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in 2024

As we celebrate the 102nd year of our family business we take a moment to reflect upon our achievements. In 1922 we had just one coach, repaired by candlelight and moonlighting in furniture removals. As we move into 2024, we see a locally renowned and trusted business that's grown online bookings, gained new customers, retained an amazing team, increased the average number of passengers per journey, successfully launched enticing new destinations and continuously received messages of thanks from our loyal customers, many of whom we are proud to call friends.

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 Days Out Deals

- ✓ Our **SPECIAL CHILD FARE** won't break the bank (age 3-16 inclusive).
- ✓ Our **SENIOR FARES** offer discounts for 65+.
- ✓ **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 please ask about our **FARE ONLY DEALS** or a **ONE WAY SEAT** to your chosen destination.

Door2Door Holiday Deals

- ✓ Book before 15th February to take advantage of our **REDUCED DEPOSIT** – just £25pp!
- ✓ Save £10pp by **MEETING THE COACH** at a central departure point (Maxey, Stamford Bus Station or Peterborough Extra Services).
- ✓ Save £15pp on your third holiday and £20pp on your fourth and future holidays (in any calendar year) with our **LOYALTY DISCOUNT**.
- ✓ **MEMBERS OF NATIONAL TRUST, ENGLISH HERITAGE & THE RHS** can save £5pp for each property visited if you choose a holiday featuring an attraction managed by one of these organisations.

Stay In Touch

- ✓ Sign up to our **eNews** and be the first to hear about our extra dates for sell-out tours and brand-new trips
- ✓ **FOLLOW US** on Facebook and X for competitions, last minute availability and new releases
- ✓ **Go green**, choose to receive our brochures via email, it's quicker too!



Why choose our Door2Door Holidays

GREAT VALUE INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All travel
- ✓ All excursions & entry fees in the itinerary
- ✓ 3* or 4* hotel
- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ 3-course dinner with tea/coffee*
- ✓ Pre-allocated coach seat
- ✓ BCH ABTOT Financial Protection
- ✓ Friendly booking team

*unless otherwise stated

COLLECTION FROM YOUR DOOR

Our Door2Door service is the only way to start and finish your holiday and it's **FREE** if you live in these towns and most of the villages between them and our base in Maxey.

Peterborough
Bourne
The Deepings
Stamford
Oakham
Spalding
Uppingham
Whittlesey

Don't worry if you live in one of the neighbouring towns/villages, we can usually offer the same Door2Door service for a small charge.

99% WOULD BOOK AGAIN

Not only would 99% of our 2023 customers book again, but the same percentage would also recommend us to a friend!**

EXCELLENT RATINGS

This year we asked customers to rate our drivers for their willingness to help, the information they provide, their driving skills and safety, and their punctuality and efficiency. We are proud to tell you that **our average driver rating is 4.9/5**. We also asked you to rate our coaches for their comfort and cleanliness and we are proud to report that **our average coach rating is 4.8/5****

**Based on 755 customer reviews between 01.01.23 and 01.12.23.

LOW DEPOSITS

We ask for just a £50pp deposit on all our holidays with the balance due 8 weeks prior to departure. **Book by 15.02.24 to take advantage of our DEPOSIT OFFER of just £25pp!**

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.

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.

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 unlikely event that we become insolvent.** E. Shaw & Son are members of the Bonded Coach Holiday Scheme, 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 that a bond, which may be called upon in the unlikely event of the member's Insolvency, protects the clients' monies. Clients are recommended to inspect the current membership certificate at our registered office, on our website, go to <https://www.abtot.com/bch-abtot-members-directory> or telephone 0207 065 5316.

Your attention is also drawn to the Bonded Coach Holiday Trading Charter that will apply to these coach package holidays (see page 21-22). Details of the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018 can be found at <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uk/si/2018/634/contents/made>



Why choose our Great Days Out

✓ 35+ LOCAL PICK UP POINTS

Every day trip has a designated pick up route. Use our handy list below to find your nearest boarding point.

✓ CONVENIENT DROP OFFS

We'll drop you close to your destination, maximising your time at the event/attraction.

✓ HANDPICKED DESTINATIONS

Our great industry contacts keep us posted about exciting new attractions and special events.



Pick up routes

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 Bus Stops) → Stamford (Ryhall Rd / East St / Bus Station / Danish Invader)

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

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)

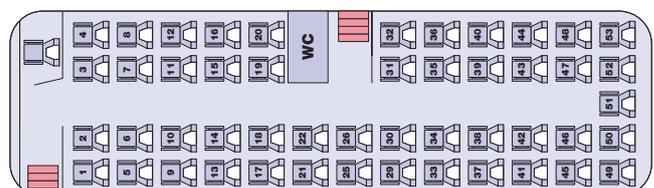
ROUTE 6

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.

Seating plan

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



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FRI 2 FEB

Rushden Lakes
 AD £22.00 | SEN £19.50
 CH £19.50 | ROUTE 1B



Northampton's premier leisure destination, set in the surroundings of a calming nature reserve. Everyday essentials meet fashion favourites. There's lots of delicious places to eat and drink plus lakeside trails to walk it off. A new outfit anyone?

TUE 6 FEB

Strictly Come Dancing, Nottingham Arena
 ALL FARES £95.00 | ROUTE 1A

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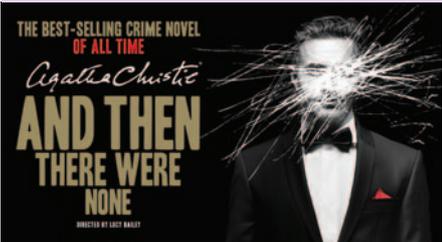


Get ready for an electrifying spectacle full of glitz, glamour and pure entertainment as your favourite stars take to the stage to deliver show-stopping performances that will sweep you off your feet. Bobby Brazier, Ellie Leach, Angela Rippon, Angela Scanlon, Layton Williams, Krishnan Guru-Murthy and Annabel Croft make up the celeb line up with Anton, Shirley and Craig ready to pounce with the judges scores! **Great reviews in 2023** "Another amazing day out to the Strictly Live Tour. As usual the service was faultless, not to mention our first class driver."

WED 7 FEB

And Then There Were None, MK Theatre
 ALL FARES £59.00 | ROUTE 1

CIRCLE SEAT



A brand-new production of the best-selling crime novel of all time. Agatha Christie's intricate and gripping plot will have you on the edge of your seat!

WED 7 FEB

Milton Keynes
 AD £30.00 | SEN £27.50
 CH £27.50 | ROUTE 1

GREAT SHOPPING

FRI 9 FEB

Cirque du Soleil 'Alegria', Royal Albert Hall
 ALL FARES £125.00 | ROUTE 4C

WAIT LIST



Prepare to be whisked away to a mystical, magical world at this afternoon's performance of Cirque du Soleil's Alegria, an all-time Cirque classic, reimagined for a new generation. This is storytelling at its most elaborate with mesmerising acrobatics, ingenious costumes, playful humour and vibrant sets. **See page 11 for Cirque du Soleil OVO.**

MON 12 FEB

ABBA Voyage, Abba Arena
 ALL FARES £89.00 | ROUTE 4C

WAIT LIST

See page 15 for our summer dates.

TUE 13 FEB

Kew Gardens Orchid Festival
 AD £52.00 | SEN £49.50
 CH £42.50 | ROUTE 4C

CUSTOMER FAVOURITE



Kew's 28th Orchid festival draws inspiration from the unique flora and fauna of Madagascar, the world's fourth largest island and home to Kew's third research site. Madagascar's lush rainforests, tropical dry forests and over 3,000 miles of coastline will be reflected in an incredible spectacle of themed floral displays and living installations, created by Kew's team of talented horticulturists. Look out for the extraordinary giraffe weevils and the ring tailed lemurs high above! **Great reviews in 2023** "I thought The Hive metal sculpture was amazing. It really looks like a swarm of bees. Needless to say, the orchid collection was well worth seeing for its beauty."

WED 14 FEB

Historic York
 AD £37.50 | SEN £35.00
 CH £27.50 | ROUTE 4

SPECIAL CHILD FARE



See the Vikings come to life in this ancient city during this week's Jorvik Viking Festival – a lively celebration of the city's Norse heritage. Wander amongst the impressive city walls that surround boutique shops, tempting local eateries and more attractions per square mile than any other UK city!

THUR 15 FEB

Jesus Christ Superstar, Leicester Curve
 ALL FARES £75.00 | ROUTE 4

BAND B STALLS

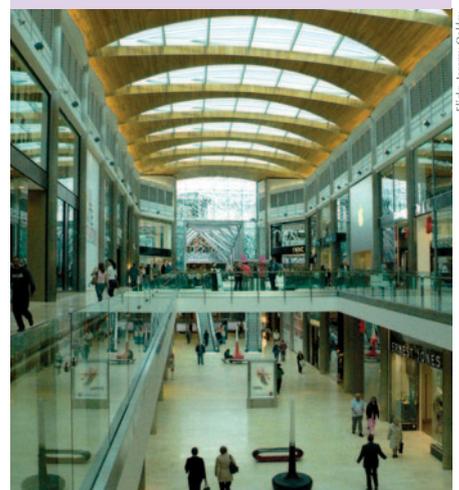


A mesmerising new production of the iconic global phenomenon, with music and lyrics from Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber.

THUR 15 FEB

Visit Leicester
 AD £30.00 | SEN £27.50
 CH £27.50 | ROUTE 4

FREE MUSEUM



Stylish shopping at Highcross, local boutiques in The Lanes, one of Europe's largest markets and everything from dinosaurs to Picasso in the Lincoln Museum & Usher Gallery (free entry).

FRI 16 FEB

Chippenham Park

AD £30.00 | SEN £27.50
CH £25.00 | ROUTE 1

SNOWDROP SPECIAL



These beautiful, private gardens in Suffolk have been awarded the highest two-star rating by the Good Gardens Guide and are famous for their vast swathes of snowdrops and aconites in late winter. **Open on selected dates only, with a fully licensed Potting Shed tea room (to warm up in).**

MON 19 FEB

Visit Norwich

AD £32.00 | SEN £29.50
CH £25.00 | ROUTE 3A



Into history? Norwich has one of the most complete medieval streets in the country (it's a regular Hollywood filming location), a Norman Cathedral with the second-tallest spire in the country, an inspiring castle from 1067, and so much more. Prefer shopping? The Royal Arcade, The Norwich Lanes, The Cathedral Quarter, Elm Hill and Magdalen Street are the place to be for the lion's share of independent shops. As well as Jarrold – Norwich's only award-winning independent department store with over five floors including a wine bar, deli and seafood restaurant. Castle Quarter and Chantry Place are the malls to visit for all your high street favourites, and don't miss Norwich open-air market!

WED 21 FEB

The Lion King, Lyceum Theatre

AD £85.00 | SEN £85.00
CH £79.50 | ROUTE 1

ROYAL CIRCLE SEAT



Disney and Elton John's award-winning musical explodes with glorious colours, stunning effects and enchanting music. Now in its 24th year in the West End, it's the perfect family treat for February half term.

WED 21 FEB

Meadowhall Shopping Centre, Sheffield

AD £32.00 | SEN £29.50
CH £29.50 | ROUTE 4



A bright and spacious shopping destination full of your favourite brands, new names and Yorkshire favourites. 50+ places to eat & drink plus a new climbing wall for the adventurous!

THUR 22 FEB

RAF Museum Hendon

AD £37.50 | SEN £35.00
CH £29.50 | ROUTE 1

SPECIAL CHILD FARE



There are six huge historic hangers to explore, each one full of iconic aircraft, memorabilia, factual displays and hands-on experiences. Test your reaction times, read wartime letters from pilots, uncover true stories and much more. **NEW FOR 2023** is 'Strike Hard, Strike Sure: Bomber Command, 1939-1945'. This permanent exhibition marks the 80th anniversary of the 'Dam Busters' raid, it shares the Bomber Command story through the personal experiences of those that served. Spot iconic aircraft such as the Avro Lancaster 1, Boeing CH47D Chinook and the de Havilland Vampire F3!

FRI 23 FEB

Snowdrops & Lavender

AD £45.00 | SEN £45.00
CH £39.50 | ROUTE 5

LUNCH INCLUDED

Begin at England's premier lavender farm, Norfolk Lavender with its delightful gift shop and plant centre. Warm up with a tasty choice lunch with tea/coffee, which proved very popular with our customers last summer, "The lunch was delicious and very well arranged". Continue to Walsingham, where a carpet of snowdrops and aconites cover the tranquil abbey grounds which are famous for the spectacular medieval Priory ruins. **LUNCH CHOICES:** *Battered cod with chips and mushy peas, Ham, egg and chips or Vegetable quiche with new potatoes and salad.* Let us know of any dietary requirements when you book.

FRI 23 FEB

Visit Birmingham

AD £32.00 | SEN £29.50
CH £29.50 | ROUTE 1B



Delve in to Birmingham's famous shopping spots – The Bullring, The Mailbox and The Jewellery Quarter in this spirited city with a rich cultural history. Take a wander along the canal to find a great place to eat alongside this historic waterway.

TUE 27 FEB

Melton Mowbray & Grantham Outlets

AD £25.00 | SEN £22.50
CH £22.50 | ROUTE 4

TWO-STOP



Market day in Melton Mowbray always adds a delightful ambience to this pleasant Leicestershire town, renowned for its pork pies and Stilton cheese! Look out, too, for notable historic buildings including the impressive 12th-century Church of St. Mary, with its 100ft spire rising above the rooftops, and the Anne of Cleves House. Finish the day with discount shopping at Boundary Outlet and Downtown Grantham.

WED 28 FEB

Cambridge

AD £25.00 | SEN £22.50
CH £22.50 | ROUTE 1

GREAT VALUE



Always a popular choice – especially for customers who still rue the day that John Lewis closed in Queensgate!

THUR 29 FEB

ABBA Voyage, Abba Arena

ALL FARES £89.00 | ROUTE 4C

See page 15 for our summer dates.

WAIT LIST

TUE 5 MAR

Saffron Walden

AD £27.50 | SEN £25.00
CH £25.00 | ROUTE 4C

MARKET DAY



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Named as The Times 'best place to live in the east'! Head to one of Essex's most delightful medieval towns on market day with unique public gardens to wander within.

WED 6 MAR

Come From Away, Leicester Curve

ALL FARES £59.00 | ROUTE 1

CIRCLE SEAT



7,000 stranded passengers. One small town. A remarkable true story. Winner of Best New Musical across the globe, Come From Away shares the incredible story of the air passengers who were grounded in Canada in the wake of 9/11, and the small Newfoundland community that invited these 'come from aways' into their lives.

WED 6 MAR

Visit Leicester

AD £30.00 | SEN £27.50
CH £27.50 | ROUTE 1

Stylish shopping at Highcross, local boutiques in The Lanes, one of Europe's largest markets and everything from dinosaurs to Picasso in the free-to-enter museum.

THUR 7 MAR

Les Misérables, Sondheim Theatre

ALL FARES £85.00 | ROUTE 4C

STALLS SEATS

FRI 8 MAR

Crufts, NEC

AD £55.00 | SEN £45.00
CH £45.00 | ROUTE 4A

GUN DOG DAY



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MON 11 MAR

Holbein at The Queen's Gallery, London

AD £57.50 | SEN £55.00
CH £45.00 | ROUTE 4C

NEW



© The Royal Collection

An astonishing showcase of one of the 16th century's most talented artists. Holbein was chosen to paint portraits of Henry VIII, his family and leading figures such as Anne Boleyn and Sir Thomas More. This is one of the most important surviving collections of Tudor art and includes drawings, paintings, miniatures and book illustrations. A multi-media guide is included which explores the artist's career and the lives of those who commissioned his portraits. **Here until April only.**

TUES 12 MAR

Market Harborough & Rushden Lakes

AD £25.00 | SEN £22.50
CH £22.50 | ROUTE 1B

TWO-STOP

Find out why Market Harborough was voted in the region's Best Places to Live and then enjoy a unique waterside shopping experience at Rushden Lakes where you'll find over 50 top brands and tasty places to eat.

THUR 14 MAR

Afternoon Tea with Elvis

ALL FARES £69.50 | ROUTE 1

NEW

Calling all Elvis fans! A rock and roll afternoon on board the Tereza-Joanne in London's Docklands featuring an Elvis tribute show, savoury canapés, a three tier afternoon tea and great views of the city skyline! Let us know of any dietary requirements. Book now – or never!

FRI 15 MAR

Sewing for Pleasure, NEC

AD £39.50 | SEN £37.00
CH £29.50 | ROUTE 1B

ENTRY TO 3 SHOWS



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Pick up all your essential supplies and grab ideas and top tips from industry experts at these exciting, colourful and inspirational shows. Sewing for Pleasure is packed with must have fabrics, fabulous yarns, gorgeous patterns and threads with workshops, demonstrations and competitions to keep you busy! The Creative Craft Show is a haven for knitting, cross stitch, paper crafting, jewellery and dressmaking and you'll find vibrant and exciting exclusives at The Fashion & Embroidery Show.

MON 18 MAR

Bakewell

AD £35.00 | SEN £32.50
CH £32.50 | ROUTE 4B

MARKET DAY



Visit the largest market in the Derbyshire Dales, with over 100 regular stalls selling a wide variety of goods – and, of course, you must buy a Bakewell Pudding!

WED 20 MAR

Kenwood House

AD £37.50 | SEN £35.00
CH £35.00 | ROUTE 1

NEW



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On the edge of Hampstead Heath is Kenwood, a Robert Adam neoclassical villa and a true hidden gem. Its 112 acres of parkland are perfect for a spring walk with meandering paths through ancient woodland. This 18th century masterpiece is full of intricate architecture, the star of which must be the Great Library, which was refurbished to its original colour scheme in 2013. You'll find a stunning world-class art collection, too, which includes Rembrandt's 'Self-Portrait with Two Circles'.

TUE 26 MAR

Ideal Home Show Olympia

AD £49.50 | SEN £47.00
CH £47.00 | ROUTE 1

ENTRY TO 2 SHOWS



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All the latest inspiring ideas, innovative products and on-trend solutions for your home. Expect full-scale show homes, show gardens, the Smart Home, the new Spring Clean Stage, free talks and celeb guests! Includes **free access to the Eat & Drink Festival** with live demos, super cool street food and marvellous mixology.

TUE 2 APR

Derbyshire's Peaks & Dales

AD £45.00 | SEN £42.50
CH £42.50 | ROUTE 1A

TWO-STOP



Sit back and enjoy the scenery of Derbyshire's lovely Peak District National Park. Stretch your legs in Castleton before passing the Ladybower Reservoir (where the Dambusters trained) and driving over the famously exciting Snake Pass! Take in the delightful Dales and finish the day in Bakewell.

THUR 21 MAR

MJ The Musical, Prince Edward Theatre

ALL FARES £105.00 | ROUTE 4C

DRESS CIRCLE



Michael Jackson's unique and unparalleled artistry comes to the West End stage direct from Broadway in the multiple Tony Award®-winning new musical MJ.

WED 27 MAR

Pretty Woman The Musical, Milton Keynes Theatre

ALL FARES £75.00 | ROUTE 4C

BAND B STALLS



This sensational show was a huge success in London with its blazing rock score from Grammy® winners Bryan Adams and Jim Vallance!

TUE 2 APR

Moreton-in-Marsh & Stow on the Wold

AD £39.50 | SEN £37.00
CH £37.00 | ROUTE 4A

TWO-STOP



© Flickr - Paula Fennell

Start the day in Moreton-in-Marsh where the weekly market offers wonderful local produce at what is said to be the most stunning market location in England. Continue to the charming market town of Stow on the Wold, the highest in the Cotswolds at 800ft above sea level! The impressive square is full of independent shops, antiques, cosy cafes and inns all built in the mellow local stone. Spot the medieval market stocks, the ancient market cross and the impressive St. Edwards Hall.

THUR 21 MAR

London's West End

AD £39.50 | SEN £29.50
CH £37.00 | ROUTE 4C

SENIOR SPECIAL

Spend an afternoon shopping or sightseeing in the capital.

WED 27 MAR

Milton Keynes

AD £30.00 | SEN £27.50
CH £27.50 | ROUTE 4C

GREAT SHOPPING

WED 3 APR

Bury St. Edmunds & Lavenham

AD £37.50 | SEN £35.00
CH £35.00 | ROUTE 1

TWO-STOP



Photo courtesy of David & Anne Farrer

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

FRI 22 MAR

Anglesey Abbey

AD £42.00 | SEN £39.50
CH £29.50 | ROUTE 4C

NT DISCOUNT

At the age of 30, the future Lord Fairhaven began to create his first home. Wanting to inspire and surprise visitors, he created a spectacular garden with planting for all seasons and a cosy house in which to entertain. Life revolved around horse racing and shooting, and guests revelled in 1930s luxury. Inside, you'll find fine furnishings, books, paintings, silver and rare clocks whilst outside is a garden for all seasons. The Spring Garden features daffodils and hyacinths which should be looking lovely in March.



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WED 3 APR

RAF Museum Cosford

AD £37.50 | SEN £35.00
CH £35.00 | ROUTE 4A



A fun and entertaining outing for all ages. Discover the amazing stories of those who have served in the RAF, view a fantastic display of aircraft, learn about the bravery of pilots in Test Flight and don't miss the fascinating Cold War Exhibition.

