

Door2Door Holidays 2025





Welcome Aboard 2025 is the dawn of a new era in the history of Shaws Coaches. With the previous owners happily settling into retirement, the new owners took a firm hold of the wheel on 3 May 2025, promising an exciting road ahead. Our strong new partnership with Reg's Coaches was a momentous moment in Shaws' 103 year history and one that will be remembered for many years to come. We are proud to have retained nearly all of our loyal members of staff during the acquisition, who have played such a vital role in the success of Shaws. You are guaranteed a welcoming voice on the phone and a friendly face behind the wheel.

We are delighted to announce that we are now able to offer departures on our renowned Door2Door Holidays from the Welwyn area, in partnership with Reg's Coaches.

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**Half Price
Holiday Deposits
Just £25pp**
Book by 31 July

**Save £40pp!
Meet The Coach
At A Central
Departure Point**

Click To Visit Shaws Website

Please note the online prices do not include the small supplement for holiday departures from the Welwyn area. The prices in this brochure are correct for departures from this area.

Save On Your Next Holiday

Half Price Deposits Book before 31 July 2025 and pay just £25pp with the balance due 8 weeks prior to departure.

Loyalty Discount Book three holidays (in any calander year) and save £15pp, book 4+ and save £20pp!

We include home collection provided you live in Welwyn, Welwyn Garden City, Codicote, Woolmer Green, Knebworth, Hatfield, or Stevenage (and many of the nearby villages). Alternatively, choose to **Meet The Coach** at one of our central departure points, just up the A1, at Stamford Bus Station, Peterborough Extra Services or Shaws depot (Maxey) and **save £40pp!** *We can pick up outside of these areas - please call to enquire - we'd love you to join us.*

National Trust, RHS & English Heritage Savings

Save £5pp for each property visited if you choose a holiday featuring an attraction managed by one of these organisations.

How To Book Your Holiday

Normally, it takes just one quick and simple call, email or click on our website to book your holiday. Occasionally, we may have to call you back if we need to check special requests or room availability. Your reservation will be provisionally held for 14 days whilst you complete your booking form and confirm that you have read our International Passenger Protection statement (available online or we can post them to you) and booking conditions (click or see page 14). Return your completed booking form to 49 High Street, Maxey, PE6 9EF or shawstrips@regskoaches.co.uk, along with your non-refundable deposit of £50pp (or the full balance if you are travelling within the next 8 weeks). We accept 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 sent on request). Your travel ticket will be sent to you 7-10 days before departure, showing the time and place of departure. Please notify us if you haven't received your ticket within 5 days of departure (or if you lose it).

Then, sit back relax and have a wonderful holiday.



"Excellent safe driver, very patient & knowledgeable"



Courtesy Leeds Castle

Kent's High Society

Mon 30 Jun - Fri 4 Jul 2025

£755pp • Single supp. £117 • A3479

NEW ITINERARY
ONE LUNCH INCLUDED
ONE CREAM TEA INCLUDED

MON • Head to the historic city of **Rochester** for free time in Charles Dickens territory - it's donation entry to Rochester Cathedral & Gardens. Enjoy **tea/coffee** at the hotel on arrival.

TUE • Glide into the glamorous and aristocratic world of **Leeds Castle** as you uncover the secrets and scandals of high society during a tell-tale talk from an enthusiastic expert. Make the most of all the attractions at this 900-year-old moated fortress including the immersive Queens with Means exhibition, the Birds of Prey Centre and the unique Mediterranean Garden Terraces. A refreshing **cream tea in the Castle View Restaurant** is included.

WED • Spend the morning in **Maidstone**, the county town of Kent, established by the Romans and famous for its waterway connections. High Street shops line Week Street and it's free entry to Maidstone Museum & Bently Art Gallery. Board the Kentish Lady for a **three-hour cruise along the historic River Medway**. Navigate locks, pass peaceful meadows and marvel at medieval castles whilst keeping an eye out for the thriving wildlife and tucking into an included **fish & chip lunch**.

THUR • Visit one of the finest homes in England. **Penshurst Place** is a 14th century Manor House, once the property of King Henry VIII, and now the Sidney family home for more than 470 years. Don't miss an astonishing 60ft high chestnut beamed ceiling in the Baron's Hall and the recently restored Victorian Kitchen. Continue to **Tunbridge Wells** and feel rather regal as you promenade along the charming 17th century Pantiles. This elegant, colonnaded walkway is now home to enticing shops, galleries and cafés.

FRI • After breakfast head to **The Historic Dockyard Chatham** for a guided coach tour of this beautifully preserved 400-year-old site. Experience an ancient ropemaking demonstration and maybe dare to delve inside a submarine before heading home.



Bridgewood Manor Hotel & Spa, Chatham ****

Smartly styled hotel • Ensuite rooms with TV, hairdryer, phone, desk, trouser press/iron, complimentary tea/coffee tray & free WiFi • Restaurant, bar, patio & courtyard • Pool, sauna & steam room • Beauty treatments (extra charge) • **ACCESS** Lift to all floors, limited ground floor rooms & walk-in showers



"Please put this Paignton holiday in the brochure again!"

Summer On The Riviera

Mon 7 Jul - Fri 11 Jul 2025

£705pp • Single supp. £0 • C3480

HOLIDAY RATED 4.2/5 IN 2024
NIGHTLY HOTEL ENTERTAINMENT
CUSTOMER FAVOURITE

MON • Check in on the south west coast with **tea/coffee** on arrival.

TUE • Spend a summer morning at leisure on the English Riviera, perhaps take a wander along **Paignton's** long stretch of beautiful and easily accessible beachfront, with a traditional promenade and a 240m Victorian pier. A twenty-minute walk through town takes you to Oldway Mansion public gardens – these grade II heritage gardens are full of colour in summer. Spend the afternoon amongst Georgian treasures at **Saltram House**, overlooking the River Plym within a rolling 18th century landscape. Go celebrity 'tree' spotting along Lime Avenue – can you find the English oak used in Sense & Sensibility? A visit to the Great Room is a must – here you can see one of the country's most complete Robert Adam rooms dating back to 1772.

WED • All aboard for one of the finest steam train journeys in the country, from Paignton to Kingswear, along the coast of Torbay and through beautiful Devonshire countryside on the **Dartmouth Steam Railway**. At Kingswear take the traditional **foot ferry** across the River Dart before boarding a glorious river boat for a **60 minute circular estuary cruise**. Pass castles, grand naval buildings and the home of late Dame Agatha Christie, look out for seals and dolphins along the way. Enjoy free time in **Dartmouth** before returning to Paignton in the same unique style in which you arrived.

THUR • Soak up the buzz of **Brixham** as you enjoy free time in this beautiful fishing town. Sit and watch the heritage trawlers busy at work and the colourful hillside houses glistening in the summer sun. Back to **Paignton** for an afternoon of relaxation, take a dip in the hotel pool or a level walk to the seafront for one final glimpse of the Riviera.

FRI • After breakfast it's time to head home.



The Queen's Hotel, Paignton ***

A short, level walk to the town centre & seafront • Family run • Rated 4.1/5 by Shaws' customers in 2024 • Ensuite bedrooms with TV & radio, phone, hairdryer, free WiFi & complimentary tea/coffee tray • Restaurant & lounge/bar with patio • TV lounge with pool table • Indoor pool **ACCESS** Two lifts to all floors (one suitable for wheelchairs), some rooms have baths, limited ground floor rooms, a few steps on lift exit to front facing rooms, five steps to the restaurant & pool (ladder access to the pool)

Our holidays include all travel (from your door) • 3* or 4* hotel • 3 course dinner every night • breakfast each morning
carefully planned itineraries & attraction entry • executive touring coaches • reserved seat • 18kg suitcase • experienced and
highly-rated tour driver • friendly booking team • International Passenger Protection

"Really excellent hotel"



Pembrokeshire & Tenby

Mon 24 Jul - Fri 18 Jul 2025

£705pp • Single supp. £60 • Code C3481

HOLIDAY RATED 4.5/5 IN 2024
NATIONAL TRUST MEMBERS SAVE £5
THREE NIGHTS HOTEL ENTERTAINMENT

MON • Check in with **tea/coffee** awaiting on arrival.

