDOWNE HOTEL, EASTBOURNE

➤ Seafront position, overlooking the Western Lawns and Wish Tower with views of Beachy Head ➤ Privately owned and looked after by the same family since 1912 ➤ Ensuite rooms with TV, radio, phone, hairdryer, WiFi & hospitality tray ➤ Restaurant, bar & lounge areas, many with sea views ➤ Games room ➤ Lift to all floors ➤ TWO NIGHTS'

ENTERTAINMENT ➤ ACCESS Steps to the main door (wheelchair lift available), steps to a few rooms, limited walkin showers available on request.





SIDMOUTH - THE FLORAL RESORT

TUE 17 - SAT 21 OCT NO SINGLE SUPP. CODE: C3417

TUE ► Check in to your seaside hotel.

WED ► BRIDPORT

MARKET ► SEATON

TRAMWAY

Head to the popular weekly market in Bridport and hunt out



local food, jewellery, antiques, books and much more! This afternoon, ride traditional tramcars on the Seaton Tramway through the glorious Axe Valley. Let the scenery roll by as you pass through two nature reserves within the Axe Estuary. THUR

BICTON PARK BOTANICAL GARDENS

RIVER EXE CRUISE

Spend the morning amongst 300 years of horticultural history at Bicton Park's Grade I listed gardens. Don't miss the impressive Palm House and the unique Shell House. Unwind during a relaxing afternoon cruise on the River Exe departing from Exmouth Marina. This stretch of water is a wildlife haven where migrating birds often make for magnificent viewing in autumn. FRI SIDMOUTH FORDE ABBEY GARDENS (HH)

Enjoy a leisurely morning before visiting Forde Abbey & Gardens. This former Cistercian Abbey has a rich history and the beautifully landscaped gardens were nominated for Historic Houses 'Garden of the Year' in 2019. Expect to find formal herbaceous borders coupled with meandering pathways.

SAT

Homeward bound.

THE BEDFORD HOTEL, SIDMOUTH

➤ Seafront location, great for leisurely strolls with views of Lyme Bay ➤ Grade II listed ➤ Family run ➤ Ensuite rooms with walk-in showers, TV, radio, phone, hairdryer, WiFi & hospitality tray ➤ Restaurant, bar & lounge with veranda ➤ Lift ➤ ACCESS Lift not suitable for wheelchairs & no storage space for electric wheelchairs/scooters (can be left on coach), some steps to some rooms, four steps at the main entrance (ramp available), two shallow steps to the lounge & restaurant.



HOGMANAY CELEBRATIONS

£675pp

SUN 29 OCT - THUR 2 NOV SINGLE SUPP. £102.50 CODE: B3418

SUN ► Enjoy Scottish scenery en route to the hotel.

MON ► GUIDED TOUR OF STIRLING CASTLE ► CREAM TEA

Start the day at one of Scotland's grandest castles as you explore the Royal rooms and busy servant's quarters - with stories and secrets from your knowledgeable guide at Stirling Castle. Return to the hotel



for cream tea before dinner and entertainment this evening.

TUE ▶ GLENGOYNE DISTILLERY TOUR & TASTING ▶ HOTEL

LUNCH ▶ CRUISE ON LOCH LOMOND

Start the day at Glengoyne Distillery, who have been producing "unhurried" single malt whiskies since 1833. Amble through the production process and taste two specially selected whiskies whilst overlooking the beautiful waterfall and glen. Warm up with a soup and sandwich lunch at the hotel before an afternoon cruise on Loch Lomond and enjoy awe-inspiring views of The National Park from these vast and tranquil waters. There's a traditional Christmas dinner tonight and a visit from Santa.

WED BURRELL COLLECTION GLASGOW

Spend the morning at the newly reopened Burrell Collection in Glasgow where over 9000 artefacts will guide you through 6000 years of history including Chinese art, Roman sculptures, and Egyptian pottery. Afterwards, enjoy free time in the city -admire the architecture in St. George's Square, step inside St. Mungo's (Scotland's oldest mainland cathedral), stroll beneath the McLennan Arch on your way to the People's Palace, visit the Modern Art Gallery or maybe get ahead with Christmas shopping along Buchanan Street? Experience Scotland's traditional Hogmanay celebrations with dinner and a show at the hotel tonight.