FRI 5 APR

Bletchley Park

AD £49.50 | SEN £47.00
CH £39.50 | ROUTE 1



Once the hush-hush home of the wartime Codebreakers, Bletchley Park is now a top visitor attraction that tells the fascinating story of the incredibly important work that took place here. Visitors of all ages can uncover secretive stories through immersive films, interactive displays, the museum collections and faithful recreations of the WW2 rooms. Since 2022 there has been some exciting **new openings** including The Intelligence Factory, the Early Days Exhibition and a temporary space currently housing The Art of Data.

NEW OPENINGS

TUE 9 APR

Oxford

AD £37.50 | SEN £35.00
CH £35.00 | ROUTE 1B



Fans of Inspector Morse will have a great time exploring this beautiful university city! The 'City of Dreaming Spires' is full of historic buildings and fascinating museum collections like the Ashmolean and the Bodleian Library.

THUR 4 APR

The Tower of London

AD £72.50 | SEN £62.50
CH £49.50 | ROUTE 1



If you've been fascinated by viewing *Inside the Tower*, then you'll love this! Entry includes the chance to see the sparkling **new Crown Jewels display** 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 from the prisoners who entered through Traitors' Gate. The new Jewel House allows you to explore the origins of some of the objects for the very first time, including the destruction of the original jewels under Oliver Cromwell! Book fare only to visit nearby attractions such as Tower Bridge Walkway, HMS Belfast and St. Katherine's Dock.

NEW DISPLAY

FRI 5 APR

Holt & Sheringham

AD £35.00 | SEN £32.50
CH £32.50 | ROUTE 5



Spend a couple of hours in the lovely Georgian town of Holt before enjoying the sea air in Sheringham.

TWO-STOP

TUE 9 APR

Gloucester Warwickshire Railway

AD £59.50 | SEN £57.00
CH £49.50 | ROUTE 4A



A nostalgic ride of almost 25 miles on the Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway, from Broadway to Cheltenham and back as far as Toddington. You'll pass through the glorious Cotswolds countryside, with views across to the Malvern Hills and the Vale of Evesham. We call in Broadway – The Jewel of the Cotswolds – for a lunch break, before boarding this delightful heritage line.

+ BROADWAY

WED 10 APR

The Black Country Living Museum

AD £55.00 | SEN £52.50
CH £45.00 | ROUTE 1B



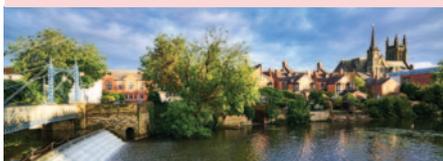
Leave the 21st century behind and experience the sights, sounds, smells and tastes of the industrial Black Country at this award-winning open-air museum. Explore the shops, house and workshops that have been rebuilt in a canalside village where historical characters will bring the 19th century back to life. Test your times tables in the school room, watch a vintage film in the cinema, taste the past in the 1930s chip shop and much more! The museum has played host to film crews including the notorious *Peaky Blinders* and a stroll through the Museum's alleys will transport you back to the underworld!

CUSTOMER FAVOURITE

THUR 4 APR

Leamington Spa or Warwick

AD £35.00 | SEN £32.50
CH £32.50 | ROUTE 4A



Either choose to spend your day in the Regency town of Royal Leamington Spa with its stunning architecture and award-winning parks or explore the history and heritage of Warwick, which offers beautiful gardens, old-fashioned tea rooms and the famous medieval castle.

MON 8 APR

Buxton & Peak Forest Canal Cruise

ALL FARES £56.00 | ROUTE 4



Pause in the spa town of Buxton then take a short ride to Whaley Bridge to enjoy a leisurely afternoon on the canal. Expect magnificent mountain views – including the impressive Kinder Scout – during this two-hour cruise with a generous cream tea served as you sail. **Book early – customer favourite!**

AFTERNOON TEA

WED 10 APR

St. Albans

AD £35.00 | SEN £32.50
CH £32.50 | ROUTE 4C

MARKET DAY



© St. Albans Museums

Find out what a fine city St. Albans is – with its magnificent 11th century cathedral, a vibrant street market and plenty of interesting places to visit including some impressive Roman remains and the Verulamium Museum with its superb mosaics.

THUR 11 APR

Morgan Motor Museum

AD £69.50 | SEN £67.00
CH £67.00 | ROUTE 1B

GUIDED TOUR



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Find out how a Morgan is made on this fully guided tour that takes visitors into the heart of the factory. See the craftsmanship that remains a major part of production of this cherished motor as well as learning about the family history and seeing cars of the past, present and future. Calls at Great Malvern for a lunch break before our afternoon tour.

THUR 11 APR

Great Malvern

AD £39.50 | SEN £37.00
CH £37.00 | ROUTE 1B

Spend time in the Victorian spa town of Great Malvern. The tranquil views over the Severn Valley create a lovely backdrop as you wander through this pretty hillside setting. Perhaps pause for a coffee, pop into one of the many bookshops, antique shops and boutiques or visit one of the galleries. Take time to explore the medieval, cathedral-sized priory and St. Ann's Well whilst you are here.

THUR 11 APR

North Yorkshire Moors & Heartbeat Country

AD £47.50 | SEN £45.00
CH £45.00 | ROUTE 4

Sit back and enjoy the stunning scenery during our leisurely tour through the picturesque North York Moors. Pause, at lunchtime, in the market town of Helmsley with its charming tea rooms, quaint shops and dramatic castle ruins. Then, take in the majestic moors and make a tea stop in the traditional English village of Goathland. Can you spot the filming locations for *Aidsensfield* in the Heartbeat TV series and Hogsmeade in the Harry Potter movies?

FRI 12 APR

Chesterfield & Matlock Bath

AD £35.00 | SEN £32.50
CH £32.50 | ROUTE 4

TWO-STOP



© Flickr - Liz Smith

Look out for Chesterfield's famous Crooked Spire as you wander around today's lively, open-air market. Later, enjoy a stroll by the pretty River Derwent in the Victorian spa resort of Matlock Bath.

MON 15 APR

The National Memorial Arboretum

AD £35.00 | SEN £32.50
CH £32.50 | ROUTE 4A

FREE ENTRY



© National Memorial Arboretum

Wander within 150 acres of beautiful woodland and gardens, dotted with almost 400 thought-provoking memorials, each with a story to tell. Each year, new memorials are added so there's always something different to see. The memorials come in all shapes and sizes, from glass and steel to bronze and stone. Memorials remember the Armed Forces, emergency services, charities, the Commonwealth and many more worthy institutions and individuals. At the heart of the Remembrance Centre is a fascinating exhibition called Landscapes of Life with audio visual displays, hands-on interactives, artistic interpretations and the opportunity for visitors to share their experiences. Guided walks and talks take place daily and there is also a land train that takes visitors around the site (small extra charge).

WED 17 APR

Phantom of The Opera, His Majesty's Theatre

ALL FARES £79.00 | ROUTE 1

ROYAL CIRCLE



Experience the thrill of the West End's most haunting love story. Widely considered one of the most beautiful and spectacular productions in history. Andrew Lloyd Webber's mesmerising score along with jaw-dropping scenery and breath-taking special effects has become one of the highest-grossing musicals of all time! **Book early, our first 2024 date was a sell-out!**

THUR 18 APR

Live Dixieland Jazz

ALL FARES £75.00 | ROUTE 4C

TWO COURSE LUNCH



Listen to the sounds of Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald and Jelly Roll Morton, performed by a five-piece band, live from a unique floating event venue with a 2-course lunch! Expect a great vocalist accompanied by authentic sounds from a sousaphone, banjo, clarinet and trumpet – so, put on your dancing shoes or sit back and enjoy the hits! **LUNCH CHOICES:** *Breast of chicken served with creamy mash and French beans, followed by raspberry & white chocolate cheesecake.* Let us know of any dietary requirements.

FRI 19 APR

Skipton, The Dales & Harrogate

AD £45.00 | SEN £42.50
CH £42.50 | ROUTE 1

TWO-STOP



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

MON 22 APR

Epping
 AD £32.00 | SEN £29.50
 CH £29.50 | ROUTE 1

MARKET DAY



Enjoy the friendly atmosphere of Epping on market day, where over 80 stalls offer a wide selection of goods. A stroll down Epping High Street reveals links to a past when coaching inns and shops vied with each other for business brought by London visitors. Today the High Street contains coffee shops, restaurants, fashion, tailoring and everything in-between.

TUE 23 APR

Stratford-upon-Avon
 AD £35.00 | SEN £32.50
 CH £32.50 | ROUTE 4A



Today is Shakespeare's birthday - and, it's also St. George's Day - making it a perfect time to visit this delightful English town. The Shakespeare sites are, of course, a big attraction but there's so much more including quaint side streets with unique and individual shops, open areas along the river and scenic boat trips.

WED 24 APR

Hampton Court Palace
 AD £65.00 | SEN £59.50
 CH £49.50 | ROUTE 1

TULIP FESTIVAL



Hampton Court Palace is packed full of history as well as being surrounded by stunning, riverside gardens which come alive when thousands of tulips come into bloom, which should be round about now. A special trail guides visitors around the stunning displays, revealing the history of the tulips, which are believed to date back to the time of Queen Mary II in the 1600s.

THUR 25 APR

Cirque du Soleil 'Ovo' Birmingham's Utilita Arena
 AD £119.00 | SEN £119.00
 CH £109.00 | ROUTE 1B

LEVEL 3 TICKET



OVO is a headlong rush into a colourful ecosystem, where insects work, eat, crawl, flutter, play, fight and look for love in a non-stop riot of energy and movement. The insects' home is a world of biodiversity and beauty filled alternately with raucous action and moments of quiet emotion. A magnificent ladybug captures the eye of an awkward, unusual insect who has just moved into this lively neighbourhood, and the two instantly fall in love. **Buzzing back to the UK after six years, OVO now features three new acts and characters!**

FRI 26 APR

Harrogate Spring Flower Show
 AD £59.50 | SEN £57.00
 CH £35.00 | ROUTE 4



Start the growing season at an event that's widely regarded as the biggest and most prestigious independent show in the UK's gardening calendar! Expect show gardens, plant nurseries, **Britain's biggest display of floral art**, live entertainment, garden shopping, home & gift shopping and specialist food & drink stalls.

TUE 30 APR

Matlock Bath & Peak Shopping Village
 AD £35.00 | SEN £32.50
 CH £32.50 | ROUTE 1

TWO-STOP

Visit the lively town of Matlock Bath and explore its long High Street lined with quirky shops, cafés and amusement arcades or take a stroll through the pretty riverside gardens. Round off the day in the nearby Peak Village, a delightful shopping and leisure destination in the heart of the Peak District full of branded shops, independent stores and regular pop-ups. There's a lovely nature reserve on its doorstep, which is the perfect place to enjoy a spring stroll.

WED 1 MAY

Suffolk Estuary Cruise
 ALL FARES £72.50 | ROUTE 4C

LUNCH + CREAM TEA



Enjoy a 2-hour afternoon cruise on the Deben Estuary, a Special Protection Area that lies within the Suffolk Coast & Heaths AONB. Listen to interesting commentary on the river's rich wildlife and history whilst enjoying a scone with jam/butter and a cup of tea/coffee as you sail. A 1-course, choice lunch at a local inn is included before your cruise.

THUR 2 MAY

Royal Windsor Horse Show
 AD £65.00 | SEN £59.50
 CH £59.50 | ROUTE 1

GENERAL ADM.



The UK's largest outdoor premier Horse Show takes place in the private grounds of Windsor Castle, with top-class equestrian competition in Jumping, Dressage, Driving and Endurance as well as 120-plus Showing Classes! The show has reinvented itself for 2024 with some very special events to make your visit even more exciting! Expect country displays such as Falconry, Gun Dog Training, Fly Fishing, Food, Gardening, Performance and Art! You'll also find top-class shopping opportunities with a carefully curated range of equestrian and country lifestyle shopping. **Add a reserved seat in the Castle Arena at just £12 for adults, £9 for seniors and £7 for children.**

FRI 3 MAY

William Morris & Lee Valley Cream Tea Cruise
 ALL FARES £75.00 | ROUTE 4C

GUIDED TOUR

Take a guided tour around the splendid Georgian manor that was once the childhood home of William Morris, now an award-winning gallery dedicated to his life and work. Beautiful rooms illustrate his many talents and interests from wallpaper to furniture and book publishing to politics. Back on the coach, our guide will regale you with the history of Epping Forest before giving you free time to lunch in the old market town of Epping. Continue to the Lee Valley for a 90-minute cream tea cruise, watching the world roll by and glean interesting snippets from the guide.

TUE 7 MAY

Royal Botanic Gardens Kew

AD £55.00 | SEN £52.50
CH £42.50 | ROUTE 1



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These beautiful botanic gardens need no introduction, with over 50,000 thriving plants across this UNESCO World Heritage Site. From the vast Arboretum to an Alpine rock garden, there's something to see in every corner. Bluebell Woods and the pink Japanese cherry blossoms tend to be spectacular at this time of year.

WED 8 MAY

The Norfolk Broads by Train & Paddle Boat Steamer

ALL FARES £55.00 | ROUTE 3A



Photo courtesy of Pam Annet

This lovely tour features a 9-mile ride on the Bure Valley Railway, Norfolk's longest narrow-gauge railway, through the pretty countryside from Aylsham to Wroxham the "Capital of the Broads". There's free time in Wroxham before finishing the day on board the double-deck Mississippi Paddle Boat Steamer. Sail out of the pretty village of Horning passing pretty thatched houses, windmills and Norfolk reed beds. Inside you'll find a fully stocked bar and be able to enjoy interesting commentary along the way. **Always a sell-out with great reviews** "Enjoyed this trip immensely, especially the Bure Valley Steam Train" and "We all had a wonderful time".

FRI 10 MAY

RHS Malvern Spring Festival

AD £66.00 | SEN £63.50
CH £37.00 | ROUTE 4A



© RHS

Set against the magnificent Malvern Hills, the Malvern spring show is a wonderful day out, packed with flowers, food, crafts and more. This must-see event features expert advice, inspirational floral displays, award-winning show gardens, an exciting programme of special guests, celebrity chefs and TV personalities and some of the best shopping, food and drink around.

MON 13 MAY

Brodsworth Hall & Gardens

AD £42.50 | SEN £39.50
CH £37.00 | ROUTE 4



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Experience the grandeur of Victorian living. Built by Charles Thellusson, Brodsworth was the Thellusson family home for over 120 years. Designed in an 1860s Italianate style, the 'grand rooms' recall its Victorian heyday and many of the original furnishings can still be seen. Don't miss the cavernous Victorian kitchen with its impressive cooking range and the cosier 'Aga kitchen' and scullery with the original housekeeper's chair. Stroll through the Victorian pleasure gardens, which have been expertly restored to their former glory and wander through the statue walks, the fern dell grotto and the beautiful wild rose dell.

TUE 14 MAY

Sissinghurst Castle Gardens

AD £59.00 | SEN £59.00
CH £49.00 | ROUTE 1



A lan Shorter

Sited in the grounds of a great Elizabethan house, framed by the rich Kentish landscape of woods, farmland, lakes and streams, the famous Sissinghurst Castle Garden with its pink brick tower is the result of creative tension between the formal design approach of Harold Nicolson and the abundant planting preferences of his wife, Vita Sackville-West. The layers of colour, intimacy of different garden 'rooms' and rich herbaceous borders are the epitome of an English garden. Also open to visitors are the Tower, South Cottage and Long Library, some of the few remaining buildings at Sissinghurst that the couple lived and worked in. **New for 2023** is the delicate restoration of Vita's Writing Room which remains almost as she left it in 1962.

TUE 14 MAY

Maidstone

AD £45.00 | SEN £42.50
CH £42.50 | ROUTE 1

If you love shopping then you'll love Maidstone. There's open air shopping at Fremlin Walk – considered to be the town's retail centre and home to all your favourite brands. Leading off the High Street is Week Street, the main pedestrianised shopping zone, with an eclectic mix of jewellers, kitchenware, gifts and ladieswear.

WED 15 MAY

Beverley

AD £39.50 | SEN £37.00
CH £37.00 | 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 its towering minster, pretty market squares and beautiful Georgian townhouses, it's steeped in history. Easily explored on foot, the town has a perfect mix of independent boutiques, high street favourites and a lively market atmosphere. 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.

THUR 16 MAY

Bonnie & Clyde, Nottingham Royal Centre

ALL FARES £69.50 | ROUTE 1



After two hell-raising seasons in London's West End, Bonnie & Clyde The Musical is set to hold-up theatres across the UK on a major UK & Ireland Tour! Winner of Best New Musical at the 2023 What'sOnStage Awards and featuring lyrics by Tony® and Oscar® winner Don Black (Sunset Boulevard).

FRI 17 MAY

André Rieu, Resorts World Arena

ALL FARES £140.00 | ROUTE 1B



Expect to be transported into a world of enchanting melodies and breath-taking performances as André Rieu leads his wonderful Johann Strauss Orchestra through a repertoire that spans classical masterpieces, waltzes and show tunes. His shows are known for their joyful atmosphere, created by his charismatic stage presence which encourages audience engagement. **Special guest**, 15-year-old Emma Kok, joins André after wowing millions across the globe with her viral rendition of the song "Voilà". Join our wait list for tickets or book fare only if you have your own.

MON 20 MAY

Bakewell
 AD £35.00 | SEN £32.50
 CH £32.50 | ROUTE 1

MARKET DAY



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Visit the largest market in the Derbyshire Dales, with over 100 regular stalls selling a wide variety of goods in this pretty riverside town – and, of course, you must buy a Bakewell Pudding!

TUE 21 MAY

Gunby Estate & Skegness
 AD £41.00 | SEN £38.00
 CH £34.50 | ROUTE 5

NT DISCOUNT



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Gunby has a homely country feel, built in 1700 for the Massingberd family, who lived here for more than 250 years. There are three floors to explore with a significant collection of art, furniture and silverware on display. Outside are eight acres of Victorian walled gardens featuring a kitchen garden, wildflower areas and wonderful borders bursting with colour. Meet the Gunby cats and visit the second-hand bookshop and tea room in the courtyard, before continuing to Skegness, with time to enjoy some fish and chips and/or an ice-cream!

TUE 21 MAY

Skegness
 AD £32.00 | SEN £29.50
 CH £29.50 | ROUTE 5



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Spend the day by the sea in Skegness, our local resort – with miles of golden sand!

WED 22 MAY

Holt & Stody Lodge Gardens
 AD £52.00 | SEN £49.50
 CH £49.50 | ROUTE 3A

CREAM TEA



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Enjoy time 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 also feature magnolias, camellias, late flowering bulbs and more – a firm favourite and so special that we just had to include a cream tea to 'put the icing' on your day!

TUE 28 MAY

Moreton-in-Marsh & Stow-on-the-Wold
 AD £39.50 | SEN £37.00
 CH £37.00 | ROUTE 1B

TWO-STOP



© Flickr - Iain Cameron

Start the day in Moreton-in-Marsh where the weekly market offers wonderful local produce at what is said to be the most stunning market location in England. Continue to the charming market town of Stow-on-the-Wold, the highest in the Cotswolds at 800ft above sea level! The impressive square is full of independent shops, antiques, cosy cafés and inns all built in the mellow local stone. Spot the medieval market stocks, the ancient market cross and the impressive St. Edwards Hall.

TUE 28 MAY

Cromer & Sheringham
 AD £36.50 | SEN £34.00
 CH £34.00 | ROUTE 5

TWO-STOP



© Flickr - Benjamin Rogan

Visit two of our favourite Norfolk coast resorts in one day!

TUE 28 MAY

RHS Garden Bridgewater
 AD £55.00 | SEN £52.50
 CH £52.50 | ROUTE 4

RHS DISCOUNT

Enjoy a stroll around the new RHS Garden at Salford! Set in the grounds of a 19th century residence, the master plan for this garden 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, which celebrates the huge contribution of Chinese plants.

WED 29 MAY

The Beauty of Ballet with the RPO, Royal Albert Hall
 ALL FARES £75.00 | ROUTE 4C

REAR ARENA

A spellbinding celebration of some of the greatest ballet works ever written by the master of ballet himself, Tchaikovsky. Iconic dances and orchestral masterpieces await at this enchanting gala event, featuring dancers from the prestigious Birmingham Royal Ballet.

WED 29 MAY

Southwold & Aldeburgh
 AD £39.50 | SEN £37.00
 CH £37.00 | ROUTE 1

TWO-STOP



© Photo courtesy of Pam Amiet

Spend a couple of hours in timeless Southwold, on the Suffolk Coast, before we continue to the nearby resort of Aldeburgh, where pastel-coloured 19th century holiday villas line the promenade and to the east is the pebble beach with fisherman's huts selling the daily catch. No wonder that it's renowned for its fish & chips!

THUR 30 MAY

Historic York

AD £39.50 | SEN £37.00
CH £25.00 | ROUTE 1

SPECIAL
CHILD
FARE



© Flickr - Ian Britton

There's so much to see and do in this ancient city with something for all ages to enjoy, including the Castle Museum, the Viking Centre and the free-to-enter National Railway Museum! Children will love the Harry Potter style shops in The Shambles and an adventure along the City Walls whilst a relaxing cruise along the River Ouse is perfect for some peace and tranquillity.