TUE • Britain's smallest city, **St Davids**, owes its status to the 12th century purple sandstone cathedral which dominates the tranquil vale in which it sits. Spend time in this character-full town surrounded by National Park scenery. Continue to Pembrokeshire's finest stately home, **Picton Castle**. This ancient building has roots as a medieval castle, transformed into an 18th century home for the elite. The surrounding gardens boast one of the best plant collections in Wales including an enchanting Walled Garden and an exotic Jungle Garden.

WED • Discover how a picturesque Welsh valley village became the centre of Wales' global wool industry at **The National Wool Museum**. Try your hand at carding, spinning and sewing as you follow the process from fleece to fabric inside restored listed mill buildings. Continue to the Ceredigion coast to spend time amongst the charming, colourful houses that fill the little town of **Aberaeron**. Perhaps treat yourself to ice cream whilst enjoying harbour views? Finish the day at **Llanerchaeron (NT)**, an elegant Georgian mansion, remarkably unaltered for over 200 years and set within the beautiful Aeron Valley. Compare the calming classical details of the villa to the busy staff quarters, discover a curious antique collection and wander in the Walled Garden.

THUR • Enjoy a scenic drive through Pembrokeshire Coast National Park to spend time in the picture-perfect seaside town of **Tenby**. Soft sandy beaches, crystal clear waters, a quaint fishing harbour and pastel-coloured Victorian houses give Tenby an old-world charm that's hard to match. Add to that a friendly local vibe and tempting local shops and cafés and you have a perfect summers' day by the sea. You'll find some interesting collections in Tenby Museum & Art Gallery (adm. from £5pp).

FRI • After breakfast it's time to head home.



The Cliff Hotel & Spa, Gwbert ***

Stunning location on Cardigan Bay, with décor to compliment • Family owned • Rated 4.6/5 by Shaws' customers in 2024 • Ensuite bedrooms featuring smart TV, phone, bottled water, hairdryer, ironing equipment, free WiFi & complimentary tea/coffee tray • Restaurant, bar & lounge • One hour of spa access/day (pre-booking recommended) • 9 hole golf course (approx. £8/round) • **ACCESS** Lift (not to all floors), limited walk-in showers

"Excellent driver. Informative, helpful and good company"



The Lancashire Landscape

Mon 4 Aug - Fri 8 Aug 2025

£800pp • Single supp. £168 • Code B3483

SEVEN TOP ATTRACTIONS INCLUDED
ONE LUNCH INCLUDED
HISTORIC HOUSES MEMBERS SAVE £5

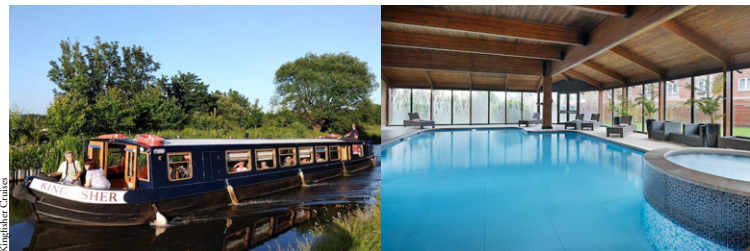
MON • Perhaps make use of the hotel leisure before dinner.

TUE • Follow the winding drive to **Leighton Hall**, the much-loved home of the Gillow furniture making family with an 800-year history. Each room, from the modest chapel to the imposing dining room is still in use and with no roped-off areas there's so much to see! Outside, expect fine country views, colourful borders and a 19th century Walled Garden. This afternoon, take a country cruise along the **Lancaster Canal**, enjoying views of the Bowland Hills and keeping an eye (and ear) out for the resident herons, swallows, kingfishers and cormorants.

WED • Ride from the market town of Bury, following the pretty River Irwell through lush green countryside, to the village of Rawtenstall on the **East Lancashire Railway**. From here, continue north to **Oswaldtwistle Mills** where over 100 retailers are uniquely housed inside a former Weaving Mill - they've recently enhanced the shopping experience with a huge store re-site and refit! Then, sit back and watch the scenery roll by on a **guided coach tour through the beautiful Ribble Valley**. Hear stories from one of Roman Britain's largest ports, one of Queen Elizabeth II's homes and even Sherlock Holmes!

THUR • Be blown away at **The World of Glass** inside the Victorian town of St Helens. Watch a glass blowing demonstration, see glass that has survived 3000 years and cross a glass bridge towards The Tank House to discover how it all began! To Bolton for a traditional **fish and chip lunch** before a scenic drive through the fells and moors back to the hotel, past Winter Hill and the Belmont Reservoir.

FRI • En route home, pause at **RHS Bridgewater** to see the most recent addition to the RHS collection at the height of summer. At the horticultural heart is an 11-acre Victorian Walled Garden - one of the UK's largest, and look for the new Music Pavilion in the Chinese Streamside Garden.



Delta Hotels By Marriott Preston ****

A former Victorian manor house within 11 acres of landscaped grounds • Refurbished in 2023 • Ensuite bedrooms with TV & radio, hairdryer, phone, desk, ironing facilities, complimentary tea/coffee tray, bottled water, complimentary toiletries & WiFi • Restaurant, bar and conservatory • Leisure club access with indoor pool, whirlpool, sauna, steam room and gym • **ACCESS** Limited accessible showers, most are shower over bath, lots of ground floor rooms but steps (with ramps) in public areas

4 Our holidays include all travel (from your door) • 3* or 4* hotel • 3 course dinner every night • breakfast each morning carefully planned itineraries & attraction entry • executive touring coaches • reserved seat • 18kg suitcase • experienced and highly-rated tour driver • friendly booking team • International Passenger Protection

"All well organised, no pressure, just enjoyment"



The Legendary Isle of Man

Sat 9 Aug - Thur 14 Aug 2025

£905pp • Single supp. £80 • Code B3484

HOLIDAY RATED 4.9/5 IN 2024
SEVEN TOP ATTRACTIONS INCLUDED
TWO NIGHTS HOTEL ENTERTAINMENT

SAT • Soak up views of Morecambe Bay and The Lake District as you cross the Irish Sea, arriving on the island at 18:00.

SUN • Meet retired polo horses and tram horses at the **Home of Rest for Old Horses**. Over 90 horses roam the lush green fields, enjoying their final years being pampered by the loving team. Continue to the island's ancient capital of **Castletown**, with picturesque fishing cottages along the harbour and a superbly preserved Viking castle towering above. After enjoying free time in **Port Erin**, board Britain's longest narrow gauge railway, the **IOM Steam Railway**, and watch the island's charming countryside pass by enroute back to Douglas.

MON • Enjoy a day at leisure by the sea in **Douglas**. Perhaps take a book to the beach, uncover Viking hoards in the Manx Museum (donation entry) or wander in the Promenade Gardens.

TUE • Enjoy a coastal ride on the **Manx Electric Railway** this morning, from Derby Castle to Laxey in one of the beautifully restored Victorian and Edwardian trams. At Laxey, transfer to the **Snaefell Mountain Railway** and ascend this incredible line to experience spectacular summit views - 2036ft above sea level! Back to the roads to uncover the IOM's famous motoring history with a visit to the **Motor Museum** - a petrolhead's paradise! Highlights include the record breaking 500 Manxman, steam cars, a Cadillac V16 and the 1953 Humber Super Snipe tourer used by Queen Elizabeth II.

WED • Begin on the west coast in **Peel**, a beautiful bay enclosed by a medieval castle, a lively harbour and a promenade selling local treats. Ride out to the island's southernmost tip to enjoy some of the nation's greatest scenery from **The Sound** (where you'll also find a delicious café with panoramic views). Return to Douglas for a guided tour of **Tynwald** - which claims to be the oldest continuous parliamentary assembly in the world! *Some parts of Tynwald are only accessible by stairs.*

THUR • Board the 08:45 sailing back to the mainland, catching a final glimpse of this beautiful island before returning home.