THUR Sip a farewell Hot Toddy before heading home.

THE WINNOCK HOTEL, DRYMEN

► A lovingly restored 18th century coaching inn situated in the pretty village of Drymen, on the edge of the Trossachs National Park ► Ensuite rooms with TV, phone, radio, hairdryer & hospitality tray ► Restaurant, bar & lounge areas, many with cosy open log fires ► GLASS OF WINE WITH DINNER EVERY NIGHT ► PACKED LUNCH

INCLUDED ON MON & WED ACCESS No lift, rooms are on the ground and first floors (some ground floor rooms are a short walk across the lawn), walk-in showers on request.



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CHRISTMAS PARTY IN PAIGNTON

£575pp

MON 6 - FRI 10 NOV NO SINGLE SUPP. CODE: C3419



MON ► It's "Christmas Eve" in Paignton so check in with tea/coffee then meet in the bar this evening for a welcome cocktail and canapés. TUE ▶ BRIXHAM ▶ QUIZ

"Merry Christmas" from The Queens Hotel! Look out for a small gift from Santa before spending the morning in the lively fishing port of Brixham, where colourful houses tower above the pretty harbourside. Back in the hotel bar/lounge there's a themed guiz with tea/coffee and a mince pie before this evening's traditional Christmas dinner.

WED ▶ NEWTON ABBOT ▶ BUCKFAST ABBEY

Take a "Boxing Day" country ride to Newton Abbot on market day before calling at Buckfast Abbey for an early afternoon stroll in the serene gardens, a mooch around the interesting gift shop or time to reflect on the spirit of Christmas in the beautiful church. Return to the hotel where a refreshing tea/coffee and shortbread awaits.

THUR ▶ BYGONES MUSEUM

Take a trip down memory lane during this morning's visit to the Bygones Museum, just along the coast in Babbacombe. Walk through an authentic Victorian street and a World War Trench, be captivated by the 28-foot model railway and climb aboard a steam engine. Later, try your luck at Bingo and enjoy a complimentary mulled wine after dinner this evening. FRI > Time to return home.

THE QUEENS HOTEL, PAIGNTON

► Family run ► Short, level, walk to the town centre & seafront Winners of a 2022 Tripadvisor Travellers Choice Award Ensuite rooms with TV & radio, hairdryer, phone, free WiFi & hospitality tray > Restaurant and bar/lounge with patio TV lounge with pool table & fruit machines ▶ Indoor pool ▶ Lift to all floors ▶ ACCESS Front facing rooms are access by a few steps on exiting the lift, ground floor bedrooms are limited and on request, five steps to the restaurant and pool area (ladder access to the lift).



LOVE LIVERPOOL

£550pp

SUN 12 - WED 15 NOV SINGLE SUPP. £86 CODE: B3420

SUN ► Enjoy tea/coffee on arrival at the hotel

MON ▶ FAB 4 BEATLES TAXI TOUR

Take a unique private taxi tour, with an expert guide, visiting some of the iconic locations that shaped the lives and inspired the music of the world-famous Beatles, Highlights include their childhood homes. Penny Lane, Eleanor Rigby's grave

and the location where 15-year-old McCartney met Lennon for the very first time! There are photo opportunities and refreshment stops along the way with free time to explore Liverpool in the afternoon.



Liverpool is one of the country's most cultural destinations with a wealth of museums and galleries. Find contemporary art at Tate Liverpool, uncover the city's history at the Museum of Liverpool, submerge yourself in Liverpool's seafaring past at the Maritime Museum, take a sightseeing tour or a River Mersey Cruise. The day is yours to explore as you choose.