THUR 30 MAY

Royal Windsor & River Cruise

AD £55.00 | SEN £52.50
CH £52.50 | ROUTE 4C



© French Brothers Ltd

Visit the royal borough of Windsor and then round off the day with a relaxing river cruise along the Thames to the historic site at Runnymede, where our coach will be waiting to meet you for the journey home.

FRI 31 MAY

Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre

AD £38.50 | SEN £36.00
CH £36.00 | ROUTE 3

CUSTOMER
FAVOURITE



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Take a look at the amazing aircraft, award-winning exhibitions and unique collection of Bomber Command vehicles during our visit to the Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre. There's lots see including Avro Lancaster NX611 'Just Jane', the restored Control Tower, displays of life on the home front, an Escape Museum plus visitors can spend a few moments of quiet reflection in the Memorial Chapel, where you'll find the names of all the lost air and ground crew who were based at East Kirkby.

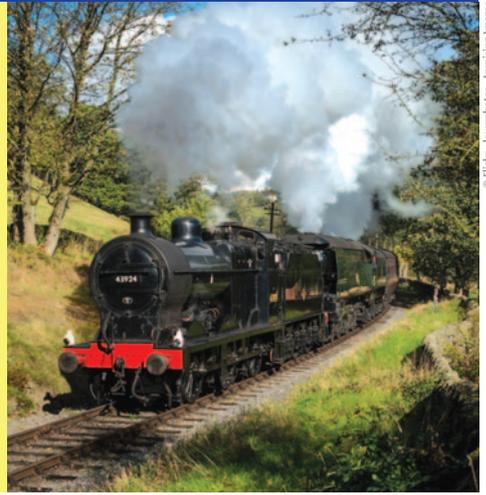
FRI 31 MAY

The Keighley & Worth Valley Railway

AD £57.50 | SEN £55.00
CH £55.00 | ROUTE 4

NEW
TOUR

Our day in Bronte country includes a return train journey on the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway, known as 'The Railway Children Line' since being thrust into the limelight in the 1970s when Lionel Jeffries selected the railway to be the backdrop for his adaption of E. Nesbit's 'The Railway Children'. More recently, the railway has been used as filming locations for *Peaky Blinders* and *All Creatures Great and Small*. You'll also have time to explore the village of Haworth, home to the famous Bronte sisters, where *Wuthering Heights* characters Cathy and Heathcliff were born and where Jane Eyre came to life.



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MON 3 JUNE

The Suffolk Coastal Tour

TICKET PRICES COMING SOON
ROUTE 4C

FISH
& CHIP
LUNCH

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! 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 old cottages cluster around the lighthouse and candy coloured beach huts line the shore. **Great reviews in 2023** "Very enjoyable day out. The fish and chip lunch was also excellent." and "She [the guide] was excellent, never had one so good. Interesting information presented with humour".

WED 5 JUNE

Cambridge

AD £27.50 | SEN £25.00
CH £25.00 | ROUTE 4C

GREAT
VALUE



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Great for shopping, great for culture and lots of super cafés and restaurants. You'll find a John Lewis department store in the Grand Arcade, all the usual High Street names and lots of interesting independents plus a wealth of beautiful buildings. Perhaps try an Open Top Bus Tour or a guided tour of the iconic Kings College?

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TUE 4 JUNE

King's Lynn & Hunstanton

AD £32.00 | SEN £29.50
CH £29.50 | ROUTE 3A

MARKET
DAY



King's Lynn was one of England's most important ports from as early as the 12th century and its maritime past is still very much evident today. Fine old merchants' houses stretch down to the river between cobbled lanes and the elegant Custom House. Shop for bargains at today's market, which takes place on the historic Market Place, before continuing to Hunstanton for an afternoon by the sea.

THUR 6 JUNE

Stratford-upon-Avon & Hidcote Manor Gardens

AD £52.00 | SEN £49.50
CH £41.00 | ROUTE 4A

NT
DISCOUNT



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After a lunchtime break in Shakespeare's riverside town of Stratford-upon-Avon, step back on board for the short ride to Hidcote, a world-famous Arts and Craft-inspired, Grade I listed garden. Stroll through smaller, more formal garden 'rooms' near the house, which give way to more natural areas that blend in with the surrounding countryside. Afterwards, why not enjoy a drink at Winthrop's Café or head to the National Trust shop, plant centre and second-hand bookstore, where you'll find a huge range of gifts and souvenirs. Discount available for NT Members and anyone wanting to spend the day in Stratford-upon-Avon.

MON 10 JUNE

Chatsworth House & Garden **CUSTOMER FAVOURITE**

AD £57.50 | SEN £55.00
CH £45.00 | ROUTE 1

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.

TUE 11 JUNE

Saffron Walden **MARKET DAY**

AD £29.50 | SEN £27.00
CH £27.00 | ROUTE 4C



Photo courtesy of David & Anne Ferner

Named as The Times 'best place to live in the east!' Head to one of Essex's most delightful medieval towns on market day with unique public gardens to wander within.

THUR 13 JUNE

BBC Gardeners World Live, NEC **ENTRY TO 2 SHOWS**

AD £52.50 | SEN £49.50
CH £40.00 | ROUTE 1B



© BBC

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

MON 17 JUN

ABBA Voyage, Abba Arena **SEATED TICKET**

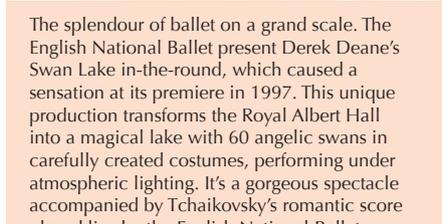
ALL FARES £89.00 | ROUTE 1

A revolutionary stage show like you've never seen before! See ABBA's avatars perform timeless hits through cutting-edge technology and incredible lighting displays! It has to be seen to be believed! Includes a shopping stop at Westfield en route. **Book early – seven sell-out dates already!**

THUR 20 JUN

Swan Lake, Royal Albert Hall **IN THE ROUND**

STALLS SEAT £127.50
RAUSING CIRCLE £89.00 | ROUTE 4C



The splendour of ballet on a grand scale. The English National Ballet present Derek Deane's Swan Lake in-the-round, which caused a sensation at its premiere in 1997. This unique production transforms the Royal Albert Hall into a magical lake with 60 angelic swans in carefully created costumes, performing under atmospheric lighting. It's a gorgeous spectacle accompanied by Tchaikovsky's romantic score played live by the English National Ballet Philharmonic. Choose stalls seats to be by the lake side or choose Rausing Circle seats for a birds' eye view.

MON 24 JUNE

Hoveton Gardens & Wroxham **NEW TOUR**

AD £47.50 | SEN £45.00
CH £45.00 | ROUTE 5

After a lunchtime break in the village of Wroxham, step back on board for a short ride to Hoveton Hall Gardens. These beautiful gardens are a mixture of wild planting and formal walled gardens, with lakes, woodland and parkland to explore and enjoy. Book fare only if you would like to spend the day in Wroxham, said to be the capital of the Norfolk Broads.

TUE 25 JUNE

RPO Symphonic Rock, Royal Albert Hall **REAR ARENA**

ALL FARES £75.00 | ROUTE 1



Celebrate 20 years of this must-see show, featuring classic rock anthems and hit songs performed by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and rhythm section. There's music by Queen, Eurythmics, Oasis, U2, David Bowie, Bryan Adams, Paul Weller, The Police and iconic hit songs such as *Layla*, *Live On A Prayer*, *Stairway to Heaven*, *Bat Out of Hell*, *Bohemian Rhapsody*, *Bittersweet Symphony*, and many more, each given the RPO's signature symphonic twist! Featuring a spectacular light show and a host of backing singers this is one sensational show not to be missed! Conducted by David Firman, with a special guest presenter!

MON 1 JUL

ABBA Voyage, Abba Arena **SEATED TICKET**

ALL FARES £89.00 | ROUTE 4C

A revolutionary stage show like you've never seen before! See ABBA's avatars perform timeless hits through cutting-edge technology and incredible lighting displays! It has to be seen to be believed! Includes a shopping stop at Westfield en route. **Book early – seven sell-out dates already!**

WED 3 JUL

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, MK Theatre **STALLS SEAT**

ALL FARES £75.00 | ROUTE 4C



A brand-new production of this much-loved family favourite bursting with unforgettable songs by the Sherman Brothers including *Hushabye Mountain*, *Truly Scrumptious* and the Academy Award-nominated title song *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang!* Don't miss the most *fantasmagorical* musical of all time!

FRI 5 JUL

RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival

AD £75.00 | SEN £72.50
CH £39.50 | ROUTE 4C



Always one of the highlights of the gardening year – packed with inspiration and stunning displays in a truly majestic setting!

MON 8 JUL

Bury St. Edmunds & Fullers Mill Garden

ALL FARES £75.00 | ROUTE 1

NEW TOUR



Head to the lovely market town of Bury St. Edmunds where we'll meet a City & Village Tours' guide for a relaxed walking tour of the town – mostly in the Gardens, where you'll see the Abbey ruins, the Magna Carta memorials and the Appley Rose Gardens. This afternoon, it's just a short drive to Fullers Mill Garden, an enchanting waterside oasis on the River Lark – a little gem with many rare and unusual plants and shrubs. **Morning tea/coffee is included along with a quiche, new potatoes and salad for lunch** – both to be taken in The Pilgrim's Kitchen next door to the Cathedral.

FRI 12 JUL

Belvoir Castle & Gardens

AD £47.50 | SEN £45.00
CH £45.00 | ROUTE 1

GUIDED TOUR

Enjoy a guided tour of the Castle and marvel at the opulent State Rooms. From the Ballroom to the State Dining Room, you'll feel like royalty as you journey through beautifully decorated rooms before take a relaxing stroll through the established formal gardens and parkland on a variety of walks and trails – including the Rose Garden, Spiral Walk, Japanese Woodland, Duchess Garden, Hermit's Garden and Duke's Walk. Experts describe the castle as one of the finest examples of Regency architecture in the country.

MON 22 JUL

RHS Garden Wisley

AD £58.00 | SEN £55.50
CH £47.50 | ROUTE 1

RHS DISCOUNT



Enjoy a visit to the RHS' flagship garden and one of the great gardens of the world! Learn about the renowned plant collections, get advice and inspiration for your own garden, or simply relax amongst the beautiful surroundings. Step inside the Old Laboratory and discover the previously hidden stories of the garden's rich past brought to life through interactive exhibits, weird and wonderful artefacts and the memories of students and staff who worked in the building and garden. Don't miss the Glasshouse with three different climatic zones to explore.

MON 22 JUL

The Norfolk Broads by Train & Paddle Boat

ALL FARES £55.00 | ROUTE 5



This lovely tour features a 9-mile ride on the Bure Valley Railway, Norfolk's longest narrow-gauge railway, through the pretty countryside from Aylsham to Wroxham the "Capital of the Broads". There's free time in Wroxham before finishing the day on board the double-deck Mississippi Paddle Boat Steamer. Sail out of the pretty village of Horning passing pretty thatched houses, windmills and Norfolk reed beds. Inside you'll find a fully stocked bar and be able to enjoy interesting commentary along the way. **Always a sell-out with great reviews** "Enjoyed this trip immensely, especially the Bure Valley Steam Train" and "We all had a wonderful time".

TUE 23 JUL

Cromer & Sheringham

AD £36.50 | SEN £34.00
CH £34.00 | ROUTE 3A

TWO-STOP



Visit two of our favourite Norfolk coastal resorts in one day!

TUE 23 JUL

Southwold & Aldeburgh

AD £39.50 | SEN £37.00
CH £37.00 | ROUTE 4C

TWO-STOP



Spend a couple of hours in timeless Southwold, on the Suffolk Coast, before continuing to the nearby resort of Aldeburgh, where pastel-coloured 19th century holiday villas line the promenade and to the east is the pebble beach with fisherman's huts selling the daily catch. No wonder that it's renowned for its fish & chips!

WED 24 JUL

Cambridge & University Botanic Garden

AD £35.00 | SEN £32.50
CH £32.50 | ROUTE 1

NEW TOUR

Uncover a 40-acre garden that holds a collection of over 8,000 species from all over the world, creating a stunning backdrop for a relaxing and informative day out. Highlights include the richly-fragranced Scented Garden, the beautiful Bee Borders and the Dry Garden inspired by water-wise and drought-tolerant plants. Browse in the Garden Shop or refresh in the Garden Café before spending the afternoon in Cambridge. Use our coach transfer or depart when you're ready on foot (approx. 20 min walk to Market Square). Book fare only to spend a full day in Cambridge.

THUR 25 JUL

The Tower of London

AD £72.50 | SEN £62.50
CH £49.50 | ROUTE 1

THE MOAT IN BLOOM



If you've been fascinated by viewing *Inside the Tower*, then you'll love this! Entry includes the chance to see the sparkling **new Crown Jewels display** and the famous ravens plus the opportunity to join a Yeoman Warder guided tour. The 'Beefeeders', 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 from the prisoners who entered through Traitors' Gate. The new Jewel House allows you to explore the origins of some of the objects for the very first time, including the destruction of the original jewels under Oliver Cromwell! Since the Platinum Jubilee the Tower Moat has been transforming into a haven for pollinators as the once barren lawn becomes a biodiverse naturalistic landscape, **moat access is included with your ticket**. Book fare only to visit nearby attractions such as Tower Bridge Walkway, HMS Belfast and St. Katherine's Dock.

THUR 25 JUL

Peak District Summer Scenes

ALL FARES £65.00 | ROUTE 4B

TWO COURSE LUNCH

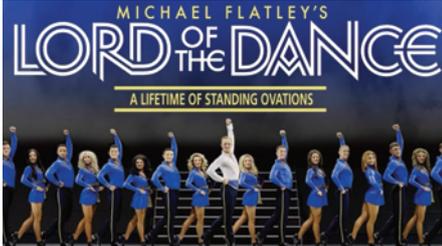
Take a scenic tour through the UK's original national park in the heart of England and experience the natural beauty of this treasured landscape. Spend time in the historic plague village of Eyam and pause for lunch in the attractive village of Tideswell, not far from its magnificent medieval church known as 'The Cathedral of The Peak'. **LUNCH CHOICES: Chicken Breast with Fondant Potato, Baby Gem & Pancetta Sauce; Belly Pork with Mash, Savoy Cabbage & Cider Jus or Salmon with Crushed New Potatoes, Kale & Parsley Sauce. Followed by Eton Mess; Apple Crumble with Clotted Cream; Ice Cream or Sticky Toffee Pudding with Butterscotch & Vanilla Ice Cream.** Let us know of any dietary requirements when you book.

FRI 26 JUL

Lord of the Dance - A Lifetime of Ovations
Milton Keynes Theatre

CIRCLE SEAT

ALL FARES £85.00 | ROUTE 4C



Set to make a spectacular return to UK stages with a dazzling revival of Michael Flatley's record-breaking show that's been seen and loved by over 60 million people across 60 countries! Mesmerising footwork and fast paced drum beats combine to create an exciting new show, A Lifetime of Standing Ovations, that will once again captivate and wow audiences.

MON 29 JUL

Buckingham Palace Rooms

+GARDEN TOUR

AD £82.00 | SEN £79.50
CH £59.50 | ROUTE 1



Take a self-guided tour of the palace's magnificent, treasure laden, State Rooms with a multimedia guide before joining an expert Warden for a 45-minute guided garden highlights tour – described as 'a walled oasis in the middle of London'. You'll see the beautiful Herbaceous border, the Rose Garden, the enormous Waterloo Vase and the tennis court played on by King George VI and Fred Perry!

MON 29 JUL

Wells-next-the-Sea & Hunstanton

TWO-STOP

AD £35.00 | SEN £32.50
CH £32.50 | ROUTE 5



The Quay at Wells is one of our favourite places for fish & chips – but watch out for the seagulls – and a stroll by the sea at 'Sunny Hunny' is another timeless occupation!

TUE 30 JUL

Woodbridge & Sutton Hoo

NT DISCOUNT

AD £55.00 | SEN £52.50
CH £45.00 | ROUTE 4C



Spend a couple of hours wandering round the charming Suffolk market town of Woodbridge before an awe-inspiring afternoon at Sutton Hoo, the famous Anglo-Saxon royal burial site uncovered by Edith Pretty and the amateur archaeologist Basil Brown on the eve of WW2. Discover the incredible story of the ship burial and the Anglo-Saxon king's treasured possessions.

TUE 30 JUL

Hertford & The Lee Valley Cruise

+AFTERNOON TEA

ALL FARES £69.00 | ROUTE 1

Join us for a lovely, leisurely boat trip through Hertfordshire's Lee Valley Regional Park on a 2½ hour cruise from Broxbourne, with a super afternoon tea served as you sail. See if you can spot some of the park's wildlife as you tuck into a savoury selection of mini sandwiches and mini scones. Be sure to leave room for the delicious, dainty sweet treats including mini Victoria sponges, macarons, mini lemon tarts, salted caramel tarts and homemade mini scones. A cup of tea or coffee is included but you can also treat yourself to a glass of Prosecco from the bar. We'll take a 90-minute break in the county town of Hertford before setting sail. **Great reviews in 2023** "A lovely day out – as always, well planned, and excellent service all day. The boat trip was very enjoyable, and the afternoon tea was exceptional."

WED 31 JUL

An Officer And A Gentleman, Nottingham Theatre Royal

STALLS

AD £75.00 | SEN £72.50
CH £72.50 | ROUTE 1



Based on the award-winning 80s movie, this timeless story of love, courage and redemption is accompanied by a smash-hit soundtrack which includes songs from Bon Jovi, Blondie, Madonna, Cyndi Lauper and many more. This captivating romance also features the award-winning (*Love Lift Us*) *Up Where We Belong*. Prepare to be swept off your feet!

WED 31 JUL

Sandringham Flower Show

+GARDEN ENTRY

AD £49.50 | SEN £47.00
CH £27.50 | ROUTE 5



The 141st show is set to be packed with fabulous floral displays accompanied by an exciting line up of entertainment! Expect show gardens, displays by leading nurseries, gardening experts, music from the bandstand, rural crafts and a full programme of arena events at this charming local show, held on the King's Norfolk estate. Arena events include falconry, terrier racing, a pipe band, action horses, parachute and motorcycle displays. **Includes entry to Sandringham Gardens and the church.**

THUR 1 AUG

Skegness

SENIOR + CHILD SPECIAL

AD £32.00 | SEN £29.50
CH £29.50 | ROUTE 3



Our local resort – with miles of golden sand!

THUR 1 AUG

Blenheim Palace

NEW

AD £64.00 | SEN £59.50
CH £49.50 | ROUTE 4A



Home to the 12th Duke of Marlborough and his family and the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill, Blenheim Palace is a UNESCO World Heritage Site boasting a long and diverse history. Explore the gilded State Rooms and priceless collections inside this magnificent Grade I listed building. The picture-perfect British stately home sits among more than 2,000 acres of landscaped parkland and formal Gardens. Don't miss the tranquil Secret Garden with all of its hidden treasures, the new Churchill Memorial Garden and the beautifully delicate Rose Garden.

FRI 2 AUG

North Yorkshire Moors Railway +WHITBY

TICKET PRICES COMING SOON | ROUTE 1A



Begin the day by the sea in Whitby where there's time to wander down the quaint alleyways and maybe treat yourself to some super fresh fish & chips. This afternoon, climb aboard for a nostalgic train journey through 24 miles of incredible scenery all the way from Whitby to Pickering on this restored heritage line.

WED 7 AUG

The Isle of Sheppey FISH & CHIP LUNCH

ALL FARES £59.00 | ROUTE 4C



By customer request, we're delighted to feature a day on the Isle of Sheppey. Cross the quite spectacular Kingsferry Bridge and enjoy a fish and chip lunch, then prepare to be amazed at how much history this small island holds. A local guide will accompany us around the island before we return to the Blue Town Criterion Heritage Centre which is jam packed with items, memorabilia and artefacts. **Great customer reviews:** "Thoroughly enjoyed the Criterion, a well-spotted attraction" and "Very interesting and quite surprising".

THUR 8 AUG

Buxton & Peak Forest Canal Cruise AFTERNOON TEA

ALL FARES £56.00 | ROUTE 1



Pause in the spa town of Buxton then take a short ride to Whaley Bridge to enjoy a leisurely afternoon on the canal. Expect magnificent mountain views – including the impressive Kinder Scout – during this two-hour cruise with a generous cream tea served as you sail. **Book early – customer favourite!**

MON 12 AUG

The Queen at Windsor Castle PRIVATE INTRODUCTION

AD £77.50 | SEN £75.00
CH £62.50 | ROUTE 1



Our visit begins with a special, private 30-minute introduction to Queen Elizabeth II's life here. Windsor Castle 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. You're then free to explore these incredible rooms at your leisure.