The Chesterhouse Hotel, Douglas ***

Seafront hotel • Rated 4.4/5 by Shaws' customers in 2024 • Ensuite bedrooms with TV, hairdryer, phone, complimentary tea/coffee tray & free WiFi • Restaurant & bar/lounge • **ACCESS** Lift (unsuitable for wheelchairs), showers in standard rooms (baths in exec rooms only), just one ground floor room, steps throughout

"I enjoyed all the outings and the scenery whilst on the coach"



Snowdonia - Island's & Italy

Mon 18 Aug - Fri 22 Aug 2025

£800pp • Single supp. £150 • Code C3485

CUSTOMER FAVOURITE
HOTEL ENTERTAINMENT ONE EVENING
HOLIDAY RATED 4.5/5 IN 2024

MON • Welcome to Wales, with **tea/coffee** waiting for you at the hotel.

TUE • Spend time in **Caernarfon**, on the shores of the Menai Strait with Wales' most famous castle as your backdrop - where HM The King was crowned Prince of Wales in 1969. Wander through the pretty streets, watch boats bobbing on the water and take in the distant mountain views. Camera at the ready as we drive over the Nant Francon Pass, then through the Vale of Conwy to **Llandudno**, to spend time by the sea in a resort that has remained largely unchanged since Victorian times.

WED • Steam along the UK's longest heritage railway from Caernarfon, past Snowdon, to the riverside village of Beddgelert on an unforgettable two-hour journey on the **Welsh Highland Railway**. Panoramic windows ensure unrivalled views of ancient woodland, mountains, rivers and castles. Then to the unique, Italian inspired village of **Portmeirion** - with colour-washed buildings and a lively central piazza. Clough Williams-Ellis envisaged this coastal village in the mid 1920s to prove that a beautiful location could be developed without spoiling it.

THUR • Cross the Menai Bridge to the Isle of Anglesey and board an 80-minute seacoast safari to **Puffin Island**. Informative commentary will guide you through the resident and visiting birds, you may even be lucky enough to spot a grey seal or dolphin. Spend the afternoon at **Plas Cadnant** - Anglesey's hidden gardens and winners at the 2023 Nation's Favourite Gardens awards. This ancient garden is under careful restoration, so far, a curved walled garden, secret valley garden with waterfalls and a woodland garden - complete with a 19th century folly - have been discovered.

FRI • *Amser i fynd adref* - Time to go home.



The Celtic Royal Hotel, Caernarfon ***

Within walking distance of the walled town, castle and the Welsh Highland Railway Station • Rated 4.3/5 by Shaws' customers in 2023 • Ensuite bedrooms featuring TV, radio, phone, hairdryer, WiFi & complimentary tea/coffee tray, ironing equipment on request • Restaurant & bar/lounge • Indoor pool, sauna, steam room, gym & bubble pool (refreshed in 2023) • **ACCESS** Lift, two steps at the main entrance (level access at the side), steps to some bedrooms, limited bedrooms with walk-in showers

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 carefully planned itineraries & attraction entry • executive touring coaches • reserved seat • 18kg suitcase • experienced and
 highly-rated tour driver • friendly booking team • International Passenger Protection

"Helpful, polite and sociable, his driving was excellent"



Severn Valley Secrets

Sat 25 Aug - Fri 29 Aug 2025

£760pp • Single supp. £160 • Code C3486

BANK HOLIDAY WEEK

SEVEN TOP ATTRACTIONS INCLUDED

NATIONAL TRUST MEMBERS SAVE £10

MON • Perhaps make use of the hotel leisure before dinner.

TUE • **Cruise the River Severn** with **tea/coffee & biscuits**, marveling at historic sites such as Shrewsbury Castle and the medieval Town Walls during this peaceful 40-minute cruise. Enjoy free time in **Shrewsbury** - this delightful town boasts over 600 listed buildings and was described by Sunday Times Style Magazine as "a half-timbered beauty awash with independents". Continue to 18th century **Attingham Park (NT)** and discover an impressive Regency Mansion set within 200 acres of parkland. With impressive architecture and fine furnishings up top, and busy staff quarters below, you'll gain a real insight into the lives of those that once lived and worked here.

WED • The **British Ironwork Centre** is 'Art With Conscience'. Follow trails through the UK's largest collection of metal sculptures looking out for the *Spoon Gorilla* (made with 40,000 spoons) and an entire recycled tractor that's been used to create *Head On With The Future*. This afternoon, discover 700 years of history at **Chirk Castle & Garden (NT)** - this magnificent medieval fortress is the last castle of this period that's still lived in today. Lavish interiors include a 17th century Long Gallery and rich tapestries in the State Rooms, outside herbaceous borders and rose gardens should be alive with colour.

THUR • Visit the (recently restored) **Museum of the Gorge** and learn about the its key role in the Industrial Revolution, enjoying views down to the famous Iron Bridge from outside. Continue your links with the River Severn during a journey on the **Severn Valley Railway**, the line follows this ancient waterway and crosses it at the impressive 200ft Victoria Bridge. Spend time in the medieval town of **Ludlow** amongst almost 500 listed buildings before taking the scenic route back to the hotel past Wenlock Edge - a narrow limestone escarpment with flower rich grasslands and ancient woodlands.

FRI • Spend the morning immersed in the sights, sounds and smells of Victorian life at **Blists Hill Open Air Museum**. Inspect unusual remedies at the Pharmacy, watch 19th century candlemakers at work, see a traditional printing press in action and perhaps treat yourself to traditional fish & chips before heading home.

The Telford Hotel, Spa & Golf Resort ****

Nestled in the Severn Valley overlooking the UNESCO World Heritage site of Ironbridge Gorge • Part of the Q Hotels collection • Ensuite bedrooms with TV, phone, hairdryer, safe, ironing equipment and complimentary tea/coffee tray • Restaurant & bar/lounge with terrace • Complimentary guest access to the health club - gym, pool, steam room and sauna (from 3pm Monday to 11am Friday) • Spa treatments (extra charge) • 18 hole golf (extra charge) • **ACCESS** Lift to most floors but some rooms are accessible by steps only, limited ground floor rooms, ramp and steps at main entrance, all classic rooms feature walk-in showers

"Loved everything. Will go on this holiday again"



Galloway Coast & Gardens

Sun 31 Aug - Thur 4 Sep 2025

£755pp • Single supp. £118 • Code B3487

NATIONAL TRUST MEMBERS SAVE £5

ONE CREAM TEA INCLUDED

HOLIDAY RATED 4.8/5 IN 2024

SUN • Enjoy a scenic drive to the hotel.

MON • Pause for a wildlife spotting photo opportunity at **Red Deer Range** before arriving in **Newton Stewart** to spend time in this quaint market town on the banks of the River Cree. This afternoon, get up close to Highland cows and learn about local farming traditions during a **'Kitchen Coos & Ewes'** guided highland tour. This unique experience takes you deep into the countryside, towed by a tractor and seated in a trailer, with **cream tea included**, at Airyolland Farm.

TUE • Look for the distinctive shape of Ailsa Craig as we take the coast road to **Robert Burns Birthplace Museum** which holds over 5,000 artefacts and the opportunity to visit the humble cottage where life began for Scotland's national poet. Then to cliff-top **Culzean Castle & Country Park (NTS)**, designed by Robert Adam in the late 18th century, this treasure trove is bursting with priceless pieces from one of the oldest clans in Scotland.

WED • Experience the exotic at **Logan Botanic Garden** where an almost sub-tropical climate enables 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, wander in **Castle Kennedy Gardens**, where you'll find a riot of colour in the Walled Garden & rare Victorian water lilies in the round pond - with impressive castle ruins as your backdrop.

THUR • Enjoy a final glimpse of Scotland before heading home.



North West Castle Hotel, Stranraer ***

Town centre hotel • Family owned • Rated 4.4/5 by Shaws' customers in 2024 • Ensuite bedrooms featuring TV, phone, hairdryer, desk area, free WiFi & complimentary tea/coffee tray • Restaurant, bar, lounge, garden, games room • Indoor pool, spa bath, sauna, gym • **ACCESS** Lift, limited walk-in showers (most have shower over bath), two small steps at the entrance (side ramp available), no ground floor rooms, three annexe rooms

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"Enjoyed all of it but especially the Mountain Goat Trip and cruises"



"Train ride was very enjoyable and the stations well presented"



Lake District - Rail & Sail

Mon 1 Sep - Fri 5 Sep 2025

£780pp • Single supp. £100 • Code B3488

**CUSTOMER FAVOURITE
HOLIDAY RATED 4.6/5 IN 2024
RIVERSIDE HOTEL**

MON • Soak up The Lakes scenery en route to the hotel.