WED ▶ MANCHESTER SALFORD QUAYS

At this unique waterfront destination on the outskirts of Manchester you'll find interesting exhibitions and displays at the Imperial War Museum North and The Lowry Galleries (both free entry), 85 outlet shopping stores at Quayside MediaCityUK and a whole host of exciting eateries and entertainment options. Wander a little further and there's even a 600-year-old halftimbered Tudor manor house at Ordsall Hall - again - free entry!



Stylish hotel at Kings Dock on Liverpool's iconic waterfront > 5 minutes' walk to the vibrant attractions at Albert Dock ▶ Bedroom views to either Albert Dock or The Mersey River Air-conditioned ensuite rooms with rainfall walk-in showers, TV with free movies and radio, slippers and robe, free WiFi, mini fridge, laptop safe, ironing equipment, hairdryer & hospitality tray > Restaurant and bar > Gym ▶ Lift ▶ SINGLES ARE DOUBLE FOR SOLE.







CASTLE HOWARD AT CHRISTMAS

£540pp

SUN 19 - WED 22 NOV NO SINGLE SUPP. CODE: B3421



There's time for sightseeing and shopping in Leeds before checking in with tea/coffee. Look out for the famously historic grand arcades that combine luxury



shopping with independent retailers in the Victoria Quarter.

MON ► BLACK SHEEP BREWERY TOUR & TASTING ► MASHAM

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Start the day in Masham at the Black Sheep Brewery where a one-hour guided tour will engage your senses as you take in the sights, sounds and smells of the production process and tickle your tastebuds with a sample of these delicious beers. There's free time to enjoy Masham's traditional market town ambiance before returning to Harrogate to spend your afternoon at leisure.

TUE ► CASTLE HOWARD ► YORK CHRISTMAS MARKET ► YORK SIGHTSEEING CRUISE & REFRESHMENTS

Wander through the grand rooms of the Baroque stately home at Castle Howard, which have been transformed for Christmas with an enchanting winter theme. Continue the Christmas vibes at York St. Nicholas Fair and browse the alpine chalets that are well stocked with local goods and delicious food and drink. Mid-afternoon there's a sightseeing cruise along the River Ouse. Listen to live commentary whilst enjoying a hot drink and a festive tart as you sail along this historic waterway.

WED ▶ HARROGATE

Check out after breakfast (your luggage can be left on the coach) and spend the morning browsing the lovely independent shops in Harrogate. Maybe treat yourself to a spot of lunch at the famous Bettys Café Tea Rooms before we head home.

CROWNE PLAZA HARROGATE, AN IHG HOTEL

Stylish décor
 10 minutes' walk to Bettys Café Tea
 Rooms, The Turkish Baths & Harrogate Valley Gardens
 Air-conditioned ensuite rooms with TV, hairdryer, phone, laptop safe, ironing equipment, fridge, desk, free WiFi &

Iapido Sale, fronting equipment, fridge, desk, free WiFi & hospitality tray ▶ Restaurant, Lounge/Bar and Terrace ▶ Fitness centre ▶ Three lifts ▶ ACCESS Walk-in showers are in Club Rooms which carry a supplement, one step at the main entrance (ramp available).



£695pp

SAT 23 - WED 27 DEC NO SINGLE SUPP. CODE: A3422

SAT Sail across The Solent and warm up at the hotel with tea/coffee or a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie on arrival. Before dinner there'll be prosecco to sip as you listen to carol singers and after dinner a DJ will play top tunes from the 50's through to the 80's!



CHRISTMAS EVE ▶ NEWPORT ▶ RYDE

Head inland to the island's principal town of Newport and explore the shops and cafés that surround the two main Georgian squares. Spend your afternoon at leisure in Ryde before this evening's entertainment.

CHRISTMAS DAY

There's time for a refreshing stroll along the prom before a traditional Christmas lunch. Later, enjoy High Tea and a slice of cake before quiz time tonight!