TUE 13 AUG

Hever Castle & Gardens CUSTOMER FAVOURITE

AD £57.50 | SEN £54.00
CH £42.00 | ROUTE 4C

Customers loved our Christmas visit to this beautiful castle in Kent so we're eager to return in summer when the gardens will be alive with colour. Once the childhood home of Anne Boleyn, much of what you'll see today is the result of the remarkable efforts of William Waldorf Astor, who used his fortune to restore the castle in the early 20th century. The panelled rooms are richly decorated and full of fine furniture and antiques. Outside, the magnificent gardens are adorned with classical statuary, a maze, a lake and woodland walks. The English Rose Garden contains over 5,000 rose bushes which should be a kaleidoscope of colour at this time of year. In summer, the herbaceous border blooms with hundreds of perennials and the Mediterranean-style planting in with the Pompeii Wall bursts into life.

WED 14 AUG

Summer Circus & Water Spectacular, Great Yarmouth Hippodrome NEW

TICKET PRICES COMING SOON | ROUTE 3A



Roll up, roll up to see the legendary summer show at Great Yarmouth Hippodrome, featuring a unique water spectacular where the entire ring sinks to reveal a gigantic swimming pool! Taking place in Britain's only surviving total circus building which is also home to a fascinating collection of circus memorabilia.

THUR 15 AUG

Ipswich & The Orwell Lady Cruise + AFTERNOON TEA

AD £79.50 | SEN £75.00
CH £59.50 | ROUTE 1

Take a summer stroll along Ipswich's trendy Waterfront – and maybe enjoy 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 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, whilst enjoying afternoon tea as you sail. **Great customer reviews:** "The boat trip was very enjoyable and the afternoon tea served onboard exceptional". Book fare only to spend the day in Ipswich.

MON 19 AUG

RHS Garden Bridgewater RHS DISCOUNT

AD £55.00 | SEN £52.50
CH £52.50 | ROUTE 1



Enjoy a stroll around the new RHS Garden at Salford! Set in the grounds of a 19th century residence, the master plan for this garden 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, which celebrates the huge contribution of Chinese plants.

TUE 20 AUG

The Great Stink GREAT REVIEWS

TICKET PRICES COMING SOON
ROUTE 4C



Visit London's extraordinary Cathedral of Sewage. Learn all about Sir Joseph Bazalgette's massive engineering project which transformed the lives of Londoners and cleaned up the Thames. Final details are to be confirmed, please let us know if you'd like more information about this fascinating and most unusual day out. **Great customer reviews:** "It was great and somewhere I would never have gone" and "A very interesting and enjoyable day out in London. Great from start to finish. The drivers and Blue Badge Guide were excellent".

More summer days out coming soon! Keep an eye on our website, eNews and social media. Or let us know if you'd like a postal update.

THUR 22 AUG

The Cromer Pier Summer Show

AD £62.00 | SEN £59.50
CH £59.50 | ROUTE 5

FRONT STALLS



An award-winning feast of live variety entertainment featuring comedy, singing, dancing and plenty of razzle and dazzle! **Great reviews in 2023** "The Pier Show put a smile on everyone's face". Book fare only to spend the day in Cromer.

WED 24 AUG

Bury St. Edmunds & Lavenham

AD £37.50 | SEN £35.00
CH £35.00 | ROUTE 4C

TWO-STOP



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

WED 28 AUG

Hello Dolly, London Palladium

ALL FARES £89.00 | ROUTE 4C

STALLS SEATS



BAFTA Award-winning Imelda Staunton is back where she belongs in Hello, Dolly, one of the most iconic musicals of all time and coming to The London Palladium for a **limited summer season**. Jerry Herman's timeless score includes *Put On Your Sunday Clothes*, *Ribbons Down My Back*, *Before the Parade Passes By*, *Elegance*, *It Only Takes a Moment* and of course, *Hello, Dolly!*

THUR 29 AUG

Suffolk Estuary Cruise

ALL FARES £72.50 | ROUTE 1

LUNCH + CREAM TEA



Enjoy a 2-hour afternoon cruise on the Deben Estuary, a Special Protection Area that lies within the Suffolk Coast & Heaths AONB. Listen to interesting commentary on the river's rich wildlife and history whilst enjoying a scone with jam/butter and a cup of tea/coffee as you sail. A 1-course, choice lunch at a local inn is included before your cruise.

THUR 12 SEPT

Buckingham Palace State Apartments

AD £69.50 | SEN £67.00
CH £49.50 | ROUTE 4C

LIMITED OPEN DATES



Visit the Palace's sumptuous State Apartments, furnished with wonderful treasures from the Royal Collection.

WED 25 SEPT

Six The Musical, MK Theatre

ALL FARES £69.50 | ROUTE 4C

BAND A STALLS



From Tudor Queens to Pop Princesses, the six wives of Henry VIII take to the stage to tell their tales, remixing five hundred years of historical heartbreak into an 80-minute celebration of 21st century girl power. An award-winning, sell-out success!

WED 2 OCT

101 Dalmatians, MK Theatre

ALL FARES £65.00 | ROUTE 1

BAND A STALLS



Adapted from Dodie Smith's beloved novel, this timeless story features breathtaking puppetry, dazzling choreography and cleverly crafted songs. Get ready for an unforgettable journey through this classic canine tale – brought to life on stage – you'd be barking mad to miss it!

THUR 3 OCT

Starlight Express, Wembley Park

ALL FARES £85.00 | ROUTE 4C

LOCOMOTIVE SECTION SEAT



Immerse yourself inside a world of speed, song and storytelling as an incredible cast of 40 whizz around and above, performing some of theatre's most beloved songs inside the specially created Starlight Auditorium! With music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Richard Stilgoe, get ready for thumping, high tempo sounds including *AC/DC*, *Make Up My Heart*, *Light at the End of the Tunnel* and the iconic *Starlight Express*.

TUE 22 OCT

RPO ABBAphonic, Royal Albert Hall

ALL FARES £75.00 | ROUTE 4C

REAR ARENA SEAT



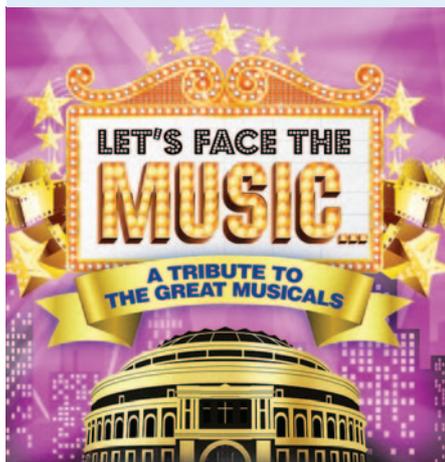
Celebrating 50 years since Europe's biggest pop group won the Eurovision Song Contest with *Waterloo*, with timeless chart-topping tracks that have been given the RPO's signature symphonic twist! Featuring West End vocalists, a special guest presenter and a spectacular light show.

TUE 5 NOV

RPO Let's Face
The Music,
Royal Albert Hall

ALL FARES £75.00 | ROUTE 1

REAR
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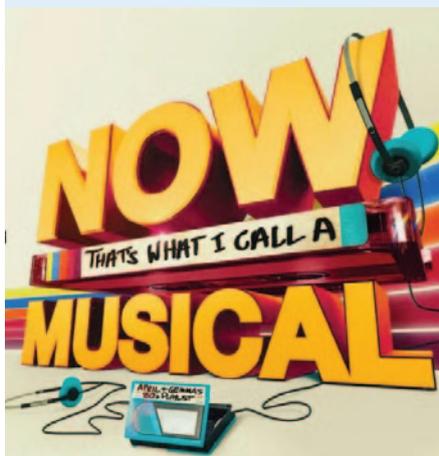
Take a trip down memory lane at this nostalgic celebration of classic musicals from Hollywood's golden age. Featuring much-loved songs from Guys & Dolls, My Fair Lady, Singin' In The Rain, Anything Goes, Oklahoma!, The Sound of Music, The Wizard of Oz, Calamity Jane, Carousel, West Side Story, Hello Dolly!, Kiss Me Kate...to name but a few.

WED 13 NOV

NOW That's What
I Call A Musical,
MK Theatre

AD £67.50 | SEN £65.00
CH £65.00 | ROUTE 4C

BAND
A STALLS



Directed and choreographed by Strictly Come Dancing legend Craig Revel Horwood, this heart-warming and amusing story takes us on an uplifting journey down memory lane, featuring hits from Whitney Houston, Wham! Blondie, Tears For Fears, Spandau Ballet and so many more.

COMING SOON...



Thursford Christmas
Spectacular 2024

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AND THERE'S MORE...

We're always adding to our day trips so keep an eye on our website, local press, Facebook, X (formally Twitter) and sign up for our eNews to stay up to date. If you're not online just let us know and we'll post you a newsletter from time to time.

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. Senior Fares.

Apply to all customers aged 65 or over.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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 written complaints if they are received (via email or post) no later than 14 days after the date of travel.

8. 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.

9. 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?

10. 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.

11. Refreshments.

Other than on a vehicle fitted expressly for that purpose, food and drink, except for small items of confectionery, may not be consumed on board. Smoking (including E-cigarettes) and alcohol are not permitted on board.

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 to you.

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 room availability, especially for late bookings. We're always pleased to see customers at the office if you prefer to book in person or if you would like any extra advice or assurance. 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 (page 3), BCH ABTOT

Trading Charter (pages 21 and 22) and the tour itinerary - all of which are also available on our website. Then, return your completed booking form by post/email, along with your **non-refundable deposit of just £50 per person** (or the full amount if you are making a reservation less than 8 weeks before departure). 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 departure 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 3.

BCH ABTOT Trading Charter

1. Financial Protection.

Your contract is with E. Shaw & Son of 49 High Street, Maxey, Peterborough PE6 9EF. When you book a holiday with us, which doesn't include a flight, the money you pay us for the booking will be protected by the Bonded Coach Holidays (BCH) and the Association of Bonded Travel Organisers Trust Limited (ABTOT), this is a Government approved consumer protection scheme. The scheme will also ensure your repatriation in the event the company becomes insolvent. Our Trading Charter and Booking Conditions set out clearly and simply the responsibility we have to you and in turn, you have with us, when a contract is made. Please see the BCH Consumer Guarantee at <https://www.abtot.com/bch-abtot-members-directory>. There is no financial protection if you purchase just transport or accommodation-only from us. We fully comply with the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018. The combination of travel services offered to you is a package holiday within the meaning of the Regulations. Therefore, you will benefit from all rights applying to package holidays. E. Shaw & Son will be fully responsible for the proper performance of the holiday and providing assistance if you are in difficulty. Your key rights will be in the details of the tour which will be provided prior to booking.

2. Booking and 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.

Single occupancy of rooms, when available, may be subject to 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.

The balance of the price of your holiday must be paid at least 8 weeks before your departure. If you book within our balance due period, you will need to pay the total holiday cost at the time of booking. If the balance is not paid in time we reserve the right to cancel your holiday, retain your deposit, and apply the cancellation charges set out in the paragraph below. The date of cancellation will normally be the date we receive your written confirmation that you intend to cancel or 15 days after the balance due date, whichever comes first.

Where optional items are purchased as part of the holiday, these are payable on the balance due date except where items, such as theatre tickets, have been specifically purchased for you. In this case the cost will be payable at a separate date notified to you and will not normally be refunded unless we obtain a refund from the supplier we use.

3. Brochure Accuracy.

Although E. Shaw & Son make every effort to ensure the accuracy of the brochure 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.

4. Our Pricing Policy.

E. Shaw & Son endeavour to ensure that the most up to date and correct prices are shown in our brochure. Occasionally, an incorrect price may be shown, due to an error. When we become aware of any such error, we will endeavour to notify you at the time of booking (if we are then aware of the mistake) or as soon as reasonably possible. We reserve the right to cancel the booking if you do not wish to accept the price which is applicable to the holiday. Local Authorities in many towns and cities throughout Europe have introduced new tourist taxes which must be paid directly to the hotel by all guests in person. These taxes are not included in our prices but we will notify you when applicable.

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 first 2% of the holiday price. Amounts more than this plus £1 administration fee and Travel Agents commission will be surcharged to you. If this means the total cost 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. The currency exchange rates used in the holiday costings are based on rates as at 1 April 2023.

5. If you change your booking.

If, after our confirmation has been issued, you wish to change to another of our holidays or change departure date, we will do our utmost to make the changes, but we cannot guarantee to do so. However, notification must be received in writing at our offices from the person who signed the booking form, at least eight weeks before departures. This must be accompanied by a payment of £10 pp to cover our administrative costs, plus costs we incur in making the amendment. Alterations cannot be made within eight weeks of departure and any such request for an alteration will be treated as a cancellation of the original booking and will be subject to the cancellation charges set out in paragraph below. Some arrangements cannot be changed without paying a cancellation charge of up to 100% of the ticket cost.

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 date. This is in addition to (and does not affect) the separate liability of the transferee to us.

7. If you need to cancel your holiday.

You or any member of your party, may cancel your holiday at any time provided the cancellation is made by the person signing the booking form and is communicated to us in writing via the office who made your original booking. You must pay cancellation charges to cover our administration costs and to compensate for the risk of us not reselling the holiday. If the holiday is resold a refund will be made. Your cancellation will take effect from the date on which we or our agent receive your written confirmation of your cancellation. You must also return any tickets or vouchers you have received. A reduction in room occupancy may increase the charges for the remaining passengers by the application of supplements for low occupancy

of rooms. Where bought in supplies, such as ferries, hotel accommodation etc have been bought in on your behalf, and where the terms and conditions of the supplier are non-refundable, these products will be charged to you at the full retail rate. If this applies, the non-refundable items will be deducted from your holiday costs and the following scale of charges will be applied to the remainder:

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:

- More than 56 days: Deposit only
- 55 to 49 days: 30% or deposit, if greater
- 48 to 22 days: 50%
- 21 to 8 days: 70%
- 7 to 1 days: 90%
- Departure day or later including voluntary termination during the package: Total package cost

You may cancel your holiday without paying any termination fee before the start of the holiday, in the event of unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances occurring at the place of destination or its immediate vicinity, for instance, if there are serious security problems at the destination which are likely to affect the package.

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 planned 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 about 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 type of hotel, a change in cross channel travel, or specification of the coach. If we tell you about any of these changes after we have confirmed your holiday booking (other than force majeure), you may either:

- accept the new arrangements as offered by us; or
- accept a replacement holiday from us of equivalent or similar standard and price (at the date of the change), if we can offer you one; or
- cancel your holiday with us and receive a full refund of all monies.

Either way, we will pay you compensation, as below:

Period before departure in which significant change is notified to you or your agent and the associated amount of compensation paid per person:

- More than 56 days: Nil
- 28 to 56 days: £10
- 15 to 27 days: £15
- 8 to 14 days: £20
- 0 to 7 days: £25

IMPORTANT NOTE. Compensation 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 disturbances, terrorist activity and its consequences, industrial disputes, natural and nuclear disasters, fire, epidemics, health 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 <https://www.gov.uk/browse/abroad/travel-abroad> prior to travel.

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We always include collection from your door, executive coach travel, experienced & highly rated drivers, hotel, breakfast, dinner with tea/coffee, all excursions & entry fees

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 (force majeure means an event which we or the suppliers of the services in question could not foresee or avoid and is therefore beyond our control).

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. If any part of our holiday contract is not provided as promised, you may terminate the contract without 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 cost (not including insurance premiums and amendment charges). We accept responsibility 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 will be limited in the manner provided by the relevant international convention.

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 contemplated and you want our assistance, you must obtain our written consent prior to any proceedings. We limit the cost of assistance to £5,000 per party.

10. If you have a complaint.

If you have a problem during your holiday, please inform your Tour Manager, your driver or the relevant supplier/resort representative immediately who will endeavour to put things right. If your complaint cannot be completely resolved locally, you must complete a Holiday Report Form which can be obtained by your driver or local representative, which you should keep. Our contact number, for unresolved complaints will be our office number on 01778 342224 (open in office hours). If you remain dissatisfied please follow this up within 14 days of your return home by writing to E. Shaw & Son giving your original booking reference number and all other relevant information, including the reference of the Holiday Report Form. It is therefore a condition of this contract that you communicate any problem to the supplier of the services in question AND to our representative whilst in resort and obtain a written report form. If you fail to follow this simple procedure, we cannot accept responsibility as we have been deprived of the opportunity to investigate and rectify the problem. Should you wish to pursue the complaint further, BCH/ABTOT have an Alternative Dispute Resolution scheme and full details are available from them. Please contact them at BCH/ABTOT, 7th Floor, 69 Leadenhall Street, London EC3A 2BG.

11. Our Coaches.

We will always use our reasonable endeavours to provide a coach to the specification in our brochure or advert, but reserve the right to substitute an alternative vehicle should there be unforeseen circumstances. There is a seating plan but in some cases, operational reasons may require a coach with a different configuration. We reserve the right to alter a coach seating plan and allocate seats other than those booked. Single passengers may be required to share a double seat with other single passengers. When your booking is confirmed, you will be offered the best seats that are available at that time. If you feel that you require two seats, then these must be booked and paid for in advance, at the time of booking. If you fail to do this and it transpires that the seat allocated to you is insufficient for your needs and there is no alternative seating available then you will be refused access to the coach and any payments made will be liable to forfeiture.

Specific seats will not be allocated on coaches operating a feeder service between joining points and main holiday departure points or on coaches that carry out transfers between airports, seaports etc. A typical seating plan is available to view on our website and in our brochure.

12. Hotel facilities.

Some hotel facilities and entertainment may be withdrawn for routine maintenance or be subject to seasonal availability and provision of the facilities cannot be guaranteed. Single occupancy of rooms may be subject to a supplementary charge.

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 our clients 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".

Some people may be at risk from discomfort or deep vein thrombosis (DVT) if they remain immobile on a journey for a long period. If you are planning to undertake a journey of more than three hours, you should consult your doctor, if you have ever had DVT, pulmonary embolism, a family history of clotting conditions, cancer or treatment for cancer, stroke, and heart or lung disease or if you have had major surgery in the past three months.

We reserve the right to refuse any booking in the absence of a doctor's certificate confirming that you are fit to travel. Where we provide comfort stops you are encouraged to walk around. Exercise reduces any discomfort, which may be caused by periods of immobility. NO SMOKING is allowed on our coaches (including E-Cigarettes) and we do not allow pets or any other animals, although we accommodate registered assistance dogs, but not on overseas holidays.

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>).

In relation to holidays in the European Union or a requirement to travel through an EU Member State, you are responsible to ensure that you have any necessary entry documents as required by the EU. We cannot accept any liability for the consequences of your failure to do so.

You are responsible for ensuring you are at the correct departure point, at the correct time and with the correct documents. E. Shaw & Son reserve the right to modify itineraries to conform with requests from competent authorities both within the UK and abroad.

Excursions which are included in the cost of your booking are detailed on the brochure page and refunds will not be made for excursions not taken. Optional excursions booked and paid for in resort do not form part of your booking. Admission fees to buildings may not be included in the price of the holiday, please check.

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 commitment to you and are detailed on your holiday booking confirmation. We are keen to ensure that we plan the arrangements for your holiday so that special needs and requests can be accommodated as far as possible. If you will need 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 advice or further information either you or your booking agent should contact E. Shaw & Son. 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.

16. Passengers with disabilities.

We want everyone to enjoy our travel arrangements. We are happy to advise and assist you in choosing a suitable holiday. But, as some of the accommodation and resorts featured may not cater for even minor disabilities, it is important that, when booking, you advise us of any disability, specific need or complex need you may have and any special requirements that will make sure the holiday is suitable. If a passenger requires personal assistance (for example, assistance with feeding, dressing, toileting, mobilising) then this passenger must travel with an able-bodied companion or carer and written confirmation that such assistance will be provided for the entirety of the holiday is required at the time of booking. Coach Drivers/Tour Managers are unable to provide such assistance. **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.

17. Passenger Behaviour.

We want all our customers to have a happy and carefree holiday. You are responsible for your behaviour and hygiene and the effect it may have on others. If you or any other member of your party is abusive, disruptive or behaves in a way that could cause damage or injury to others or affect their enjoyment of their holiday or which could damage property, we have the right to terminate your contract with us and we will have no further liability or obligation to you. The coach driver/representative, ship's captain, or authorised official is entitled to refuse you boarding if in their reasonable opinion you are unacceptably under the influence of drink or drugs or you are being violent or disruptive. If you are refused boarding on the outward journey we will regard it as a cancellation by you and we will apply cancellation charges. If on your return journey, we have the right to terminate the contract with you. We also request that mobile telephones are not used on the coach.

18. Travel Insurance.

We strongly advise that you take out personal travel insurance for the trip, and for some tours, insurance will be compulsory. E. Shaw & Son have partnered with SunWorld holiday insurance who offer a wide range of cover with the option to choose from single trip or annual multi-trip cover. **To obtain a free custom quote, please visit <https://shaws.b2ctravel.co.uk>.** 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 your holiday, we reserve the right to claim from you any medical repatriation or other expenses which we may incur on your behalf which would otherwise have been met by insurers.

19. Luggage.

Please restrict your luggage to a suitcase weighing no more than 18 kgs per person. We cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage to luggage unless through our negligence. Please do not leave valuable items in your suitcase when left on the coach. Please contact us for our policy on mobility scooters.

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 E. Shaw & Son, 49 High Street, Maxey, Peterborough PE6 9EF. Our Cookie Policy is also available to view on our website or a copy can be sent upon request.

21. Emergency Contact.

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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!