TUE • Begin with a scenic steam journey on the **Lakeside & Haverthwaite Railway**, through the Leven Valley to the bottom of Lake Windermere. The traditional 1950s carriages offer a unique way in which to experience this incredible landscape. Disembark at Lakeside Station, connect with **Windermere Lake Cruises** and sail across England's largest lake. This spectacular voyage offers magnificent views of secluded bays, mountain tops and wooded islands. Docking at Bowness, take the coach to Ulverston to visit the **Lakeland Motor Museum**, where over 30,000 exhibits are housed in a converted mill. Displays include a tribute to the legendary Isle of Man TT, a 1960 MGA Roadster (police spec) and a 1920s Fire Engine.

WED • Adventure off the beaten track on Mountain Goat mini-coaches that can access unique routes through this incredible scenery. This exhilarating **'Ten Lakes Spectacular'** tour includes a visit to the 4,000-year-old Castlerigg Stone Circle, set high on the fells and 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.

THUR • Set sail once again 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 soak up the view. Take the scenic route, over the impressive **Kirkstone Pass** - the Lake District's highest pass open to motor traffic - back to **Kendal**, to spend the afternoon at leisure.

FRI • Enjoy a scenic ride home through the Yorkshire Dales.



The Riverside Hotel Kendal ***

Converted 18th century tannery on the banks for the River Kent • Short walk to Kendal's shops, galleries, museums and the castle ruins • Rated 3.8/5 by Shaws' customers in 2024 • Ensuite rooms with TV, radio, phone, hairdryer, ironing equipment, free WiFi & hospitality tray • Restaurant • Bar & river front terrace • Indoor pool, hot tub, steam room, sauna & gym • **ACCESS** One walk-in shower available in an accessible twin, 10 ground floor rooms accessed by a chair lift of 7 steps, few steps to the lift and restaurant (disabled access also available)

Exmoor Coast & Country

Mon 8 Sep - Fri 12 Sep 2025

£780pp • Single supp. £0 • Code C3489

**NATIONAL TRUST MEMBERS SAVE £5
HOLIDAY RATED 4.5/5 IN 2024
TWO NIGHTS HOTEL ENTERTAINMENT**

MON • Check in to your hotel, just minutes from the seafront.

TUE • Enjoy a leisurely start before spending a couple of hours in the charming and beautifully preserved medieval village of **Dunster**. Quaint and colourful ancient buildings line the streets, full of tempting tea rooms and unique independents. Drive through rural Somerset and board the **West Somerset Railway** at Bishop's Lydeard, making your way back to Minehead in style as you steam through 20 miles of coast and country on this beautifully preserved line.

WED • Enjoy a morning at leisure in **Minehead**, this beautiful bay is known as the "Gateway to Exmoor" and is the start point for 630 miles of stunning scenery along the South West Coastal Path. Look out for the impressive bronze monument on the promenade which marks the beginning and perhaps tackle a small section of it? Spend the afternoon amongst 19th-century parkland and grand Gothic Revival architecture at **Knightshayes Court (NT)**. This country house is a rare example of William Burges' lavish designs with intricately decorated walls and ceilings throughout - look out for stone carvings of the seven deadly sins! There's over 1,200 plant species unique to Knightshayes in the extensive gardens and the ever-changing displays are full of seasonal colour.

THUR • Take the spectacular coastal route over Porlock Hill to the twin towns of **Lynton** and **Lynmouth**. These two Devonshire beauty spots are connected by the highest and steepest totally water powered railway in the world (return ride approx. £7.50), but can you remember which is at the cliff top and which is at the harbour beneath? Continue through beautiful scenery to the popular coastal resort at **Ilfracombe** with its pretty harbour and pastel-coloured houses, backed by dramatic cliffs. Take the scenic route through Exmoor National Park back to the hotel.

FRI • Time to head home.



Northfield Hotel, Minehead ***

Set in two acres of landscaped gardens, reputed to have been laid out by Gertrude Jekyll • Central hotel just 5 minutes walk from Minehead Beach/Seafront • Rated 4.4/5 by Shaws' customers in 2024 • With just 30 bedrooms you can expect a personal welcome • Ensuite rooms with TV, free WiFi and complimentary tea/coffee tray • Restaurant with sea views, bar-lounge and terrace • Indoor pool, gym & steam room • **ACCESS** Lift (not to all floors), four bedrooms on lower ground floor accessed by 13 steps, some ground floor rooms are step only access, 13 steps (or chair lift) to leisure facilities, limited walk-in showers on request

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"Everyone on the coach was friendly and helpful and made the trip so good"

"I felt safe and comfortable. Driver was first class"



Dorset Days

Mon 15 Sep - Fri 19 Sep 2025

£760pp • Single supp. £118 • Code A3490

NEW TOUR

TWO NIGHTS HOTEL ENTERTAINMENT*
FAVOURITE CUSTOMER DESTINATION

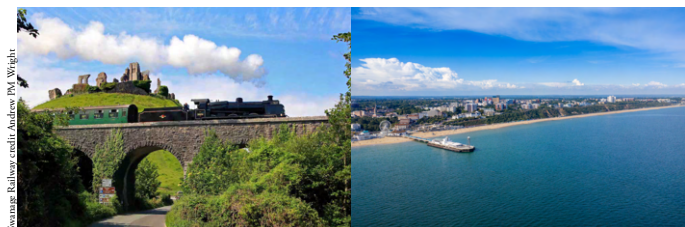
MON • Arrive on the beautiful south coast.

TUE • Step inside Monet's 'Water Lily Pond 1899' this morning during a visit to **Bennetts Water Garden**. Walk over a Claude Monet style Japanese Bridge which crosses a peaceful lily pond, recreating the scene of this beautiful painting. These eight-acre gardens hold the National Plant Collection® of Water Lilies and you'll find a new display of lotus in the Tropical House. This afternoon, board the **Swanage Railway** at Norden and follow this Victorian line to the coast at Swanage, passing through rolling Dorset countryside and catching a glimpse of the impressive fortification at Corfe Castle.

WED • Spend your day at leisure in **Bournemouth**. The hotel is opposite the Russell Cotes Art Gallery & Museum which comes highly recommended by Shaws' customers (entry approx. £9.50pp). Don't miss a special display on loan from The William Morris Society and the stunning Victorian glasshouse (offering incredible sea views) which reopened this year after extensive restoration. The hotel is a 10 minute walk (on a downhill slope) to the pier, where you might be tempted by the Victorian tea room and traditional fish & chips.

THUR • Head deep into the New Forest this morning to **Lyndhurst**, a country village where quirky shops and cafés line the long and buzzing High Street. It's free entry to the New Forest Heritage Centre with changing displays in the Gallery. Then, to the unique site at **Buckler's Hard** on the banks of the Beaulieu River. Untouched by time, this 18th century shipbuilding village is steeped in history, with close links to Nelson's incredible fleet. Learn all about it with a **guided tour and museum access** included. Finish the day with a calming **cruise along Beaulieu River**. This privately owned tidal river is carefully managed to ensure an unspoilt haven, rich in history and wildlife.

FRI • Time to head home.



Marsham Court Hotel, Bournemouth ****

Less than 100m from the East Cliff Slope, leading down to Bournemouth seafront • 10 minutes walk to Bournemouth Pier • Ensuite rooms with TV, clock radio, hairdryer, ironing equipment, free WiFi, complimentary tea/coffee tray & bottled water • Restaurant, bar/eatery, sea view terrace • Outdoor pool (heated May-Sep) • Aromatherapy massage (pre-book, extra charge) • **ACCESS** Lift but some bedrooms are accessed by steps only, limited walk-in showers, steep ramp to pool, accessible lift at hotel entrance

**Subject to minimum numbers*

Autumn On The Riviera

Mon 22 Sep - Fri 26 Sep 2025

£720pp • Single supp. £0 • Code C3491

NEW ITINERARY

THREE NIGHTS HOTEL ENTERTAINMENT
FREE HOTEL TAXI TO TORQUAY

MON • Check in at your coastal hotel with **tea/coffee** on arrival.