BOXING DAY ▶ GODSHILL

After a quiet morning we'll take an afternoon ride to the quintessentially English village of Godshill, home to some of the island's oldest architecture. There's a festive buffet this evening before entertainment from a DJ or singer.

WED > Cross The Solent and home, Merry Christmas.

ROYAL ESPLANADE HOTEL, RYDE

- ➤ Grade II listed hotel, at the foot of the Victorian Pier in the harbour town of Ryde ➤ Within walking distance of sandy beaches, Ryde's pretty little harbour and boutique shops
- ► Ensuite rooms with TV, radio, phone & hospitality tray
- ▶ Restaurant, bar & lounge ▶ Terrace ▶ Lift
- ➤ ACCESS 8 steps at the hotel entrance and walk-in showers are available on request, please let us know if you plan to bring a wheelchair as there is limited capacity on the ferry.



Things you need to know about your holiday

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SUMMARY OF COVER

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Cover	Sum Insured	Excess
Cancellation	Up to £1,500	£50*
Travel Delay	Travel Delay up to £75	Travel Delay Excess = 12 hours
	Cancellation (holiday abandonment)	
	up to £1,500	£50**
Missed Departure	Up to £100 in England, Scotland, & Wales/	Nil
	£300 for Northern Ireland, Isles of Scilly,	
	Channel Islands & Europe	
Personal Accident	Up to £15,000 Death and corresponding	Nil
	Benefits limited to £5,000 in respect of	
	persons aged 66 and over at time	
<u></u>	of travel	
Medical & Other Expenses	Up to £2,000,000 outside of the UK.	£50***
(including Curtailment	Dental treatment limited to £350,	
& Repatriation	additional travel accommodation and	
	repatriation expenses if you are	
	hospitalised or have to stay in beyond	
	your return date. Trips solely within the	
	UK are limited to £1,500 and to £300 for	
	additional travelling expenses	
Funeral Expenses Abroad	£1,000	
Taxi Fares & Telephone Calls	£100	
Medical Confinement Benefit	£10 per 24 hours up to £100 UK	Nil
	£20 per 24 hours up to £500	
	Channel Islands & Europe	
Curtailment	Up to £1,500	
Personal Property Including Money		£50
	Single Article Limit £200/Valuables £300	
	Personal Money Up to £200	£50
	Delayed Baggage (after 12 hours) –	
	Up to £100	Nil
Loss of Passport	Up to £200 including loss or theft of visa	Nil
Missed Departure	Up to £100 UK & £300 Europe	
Personal Liability	Up to £2,000,000	Nil
Legal Expenses	Up to £25,000	Nil

- * Excess only applies for cancellation of a journey over three days in duration (Nil for Loss of Deposit).
- ** Excess only applies for abandonment of a journey over 3 days duration.
- *** Nil excess for curtailment of a journey up-to and including 3 days duration.

Demands and needs

This insurance policy will suit the demands and needs of an individual or group (where applicable) who have no excluded medical condition(s), are travelling in countries included within the policy terms and who wish to insure themselves against unforeseen circumstances/events detailed in the cover section below. Subject to the terms, conditions and maximum specified sums insured.

Important

We will not provide you with advice about the suitability of this product for your individual needs but will be happy to provide you with factual information.

We summarise below the details of the insurance cover provided which also includes 24-hour emergency service from Allianz Assistance. The following is a brief summary of the cover available. Full details of cover and exclusions will be forwarded with your confirmation of booking. In any event you may ask for a specimen copy of the policy wording before booking should you wish to examine this in advance.

Health declaration and health exclusions

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- You are fit to travel and undertake your planned
 iourney
- Following any claim investigation, your doctor confirms they would have agreed with or recommended your travel plans when you took out this insurance, booked your journey or at the time you travelled (whichever is later).
- 3. You are not travelling with the purpose of having medical treatment or a consultation.
- You are not awaiting the outcome of any medical tests or an appointment at a medical facility for any medical investigations.