Email:		Join our eNews to receive updates on new tours, new brochures, offers and latest news. Tick to subscribe: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Mobile:	We recommend that you nominate someone whom we may contact in the event of an accident or illness during your holiday – essential for single travellers		Tel:
Name:			

ROOM REQUIREMENTS

Room type	Name(s) of occupants (please state age if under 16)

ANY OTHER REQUESTS

(e.g. special diet, access problems, wheelchair on coach or pre-existing illnesses).

SAVE WITH SHAWS

MEET THE COACH	LOYALTY DISCOUNT	MEMBER DISCOUNT
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I enclose cash/cheque* (payable to Shaws Coaches) deposit/full payment* of £ OR

Please debit my Visa/Mastercard/Maestro/Visa Electron/* account for the above amount. (*Delete as applicable)

Cardholder's name:	Cardholder's tel:
Card no:	Security code: last 3 digits on signature strip
Expiry date:	

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Date:

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HALF PRICE
BAR

NEW TOUR



TURRETS & TANKS IN DORSET

£495pp

MON 26 FEB - FRI 1 MAR
NO SINGLE SUPP.
CODE: A3424

PAST & PEARLS ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT

£665pp

SUN 10 - FRI 15 MAR
NO SINGLE SUPP.
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MON ▶ Check in with tea/coffee on arrival.

TUE ▶ **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, brought to life through powerful memories from the brave crews who fought in them. Relax and enjoy the hotel entertainment this evening.

WED ▶ **HIGHCLIFFE CASTLE & WELCOME TALK**

▶ **BOURNEMOUTH**

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 and The Russell Cotes Museum (small admission charge) comes highly recommended by Shaws customers. Enjoy hotel entertainment this evening.

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 serene 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. Enjoy entertainment from the hotel this evening to round off your stay.

FRI ▶ Home.

"A really good mix of visits, all thoroughly interesting and enjoyable"

THE RIVIERA HOTEL, BOURNEMOUTH

★★★

▶ Situated in the secluded wooded area of Alum Chine to the west of Bournemouth ▶ A 10-15 minute walk through Alum Chine Gardens to the sandy beach and a 30 minute stroll along the prom to Bournemouth Pier ▶ Winners of a 2023 Travellers' Choice Award from Tripadvisor ▶ Ensuite rooms featuring Freeview TV, hairdryer, desk, free WiFi, complimentary tea/coffee tray & ironing equipment on request ▶ Restaurant, conservatory & lounge foyer ▶ Bar & Grill with bay views, pool table & football table ▶ Garden (artificial grass) & terrace ▶ Indoor pool, spa bath & gym ▶ Lift ▶ **ACCESS** No lift to the ground floor rooms (7 steps), steps to the garden/terrace, 3 steps to the leisure club, limited walk-in showers on request

HALF PRICE ON SELECTED DRINKS FROM 18:00-22:00
EVERY EVENING + ENTERTAINMENT ON THREE NIGHTS

SUN ▶ Absorb Solent views during the crossing and enjoy French themed music at the hotel this evening.

MON ▶ **VENTNOR BOTANIC GARDEN**

Admire the exotic plants at Ventnor, where 6,000 species flourish in a unique microclimate which claims to be 'Britain's Hottest Garden'! Red Hot Pokers flower all year and UK Champion Trees thrive in this virtually frost-free environment. Try your luck at Bingo back at the hotel this afternoon before a drinks reception and Broadway hits in the ballroom this evening.

TUE ▶ **ISLE OF WIGHT PEARL** ▶ **YARMOUTH** ▶ **MUSEUM OF ISLAND HISTORY**

Take the scenic route to IOW Pearl where beautiful jewellery has been crafted for over 30 years. This superb cliff-top attraction has wonderful views across the Channel, especially from the panoramic café. Continue to the ancient port of Yarmouth, where you'll find a 16th century castle and a restored Victorian pier. Finish the day at the Museum of Island History in Newport's early 19th century Guildhall, featuring exhibits from the Stone Age to the present day. Take a siesta before tonight's Spanish themed entertainment!

WED ▶ **GUIDED TOUR OF BRADING ROMAN VILLA** ▶ **GODSHILL**

Visit one of the finest Roman sites in the UK at Brading Villa. Marvel at beautifully preserved mosaic floors and an ingenious collection of archaeology at this award-winning site. Round off the day with a stop in the quintessentially English village of Godshill. Will you fly high on the 'Round the World' quiz tonight?

THUR ▶ **WIGHT MILITARY & HERITAGE MUSEUM + LUNCH**

Spend the morning amongst WWII exhibits including a French ambulance, weapons, tanks and more, with friendly volunteers often on hand to offer up interesting insights. A light, warm lunch is included before returning to the hotel. Enjoy cabaret entertainment from a local dance school tonight!

FRI ▶ Time to head home.



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TROUVILLE HOTEL, SANDOWN

★★★

▶ Centrally located on Sandown's seafront ▶ Winners of a 2023 Travellers' Choice Award from Tripadvisor ▶ Rated 4.3/5 by Shaws customers in 2023 ▶ Ensuite rooms featuring TV, radio, phone, hairdryer, WiFi & complimentary tea/coffee tray ▶ Restaurant & lounge bar, both with sea views ▶ Short mat bowls, table tennis & pool table ▶ Lift ▶ **ACCESS** 5 steps at the entrance (ramp at the side), walk-in showers on request

ALL TWIN & DOUBLE ROOMS HAVE SEA VIEW
CRUISE THEMED ENTERTAINMENT EVERY NIGHT



INCLUDES TWO CORNISH MENUS



£5 NT DISCOUNT

A TASTE OF CORNWALL

£675pp

MON 18 - FRI 22 MAR
SINGLE SUPP. £94
CODE: C3426

MON ▶ Enjoy a traditional Cornish welcome with cream tea and a complimentary glass of cider before this evening's meal.

TUE ▶ **EDEN PROJECT**



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. Look out for the Canopy Rope Bridge and The Golden Mosaic Path! Enjoy a traditional Fish & Chip supper this evening.

WED ▶ **BODMIN JAIL TOUR** ▶ **PADSTOW**

Delve into the dark history of Bodmin Jail at Cornwall's award-winning immersive experience which opened in 2020. 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 harbour waters or make the most of this window shoppers' paradise as you wind your way through the boutiques. There's live Cornish entertainment in the Bay Bar this evening.

THUR ▶ **NEWQUAY OR TRURO** ▶ **5 COURSE 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 this evening.

FRI ▶ Home.

FISTRAL BEACH HOTEL & SPA, 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 (pre-booking recommended) ▶ Lift
- ▶ **ACCESS** Lift unsuitable for wheelchairs & scooters, steps & level changes throughout so please discuss any mobility concerns, walk-in showers on request

ONE ACTIVITY EVENING & ONE EVENING OF LIVE ENTERTAINMENT INCLUDED

MON ▶ Check into your 4* surroundings.

TUE ▶ **CARDIFF COACH TOUR**

▶ **CARDIFF CASTLE**

Get to know the Welsh capital this morning with a two-hour guided coach tour calling at the bay, the waterfront, barrage and Penarth seafront.

Then, discover a story 2000 years in the making at Cardiff Castle. An audio tour will guide you through tales of Roman occupation, Norman Conquest, Victorian redecoration and WWII nightmares. There's free time to enjoy the city too.

WED ▶ **CHEPSTOW** ▶ **TREDEGAR HOUSE (NT)**

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. This afternoon, visit one of Wales's architectural wonders at Tredegar House. This hugely significant 17th century masterpiece features exquisite state rooms and elegant walled gardens. Lunchtime coach transfers to/from the hotel are available for anyone who wishes to spend time relaxing at St. Pierre.

THUR ▶ **ABERGAVENNY** ▶ **BRECON**

Sit back and enjoy today's scenic route, taking in the meandering River Wye, the magnificent Black Mountains and the traditional Welsh Valleys. We'll pause in Abergavenny and Brecon to soak up the market town atmospheres and to enjoy the local shops and eateries.

FRI ▶ **GLOUCESTER QUAYS**

Time to head home, following the River Severn Estuary towards Gloucester. Pause at Gloucester Quays – a premium designer outlet on the Victorian docks that's just a short walk from the city centre. The Norman Nave in the city's great Cathedral has barely changed in 900 years (donation entry).

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) & complimentary tea/coffee tray
- ▶ Restaurant, bar & lounge areas ▶ Indoor pool, sauna, steam room, gym, jacuzzi & beauty rooms (pre booking advised)
- ▶ Jogging trail, tennis courts & two golf courses ▶ **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 3 minutes uncovered walk)

ALL SINGLES ARE DOUBLE FOR SOLE



INCLUDES ONE LUNCH

THE COTSWOLDS COLLECTION

£695pp

MON 1 - FRI 5 APR
SINGLE SUPP. £142
CODE: C3428

EASTER MONDAY ▶ STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

'Pause awhile' in Shakespeare's riverside town before taking the scenic route through the Cotswolds and checking in with tea/coffee.

TUE ▶ CHELTENHAM ▶ GWSR ▶ STOW-ON-THE-WOLD

Sightsee in the spa town of Cheltenham before boarding the Gloucester-Warwickshire Railway for a nostalgic journey through the Cotswold countryside. Disembark at Toddington where there's time to pop into the café and see the museum memorabilia before continuing to Stow-on-the-Wold. This charming market town is the highest in the Cotswolds at 800ft above sea level, with an impressive market square full of delightful places to shop and eat.

WED ▶ WWT SLIMBRIDGE ▶ PAINSWICK ROCOCO GARDEN

Spend the morning amongst incredible nature at WWT Slimbridge, by the Severn Estuary. In spring, new arrivals like swallows and house martins join the flock and listen out for the songs of the chiffchaffs, reed warblers and the distinctive call of the cuckoo, too. This afternoon, visit the UK's only complete surviving Rococo Garden at Painswick. Designed as the owner's playground in the 1700s with flamboyance at its core. In April, over 9,000 bulbs spring into life and bluebells carpet the woodland.

THUR ▶ TETBURY ▶ WESTONBIRT ARBORETUM

Head south to spend time in Tetbury, an AONB that's home to HRH King Charles III and full of boutique shops and great food. This afternoon, visit one of the most mature and extraordinary arboretums in the world. Westonbirt has its roots in the Victorian plant collecting craze boasting 2,500 tree species from around the world. Adventure through the canopy on the site's award-winning and fully accessible Treetop Walkway.

FRI ▶ BROADWAY ▶ LUNCH

An 09:45 departure allows time to sightsee 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 garden centre where we've arranged a two-course lunch with tea/coffee.

DELTA HOTELS BY MARRIOTT CHELTENHAM CHASE

★★★★

- ▶ Contemporary hotel on the edge of the Cotswolds between Cheltenham & Gloucester
- ▶ Air-conditioned ensuite rooms with TV & radio, phone, hairdryer, ironing equipment, mini fridge, desk, free WiFi & complimentary tea/coffee tray
- ▶ Restaurant, bar/lounge, courtyard seating
- ▶ Indoor pool, sauna, steam room, jacuzzi, fitness centre & spa treatments
- ▶ Lift
- ▶ **ACCESS** Limited walk-in showers, mostly in double rooms, a few steps along corridors with ground floor rooms on request

NEW TOUR



STEAM & SPEED ON THE ISLE OF MAN

£649pp

WED 10 - SUN 14 APR
SINGLE SUPP. £64
CODE: B3429

WED ▶ Relax as we cross the Irish Sea, setting sail at 14:15.

THUR ▶ LAXEY ▶ TOUR OF TYNWALD

Follow the scenic coast road to Laxey village, home to the largest working water wheel in the world offering panoramic valley views from the top. Choose to visit Laxey Wheel (admission applies) or enjoy some free time here. Continue inland to Tynwald for a guided tour of the island's parliament, which claims to be the oldest continuous parliamentary assembly in the world!

FRI ▶ CASTLETOWN ▶ THE SOUND ▶ IOM STEAM RAILWAY

Tour this scenic island, starting in the ancient capital of Castletown with picturesque fishing cottages along the harbour and a superbly preserved Viking Castle. Continue 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) 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.

SAT ▶ PEEL ▶ MOTOR MUSEUM ▶ TT COURSE

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. The IOM has a famous motoring history and a visit to the Motor Museum is guaranteed to be a petrolhead's paradise, full of classic cars and rare motorcycles. Highlights include the record breaking 500 Manxman, steam cars, a Cadillac V16 and 1953 Humber Super Snipe tourer used by Queen Elizabeth II. Finish the day by taking on the formidable 37.73-mile TT Mountain Course (by coach, don't worry!) to experience the unrivalled scenery along this legendary route. Pause at The Bungalow for an iconic photo opportunity.

SUN ▶ Set sail from Douglas at 08:45 to begin our journey home.



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Courtesy, Isle of Man Motor Museum

THE CHESTERHOUSE HOTEL, DOUGLAS

★★★

- ▶ Seafront location on Loch Promenade in the centre of town
- ▶ Rated 3.7/5 by Shaws customers in 2023
- ▶ Ensuite rooms featuring TV, telephone, hairdryer, free WiFi & complimentary tea/coffee tray
- ▶ Carvery restaurant & bar/lounge
- ▶ Lift
- ▶ **ACCESS** Steps in public areas, along corridors and 6 at the entrance, one ground floor room, lift unsuitable for wheelchairs, all rooms have showers, baths are in executive sea view rooms at a supplement. Please also note that some parts of Tynwald are only accessible by stairs

Holiday insurance is always advised but is compulsory on this tour. Please provide your policy number and 24 hour contact tel.

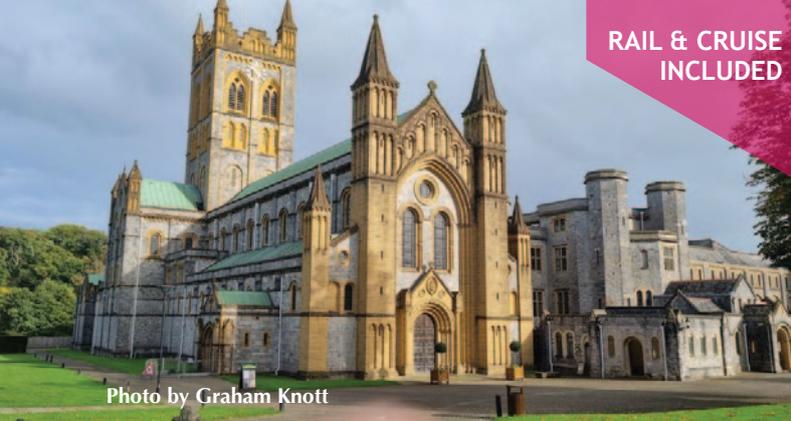


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RAIL & CRUISE INCLUDED

NEW TOUR INC. TWO CRUISES



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SPRINGTIME ON THE RIVIERA

£595pp

MON 15 - FRI 19 APR
NO SINGLE SUPP.
CODE: C3430

MON ▶ Check in with tea/coffee and settle in with hotel entertainment this evening.

"Super cream tea at Badgers Holt"

TUE ▶ DARTMOUTH STEAM RAILWAY ▶ RIVER DART CRUISE ▶ DARTMOUTH

Steam your way from Paignton to Kingswear, through coast and country, along this scenic heritage line, then take the foot passenger ferry over the River Dart to Dartmouth and board a 60-minute circular River Cruise. You'll pass Dartmouth Castle and Agatha Christie's Greenway House – with wildlife spotting opportunities too. There's free time to wander in the picturesque naval town of Dartmouth before returning, by train, to the hotel, with entertainment this evening.

WED ▶ TORQUAY ▶ BUCKFAST ABBEY

Spend the morning at leisure – perhaps stroll into town along the seafront, use the hotel's complimentary taxi service to Torquay Harbour (departs approx. 10:00 and returns 16:30, prebook before 09:30 on the day), relax in the hotel's Wellness Centre or adventure along the rugged SW Coastal Path. Complete your quiet day with an afternoon of peace and serenity at Buckfast Abbey. The impressive 11th century Abbey is complimented by spacious gardens, a restaurant and gift shops.

THUR ▶ DARTMOOR TOUR ▶ TAVISTOCK ▶ CREAM TEA AT DARTMEET

It's all about Dartmoor National Park today, starting with a morning break in the only town in Devon to hold 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 on the drive back to the hotel before tonight's entertainment.

FRI ▶ Time to head home.

THE HEADLAND HOTEL & SPA, TORQUAY

★★★★

- ▶ Quiet spot on the headland with sea views & access to the SW Coastal Path ▶ Rated 4.3/5 by Shaws customers in 2023
- ▶ Winner of a 2023 Travellers' Choice Award from Tripadvisor
- ▶ Ensuite rooms with TV, phone, hairdryer, free WiFi & complimentary tea/coffee tray ▶ Restaurant & lounge/bar
- ▶ Garden & outdoor terrace with sea views ▶ Hydro pool, sauna, steam room, mini-gym & beauty treatments (pre-booking advised) ▶ Lift ▶ ACCESS Steps to some bedrooms, limited ground floor rooms and walk-in showers, steps to the pool and at the garden entrance

ENTERTAINMENT ON THREE NIGHTS + FREE TAXI SERVICE TO TORQUAY HARBOUR

HAMPSHIRE HARBOURS

£649pp

MON 22 - FRI 26 APR
SINGLE SUPP. £112
CODE: A3431

MON ▶ Leave the mainland via Langstone Bridge and check in.

TUE ▶ HOVERCRAFT RIDE ▶ MEET THE PILOT EXPERIENCE ▶ RYDE

Speed across The Solent from Southsea to Ryde on the world's only year-round passenger hovercraft service! Reach speeds of up to 50mph, arriving on the IOW

in a thrilling 10 minutes! Glide effortlessly into Ryde where there's time to enjoy one of the UK's original seaside destinations – much loved by Queen Victoria. Find out more about the flight skills involved in operating these unique crafts during a special 'Meet the Pilot' experience.

WED ▶ CHICHESTER ▶ CATAMARAN CRUISE ▶ SCENIC DRIVE

Spend the morning in Chichester, a Roman cathedral city with pedestrianised shopping and a free-to-enter museum housing Roman Bath remains and offering unique cathedral views from the top floor! From Chichester Harbour we'll board a new solar-powered catamaran. This virtually silent vessel allows you to get up close to wildlife with an onboard expert guiding you through the harbour's special habitats and history. Finish the day with a scenic drive back to the hotel.

THUR ▶ WEALD & DOWNLAND LIVING MUSEUM ▶ BOSHAM

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 its inhabitants. This unique, open-air site explores 1000 years of traditional trades and crafts through fascinating working exhibits. Finish the day with a stroll around the picturesque coastal village of Bosham.

FRI ▶ THE SAVILL GARDEN

An 09:30 departure allows time to enjoy the colourful spring blooms at The Savill Garden in Windsor Great Park on your journey home. Springtime sees magnolias, award-winning rhododendrons and flowering Japanese cherry trees come in to their own.



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LANGSTONE QUAYS RESORT, HAYLING ISLAND

★★★★

- ▶ Unique harbour-side setting in an AONB with estuary views
- ▶ Light, bright, stylish décor ▶ Ensuite rooms featuring TV, hairdryer, ironing equipment, WiFi & complimentary tea/coffee tray ▶ Restaurant, lounge & courtyard garden ▶ Indoor pool, jacuzzi, sauna, steam room & gym ▶ ACCESS No lift, ground floor rooms available, walk-in showers on request

SINGLE ROOMS ARE DOUBLE FOR SOLE



NEW TOUR

BANK HOLIDAY DEPARTURE



THE BORDER EXPLORER

£625pp

SUN 28 APR - THUR 2 MAY
SINGLE SUPP. £136
CODE: B3432

SUFFOLK COAST & COUNTRY

£695pp

MON 6 - FRI 10 MAY
SINGLE SUPP. £112
CODE: A3433

SUN ▶ Cross the border at Gretna Green and check in.

MON ▶ **DRUMLANRIG CASTLE & MOFFAT**

Spend the morning at Drumlanrig Castle – a magnificent ‘Pink Palace’ containing a world class art collection and surrounded by stunning Victorian gardens. Don’t miss the 183m Long Terrace Walk and the restored Victorian glasshouses and Rock Garden. Take a scenic drive across the Lowther Hills, via Beattock Summit to spend a wee while in the former spa town of Moffat – a vibrant town overlooked by the beautiful green Moffat Hills.

TUE ▶ **DEVIL’S PORRIDGE MUSEUM** ▶ **BLACKSMITHS GRENTA GREEN EXPERIENCE WITH LUNCH** ▶ **ANNANDALE DISTILLERY TOUR & TASTING**

Visit the intriguingly named Devil’s Porridge Museum to discover the story of the greatest munitions factory on earth during World War One! Galleries feature displays from the trenches, HM Factory Gretna, evacuees, the 1941 Gretna bombing and much more. Then, for a romantic visit to the Famous Blacksmiths Gretna Green Experience. This immersive attraction, refurbished in 2022, takes you through eight centuries of love, romance and marriage at Gretna. Discover tales from runaway couples and their rebellious journeys over the border with a (heart)warming soup and sandwich lunch too. Finish the day at the Annandale Distillery. This award-winning site underwent a huge restoration in 2015 and looks forward to welcoming you with a tour and tasting of the local hooch.