TUE • Enjoy a leisurely start to your holiday and take advantage of the hotel's delightful position, just moments from the South West Coast Path, with wonderful views from the outdoor terrace and gardens. This afternoon, hear six centuries worth of stories during a guided tour of **Powderham Castle**, hear tales from French knights to the War of the Roses, to WWII. This unique landmark was originally built in 1391 and enhanced over the years with Tudor, Georgian and Victorian influences, can you spot secret doors in the State Rooms that pass through the original medieval walls? *Please note Powderham is a cashless venue.*

WED • Spend the day at leisure - perhaps use the hotel's complimentary taxi service to **Torquay Harbour** (departs approx. 10:00 and returns 16:30, pre-book before 09:30 on the day), relax in the hotel's Wellness Centre or adventure along the rugged South West Coastal Path. Torquay is famous for its palm trees and public gardens - take a stroll along the flat promenade or adventure along the cliff path through 'Rock Walk' to enjoy wonderful coastal views.

THUR • **Totnes** is a delightful little market town situated in a picturesque spot on the River Dart, within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. There's a wealth of cafés to choose from, many with outdoor seating and some lovely little shops along the High Street. From here, set **sail along the River Dart**, enjoying nine miles of beautiful scenery before arriving in the harbour town of Dartmouth. You'll pass Agatha Christie's Greenway Estate, the magnificent Britannia Royal Naval College and pretty riverside villages. Enjoy free time in **Dartmouth**, amongst a wealth of ice cream shops and tea rooms, before returning to the hotel.

FRI • Time to head home.



Headland Hotel & Spa, Torquay ***

Situated in a quiet spot on the headland with direct access to the SW Coast Path • 20 minute walk to Torquay Harbour (or free taxi available) • Rated 4.5/5 by Shaws' customers in 2024 • Ensuite rooms with TV, phone, hairdryer, free WiFi & complimentary tea/coffee tray • Restaurant & lounge/bar • Garden and terrace with sea views • Hydro pool, sauna, steam room & mini-gym • Beauty treatments (extra charge) • **ACCESS** Lift to most floors, some rooms involve stairs, limited ground floor rooms and walk-in showers, steps to the pool and at the garden entrance

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"The hotel was first rate
and the food excellent"



Northumberland's Castles

Mon 29 Sep - Fri 3 Oct 2025

£720pp • Single supp. £166 • Code B3492

HOLIDAY RATED 4.7/5 IN 2024
REFRESHED ITINERARY
RIVERSIDE HOTEL

MON • Check in at your riverside hotel with **tea/coffee** on arrival.

TUE • Cross the paved causeway and spend time exploring the remote, unspoilt scenery and fascinating history of tidal **Holy Island**. Continue to **Bamburgh Castle**, a 1,400-year-old coastal fortress that went on to become the home of Victorian inventor William Armstrong. There's plenty to discover with State Rooms full of global treasures, battle-scarred weapons in The Armoury, Anglo-Saxon Archaeology and much more.

WED • Spend the morning in the historic market town of **Hexham**, dominated by its fine medieval Abbey and gardens, and in stark contrast, England's first purpose-built prison, dating back to the 1300s! This afternoon, use the hotel as a base to explore **Newcastle-Gateshead**. The two areas are united by seven iconic bridges that cross The Tyne and are simply bursting with personality, shops and attractions!

THUR • Spend the day amongst the winding cobbled streets of Alnwick, with entry to **Alnwick Garden and Alnwick Castle** included – which you may well recognise from the Harry Potter films and Downton Abbey! Walk amongst a unique combination of opulent Italianate State Rooms and medieval architecture inside the UK's second largest inhabited castle. Then, to Alnwick Garden - a unique, contemporary site created in 2001, which features an eye-catching Grand Cascade, a perilous Poison Garden and an original Barbara Hepworth sculpture.

FRI • After breakfast, and before heading home, step back in time at **Beamish – The Living Museum of the North** where a multi-million-pound project has seen the opening of exciting new exhibits including a 1950s Town & Farm, a Bus Depot and an expansion of the 1820s Landscape. This world-famous open-air museum takes you on an immersive journey through life in the northeast from the 1820s to the 1950s.



Copthorne Hotel Newcastle****

Contemporary hotel on Newcastle Quayside • Bedrooms (refurbished in 2017) overlook the River Tyne • Ensuite rooms featuring TV, ironing equipment, hairdryer, safe, free WiFi & complimentary tea/coffee tray • Restaurant, bar & riverside terrace • All singles are double for sole • **ACCESS** Lift, steps to the outdoor terrace, steps at the river entrance but none on the roadside entrance, no walk-in showers



Hole Park © Alison Miles

Curious Kent

Mon 13 Oct - Fri 17 Oct 2025

£725pp • Single supp. £100 • Code A3493

NEW TOUR
ONE LUNCH INCLUDED
COASTAL HOTEL

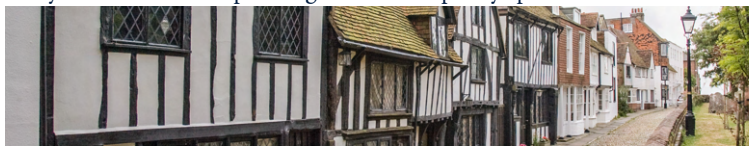
MON • Check in at your coastal hotel.

TUE • Enjoy a nostalgic journey through 13.5 miles of coast and country along the **Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway**. The traditional steam and diesel locomotives were all built before 1937, so you'll feel like you've stepped back in time as you make your way to Dungeness. There's time to enjoy the unique and striking scenery at **Dungeness** – be wowed by one of the largest shingle expanses in the world, so much so that it's classified as Britain's only desert by the Met Office! Finish the day in the charming town of **Rye** amongst its ancient medieval streets, cobbled alleyways and relaxed atmosphere.

WED • 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. Folkestone's Creative Quarter is packed with independents and eateries and the new developments on the Harbour Arm are a great place for morning coffee. The Leas Lift, a water balanced funicular which opened in 1885, was the third hydraulic lift in the world and is now listed as being of historic importance. On a clear day the French coast is visible across The Channel.

THUR • Four generations of the Barham family have created a beautiful 16-acre garden at **Hole Park** through a skilful mix of formal design and naturalised planting. In autumn, warming reds, yellows, deep greens and oranges fill the tree tops, you may even be lucky enough to see the late flowering, bright purple, agapanthus. Enjoy a delicious **Ploughman's** here before continuing 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 • 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.



Burlington Hotel, Best Western Premier Collection****

Beautifully positioned on The Leas clifftop promenade with views across The Channel, in Folkestone • Charming Victorian hotel • 10 minutes to the town centre, 25 minutes to the Harbour Arm (walking) • Ensuite rooms with TV, phone, hairdryer, free WiFi & complimentary tea/coffee tray and toiletries • Restaurant, bar/lounge and garden/patio • **ACCESS** Lifts to all floors but one bedroom has steps at the entrance • Nine steps at the hotel entrance (ramp access via the restaurant to the side), few steps to the garden/patio • Limited walk-in showers

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carefully planned itineraries & attraction entry • executive touring coaches • reserved seat • 18kg suitcase • experienced and
highly-rated tour driver • friendly booking team • International Passenger Protection

"Really excellent hotel"



Arran & Ayrshire

Mon 20 Oct - Fri 24 Oct 2025

£725pp • Single supp. £100 • Code B3494

**NATIONAL TRUST MEMBERS SAVE £10
ONE LUNCH INCLUDED
TWO NIGHTS HOTEL ENTERTAINMENT**

MON • Enjoy **tea/coffee & scones** on arrival at your coastal hotel.

TUE • Soak up your Scottish surroundings this morning. **Troon's** esplanade has tranquil views across the water to the Isle of Arran and Ailsa Craig as you make your way to town. This afternoon, visit cliff-top **Culzean Castle & Country Park (NTS)**. Designed by Robert Adam in the late 18th century, this treasure trove is bursting with artefacts from one of Scotland's oldest clans. Learn all about it during a **guided tour**, making sure not to miss the castle's dramatic centrepiece – the Oval Staircase.