For travel outside of the UK

You will not be covered for any claims arising as a direct or indirect result of an existing medical condition if, in the 12 months before taking out this insurance or booking your journey (whichever is later), if you:

- Were referred for tests, investigations, treatment or surgery, or were awaiting the results of any referral
- Attended or were due to attend a hospital or clinic as an outpatient or inpatient received treatment or saw a medical practitioner for a medical condition.
- 3. Were prescribed medication.

Unless the condition(s) has (have) been declared to and accepted by us in writing. You should contact the Medical Screening Team by calling 023 9241 9063 if:

- · You need to declare a medical condition;
- You are unsure whether a medical condition needs to be declared or not.

Things you need to know about your holiday (cont.)

If we are unable to cover a medical condition, this will mean that any other person insured by us will not be able to make a claim arising from the medical condition(s). This may even apply if the person with the medical condition(s) purchases cover from another provider.

Exclusions relating to the health of someone not insured on this policy, but whose health may affect your decision whether to take or continue with your journey.

You will not be covered for any directly or indirectly related claims (see note at the end of this section) arising from the health of a travelling companion, someone you were going to stay with, a close relative or a business associate if at the time your policy was issued:

- You were aware they had undiagnosed medical condition(s) for which they were awaiting tests, investigations or the results of these.
- You were aware that their medical condition(s) were unstable, were likely to get worse in the next 12 months or they had been diagnosed as having a terminal condition

If our chosen insurance provider, Wrightsure Services (Hampshire) Limited are unable to offer you the travel insurance cover you require, or your premium is higher than you expected because you have serious medical conditions, you may be able to get help by accessing the Money and Pensions Service travel directory or by calling 0800 138 7777 (lines are open Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm).

Significant exclusions

If you or anyone else named on this policy has not been a resident in the UK for more than 12 months, or if studying or working in the UK for more than 6 months, before the policy was issued, this policy cannot cover you. In addition to the above the policy also contains the following main exclusions:

- Any existing medical conditions unless they have been declared to (where appropriate) and accepted by the insurer.
- Your participation in any organised sports or dangerous activities unless they have been declared to and accepted by the Insurer.
- Suicide, self-injury or deliberately putting yourself at risk (unless you are trying to save another person's life).
- Travel against the advice of the carrier, any other public transport provider, the Foreign Office or the World Health Organisation.
- Any manual work or hazardous occupation undertaken during the insured trip.
- The bankruptcy/liquidation of the tour operator, travel agent or transportation company with whom you have booked your trip.
- An epidemic or pandemic, except as expressly covered under section 1 (Cancellation) & Section 5 (Medical & other Expenses).

Examples of these and other conditions and restrictions and what to do if you are unsure about any aspect of an exclusion are contained within your policy information. Full details are contained within your policy information.

How to make a claim

All claims should be made direct to Allianz Assistance. Please visit the website www.azgatravelclaims.com. This will lead you to insurers online claims notification service where claim forms can be obtained immediately via email or by downloading directly from the site. Alternatively, please phone and ask for a claim form or write to: Allianz Assistance Travel Insurance Claims Department, PO Box 451, Feltham TW13 9EE, telephone 0208 603 9958 or email travel.claims@allianz-assistance.co.uk

Protecting your information

We will only use your personal details in line with our Privacy Notice. This can be found on our website or is available in hard copy format upon request and you should read this carefully and contact us immediately if you have any queries. Your personal information includes all of the details you have given us to process your insurance policy (we will not ask for more information than is necessary). We may share your data with Third Parties for the provision and ongoing performance of your insurance policy. Your data may be transferred outside the UK. All of the personal information you supply to us will be handled strictly in accordance with the applicable Data Protection regulations and legislation.

Shaws of Maxey are an Appointed Representative of Wrightsure Services (Hampshire) Limited who are authorised and regulated by the FCA (their registration number is 311394) and which is permitted to advise on and arrange general insurance contracts. You can check these details online using the Financial Services Register (accessible from www.fca.org.ukl) or be contacting the Financial Conduct Authority Consumer Helpline on 0800 111 6768.