WED ▶ **FULL DAY GUIDED TOUR OF THE SOLWAY FIRTH**

Sit back and enjoy spectacular, unspoilt scenery during a guided coach tour of southwest Scotland, through undulating coastline and endless green countryside. The Solway Firth is the third largest estuary in the UK with beautiful beaches, thriving nature reserves and scenic coastal towns and villages.

THUR ▶ Time to head home.



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HOLIDAY INN DUMFRIES

★★★

- ▶ Set within 100 acres of landscaped parkland on the Crichton Estate, just outside Dumfries
- ▶ Beautiful stone building with many original features
- ▶ Ensuite rooms with Freeview HDTV, hairdryer, free WiFi & complimentary tea/coffee tray
- ▶ Brasserie restaurant, lounge bar (with glass ceiling) & outdoor seating
- ▶ Access to Neuro’s Spa (2 minutes’ walk from the hotel) is available to guests at £3.50pp per day, it features a 12m pool, sauna, steam room and spa treatments (at a supplement)
- ▶ Lift
- ▶ **ACCESS** Most rooms have walk-in showers but some have shower over bath, ground floor rooms available on request

MON ▶ **LAVENHAM**

Lavenham is considered Britain’s best preserved medieval village with colourful timber framed

homes and shops lining the narrow streets, pause here before checking into this stylish hotel with tea/coffee.

TUE ▶ **ALDEBURGH** ▶ **HELMINGHAM HALL GARDENS**

Spend the morning in Aldeburgh, where pastel-coloured 19th century holiday villas line the prom, creating an attractive backdrop for the pebble beach. This afternoon, visit the Grade I listed garden that surrounds moated Helmingham Hall. The subtle colour combinations throughout the walled kitchen garden, herbaceous borders and parterre complement one another beautifully.

WED ▶ **WOODBIDGE TIDE MILL** ▶ **FELIXSTOWE**

A leisurely morning in the market town of Woodbridge features a fascinating visit to the 800-year-old working Tide Mill, one of only a handful in the world that still produce flour. This afternoon, enjoy time by the sea in Felixstowe with its shingle beach, a redeveloped pier and defensive Martello Towers. Find independent shopping at Beach Street – a unique dining and shopping hotspot housed in upcycled shipping containers.

THUR ▶ **SOUTHWOLD** ▶ **OULTON BROADS CRUISE**

Wander around the quintessentially English resort of Southwold with its 623m long pier, prominent lighthouse and colourful beach huts behind the large sandy beach. This afternoon, cruise along the Norfolk/Suffolk border through marshland and pretty villages, listen out for reed warblers and reed buntings.

FRI ▶ **THE LONG SHOP MUSEUM** ▶ **LUNCH**

Our morning visit to The Long Shop Museum at Leiston includes tea/coffee before you learn of the Suffolk folk whose skills turned this quaint market town into a Victorian engineering powerhouse! There’s fish & chips at the famous, family-run Flora Team Rooms on Dunwich Beach to round off your holiday.

“I had never visited Aldeburgh before and I thought it was stunning”

UFFORD PARK RESORT, WOODBRIDGE

★★★★

- ▶ Elegant and modern hotel nestled within 120 acres of historic parkland
- ▶ Winners of a 2023 Travellers’ Choice Award from Tripadvisor
- ▶ Ensuite rooms with TV, direct dial phone, hairdryer, free WiFi & complimentary tea/coffee tray
- ▶ Restaurant, bar & outdoor seating
- ▶ Leisure club including pool, steam room, sauna, jacuzzi & gym
- ▶ Spa Thermal Suite with hydrotherapy pool, mineral grotto, relaxation room, experience showers, and steam room (extra charge)
- ▶ Golf course & driving range (extra charge)
- ▶ Lift
- ▶ **ACCESS** Limited walk-in showers in double rooms only, ground floor rooms available on request

SINGLES ARE DOUBLE FOR SOLE

£10 NT
DISCOUNT

£5 NT
DISCOUNT



SNOWDONIA & THE ISLE OF ANGLESEY

£695pp

MON 20 - FRI 24 MAY
SINGLE SUPP. £128
CODE: C3434

THE BEST OF YORKSHIRE

£750pp

MON 27 - FRI 31 MAY
SINGLE SUPP. £114
CODE: B3435

MON ▶ Cross the border and settle into your Welsh surroundings.

TUE ▶ **GUIDED TOUR OF ANGLESEY ▶ PLAS NEWYDD HOUSE & GARDEN (NT)**

Experience the Isle of Anglesey with a full day guided tour, including a stop at the Marquess of Anglesey's home – Plas Newydd. Learn of the island's 125 miles of sandy beaches, soaring cliffs, thriving wildlife, sleepy fishing villages, strategic wartime importance, ancient worship sites and megalithic monuments from an expert local guide. Take in spectacular views of Snowdonia and the Menai Strait from Plas Newydd and wander in the Italianate Terrace and Rhododendron Garden.

WED ▶ **CAERNARFON ▶ LLANBERIS LAKE RAILWAY**

Spend the morning in Caernarfon with Wales' most famous castle as your backdrop. Wander through the pretty streets full of great shops and restaurants, watch boats bobbing on the water and take in the distant mountain views. This afternoon, ride the Llanberis Lake Railway in the heart of Snowdonia. Steam along the shores of Lake Padarn, just a few feet from the water's edge and absorb breathtaking views of the magnificent Snowdon mountain range.

THUR ▶ **BETWS-Y-COED ▶ BODNANT GARDENS (NT)**

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 eateries and shops. Spend the afternoon amongst colourful spring blooms at Bodnant Garden. Grade I listed with an historic plant collection and a one-of-a-kind Laburnum Arch which you may be lucky enough to see in flower during late May.

FRI ▶ Head home in time for the bank holiday weekend.

"I enjoyed all the outings and scenery from the coach"



MON ▶ Check in and relax on the Bank Holiday.

TUE ▶ **CASTLE HOWARD ▶ YORK**

Start your day amongst the grandeur of Castle Howard. This Baroque stately home is brimming with world-renowned collections, gathered by the Howard family over eight generations. The beautiful grounds feature an enchanting Woodland Garden brightened by vivid rhododendrons in spring and a manicured 18th century Walled Garden. Finish the day wandering within York's ancient city walls where a saunter down the cobbled Shambles is a must – the overhanging medieval timber buildings are full of cheerful cafés and quirky boutiques.

WED ▶ **PICKERING ▶ NYMR ▶ WHITBY**

Begin the day on the edge of the moors in Pickering, a vibrant market town that's a haven for antique-hunters with traditional tea rooms on the Market Place. From here, board the North Yorkshire Moors Railway for an unforgettable 24-mile journey on this lovingly restored heritage line. Disembark at Whitby and wander along one of the piers or discover the local shops in the quaint alleyways.

THUR ▶ **SCAMPSTON HALL & GARDENS ▶ SCARBOROUGH FAIR COLLECTION**

Scampston Estate is tradition with a twist! Discover the secrets of this fine Regency country house with a guided tour through the fine art and furniture inside this beloved family home. Outside, the internationally acclaimed Walled Garden is quite unique – set inside 18th century walls with a 21st century design! This afternoon, relive your youth at The Scarborough Fair Collection! Take a spin on the carousel, marvel at the mechanical organs, brave the ghost train and discover the impressive vintage vehicle collection.

FRI ▶ **BURNBY HALL GARDENS WITH AFTERNOON TEA**

Many of the formal gardens that surround the peaceful lake at Burnby Hall were created or restored within the last 10 years and the tulips tend to be spectacular in May. The Stewart Museum houses unique items gathered by explorer Major Percy Stewart during his eight world tours in the early 1900s! Round off your holiday with afternoon tea at the Lilypad Café.



CELTIC ROYAL HOTEL, CAERNARFON

★★★

▶ Centrally located within walking distance of the walled town, castle & Welsh Highland Railway Station ▶ Rated 4.2/5 by Shaws customers in 2023 ▶ Ensuite rooms with TV, radio, phone, hairdryer, WiFi, complimentary tea/coffee tray & ironing equipment upon request ▶ Restaurant & bar/lounge ▶ Indoor pool, bubble pool, sauna, steam room & gym (refreshed in 2023) ▶ Lift ▶ **ACCESS** Limited walk-in showers, some steps to some rooms, no ground floor rooms, two steps at the entrance (level access to the side)

TWO NIGHTS OF LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

MERCURE YORK FAIRFIELD MANOR HOTEL

★★★★

▶ Set within extensive grounds, just three miles from York
▶ Impressive 18th century Georgian manor house, with a stylish, modern interior ▶ Ensuite rooms featuring HDTV, hairdryer, free WiFi & complimentary tea/coffee tray
▶ Bar & Brasserie ▶ Outdoor seating overlooking the grounds
▶ Lift ▶ **ACCESS** Steps in the bar, just one walk-in shower



£5 NT
DISCOUNT

SUSSEX SPRING GARDENS

£699pp

MON 3 - FRI 7 JUN
NO SINGLE SUPP.
CODE: A3436

MON ▶ Check in with tea/coffee.
TUE ▶ **RYE** ▶ **GREAT DIXTER GARDENS**
Spend the morning on the ancient medieval streets of Rye with its cobbled alleys and relaxed atmosphere. This afternoon, visit a world-renowned 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 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 enjoy a walk into town, a stroll along the pier or 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 tea rooms 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 ▶ PENSURST 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 this stunning setting.

"Lovely meal and gardens at Penshurst"
"Special displays with an imaginative layout at Great Dixter"



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NEW TOUR

BEAUTIFUL BATH

£725pp

MON 10 - FRI 14 JUN
SINGLE SUPP. £116
CODE: C3437

MON ▶ Check in and enjoy an included dinner.

TUE ▶ BATH COACH TOUR ▶ IFORD MANOR GARDENS + TALK + CREAM TEA

Introduce yourself to this fine city with a guided highlights coach tour before spending the afternoon in the Grade I listed gardens at Iford Manor.

Begin with a welcome talk and cream tea before wandering amongst these valley gardens featuring a romantic design and opulent architecture. In June the wisteria is usually still in flower and historic roses climb the columns.

WED ▶ BATH

Since Roman times, Bath has been a destination for pleasure and leisure – so spend time exploring everything this elegant destination has to offer in your own time. From the waters of the ancient Roman Baths to the luxurious Thermae Bath Spa to the iconic cascades of Pulteney Bridge. Where will you begin?

THUR ▶ AMERICAN MUSEUM & GARDENS ▶ BATH RIVER CRUISE

This morning, soak up breathtaking Cotswold views and a showcase of American decorative arts at the American Museum & Gardens, which houses over 12,000 objects! Step inside themed rooms that recreate periods of American history and wander within Grade II listed gardens that represent movements in American landscape design. Before this evening's included dinner take a leisurely cruise along the River Avon, passing underneath Robert Adam's Pulteney Bridge, will you be lucky enough to spot a kingfisher?

FRI ▶ CIRENCESTER

Our journey home keeps us closely linked to the Romans with a ride through glorious Cotswold countryside to Cirencester – Britain's second largest Roman city! Adorned with beautiful buildings and a large collection of Romano-British antiques from the area in the Corinium Museum (pre-book entry online for a small charge).



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BEST WESTERN LANSDOWNE HOTEL, EASTBOURNE

★★★

- ▶ Seafront position, overlooking the Western Lawns & Wish Tower
- ▶ Looked after by the same family since 1912
- ▶ Rated 4/5 by Shaws customers in 2023
- ▶ Ensuite rooms with TV, radio, phone, hairdryer, WiFi & complimentary tea/coffee tray
- ▶ Restaurant, bar & lounge areas, many with sea views
- ▶ Games room
- ▶ Lift
- ▶ **ACCESS** Steps to the main door (wheelchair lift available), some steps to some rooms, limited walk-in showers on request, no ground floor rooms
- ▶ Ask about sea view rooms which may be available at a supplement

TWO NIGHTS OF LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

HAMPTON BY HILTON BATH CITY

★★★★

- ▶ Modern, bright & beautifully furnished
- ▶ Situated in the heart of Bath
- ▶ New hotel – opened less than two years ago
- ▶ Ensuite rooms featuring HDTV, laptop safe, mini-fridge, ironing equipment, hairdryer, desk & chair or sofa & table, free WiFi & complimentary tea/coffee tray
- ▶ Atrium lobby/lounge
- ▶ Lift
- ▶ **ACCESS** All bedrooms have walk-in showers

A hotel dinner is included on Mon & Thurs giving you the chance to enjoy the city by night, dining out at your leisure, on Tue & Wed.



CUSTOMER FAVOURITE



£10 NT DISCOUNT

THE LAKES & MORECAMBE BAY

£750pp

SUN 16 - THUR 20 JUNE
NO SINGLE SUPP.
CODE: B3438

SCOTLAND'S GALLOWAY COAST & GARDENS

£725pp

SUN 23 - THUR 27 JUN
NO SINGLE SUPP.
CODE: B3439

SUN ▶ Enjoy The Lakes scenery en route to the hotel.

MON ▶ **KESWICK**
▶ **LAKE 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 1489ft at its highest point! A relaxing cruise on Lake Windermere from Bowness to Lakeside will round off your day nicely.

TUE ▶ **RAVENGLASS & ESKDALE RAILWAY**
▶ **MUNCASTER CASTLE**

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 16th century home of the Cavendish family, 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. Finish the day by the sea at Grange-over-Sands, at the tip of the Cartmel Peninsula, betwixt the mountains and sea.

THUR ▶ Enjoy a scenic journey home through the Yorkshire Dales.

"All trips were brilliant, well balanced and informative"



© Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway

SUN ▶ Enjoy a scenic drive to the hotel.

MON ▶ **NEWTON STEWART** ▶ **HIGHLAND COW SAFARI WITH CREAM TEA**

Travel inland, pausing for a wildlife 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, with cream tea, at Airyolland Farm.

TUE ▶ **BURNS BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM (NT)** ▶ **CULZEAN CASTLE (NT)**

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.

WED ▶ **LOGAN BOTANIC GARDENS** ▶ **PORTPATRICK**
▶ **CASTLE KENNEDY GARDENS**

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 waterlilies in the round pond – with impressive castle ruins for the backdrop.

THUR ▶ Enjoy endless views en route home.

"Loved everything, will go on this holiday again"
"Thoroughly enjoyed the whole holiday and the itinerary was suitably varied"

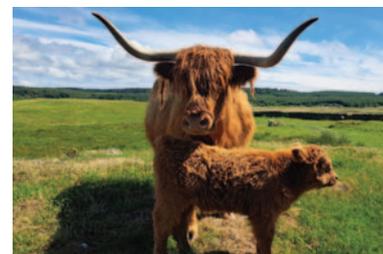


Photo by Carl Smith

THE GRANGE HOTEL, GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

★★★★

▶ Coastal town location on the idyllic southern fringe of the Lake District ▶ Ensuite rooms with TV, direct dial phone, hairdryer, WiFi & complimentary tea/coffee tray ▶ Restaurant, bar/lounge with terrace, landscaped garden ▶ Indoor pool, jacuzzi, sauna, steam rooms ▶ Treatment rooms (extra charge)
▶ Lift ▶ **ACCESS** Walk-in showers available on request, 15 steps to the third floor which the lift doesn't reach, no ground floor bedrooms ▶ Sea view rooms may be available at a supplement

NEWLY REFURBISHED SPA

NORTH WEST CASTLE HOTEL, STRANRAER

★★★

▶ Family owned, town centre hotel ▶ Former home of Arctic explorer Sir John Ross ▶ Winners of a 2023 Tripadvisor Travellers' Choice Award ▶ Rated 4.3/5 by Shaws customers in 2023 ▶ Ensuite rooms with Freeview TV, phone, hairdryer, free WiFi & complimentary tea/coffee tray ▶ Restaurant, bar & lounge ▶ Indoor pool, gym, sauna & spa bath ▶ Games room with snooker, pool, table tennis & carpet bowling ▶ Garden ▶ Lift ▶ **ACCESS** Two rooms with walk-in showers, three rooms in an annexe, two small steps at the entrance (side ramp available)



£5 NT DISCOUNT

SEVEN ATTRACTIONS INCLUDED
£10 NT DISCOUNT



SUMMER ON THE ENGLISH RIVIERA

£650pp

MON 1 - FRI 5 JUL
NO SINGLE SUPP.
CODE: C3440

THE WONDERFUL WELSH BORDERS

£695pp

MON 8 - FRI 12 JUL
SINGLE SUPP. £138
CODE: C3441

MON ▶ Check in with tea/coffee.

TUE ▶ **PAIGNTON**
▶ **SALTRAM HOUSE (NT)**

Spend your morning at leisure, perhaps find a quiet spot at the end of Paignton's picturesque 18th century harbour by

following the steps down to Fairy Cove. Or, head to the Pier for traditional seaside fun! This afternoon, unwind within a rolling 18th century landscape at Saltram House. Discover delicate Chinese wallpapers, Sir Joshua Reynolds paintings, a Robert Adam Neo-classical Saloon, an ancient lime tree avenue and exotic planting at this Georgian jewel.

WED ▶ **DARTMOUTH STEAM RAILWAY** ▶ **RIVER DART CRUISE**
▶ **DARTMOUTH**

Steam your way from Paignton to Kingswear, through coast and country, along this scenic heritage line, then take the foot 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 – wildlife spotting along the way. There's free time to wander in this picturesque naval town before returning to the hotel, by train, soaking up the scenery in style.

THUR ▶ **BRIXHAM** ▶ **PAIGNTON**

Spend the morning in the lively fishing port of Brixham where pastel-coloured houses climb high up the hillside, overlooking the harbour. Famous for its delicious seafood, an abundance of shops and eateries that line the harbourside and a mischievous history of pirates and smugglers! Spend the afternoon at leisure in Paignton enjoying its easily accessible beachfront and traditional promenade.
FRI ▶ Time to head home.



Courtesy Dartmouth Steam Railway & River Boat Company

MON ▶ Check into your canal side setting.

TUE ▶ **RIVER SEVERN CRUISE**
▶ **SHREWSBURY**
▶ **ATTINGHAM HALL (NT)**

Enjoy a 40-minute River Severn cruise around Shrewsbury, with tea/coffee & biscuits served as you sail. Then, explore this lovely town, which boasts over 600 listed buildings including many black and white half-timbered Tudor properties. This afternoon, visit nearby Attingham Hall, surrounded by beautiful parkland, the Hall provides a fascinating insight into the rise and fall of the great country house estates.

WED ▶ **BRITISH IRONWORKS CENTRE** ▶ **CHIRK CASTLE (NT)**

Prepare to be impressed by the skill and artistry on display at the British Ironworks Centre – the UK's largest metal safari park! Over 100 eye-catching sculptures dot their way through this unique 90-acre site. This afternoon, discover over 700 years of history at Chirk Castle – the last castle from this period that is still lived in today! This medieval fortress features lavish 18th century State Rooms and award-winning gardens. Our coach can return to the hotel between these visits for anyone who would like to spend a half day relaxing by the canal.

THUR ▶ **LLANGOLLEN** ▶ **HORSE DRAWN CANAL**
▶ **LLANGOLLEN RAILWAY**

Over the border to Wales to spend time in the picturesque town of Llangollen. Drift peacefully along the Llangollen Canal, through mountainous Welsh scenery, pulled by majestic horses that have paced this route for over 100 years. Then, board the Llangollen Railway for a nostalgic journey through the Dee Valley, one on the most beautiful landscapes in the UK.

FRI ▶ **BLISTS HILL**

Time-travel, before you travel home, as you experience the sights, sounds and smells of Victorian life at Blists Hill Open Air Museum (part of the Ironbridge World Heritage Site). Watch craftspeople perfecting their trade, visit Victorian shops and head into the mine!

"It is always nice to see familiar faces and also to make new acquaintances on our Shaws holidays"



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THE QUEENS HOTEL, PAIGNTON

★★★

- ▶ Short, level walk to the town centre & seafront
- ▶ Family run
- ▶ Winner of a Tripadvisor 2023 Travellers' Choice Award
- ▶ Rated 4.5/5 by Shaws Customers in 2023
- ▶ Ensuite rooms with TV & radio, hairdryer, phone, free WiFi & complimentary tea/coffee tray
- ▶ Restaurant & bar/lounge with patio
- ▶ TV lounge with pool table
- ▶ Indoor pool
- ▶ Lifts to all floors (one is suitable for wheelchairs)
- ▶ **ACCESS** Few steps on lift exit to front facing rooms, five steps to the restaurant & pool (ladder access to the pool), limited ground floor rooms

ENTERTAINMENT EVERY EVENING

THE LION QUAYS RESORT, GOBOWEN

★★★

- ▶ Located on the beautiful and historic Oswestry waterways, on the banks of the Llangollen Canal in the heart of the Shropshire countryside
- ▶ Ensuite rooms with TV, phone, hairdryer, ironing equipment, safe, free WiFi & complimentary tea/coffee tray
- ▶ Restaurant & bar/lounge with terrace overlooking the canal
- ▶ Access to indoor pool, sauna, jacuzzi, steam room & gym
- ▶ Treatment suites/therapy rooms
- ▶ Lift
- ▶ **ACCESS** Bedrooms/reception and public areas are split over two blocks connected by a 25-yard covered walkway. The spa is in a third block connected by a path or bridge

We always include collection from your door, executive coach travel, experienced & highly rated drivers, hotel, breakfast, dinner with tea/coffee, all excursions & entry fees



SUMMER IN ST. AGNES

£895pp

MON 15 - SUN 21 JUL
NO SINGLE SUPP.
CODE: C3442

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 seals have all been spotted – and for fans of Ross Poldark, Winston Graham lived just down the road and used the whole parish as the inspiration for his series of books, dubbing it 'Poldark Country'!