WED • Board the mid-morning ferry to the **Isle of Arran**, often referred to as *Scotland in Miniature* due to its unique blend of highland and island scenery. Visit **Broddick Castle, Garden & Country Park (NTS)**, a grand baronial estate overlooking the Firth of Clyde with formal rooms housing luxurious period furniture, silverware, porcelain and paintings. An exciting new visitor experience brings history to life, telling fascinating stories of those who've lived here. Finish the day with a scenic drive around the island's southern shores, pausing in the quaint coastal village of **Whiting Bay** before catching the ferry back to the mainland.

THUR • 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 HM King Charles. Enjoy a final afternoon at leisure, by the sea, in **Troon**.

FRI • Time to head home.



Dumfries House, Niall River Photographs London

South Beach Hotel, Troon***

Seafront hotel • Family owned • Within five minutes walk of the beach, the Esplanade and the town • Rated 4.5/5 by Shaws' customers in 2023 • Ensuite rooms with TV, radio, phone, hairdryer, ironing equipment (on request), complimentary tea/coffee tray and toiletries • Restaurant, lounge and snug bar with pool table and SKY • Garden & heated pergola • **ACCESS** Limited ground floor rooms and walk-in showers, no lift, steps to bedrooms on the first & second floors, some steps in public areas, ramps at the front and rear of the hotel

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"Hotel staff excellent service and friendly"



Classic Cornwall

Mon 27 Oct - Fri 31 Oct 2025

£825pp • Single supp. £80 • Code C3495

**REFRESHED ITINERARY
ADULTS ONLY HOTEL
TWO NIGHTS HOTEL ENTERTAINMENT**

MON • Arrive at your cliff-top hotel on Fistral Bay.

TUE • Enjoy a guided tour at **Wheal Martyn** this morning, at the UK's only china clay mining museum. The museum is now classified a Scheduled Ancient Monument - hear 250 years worth of stories from this fascinating industry during the museum's 50th anniversary year. Then to **Mevagissey**, a quaint fishing village full of traditional Cornish character and home to a tangle of gift shops and cafés lining the narrow streets.

WED • Spend the morning in Cornwall's only city – **Truro** – where you'll find some unique art galleries and lovely cafés. Head to The Pannier Market on Lemon Quay for Truro's largest indoor market and on Wednesday's the Farmer's Market is also here selling local, fresh breads and bakes. A new open-art exhibition is due to open at Cornwall Museum & Art Gallery (entry approx. £10pp) this season - *Framed*, sees Cornish artists collaborate through contemporary creativity. Spend a relaxing afternoon at the hotel or enjoy a fresh walk along the cliff.

THUR • **Pencarrow House** is a Georgian gem tucked away on the edge of Bodmin Moor, still lived in by the same family who settled here 500 years ago. Fine features are in abundance including a rococo ceiling and a cantilever stone staircase, learn all about it during a **guided tour** with time to enjoy a spot of fresh air in the gardens, as the ancient trees turn a warm autumnal shade. Then to pretty **Padstow** – perhaps pick up a warming alfresco coffee to enjoy on the harbour edge or make the most of this window shoppers' paradise as you wind your way through the boutiques.

FRI • Time to head home.



Fistral Beach Hotel, Newquay****

Modern, beautifully furnished & exclusively for adults • Situated above Fistral Bay with impressive Atlantic views • 10 minute walk from Fistral Beach • Ensuite rooms featuring TV, phone, hairdryer, free WiFi & complimentary tea/coffee tray • Restaurant & lounge/bar with ocean views • Indoor pool with massage jet, sauna, steam room, Jacuzzi & gym • Award-winning spa treatments (extra charge) • **ACCESS** Lift (unsuitable for wheelchairs & scooters), steps & level changes throughout, limited walk-in showers and ground floor rooms

"Everything brilliantly organised"

"Could not fault any aspect of the hotel, superb"



'Snowy' Snowdonia

Mon 10 Nov - Fri 14 Nov 2025

£610pp • Single supp. £100 • Code C3496

NEW TOUR

FESTIVE HOTEL PACKAGE

HOTEL ENTERTAINMENT EVERY NIGHT

Hotel entertainment includes Christmas dinner one evening, an indoor treasure hunt, two nights of live entertainment and one night of bingo/quiz - nights to be confirmed.

MON • Enjoy glimpses of Snowdonia scenery enroute to the hotel and enjoy a warm welcome from the hotel with a **punch or mulled wine** reception this evening.

TUE • Cameras at the ready as we drive through Snowdonia National Park to **Betws-Y-Coed**. This famous little town is surrounded by glacial landscapes, nestled between two waterways and full of inviting cafés and shops. Continue through mesmerising scenery in the Conwy Valley to spend an afternoon by the sea in **Llandudno**. Take a fresh stroll along the longest pier in Wales, which has just won Pier of the Year 2025.

WED • Spend the morning in the charming harbour town of **Porthmadog** on the picturesque Glaslyn Estuary. Perhaps take a walk across The Cob enjoying views of the sea, river and mountains - you may even be lucky enough to have steam train toot past you! Spend the afternoon at leisure in **Caernarfon** with **mince pies** served at the hotel to warm you up.

THUR • Who's feeling brave? Enter a world of crime and punishment at **Beaumaris Goal** this morning with a **guided tour** of this feared, yet fascinating Victorian prison. Experience the darkness of the punishment cell and step inside the condemned cell - if you dare! There's free time to explore the seaside town of **Beaumaris**, with its charming streets and lovely views from the pier, before crossing back over the famous Menai Bridge towards the **Aber Falls Whisky Distillery**, where a **sandwich buffet lunch** awaits. Learn about the distilling process during a guided tour of this historic and lovingly restored site.

FRI • Time to head home.



Celtic Royal, Caernarfon***

Within walking distance of the walled town, castle and the Welsh Highland Railway Station • Rated 4.3/5 by Shaws customers in 2023 • Ensuite bedrooms featuring TV, radio, phone, hairdryer, WiFi & complimentary tea/coffee tray, ironing equipment on request • Restaurant & bar/lounge • Indoor pool, sauna, steam room, gym & bubble pool (refreshed in 2023) • **ACCESS** Lift, two steps at the main entrance (level access at the side), steps to some bedrooms, limited bedrooms with walk-in showers

'Tis The Season In Sussex

Mon 17 Nov - Fri 21 Nov 2025

£655pp • Single supp. £0 • Code A3497

NEW TOUR

FESTIVE HOTEL PACKAGE

HOTEL ENTERTAINMENT EVERY NIGHT

MON • There's a warming **tea/coffee** waiting for you on arrival, then get to know everyone during **bingo or a quiz** at the hotel tonight.

TUE • Spend the morning in Sussex's liveliest city – **Brighton**. 18th century party animal George IV fell in love with Brighton and made it a magnet for visitors, it remains as popular to this day. Sightsee amongst iconic landmarks including the Royal Pavilion's exotic architecture (entry not included) and the 1,772ft long Palace Pier, or head to The Lanes for quirky shopping in narrow alleys and hidden squares. This afternoon, visit the growing community of local artisans at the **South Downs Heritage Centre**. Find store cupboard supplies from the best local producers in the Food Hall, home grown plants in the nursery and unique artefacts in The Museum of Gardening. Indulge in an early **Christmas dinner** at the hotel tonight followed by **live entertainment**.

WED • Enjoy a day at leisure in **Eastbourne**. Perhaps follow the Promenade Art Trail and discover 70 contemporary pieces that reflect the area's unique landscape (it starts in the hotel bar, with more pieces to be found in six other of the resort's hotels). Just behind the hotel is Townner Eastbourne – a free-to-enter gallery holding over 5,000 pieces of intriguing modern British and international contemporary art. Finish a restful day with **live entertainment** at the hotel tonight!