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BCH-ABTOT FINANCIAL SECURITY STATEMENT



The combination

of travel services offered to you is a package within the meaning of the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018.

Therefore, you will benefit from all rights applying to packages; E. Shaw & Son will be fully responsible for the proper performance of the package as a whole.

Additionally, as required by law, E. Shaw & Son have protection in place to refund your payments and, where transport is included in the package, to ensure your repatriation in the event that they become insolvent. E. Shaw & Son are members of the Bonded Coach Holiday Group, overseen by The Association of Bonded Travel Organisers Trust Limited. This is a government approved consumer protection scheme. This ensures that in relation to the coach package holidays described in this brochure (or website) that a Bond, which may be called upon in the unlikely event of the members Insolvency, protects the clients' monies. Clients are recommended to inspect the current membership certificate at our registered office or alternatively go to https://www.abtot.com/bch-abtotmembers-directory or telephone 0207 7065 5316 to confirm current membership.

Your attention is also drawn to the Bonded Coach Holiday Group Trading Charter that will apply to these coach package holidays.

Details of the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018 can be found at https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2018/634/contents/ made

Please visit our website or ask us for a copy of our BCH-ABTOT Trading Charter which applies to all of our holidays.

HOW TO BOOK YOUR HOLIDAY

Normally, it takes just one quick and simple phone call or email to book your holiday. Occasionally, we may have to call you back if we need to check room availability, especially for late bookings. We're always pleased to see customers if you prefer to book in person or if you would like any extra advice or assurance before booking that you'd like to discuss face to face.

Your reservation will be provisionally held for 14 days whilst you complete the booking form and confirm that you have read our Financial Security Statement, BCH-ABTOT Trading Charter, terms & conditions and the tour itinerary (all of which will be sent to you except the tour itinerary - but are also available on our website). Then simply return your completed booking form by post/email, along with your non-refundable deposit of just £40 per person (or the full amount if you are making a reservation less than 8 weeks before the tour departure date). Your deposit payment includes an optional FREE holiday insurance premium. We accept payments by cheque, credit card, debit card or cash (at our office).

On receipt of your booking confirmation, please check that the details are correct and make a note of the balance due date, as we do not send reminders. Receipts can be sent on request.

Your travel ticket will be sent to you approximately 7-10 days before the departure date and it will show both the time and place of departure for your holiday. Please notify us if you have not received your ticket within 5 days of departure (or if you lose your ticket). You'll find a helpful coach seating plan on page 5.

Things you need to know about your Great Day Out

- 1. Cancellations & Amendments by us. We reserve the right to withdraw any excursion due to lack of support. Any such cancellation would usually be made no later than one week before departure and either a credit note or a refund of the full fare that you paid is the limit of our liability. It is always our intention to operate an excursion in accordance with the published itinerary, but we reserve the right to amend any excursion, should circumstances make this necessary, either prior to or during an outing. Refunds will not be given for any insignificant changes, although we will always try to let you know of any such changes, e.g. seat changes, timing alterations, etc. We cannot accept liability for cancellations that are made necessary by events or actions by persons beyond our control (including, without limitation, acts of God, military operation, terrorism, a pandemic). We may offer a credit note for the full amount paid, a free transfer to a rearranged date or a refund of the fare paid. Refunds will only be sent to the person that paid for a booking or their personal representative.
- 2. Cancellations & Amendments by you. You may cancel your booking at any time, subject to the following conditions and charges. Cancellations must be made in writing (either by post or by email) and cancellation charges will be determined from the time at which your written notification is received. Communications that are sent outside of office hours will be dated from the day and time at which our office next opens (Monday to Friday, 09:30-17:00, excluding bank holidays).

Cancellation charges are as follows:

Up to 48 hours

prior to departure: 20% of total paid Less than 48 hours

prior to departure: 50% of total paid Less than 24 hours

prior to departure: No refund

Please note that you will not receive a refund for any prepaid items that are included in the ticket price and not recoverable by us (e.g. a meal, theatre ticket, admission charge, etc.). In these instances, any refund due to you will be based on the fare element of your ticket only.