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MON ▶ Travel to the pretty Cornish village of St. Agnes.
TUE ▶ **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!

WED ▶ **PORTHLEVEN** ▶ **ST. MICHAELS MOUNT** ▶ **ST. IVES**

Enjoy a scenic tour of the south-west today, beginning at the most southerly port in Britain where a gentle walk along Porthleven harbour is a must! Continue west, pausing to enjoy magical views



Photo by Carl Smith

across to the tidal island of St. Michael's Mount before heading north to finish the day in the picturesque fishing harbour and seaside town of St. Ives.

THUR ▶ **ST. AGNES**

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

FRI ▶ **LANHYDROCK (NT)** ▶ **NEWQUAY**

Enter the quintessential Jacobean country house at Lanhydrock and be surprised by the high-Victorian interior, full of the era's latest mod-cons! The house was devastated during a fire and refurbished in the late 1800s with a best in country house design. The formal garden is famed for its magnolias and full of colour all year. Then soak up Newquay's laid-back atmosphere on the fierce Atlantic coast. Hit the beach, enjoy the glorious rose beds in Trenance public gardens or find somewhere to eat with a stunning sea view!

SAT ▶ **FALMOUTH**

Spend the morning in the maritime town of Falmouth, home to an award-winning Maritime Museum, a leading Art Gallery (free entry), the world's third largest natural deep water harbour and Cornwall's largest fortress – Pendennis Castle. The High Street is one of the oldest streets in Falmouth and is bursting with independents and hidden courtyards that give alluring glimpses of the sea. Return to St. Agnes mid-afternoon.

SUN ▶ Time to head home.

"Hotel staff courteous and helpful"

ROSEMUNDY HOTEL, ST. AGNES

★★★

▶ A short walk to the quaint coastal village of St. Agnes and just over a mile from the beach at Trevaunance Cove & Chapel Porth Beach ▶ Set amongst four acres of secluded gardens & woodland ▶ Former Georgian house with many original features ▶ Family-run ▶ Rated 4.3/5 by Shaws customers in 2023 ▶ Ensuite rooms featuring flat screen TV, radio, phone, hairdryer & complimentary tea/coffee tray ▶ Restaurant, bar & various lounges ▶ **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 and public areas

ENTERTAINMENT SOME EVENINGS

SEVEN
ATTRACTIONS
INCLUDED



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ROYAL SCOTLAND

£795pp

THUR 25 - MON 29 JUL
SINGLE SUPP. £115
CODE: B3443

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 – see the late Queen Elizabeth's favourite room and admire the gleaming Engine Room. 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 RSS Discovery which went on to become a Royal Research Ship. 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 on a fascinating Three Bridges Cruise. You'll even sail through the sky on the world's only rotating boat lift at the famous Falkirk Wheel!



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Royal Yacht Britannia are winners of a 2023 Best of the Best award from Tripadvisor – ranking it within the top 1% of attractions worldwide and hitting the top spot as the UK's No. 1 visitor attraction for 2023! Glamis Castle, Discovery Point, Hopetoun House, Palace of Holyroodhouse and the Falkirk Wheel are all winners of a 2023 Travellers' Choice Award from Tripadvisor – this award is only handed to attractions that are ranked within the top 10% and consistently earn great visitor reviews!

THUR ▶ Follow the changing scenery as we arrive in Scotland.
FRI ▶ **GLAMIS CASTLE** ▶ **RRS DISCOVERY**

Indulge in 650 years of Royal history at Scotland's most beautiful castle as you take 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. After, visit the home of the world famous RRS Discovery – the ship that took Scott to Antarctica in 1901 and went on to become a designated Royal Research Ship in 1923.

SAT ▶ **HOPETOUN HOUSE**
▶ **THREE BRIDGES CRUISE**
▶ **FALKIRK WHEEL**

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. Take to the water with a cruise along the Firth of Forth and absorb the astounding engineering of the UNESCO World Heritage Forth Railway Bridge with the Edinburgh skyline and Kingdom of Fife in the distance, you may be lucky enough to spot seals and puffins too. You're not back on dry land just yet as we complete the day at the Falkirk Wheel, opened by Queen Elizabeth II in 2002, it reconnected Falkirk's two canals which were originally linked by 11 locks taking almost 24 hours to transit! Rotate to the top, cruise along the aqueduct and through Roughcastle Tunnel before returning, and rotating, back down to ground level.

SUN ▶ **ROYAL YACHT BRITANNIA** ▶ **PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE**

Visit Scotland's capital and experience five decks of discovery on board the former floating palace of the late 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.

MON ▶ 'Cheerio the nou' as we head home.

*"Holyroodhouse
afternoon tea excellent"
"A great week"*



PITBAUCLIE HOUSE HOTEL, DUNFERMLINE

★★★

- ▶ Family-owned and set within three acres of grounds
- ▶ Rated 4.4/5 by Shaws customers in 2023 ▶ Ensuite rooms with Freeview TV, direct dial phone, radio alarm clock, hairdryer, ironing equipment, free WiFi & complimentary tea/coffee tray
- ▶ Two restaurants & two bars ▶ Lounge bar & terrace overlooking the gardens ▶ **ACCESS** No lift but ground floor rooms available, walk-in showers on request

We always include collection from your door, executive coach travel, experienced & highly rated drivers, hotel, breakfast, dinner with tea/coffee, all excursions & entry fees



CUSTOMER FAVOURITE

SUMMER ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT

£875pp

FRI 26 JUL - THUR 1 AUG
NO SINGLE SUPP.
CODE: A3444

FRI ▶ Cross the Solent and check in at your seaside hotel.

SAT ▶ 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!).

SUN ▶ IOW DONKEY SANCTUARY WITH TOUR ▶ YARMOUTH

Head to the Wroxall Valley to spend time with a guide at the island's Donkey Sanctuary. This unique rescue charity is home to over 100 donkeys and Shetland ponies and was voted Best Large Attraction at the 2022 IOW Awards. Finish up in the ancient port of Yarmouth, at the mouth of the River Yar, where you'll find some of the island's oldest architecture including a 16th century castle and a restored Victorian pier.

MON ▶ SANDOWN

Spend the day at leisure on Sandown's sheltered bay. The 2-mile coastal path (flat seawall walk and cliff path) stretches all the way from Sandown to Shanklin and makes a wonderful adventure.

TUE ▶ RYDE ▶ IOW STEAM 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.

WED ▶ SANDOWN

Enjoy your last full day at leisure.

THUR ▶ Time to sail home.

"We were looked after very well"



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CUSTOMER FAVOURITE

THE MAGIC OF MAN

£850pp

MON 5 - SAT 10 AUG
SINGLE SUPP. £80
CODE: B3445

MON ▶ Relax during your sailing over the Irish Sea, departing at 14:15 and docking at 18:00.

TUE ▶ 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 Ireland's Mountains of Mourne in the distance. Finish in Ramsey with its beautiful long sandy beach, promenade and Victorian pier.

WED ▶ DOUGLAS

Enjoy time at leisure. Relax on the beach, visit the Manx Museum, the Promenade Gardens or amble around the local shops & cafés in the island's capital.

THUR ▶ PEEL ▶ THE SOUND ▶ IOM STEAM RAILWAY

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 island's southernmost tip to enjoy some of the nation's greatest scenery from The Sound (where you'll also find a delicious café), 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.

FRI ▶ MANX ELECTRIC RAILWAY ▶ SNAEFELL MOUNTAIN RAILWAY ▶ LAXEY ▶ MILNTOWN ESTATE

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 to experience spectacular summit views, 2036 feet above sea level, before descending to Laxey for free time. Finish the day at the island's only historical estate – Milntown, a 16th century mansion surrounded by ornamental gardens and water features.

SAT ▶ Set sail for home at 08:45, docking in Heysham at 12:30.

100% of customers that toured the Isle of Man in Aug 2023 would book with us again



Photo by Graham Knott

TROUVILLE HOTEL, SANDOWN, IOW ★★★

- ▶ Centrally located on Sandown's seafront ▶ Winner of a 2023 Travellers' Choice Award from Tripadvisor ▶ Rated 4.5/5 by Shaws customers in 2023 ▶ Ensuite rooms featuring TV, radio, phone, hairdryer, WiFi and complimentary tea/coffee tray
- ▶ Restaurant and lounge bar, with sea views ▶ Short mat bowls, table tennis & pool table ▶ Lift ▶ **ACCESS** Five steps at the entrance (ramp at the side), walk-in showers on request
- ▶ Ask us about side sea view singles that may be available at a £120 supplement (standard singles are non sea view)

ALL TWINS / DOUBLES HAVE A SEA VIEW

THE CHESTERHOUSE HOTEL, DOUGLAS ★★★

- ▶ Seafront location on Loch Promenade ▶ Rated 3.8/5 by Shaws customers in 2023 ▶ Ensuite rooms with TV, telephone, hairdryer, free WiFi & hospitality tray ▶ Carvery restaurant & bar/lounge ▶ Lift to all floors ▶ **ACCESS** Steps in public areas, corridors and six at the entrance, one ground floor room and lift not suitable for wheelchairs. All rooms have showers, baths are in executive sea view rooms at a supplement

Holiday insurance is always advised but is compulsory on this tour. Please provide your policy number and 24 hour contact tel.



£5 NT
DISCOUNT

POPULAR
HOTEL



CULTURED COUNTY DURHAM

£675pp

MON 12 - FRI 16 AUG
SINGLE SUPP. £120
CODE: B3446

NORTHUMBRIA'S CASTLES & CULTURE

£675pp

MON 19 - FRI 23 AUG
SINGLE SUPP. £112
CODE: B3447

MON ▶ Check in with tea/coffee.

TUE ▶ **BEAMISH LIVING MUSEUM**

Visit Beamish – a world famous, open air museum guiding you through life in the NE from the 1820s to the 1950s. A multi-million pound 'Remaking Beamish' project has seen the opening of a 1950s Town and Farm featuring a hairdresser, a pavilion, a chip shop and more! Step inside a 1900s town and colliery, peep inside a pit village cottage, ride the colourful, heritage trams and experience wartime life on a 1940s farm. There's a full days' worth of discovery at Beamish along with a fitting choice of eateries including a tea room, chip shop and pub.

WED ▶ **BARNARD CASTLE** ▶ **BOWES MUSEUM**

Spend the day in the historic market town of Barnard Castle, which takes its name from the 12th century fortress around which it grew. Wander amongst the charming independent shops and local eateries or take a stroll along the raging River Tees. We've included a visit to the town's highly impressive Bowes Museum, housed in a Grade I Listed French-style chateau and holding a treasured collection of fashion, furniture and fine art.

THUR ▶ **CROOK HALL GARDENS (NT)** ▶ **DURHAM**

This morning, wander through a series of linked gardens, each with its own character, at Crook Hall. Intriguing paths lead to blooming borders and secluded walled gardens, whilst sheltered spots tempt you to sit awhile and soak up the views of Durham Cathedral. Spend a leisurely afternoon in the beautiful university city of Durham. The Castle & Cathedral combined are an impressive UNESCO World Heritage Site and you'll find a great choice of riverfront bars, restaurants, cafés and boutiques.

FRI ▶ **WORLD OF JAMES HERRIOT**

A 10:00 departure allows time to celebrate Yorkshire's most famous vet at the World of James Herriot Museum, in Thirsk. The fully restored site of his original 1940s home and veterinary practice (known in his books as Skeldale House) features the TV set, the original dispensary and the marvellous 1938 Austin Seven that he famously drove along those narrow country lanes.

*"Our driver was
fab! His experience
shines through"*

MON ▶ Check in with
tea/coffee.

TUE ▶ **ALNWICK** ▶ **ALNWICK
CASTLE** ▶ **ALNWICK GARDEN**

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 famous Harry Potter films and Downton Abbey!

Opulent Italianate State Rooms and medieval architecture combine inside the UK's second largest inhabited castle! Then, to Alnwick Garden, a unique, contemporary site created in 2001, which features a Grand Cascade, a perilous Poison Garden and gleaming gold petals from 'The Fire Lily', which tend to ignite The Ornamental Garden in August.

WED ▶ **HEXHAM** ▶ **GATESHEAD** ▶ **NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE**

Spend the morning in the historic market town of Hexham, dominated by its fine medieval Abbey, with beautiful floral 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!

THUR ▶ **HOLY ISLAND** ▶ **TOUR OF BAMBURGH CASTLE**

Cross the paved causeway and spend time exploring the remote, unspoilt 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 uncover with State Rooms full of global treasures, battle-scarred weapons in The Armoury, Anglo-Saxon archaeology and much more.

FRI ▶ **RIPON**

A 10:00 departure allows time to pause in the Yorkshire city of Ripon, with its imposing cathedral and pretty market square. Continue home, ready to enjoy the bank holiday weekend.

"Hotel was the best yet!"



THE REDWORTH HALL HOTEL, COUNTY DURHAM

★★★★

▶ 17th century Jacobean Manor House set within 26 acres of landscaped grounds with stylish, classic décor ▶ Located between The Pennines & The North Yorkshire Moors ▶ Ensuite rooms featuring Freeview TV, desk/seating area, free WiFi & complimentary tea/coffee tray ▶ Restaurant, cocktail bar & lounge ▶ New Retreat Leisure Club featuring pool, gym, jacuzzi, sauna, steam room ▶ Treatments & hair salon (extra charge) ▶ Lift ▶ **ACCESS** No lift access to rooms in the original hall and limited standard rooms with walk-in showers. Additional walk-in showers in exec rooms which carry a supplement, ground floor rooms available on request

COPTHORNE HOTEL NEWCASTLE

★★★★

▶ Contemporary hotel in Newcastle Quayside ▶ Bedrooms refurbished in 2017 ▶ Winner of a Tripadvisor 2023 Travellers' Choice Award ▶ Rated 4.8/5 by Shaws customers in 2023 ▶ Ensuite rooms featuring flatscreen TV, ironing equipment, hairdryer, safe, free WiFi & complimentary tea/coffee tray ▶ Restaurant, bar & riverside terrace ▶ All singles are double for sole ▶ Lift ▶ **ACCESS** Steps to the terrace, steps at the river entrance but none at the road entrance, no walk-in showers

EVERY BEDROOM OVERLOOKS THE TYNE



£5 NT DISCOUNT

CUSTOMER FAVOURITE

PEMBROKESHIRE COAST & COUNTRY

£695pp

MON 26 - FRI 30 AUG
SINGLE SUPP. £48
CODE: C3448

MON ▶ Check in with tea/coffee.
TUE ▶ ST. DAVIDS ▶ PICTON CASTLE & GARDENS ▶ WELSH OWL GARDEN & ZOO

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 quaint, character-full place surrounded by National Park scenery. Continue to Pembrokeshire's finest stately home – Picton Castle. The 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, an exotic Jungle Garden and even the recently expanded Welsh Owl Garden & Zoo!

WED ▶ NATIONAL WOOL MUSEUM ▶ ABERAERON
▶ LLANERCHAERON (NT)

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 views across the harbour. Finish the day at Llanerchaeron, an elegant Georgian mansion, remarkably unaltered for over 200 years and set within the beautiful Aeron Valley. Compare the classical details of the villa to the servants' quarters, discover a curious antique collection and wander in the Walled Garden.

THUR ▶ TENBY

Enjoy a scenic drive through the National Park to spend time at leisure in the seaside town of Tenby amongst its small harbour, soft sandy beaches, friendly local vibe, pastel-coloured Victorian houses and tranquil sea views.

FRI ▶ *Amser i fynd adref* – Time to go home.



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SNOWDONIA - FROM ISLANDS TO ITALY

£750pp

MON 2 SEP - FRI 6 SEP
SINGLE SUPP. £131
CODE: C3450

MON ▶ *Croeso i gymru* – Welcome to Wales with tea, coffee at the hotel.

TUE ▶ CAERNARFON
▶ SCENIC TOUR OF SNOWDONIA ▶ LLANDUDNO

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 ▶ PUFFIN ISLAND CRUISE ▶ PLAS CADNANT

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 who were 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 19th century folly – have been discovered.

THUR ▶ WELSH HIGHLAND RAILWAY ▶ PORTMEIRION

Steam along the UK's longest heritage railway from Caernarfon, past the foot of Snowdon, to the riverside village of Beddgelert on a two-hour journey through unforgettable scenery. 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.

FRI ▶ *Amser i fynd adref* – Time to go home.

"I enjoyed all the outings and the scenery whilst on the coach"
"Everything brilliantly organised"



Photo by Alan Shorler

THE CLIFF HOTEL & SPA, GWBERT ★★★

- ▶ Situated on Cardigan Bay overlooking Poppit Sands & Cardigan Island
- ▶ Family owned with décor to compliment the hotel's picturesque marine location
- ▶ Ensuite rooms featuring smart TV, direct dial telephone, bottled water, hairdryer, ironing equipment, seating area, free WiFi & complimentary tea/coffee tray
- ▶ Restaurant, bar & lounge
- ▶ 9-hole golf (£8 per round)
- ▶ 1 hour of spa access per day featuring hot tub, sauna, steam room, heated loungers, hydrotherapy pool, gym & treatment rooms. Limited capacity, pre booking recommended
- ▶ Two lifts
- ▶ ACCESS No lift to some bedrooms, limited walk-in showers

ENTERTAINMENT ON THREE EVENINGS

CELTIC ROYAL HOTEL, CAERNARFON ★★★

- ▶ Located within walking distance of the walled town, castle and the Welsh Highland Railway Station
- ▶ Rated 4.3/5 by Shaws customers in 2023
- ▶ Ensuite rooms 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
- ▶ Lift
- ▶ Singles are double for sole
- ▶ ACCESS Two steps at the main entrance, level access at the side entrance, steps to some bedrooms, limited bedrooms with walk-in showers

ENTERTAINMENT ONE EVENING



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SUMMER IN SHETLAND, ONCE IN A LIFETIME

£1375pp

TUE 27 AUG - MON 2 SEP
SINGLE SUPP. £285
CODE: B3449

Heading towards the Arctic Circle, 130 miles north of the mainland lies Scotland's incredible Shetland Isles. A remote archipelago of 100 islands with 5000 years of history just waiting to be discovered. In summer, up to 19 hours of sunshine lights up the rugged yet serene landscape, much of which is reminiscent of the Norwegian fjords.

You'll see some of Britain's highest cliffs, miles of beautiful beaches, sheltered sea lochs and an abundance of wildlife, including the endearing ponies. And it's all just so unspoilt – truly a place apart. To make sure you get the most from this once-in-a-lifetime holiday, we've included an experienced guide who will accompany you on Shetland.

TUE ▶ Travel north to Dunfermline, staying overnight at the 3-star Pitbauchlie House Hotel with a colourful summer garden.

WED ▶ **MONTROSE** ▶ **ABERDEEN** ▶ **NIGHT FERRY**

Cross the Tay and take the coast road to Montrose, stretch your legs and find a spot of lunch in the ancient town centre. Continue along the coast to Aberdeen, with its mile-long street lined with classic granite buildings – giving it the name Granite City! There's time for a wander before boarding the Northlink Ferry at 16:30 for your overnight crossing, with dinner served as you sail.

THUR ▶ **OLD HAA MUSEUM, YELL** ▶ **LUNCH ON THE ISLE OF UNST** ▶ **MUCKLE FLUGGA** ▶ **SKIDBLADNER**

After breakfast, alight in Lerwick and begin your tour of the Northern Isles – Yell & Unst, with a local guide who will join us for the next three days. After a scenic ferry crossing to Yell, visit the Old Haa Museum which is full of unusual artefacts from the lives of islanders. Sail to Unst and refuel on an included light lunch. Head to the northernmost tip of the UK at Muckle Flugga before visiting Skidbladner – a full size replica of the Gokstad Ship, found in a Viking burial mound in Norway in 1880.

FRI ▶ **SUMBURGH HEAD RSPB** ▶ **ST. NINIANS** ▶ **JARLSOF** ▶ **CROFT HOUSE MUSEUM** ▶ **SCALLOWAY MUSEUM**

It's easy to see why St. Ninian's is one of the most photographed beaches in Scotland, the pristine sand causeway with sea either side is simply stunning. Pause here before continuing to Sumburgh Head at the southern tip of mainland Shetland. In summer, thousands of birds including puffins, fulmars and shags flock here, occupying the colossal craggy cliffs. On a calm day you might be lucky enough to

see whales, orcas and dolphins.

Next, uncover the ancient settlements at Jarlsof including late Neolithic houses and a Bronze Age village. Then, transport yourself forwards to the 19th century at the Crofthouse Museum where a thatched cottage containing a traditional peat fire and box beds awaits. There's time for a Shetland Pony photo stop in the Tingwall Valley before finishing the day at Scalloway Museum.

The museum opened in 2012 and tells the people's story from early island settlers to the present day, soak up views across the water towards the mountains behind before returning to Lerwick.