THUR • Spend the morning on the ancient medieval streets of **Rye** with its cobbled streets and relaxed atmosphere, it's market day today with friendly traders selling everything from sweets to shoes. This afternoon, experience an out-of-this-world visit to **The Observatory at Herstmonceux** where knowledgeable guides will bring to life the 300 year history of the domes and telescopes at this world famous astronomical observatory. There's a **Christmas themed activity** at the hotel tonight.

FRI • Time to head home.



The Observatory at Herstmonceux

The Lansdowne, Eastbourne***

Seafront hotel overlooking the Western Lawns • Privately owned • Run by the same family since 1912 • Rated 4/5 by Shaws' customers in 2023 • Ensuite rooms with TV, radio, phone, hairdryer, WiFi and complimentary tea/coffee tray • Restaurant, bar & lounge areas • Games room • **ACCESS** Lift to all floors, steps at the entrance (lift available), some steps to some bedrooms, limited walk-in showers, no ground floor bedrooms

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"Good company - I was on my own - and felt safe and comfortable "

"Well planned out and excellent service all day"



A 'Wight' Christmas

Tue 23 Dec - Sat 27 Dec 2025

£755pp • Single supp. £0 • Code A3498

EARLY BOOKING RECOMMENDED
FESTIVE HOTEL PACKAGE
HOLIDAY RATED 4.5/5 IN 2023

Our very special festive breaks are always a wonderful opportunity to get together, with like-minded people, during the Christmas period. We carefully select hotels that we know will take care of you and the Esplanade in Ryde is no exception. After a very successful stay in Christmas 2023, we knew we had to return. With everyone in good spirits, our festive breaks are always very memorable.

TUE • Board the mid-afternoon ferry over The Solent, arriving in time for a warming **tea/coffee**. There's **carol singers** before dinner and party night with a **live DJ** playing music from the 50s-80s afterwards.

WED • Head inland to the island's principal town of **Newport** and explore the shops and cafés that surround the town's two main Georgian squares. Quay Arts is in the centre of town on the River Medina, the café is a firm favourite with locals and the changing exhibitions throughout the year offer an added attraction, there's a lovely little shop for souvenirs too. Shoppers will love the modern, covered, leisure complex at Friars Walk, full of all your favourite big brands. Spend your afternoon at leisure in **Ryde**, perhaps breathe in some fresh wintery sea air before dinner and this evenings' **musical entertainment**.

THUR • There's something traditional about a Christmas day walk and what better place for it than along the prom? Indulge in a traditional Christmas lunch and later, tempt your taste buds with **High Tea and a slice of cake** before **quiz** time this evening!

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

SAT • Board the mid-morning ferry across The Solent to home, after a refreshing Christmas break.



Royal Esplanade Hotel, Ryde***

Grade II listed • Situated at the foot of the Victorian pier • Within walking distance of the beach, harbour and boutique shops • Ensuite rooms with TV, radio, phone and complimentary tea/coffee tray • Restaurant, bar & lounge • Outdoor terrace • **ACCESS** Lift, eight steps at the entrance, limited walk-in showers, limited wheelchair capacity on the ferry - please let us know if you plan to bring one

Shaws Coaches has been on the road since 1922...

Shaws Coaches was founded in 1922 by Edwin 'Teddy' Shaw, the grandfather of the previous 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 girl, they moved to Maxey and took the momentous decision to buy their 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 candle-light with the help of neighbours.

A couple of years later they took a chance and purchased the house and land at 49 High Street (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 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 his children Jane, Richard and Chris inherited the business with Richard's wife Carol joining in 2010 and his daughter Tory, joining in 2015. Shaws first holiday brochure was published in 1982 with just six tours, one of which had just six passengers (including two family members!). Fortunately, the others did rather better and they risked increasing the programme to ten departures, and the rest, as they say, is history!

In early 2025, partners Jane, Richard and Chris took the momentous decision to retire and on 2 May the business was transferred to new ownership. New manager, Joanna Bonnett, lives in Peterborough and runs another successful coach operation in Welwyn - Reg's Coaches. Reg's was founded in 1962 and retains the supportive family feel that has been key to Shaws' own success. Shaws will remain at their base in Maxey offering the same professional, friendly service that they always have done with the support of a loyal team that have transferred to the new ownership and with the full backing of Reg's Coaches.

Typical Seating Plan

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* We offer FREE Door2Door travel from most of our local towns/villages but please check with us for exclusions where a supplement may apply. Or choose to save £10pp by meeting the coach at a central departure point (see below).

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Name:

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Room type

Occupant name(s) - please state age if under 16

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- If Cancelled After Departure: Following any Package Travel or Linked Travel Arrangements being cut short, the provision of assistance services and additional costs reasonably and necessarily incurred to enable you to return to the country of departure including, if necessary, the financing of accommodation prior to your return.

There is no financial protection if you purchase just transport or accommodation only from us. We fully comply with the Package Travel Regulations 2018. Please carefully read IPP's Policy Summary for more details. For more information on the ATOL scheme, please visit www.atol.org.uk. Please carefully read IPP's Policy Summary for Passengers which details what is/isn't covered and how to make a claim.

2. BOOKING & PAYMENT When a booking is made, the 'lead name' on the booking guarantees that he or she is 18 or over and has the authority and accepts on behalf of the party the terms of these booking conditions and pays the deposit indicated in the brochure and as confirmed in the pre-contract information. After we receive your booking and all appropriate payments, if the arrangements you wish to book are available, we will send you or your booking agent a confirmation invoice within 14 days. This confirmation will include any special requests we have agreed. All monies paid to your booking agent are held by them on your behalf until we issue our confirmation invoice, thereafter your booking agent holds the money on our behalf. A binding agreement will come into existence between us when we dispatch this invoice to the 'lead name' or your booking agent. Please check the confirmation carefully to ensure all the information is correct. This contract is governed by English Law, and the jurisdiction of the English Courts.

Any special requests, such as wheelchair availability, must be made to us at the time of booking. A supplementary charge and these will be shown in the brochure. You can book by paying a deposit for each person named on the booking but our commitment is always conditional upon the balance being paid as below;

Deposit £50.00 per person.

3. BROCHURE/WEBSITE ACCURACY Although Reg's Coaches Ltd. (trading as Shaws Coaches) make every effort to ensure the accuracy of the brochure/website information and pricing, regrettably errors do sometimes occur. You must therefore ensure you check the price and all other details of your holiday with us at the time of booking and when you receive our confirmation invoice.

Holiday prices include all travel, hotel accommodation and meals as specified in the holiday description and VAT payable in the UK where applicable. The price of the holiday will not be subjected to any surcharges except those arising from exchange rate changes, transportation including the price of fuel, air & ferry operator fares and tolls, embarkation or disembarkation fees at terminals, duties and taxes (including the rate of VAT). Even in these cases we will absorb the cost equivalent to cost of the holiday. If the price of the holiday increases by more than 8% then you are entitled to cancel your holiday and receive a full refund of all monies paid except any insurance premium and amendment charges. We will communicate the options with you either through email or letter, with a reminder if necessary. If you exercise the right to cancel we must receive written notice within 20 days of the date of the surcharge invoice.

6. TRANSFERRING YOUR BOOKING You can transfer your booking to somebody else but the person must satisfy all the conditions of the holiday and you must inform us either by letter or email no less than 7 days before departure. This transfer will cost £20pp plus reasonable costs to make the transfer. You will remain responsible for ensuring payment before the balance due. This is in addition to (and does not affect) the separate liability of the transferee to us.