On most tours, if your cancellation is made more than four weeks before departure, we may be able to offer a transfer to another day tour on payment of an amendment fee of £2 per person per transfer. You are also

- welcome to pass on your ticket to a friend at no extra charge but you must let us know if someone else will be travelling in your place. You remain liable for the payment of non-recoverable services for which we have prepaid.
- 3. Child Fares. Usually apply from ages 3 to 16 inclusive, but may vary on some tours. Children under 3 can usually travel free provided they are sat on an adult's lap and that we are notified at the time of booking. Under 16's must be escorted by an adult.
- 4. Coach Seating. Seat numbers are usually allocated in order of booking but we hold two front seats for customers who have a registered disability or hold a Blue Badge. We reserve the right to alter seating arrangements and vehicle allocation.
- 5. Coach Tickets. Please show your eTicket or printed Travel Ticket to the driver when you board. Your driver will normally give you admission tickets for shows, concerts, etc. during the journey.
- 6. Complaints. We very much hope that you will enjoy your day out with us but if you have a complaint please inform your driver in the first instance so that he/she may do his/her best to assist you. We will always take note of any complaints that you wish to make in person or by phone, but will only respond to to written complaints if they are received (via email or post) no later than 14 days after the date of travel.
- 7. Health & Safety. If you wish to bring any items other than normal hand luggage or suitcases, please check with us at the time of booking. We will refuse a booking or terminate a passenger's journey in the event of unreasonable conduct and/or if believe that they have any items or equipment that will be detrimental to the health and safety of our staff and/or other customers. Our drivers are not allowed to do anything that may put at risk their health, safety, welfare or compromise any legal requirements.
- 8. Meeting Friends. May we suggest that you plan to meet at a well-known landmark or café and also exchange mobile phone numbers in case arrangements for set down points have to be changed unexpectedly?
- 9. Mobile Phones. If you need to use a mobile whilst on the coach, please keep your conversation as quiet and as brief as possible to avoid distracting your driver and to minimise disturbance to other passengers. Please turn your phone to silent/vibrate if possible.

- 10. Refreshments. Other than on a vehicle fitted expressly for that purpose, food and drink, except for small items of confectionary, may not be consumed on board. Smoking (including E-cigarettes) and alcohol are not permitted on board.
 11. Senior Fares. Apply to all customers aged 65 or over.
- 12. Special Care for Disabled Customers. We reserve two front seats for the use of customers who have a Registered Disability or a Blue Badge (and their companion) but our coaches do not have lifts so you must be able to use the entrance steps. Some excursions may involve long journeys or long walks and there may be accessibility issues at some visitor attractions (especially theatres). If you tell us about your disability before you book, we will do our best to check that a tour is suitable for you. At your own risk, we are happy to carry a limited number of mobility aids but cannot be held responsible for any damage to them. Wheelchair and scooter users must be accompanied by someone who is able to take charge of the chair (or scooter) and, where appropriate, dismantle and reassemble it, disconnect any batteries and load it into the luggage area. No individual piece of equipment should weigh more than 15 kgs and Schedule 3 scooters are not permitted under any circumstances. Our drivers are happy to provide general assistance but cannot provide help that extends to the lifting and carrying of any passenger or their wheelchair or scooter, nor to act as carers.

Full terms and conditions can be found on our website, or we can post/email a copy

Please note the BCH-ABTOT Finanacial Guarantee does not cover our Great Days Out

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Coach hire

Let us provide you with a FREE, no obligation quote for your next group outing.

Whether it's a local, national or international journey we are here to help. Our coach hire customers include schools, colleges, corporates, weddings, social clubs, local groups and even just fun days out with friends and family.

Perhaps you've got a group together but you're not sure where to go?

Arranging tailor made tours for groups (including a FREE booking service for theatre tickets, meals, hotel accommodation, etc.) is a particular area of our expertise! Let us know your interests and we'll prepare some ideas.

Our fleet of modern coaches includes 27, 49 and 53 seat vehicles. All our coaches feature seat belts, reclining seats, reading lights, arm rests, radio, PA system and air-conditioning. Our 49 seat executive coaches also feature a refreshment station, toilet, footrests, air conditioning and air suspension.

Our drivers are consistently praised for their skills, safety and friendly welcome.

You can be certain of an experienced, courteous and uniformed driver at the wheel.

Our fleet is carefully maintained by our highly-skilled, in house, mechanics. We are members of the BUSK Simply Safe scheme and are proud of being awarded the maximum six-star rating for safety compliance under their Benchmark scheme.



Remember, if a quote looks too good to be true it usually is. We'll always be as competitive as we can, and we'll always offer you the best service.

Gift vouchers

A Great Day Out also makes a great gift!

Our Great Days Out depart from over 35 local locations across Peterborough, Bourne, Stamford, Deeping, Spalding and many places in between. We're sure your loved one will find a pick up point nearby.



- We offer FREE first-class delivery for our vouchers which can be ordered in any value and will arrive in an attractive wallet. Order over the phone/email or pop in and see us.
- Don't forget too, that many of our Great Days Out and Door2Door Holidays also make excellent presents and we are always happy to help with suggestions.

GREAT OFFERS!







London

15 Feb @ **£25**

Silverstone Interactive Museum

16 Feb @ **£45**

South Kensington

Museums

17 Feb @ **£27.50**

RAF Museum London

17 Feb @ £20

Tower of London

3 Apr @ £**49.50**

Bletchlev Park

3 Apr @ **£39**

Nottingham

6 Apr @ £15

RAF Museum Cosford

12 Apr @ **£25**

Greenwich Museums

13 Apr @ **£25**

Lincoln

14 Apr @ **£15**

York

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LIMITED RUN! Don't miss out



Oklahoma! 3 May @ £85

Aspects of Love 20 Sep @ £89



COMING SOON...

Buckingham Palace State Apartments We Will Rock You, London Coliseum Knitting & Stitching Show, Ally Pally Simply Christmas, NEC Thursford Christmas Spectacular

Thursford Christmas Spectacular Cruising into Christmas

Crazy For You, Gillian Lynne Theatre



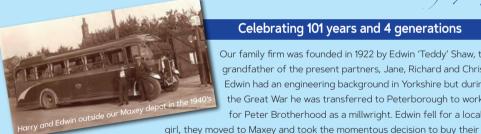












Celebrating 101 years and 4 generations

Our family firm was founded in 1922 by Edwin 'Teddy' Shaw, the grandfather of the present partners, Jane, Richard and Chris. Edwin had an engineering background in Yorkshire but during the Great War he was transferred to Peterborough to work for Peter Brotherhood as a millwright. Edwin fell for a local

first bus, which was kept in Mr. Frisby's barn on Castle End Road. They ran a local service into

Peterborough along with anything else that came their way, including furniture removals! They couldn't afford to have the vehicle off the road for long and repairs were usually made by candlelight with the help of neighbours.

A couple of years later they took a chance and purchased the house and land at 49 High Street, Maxey (where we are still based). After the war Edwin worked hard to build the business back up and by then he was joined by his son, Harry, whose favourite job was as team driver for Peterborough United! Harry, with support and assistance from wife Doreen, gradually took over the running of the business and it flourished under his leadership. He had a real talent for buying and selling coaches with many winter Sundays spent journeying across the country to "look at a bus".

Harry died suddenly in 1981 and it was then that Jane, Richard and Chris inherited the business with Richard's wife Carol joining in 2010 and his daughter Tory, coming on board in 2015. Our first holiday brochure was published in 1982 with just six tours, one of which had just six passengers (including our mum and gran!). Fortunately, the others did rather better and in 1983 we risked increasing the programme to ten departures and the rest, as they say, is history!

Join Our Wonderful Journey.