Period before departure within which written cancellation of package price is received and the associated amount of cancellation charge as a % of the total package cost:

- Departure day or later including voluntary termination during the package: Total package cost

8. ALTERATIONS TO YOUR HOLIDAY BY US We hope that we will not have to make any change to your holiday. But, because our holidays are so popular many months in advance, we sometimes do need to make minor changes. We reserve the right to do this at any time. We will let you or your booking agent know of any important changes as soon as possible, including the minimum number of passengers required on the trip. If after booking, and before departure, we make a major change to your holiday, you will have the option of withdrawing from the holiday without penalty or transferring to another holiday without any charge. In either case, we will pay you compensation, according to the scale set below. A major change includes the time of your departure or return time by more than 12 hours, a change in departure point, location of resort, or a change in the number of nights. If you are not happy with the change, we will refund you the cost of your holiday. If we have confirmed your holiday booking (other than force majeure), you may either:

IMPORTANT NOTE. Cancellation will not be payable if the holiday is cancelled because the number of persons booked is less than the number required, or for events beyond our control, which include war, threat of war, riots, civil unrest, terrorism, epidemics, pandemics, natural disasters, and other events beyond our control. We do not accept liability for risks and pandemics, unavoidable and unforeseeable technical problems with transport for reasons beyond our control or that of our suppliers; hurricanes and other actual or potential severe weather conditions and any other similar events. You are also advised to check with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Advice Unit regularly at <http://www.fco.gov.uk/travel> for travel advice prior to departure. All holidays operate if the minimum number of participants is met. However, in no case will we cancel your holiday less than 8 weeks before the scheduled departure date, except where you have failed to pay the final balance or because of force majeure. We do not accept liability for events beyond our control, which include war, threat of war, riots, civil unrest, terrorism, epidemics, pandemics, natural disasters, and other events beyond our control. We do not accept liability for risks and pandemics, unavoidable and unforeseeable technical problems with transport for reasons beyond our control or that of our suppliers; hurricanes and other actual or potential severe weather conditions and any other similar events. You are also advised to check with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Advice Unit regularly at <http://www.fco.gov.uk/travel> for travel advice prior to departure. All holidays operate if the minimum number of participants is met. However, in no case will we cancel your holiday less than 8 weeks before the scheduled departure date, except where you have failed to pay the final balance or because of force majeure. We do not accept liability for events beyond our control, which include war, threat of war, riots, civil unrest, terrorism, epidemics, pandemics, natural disasters, and other events beyond our control. We do not accept liability for risks and pandemics, unavoidable and unforeseeable technical problems with transport for reasons beyond our control or that of our suppliers; hurricanes and other actual or potential severe weather conditions and any other similar events. You are also advised to check with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Advice Unit regularly at <http://www.fco.gov.uk/travel> for travel advice prior to departure.

9. OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO YOU We accept responsibility for ensuring the holiday which you book with us is supplied as described in our publicity material and the services offered reach a reasonable standard and if you are in difficulty we will assist you in obtaining alternative holiday arrangements. We do not accept responsibility for termination or for paying a termination fee and we will pay you appropriate compensation if this has affected your enjoyment of your holiday. We will however, not be liable if there are any unforeseeable or unavoidable actions of a third party not connected with our travel services, or there were unavoidable or extraordinary circumstances, or the lack of conformity is due to a traveller in the party. We accept responsibility for the acts and/or omissions of our employees, agents and suppliers except where they lead to death, injury or illness. Our liability in all cases shall be limited to a maximum of twice the value of the original holiday. We do not accept liability for death, injury or illness caused by the negligent acts and/or omissions of our employees or agents together with our suppliers and sub-contractors, servants and/or agents of the same whilst acting within the scope of, or during their employment in the provision of your holiday. We will accordingly pay to our clients such damages as might have been awarded in such circumstances under English Law. In respect of carriage by air, sea, tunnel and rail and the provision of accommodation our liability in all cases shall be limited to the sum of £5,000 per person. If we make any payment to you or any member of your party for death or personal injury or illness, you will be asked to assign to us or our insurers the rights you may have to act against the person or organisation responsible for causing the death, personal injury or illness. This clause does not apply to any separate contracts that you may enter for excursions or activities during or outside of your holiday. If you or any member of your party suffer death, illness or injury whilst overseas arising out of an activity which does NOT form part of your holiday, we may offer guidance and where legal action is taken to obtain compensation assistance, you must obtain our written consent prior to any proceedings. We limit the cost of assistance to £5,000 per party.

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13. HEALTH AND SAFETY In some foreign countries, standards of infrastructure, safety and hygiene may be lower than those to which we are accustomed in the UK. You should therefore exercise greater care for your own protection. There may be countries that we visit that have special medical requirements for tourists. These regulations are subject to change and you are responsible for complying with entry and current health requirements. If you are not sure of the health requirements for the country you are visiting, you are advised to check with your own GP before travelling. You are also advised to refer to the Department of Health leaflet "Health Advice for Travellers".

14. TRAVEL DOCUMENTS, ITINERARIES, PICK-UP POINTS AND PASSPORTS For all continental holidays, you will require a full 10-year British Passport (machine readable) valid for the period required for the country or countries you are visiting. If you do not hold a full British Passport or you have any doubts about your status as a resident British subject, you must check with the Embassies or Consulates of the Countries to be visited to confirm the Passport or visa requirements when you book. We cannot accept responsibility if passengers are not in possession of the correct travel documents. For full details on passport requirements, please contact 'the identity and passport service' on 0300 222 0000 (<https://www.gov.uk/browse/abroad/passports>).

15. SPECIAL REQUESTS All special needs and requests, if agreed, should be entered on the booking form and be included in the confirmation of the holiday. These cannot be guaranteed except where confirmed as part of our holiday arrangements. We are unable to guarantee that we will be able to accommodate all special requests. We will do our best to ensure that you are able to enjoy your holiday so that special needs and requests can be accommodated as far as possible. You will need to provide us with details of your special needs and requests in advance so that we can provide you with the assistance, or may be unable to fully enjoy all aspects of your holiday you must tell us in advance so that we can maximise your enjoyment of the holiday. We will need to know if you will need special facilities in the hotel, taking part in the excursions or have difficulty boarding and travelling on the coach or other means of transport. Before booking your holiday, you should be sure that you and your party are both physically and mentally capable of completing the itinerary. If you need assistance from a third party, either your own or a holidaying agent, should contact your coach company (see the Coaches). If you will require a special diet please tell us at the time of booking, or as soon as you are medically advised, together with a copy of the diet.

IMPORTANT NOTE. You must tell us if you have an existing medical condition, disability or complex need that may affect your holiday or other group members' enjoyment of it before you book your holiday. We reserve the right to request a doctor's certificate confirming the passenger is fit to travel. If, in our reasonable opinion, your chosen holiday is not suitable for your medical condition or disability, we reserve the right to refuse your booking. You are responsible for bringing with you the proper clothing and equipment, which we advise you about in our printed trip information. We want you to enjoy your holiday and will help you select an appropriate trip.

18. TRAVEL INSURANCE We strongly advise that you take out personal travel insurance for the trip, and for some tours, insurance will be compulsory. Keep's Coaches Ltd. (trading as Shaw's Coaches) have partnered with Townergate Travel Insurance, a member of the Travel Insurance Association of the United Kingdom, to offer a competitively priced, specifically designed travel insurance for coach holidays. To obtain a free custom quote, please visit <https://townergatepb.b2ctravel.co.uk/customer/index.asp> or call 01371 705159 quoting reference 103457510. You may use your own provider. On tours where insurance is compulsory you must advise us of the policy number and 24-hour contact number. Your insurance should cover medical and repatriation costs, personal injury, loss of baggage and cancellation charges. If you do not have adequate insurance and require our assistance during the trip, we will reserve the right to reclaim from you any medical repatriation or other expenses which we may incur on your behalf which would otherwise have been met by insurers.

20. GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS We comply with the GDPR 2018 Regulations, our data controller is the Administration Manager and our data protection policy can be found within our Privacy Policy which is available to view on our website or you can request a copy from Reg's Coaches Ltd. (trading as Shaws Coaches), 113-115 Codicote Road, Welwyn, Hertfordshire, AL6 9TY. Our Cookie Policy is also available to view on our website or a copy can be sent upon request.

21. EMERGENCY CONTACT Our emergency contact details are: Tel 01778 342224

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Why Choose Shaws?

Happy Customers

99% of our 2024 holiday customers would book again.

Professional Drivers

All our drivers have a Driver Certificate of Professional Competence and undergo DBS Checks.

Friendly Team

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

Quality Coaches

Our modern and comfortable fleet is carefully maintained by our highly skilled in-house mechanics.

New Owners

After 102 years of family ownership the Shaws have earned their retirement. The new owners look forward to welcoming you with the same high level of customer service and fresh new ideas.

Strong Partnership

The recent acquisition of Shaws Coaches by Reg's Coaches has secured a strong future for an already established coach company.