SAT ▶ **VOE & BRAE** ▶ **THE DRONGS** ▶ **TOUR OF SHETLAND JEWELLERY** ▶ **LERWICK** ▶ **NIGHT FERRY**

Head north via the coastal towns of Voe and Brae, to The Drongs – a spectacular series of sea stacks along this eroded coastline.

Next, find out how hand-crafted jewellery is made in a traditional Nordic workshop during a guided tour of Shetland Jewellery, on the beautiful Hellister Loch. These unique pieces are inspired by Scandinavian mythology, the Northern Lights and traditional Celtic patterns. There's free time in Lerwick before an overnight sailing to Aberdeen with dinner and breakfast included.

SUN ▶ **V&A DUNDEE**

Head south to Dundee to visit the only V&A Museum outside of London. Scotland's design museum is a welcoming and architecturally advanced space on the waterfront. This new attraction opened in 2018 and is full of inspirational galleries to spark your curiosity.

MON ▶ Time for home.

THE SHETLAND HOTEL, LERWICK

★★★

▶ A few minutes' walk from the town centre, with views of the bay and ferries ▶ Ensuite rooms with smart TV, direct-dial phone, hairdryer, desk area, free WiFi, complimentary tea/coffee tray & ironing equipment (on request) ▶ Bar, grill and lobby lounge ▶ Lift ▶ **ACCESS** Steps in public areas, no ground floor rooms, lift to some bedrooms. Please note there's a step into the ensuite in your Northlink ferry cabin

Holiday insurance is always advised but is compulsory on this tour. Please provide your policy number and 24 hour contact tel.





NEW TOUR

£5 NT
DISCOUNT

SHORES & CITIES IN LANCASHIRE

£740pp

SUN 8 - THUR 12 SEP
SINGLE SUPP. £120
CODE: C3451

SUN ▶ Check in with
tea/coffee.

MON ▶ SOUTHPORT
▶ RUFFORD OLD HALL (NT)

Take a leisurely walk around Marine Lake, head to the beach, wander down the second longest pier in Britain or hit the shops in the seaside town of Southport before spending the afternoon at Rufford Old Hall. This fine Tudor and Jacobean house with a colourful, manicured garden holds five centuries of family history. The Great Hall definitely has the wow factor with its 16th century carved screen and it's easy to imagine family dinners at the food-laden table in the Hesketh Dining Room.

TUE ▶ LIVERPOOL TOUR + CATHEDRAL

Liverpool is one of England'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, experience musical mayhem at the Cavern Club, relive the 60s at the Beatles Story, wander along the waterfront, take a ferry cross The Mersey and so much more – the day is yours to explore! We've arranged an introductory coach tour which includes a visit to the impressive Anglican Cathedral.

WED ▶ HISTORY OF GLASS ▶ SOUTHPORT

You'll find some artistically crafted pieces at Pilkington's World of Glass. Learn how they are made and uncover the history of glass from Ancient Egypt to Victorian life in St. Helens before spending your final afternoon relaxing in Southport. Enjoy the sea air or head to Lord Street, the resort's Parisian themed, tree-lined shopping boulevard. Southport Market, on King Street, was relaunched in 2021 to become a food & drink destination, full of social and local eating choices and featuring a carousel themed bar in the centre!

THUR ▶ RHS GARDEN BRIDGEWATER

Head home via the contemporary designs and stylish planting at RHS Garden Bridgewater. This stunning new garden is set in the grounds of 19th century Worsley New Hall, designers have seamlessly blended history with world-class horticulture.

WATERFRONT SOUTHPORT HOTEL

★★★★

- ▶ Stylish & modern hotel on Southport Marina ▶ Ensuite rooms featuring TV, direct dial phone, safe, hairdryer, desk area, ironing equipment, free WiFi & complimentary tea/coffee tray ▶ Roof garden & bar with coastal views ▶ Waterfront Marina Restaurant ▶ Lounge/bar ▶ Two lifts ▶ ACCESS Limited walk-in showers

*"It was enjoyable having
time on our own to explore"*



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LATE SUMMER IN SOMERSET

£735pp

MON 23 - FRI 27 SEP
NO SINGLE SUPP.
CODE: C3453

MON ▶ Check in.

TUE ▶ DUNSTER ▶ BISHOP'S
LYDEARD ▶ WEST SOMERSET
RAILWAY

After a leisurely start to the day, spend time in the charming and beautifully preserved village of Dunster before driving through rural Somerset to Bishop's Lydeard. From here, board the West Somerset Railway and travel back to the hotel in style, steaming your way across 20 miles of coast and country to Minehead.

WED ▶ MINEHEAD ▶ 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's over 1200 plant species unique to Knightshayes in the extensive gardens and the ever-changing displays are full of seasonal colour.

THUR ▶ LYNMOUTH ▶ LYNTON ▶ ILFRACOMBE

We'll take the spectacular coastal route over Porlock Hill to the twin towns of Lynton and Lynmouth, home to the highest and steepest totally water powered railway in the world (return ride approx. £7). 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 ▶ Home.

*"Impressed by the
whole operation. Good
value for money"*



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 5 minutes' walk from Minehead Beach 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 & complimentary tea/coffee tray ▶ Restaurant with sea views ▶ Bar/lounge with terrace ▶ Indoor heated pool, gym & steam room ▶ Lift ▶ ACCESS Limited walk-in showers on request, four bedrooms on the lower ground floor accessed by 13 steps, 13 steps (or chair lift) to leisure facilities

ONE NIGHT LIVE ENTERTAINMENT + QUIZ NIGHT

NEW TOUR
£5 NT
DISCOUNT



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THIS IS ARRAN

£925pp

SAT 14 - WED 18 SEP
NO SINGLE SUPP.
CODE: B3452

Visit the Isle of Arran to experience Scotland's diverse and dramatic scenery, from lush green forests to fearful mountain tops and from deep blue waters to dominant red deer – the varied landscape of Arran has given it the nickname Scotland in Miniature. As you sail over the Firth of Clyde and see Arran's jagged peaks in the distance, you'll immediately feel that you've escaped the bustle of the mainland. It's time to settle into island life, surrounded by water, nature and unforgettable landscapes.



SAT ▶ Set off early in time for a late afternoon sailing from Ardrossan across the Firth of Clyde to the beautiful Isle of Arran.
SUN ▶ **DISTILLERY TOUR & TASTING** ▶ **BRODICK** ▶ **ARRAN SENSE OF SCOTLAND**

Join the Scots in their passion for single malts with a distillery tour and tasting before taking the coast road to enjoy free time in the island's main village, Brodick, surrounded by calm seas and imposing mountains. Now, for 'A sense of Scotland' at Arran Aromatics where invigorating fragrances reconnect you with nature. An updated bath, body and home product range draws inspiration from the island and we're sure you'll be tempted in their Home Farm shop.

MON ▶ **BRODICK CASTLE GARDEN & COUNTRY PARK (NTS)**

Spend your morning on the west coast making the most of the hotels stunning seafront position and leisure facilities. This afternoon, visit



the grand Baronial estate at Brodict Castle – a must-see on Arran. There's a new interactive experience that brings the impressive, treasure-filled rooms to life whilst a new



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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 Brodict Bay.

TUE ▶ **ARRAN SAFARI** ▶ **ARRAN HERITAGE MUSEUM**

Climb on board a 4x4 Mercedes 16-seater with huge windows and comfy seats as we head into the wild and remote corners of Arran. Your guide will be quick to point out Scotland's Big Five – red deer, red squirrels, golden eagles, otters and harbour seals and reveal the island's captivating history, rich culture, diverse geography and thriving ecology. You'll also visit the Arran Heritage Museum to uncover the island's social history, archaeology and geology before returning to the hotel for a relaxing afternoon. This quirky museum houses a complete Early Bronze Age grave, a 19th century Smiddy (blacksmiths) and a 1920s schoolroom!

WED ▶ A last Scottish breakfast before we 'hie away' to Brodict for our return crossing to the mainland with the glorious views continuing as we make our way to the border.

KINLOCH HOTEL, BLACKWATERFOOT

★★★

- ▶ Seafront hotel with views across to the Mull of Kintyre
- ▶ Family owned and operated since 1954 ▶ Ensuite rooms with TV, hairdryer, free WiFi and complimentary tea/coffee tray
- ▶ Bar, restaurant, lounge (with sea views) and outdoor seating
- ▶ Indoor heated pool and sauna ▶ Squash court and snooker room ▶ **ACCESS** Few steps at the entrance (ramp at the side), some steps to public areas and bedrooms, ground floor rooms and walk-in showers on request

We always include collection from your door, executive coach travel, experienced & highly rated drivers, hotel, breakfast, dinner with tea/coffee, all excursions & entry fees



CUSTOMER FAVOURITE

INCLUDES 1 LUNCH



LAKE DISTRICT - RAIL & SAIL

£745pp

MON 30 SEP - FRI 4 OCT
SINGLE SUPP. £100
CODE: B3454

MON ▶ Enjoy The Lakes scenery en route to the hotel.

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 with Mountain Goat 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 ▶ 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 & the castle ruins
- ▶ Rated 4.5/5 by Shaws customers in 2023 ▶ Winner of a 2023 Tripadvisor Travellers' Choice Award ▶ Ensuite rooms with TV, radio, phone, hairdryer, ironing equipment, free WiFi & complimentary tea/coffee tray ▶ Restaurant ▶ Bar & river terrace ▶ Indoor pool, hot tub, steam room, sauna & gym ▶ Lift ▶ River view rooms may be available at a supplement ▶ **ACCESS** One walk-in shower available in an accessible twin, 10 ground floor rooms accessed by a chairlift or 7 steps. There are a few steps to the lift and restaurant, but disabled access is available

HARROGATE & THE YORKSHIRE DALES

£725pp

MON 7 - FRI 11 OCT
SINGLE SUPP. £136
CODE: B3455

MON ▶ Enjoy a warm Yorkshire welcome with tea/coffee.

TUE ▶ **WORLD OF JAMES HERRIOT** ▶ **GRASSINGTON**

Celebrate Yorkshire's most famous vet at the World of James Herriot, the fully restored site of his original 1940s home and veterinary practice (known in his books as Skeldale House), in Thirsk. Then, soak up the scenery as we drive through the Dales to Grassington, this traditional market town was transformed into Darrowby during the recent re-make of *All Creatures Great and Small*.

WED ▶ **HARROGATE** ▶ **RHS HARLOW CARR**

Spend the day at leisure in Harrogate or take the coach to nearby RHS Harlow Carr to wander amongst The Kitchen Garden, Woodland Walks, Alpine House, Lakeside Gardens and Rock Garden, to name but a few. Take the coach both ways or maybe stroll back – it's a lovely walk through the Pine Woods back to Harrogate Valley Gardens, taking about an hour at a leisurely pace.

THUR ▶ **LEYBURN** ▶ **HAWES** ▶ **DALES COUNTRYSIDE MUSEUM**

Spend time in the riverside town of Leyburn, full of antiques, an inspiring art gallery selling pieces to take home and plenty of pubs around the cobbled town square. Continue to Hawes, home of Wensleydale Cheese – don't miss the gift shop on Gayle Lane! Visit the Dales Countryside Museum, in Hawes, for a fascinating glimpse into Dales life – from Bronze Age spearheads to Viking gold! Take the scenic route back to the hotel via the Ribbles Valley and over the moors.

FRI ▶ **RIPLEY CASTLE WITH LUNCH**

Visit to 700-year-old Ripley Castle – an impressive, turreted fortress with a military and political past. Uncover tales of plague, persecution and revolution as you make your way through the oversized rooms. Take time to wander in the Walled Gardens and amongst the large herbaceous borders, perhaps circle the lake or spot rare collections in the Kitchen Gardens, too. Tuck into a soup and sandwich lunch with tea/coffee before returning home.



DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HARROGATE MAJESTIC HOTEL & SPA

★★★★

- ▶ Situated in the heart of Harrogate, close to the famous Bettys Café, within eight acres of landscaped gardens ▶ Rated 4.6/5 by Shaws customers in 2022 ▶ Ensuite rooms featuring HDTV, phone, hairdryer, free WiFi, ironing equipment & complimentary tea/coffee tray ▶ Restaurant, bar & lounge ▶ Terrace ▶ Lift ▶ Spa access is an additional charge, pre booking recommended

SINGLES ARE DOUBLE FOR SOLE



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KENMARE & THE RING OF KERRY

£1059pp

SUN 13 - SAT 19 OCT
SINGLE SUPP. £154
CODE: C3456

Experience Ireland's most iconic route, The Ring of Kerry! Rolling green hills, sparkling lakes, weathered cliffs, roaring waterfalls and glistening bays dotted with grand castles – sounds like a fairy tale doesn't it? This incredible route should be high on everyone's bucket list! There's the chance to visit some of the unique gardens tucked in the south-west corner of the Wild Atlantic Way, many of which have a continental vibe that make you feel a million miles away.

SUN ▶ An early start ensures we reach Holyhead for our afternoon sailing to Dublin before continuing to Mullingar for an overnight stay at the 3-star Bloomfield House Hotel.

MON ▶ **LIMERICK** ▶ **CASTLEISLAND**

Travel south-west, pausing in Limerick and Castleisland, before receiving a friendly Irish welcome at Kenmare Bay with tea/coffee. Limerick sits on the vast River Shannon and is the Gateway City to the Wild Atlantic Way with a lively atmosphere and a leading contemporary art gallery. Castleisland is a historic market town with quiet river walks and a wide, bustling Main Street.

TUE ▶ **BANTRY HOUSE & GARDEN** ▶ **BANTRY**
▶ **GARNISH ISLAND**

Be dazzled by the impressive treasures inside Bantry House. This 'Palazzo' style stately home and garden, overlooking the bay, has been inspired by the continental travels of former owner – the 2nd Earl of Bantry. Enjoy free time in Bantry – known for its fresh mussels from the clear waters and its warm and friendly café culture before continuing to Glengariff. From here, take the boat across the sheltered harbour to Garnish Island. A unique microclimate, Italianate architecture, mountain and sea vistas and an incredible plant collection combine to create a truly unique 'island garden' that is both rare and beautiful.

WED ▶ **DERREEN GARDEN**

Derreen Garden is set on a peninsula at the head of Kilmackilloge Harbour, surrounded by the Caha Mountains. Winding paths lead to a mature 19th century woodland garden that shelters tropical plants collected in the late 1800s during expeditions across the Himalayas and beyond. As you soak up the incredible views look out for sika deer, red squirrels, seals and otters. Spend the afternoon at leisure in the hotel or wander to the picturesque town of Kenmare where

there's a colourful array of continental style shops, bars and restaurants along Main Street.

THUR ▶ **RING OF KERRY TOUR**

Sit back and enjoy the view during a full day tour of the famous 'Ring of Kerry'.

Each turn brings a new treat to the eye, expect to see lakes, rivers, waterfalls, castles and unforgettable views of the McGillicuddy Reeks Mountains and the spectacular coastline, during this 179km route to remember!

FRI ▶ **BLARNEY** ▶ **CASHEL**

Depart after breakfast for an overnight stay at 4-star CityNorth Hotel on the outskirts of Dublin. Stretch your legs in Blarney with pretty shops and eateries in The Square and the chance to pick up an Irish souvenir at the Woollen Mills. Then, pause in the small town of Cashel with a colourful and lively Main Street overlooked by the dominant Rock of Cashel.

SAT ▶ Board an early ferry back to Holyhead with a voucher for a leisurely breakfast as you sail.



KENMARE BAY HOTEL & RESORT

★★★

▶ Perfect base for exploring the Wild Atlantic Way ▶ 15 minutes' walk to Kenmare town ▶ Ensuite rooms with LCD TV, direct-dial phone, hairdryer, free WiFi & complimentary tea/coffee tray
▶ Restaurant, bar & terrace ▶ Indoor pool, jacuzzi, steam room, sauna & gym ▶ Lift ▶ **ACCESS** Just two walk-in showers, steps to some bedrooms and public areas, ground floor rooms available (accessed by some steps). Please note that the terrain is uneven and there are some steep inclines on Garnish Island, suitable footwear is advised. Credit cards are not accepted on Garnish Island.

Holiday insurance is always advised but is compulsory on this tour. Please provide your policy number and 24 hour contact tel.



NEW TOUR

A TASTE OF SCOTLAND

£725pp

MON 14 - FRI 18 OCT
SINGLE SUPP. £120
CODE: B3457

MON ▶ Cross the border and check into your peaceful surroundings.

TUE ▶ **GLASGOW DISTILLERY TOUR**

▶ **BURRELL COLLECTION** ▶ **NARDINI'S FISH & CHIP DINNER**

Start the day with a tour and tasting at one of Glasgow's newest single malt distilleries. The Clydeside Distillery sits on the banks of the River Clyde alongside industrial shipping docks, steeped in history. Then, spend time at the newly opened Burrell Collection in Glasgow where over 9000 artefacts will guide you through 6000 years of history. Expect to see everything from Chinese art to Roman sculptures to Egyptian pottery! Finish your day in the Ayrshire resort of Largs where we've included a fish & chip dinner at Scotland's most famous eatery – Nardini's Café. Enjoy panoramic views of the Clyde from inside this landmark art deco building that's been restored to its 1930s glory!

WED ▶ **GUIDED TOUR OF GLASGOW** ▶ **AFTERNOON TEA AT THE WILLOW TEA ROOMS**

Absorb the local history during a guided tour of Glasgow this morning. Hear tales of the tenements and the city's links to the history of design, and where better to see this put into practise than at the famous Willow Tea Rooms. Enjoy a delicious afternoon tea here, surrounded by décor inspired by designs from the great Charles Rennie Mackintosh.

THUR ▶ **LOCH LOMOND CRUISE** ▶ **MASTERCLASS & TASTING AT THE HAGGIS EXPERIENCE**

Enjoy magnificent views as we drive into Scotland's newest national park for a fresh morning cruise on Loch Lomond. Soak up awe-inspiring scenery from these vast and tranquil waters with live commentary letting you know what lies beneath! Later, experience a masterclass in haggis making and hear about the history of Scotland's national dish at a working sheep farm in the glorious countryside, finishing up with a generous tasting!

FRI ▶ Time to head home.

"Excellent driver – true gentleman"



© The Willow Tea Rooms

BEST WESTERN GARFIELD HOUSE HOTEL, STEPPS

★★★

- ▶ Elegant, modern and boutique hotel in a peaceful village location, just a short drive from the excitement of Glasgow
- ▶ Ensuite rooms with Freeview TV, desk area, direct dial phone, free WiFi, complimentary tea/coffee tray & ironing equipment on request
- ▶ Bar & Grill Restaurant, lounge & outdoor seating
- ▶ **ACCESS** No lift, bedrooms located on the ground and first floors, 3 steps to the restaurant, no walk-in showers

A hotel dinner is included every night apart from Tuesday when we've included a fish & chip dinner at Nardini's Café.



ONE LUNCH INCLUDED

KENT - CURIOSITY IS CALLING

£695pp

MON 21 - FRI 25 OCT
SINGLE SUPP. £113
CODE: A3458

MON ▶ **ROCHESTER**

Sightsee in historic Rochester, a place cherished by Charles Dickens. You'll find a Norman Castle,

England's second oldest cathedral and a packed High Street. Enjoy a welcome tea/coffee at the hotel.

TUE ▶ **BROGDAL COLLECTIONS** ▶ **WHITSTABLE**

Enjoy a fruitful morning at Brogdale Farm, home of the National Fruit Collection. Hop aboard a tractor trailer for a unique journey through the orchards, accompanied by your knowledgeable private guide. In October, the autumnal colours of quince and medlars brighten the trees. This afternoon, enjoy sea air in Whitstable, famous for its delicious oysters! This charming port has been dubbed the Pearl of Kent with its picturesque lanes, artisanal bakeries, boutique shops and art galleries.

WED ▶ **FAVERSHAM** ▶ **LUNCH AT BLUE TOWN HERITAGE CENTRE** ▶ **ISLE OF SHEPPEY TOUR**

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. Perhaps pop into the Shepherd Neame Visitor Centre to enjoy a pint from the oldest brewer in the country? Cross over to the Isle of Sheppey for a fish & chip lunch with tea/coffee at the Blue Town and Criterion Heritage Centre – a site dedicated to showcasing the diverse history of the island. From here, take a guided tour along the coast, uncovering the island's critical role in wartime defence.

THUR ▶ **CANTERBURY** ▶ **BATTLE OF BRITAIN MEMORIAL**

Visit Canterbury, where the iconic Cathedral, St. Augustine's Abbey and St. Martin's Church combine to form a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Spend a moving afternoon at the Battle of Britain Memorial in Capel-le-Ferne. The high-tech and interactive Scramble Experience gives a stirring insight into what The Few went through during the summer of 1940. See replica aircraft and be humbled by the aircrew names inscribed on The Wall.

FRI ▶ **LEEDS CASTLE**

Depart after breakfast to spend the morning amongst 900 years of history at Leeds Castle. It's widely referred to as the loveliest castle in the world with colourful state rooms and beautifully manicured gardens featuring a challenging maze comprising over 2,400 yew trees!

BRIDGEWOOD MANOR HOTEL & SPA, CHATHAM

★★★★

- ▶ Rated 4.1/5 by Shaws customers in 2023
- ▶ Ensuite rooms with TV, direct dial phone, hairdryer, trouser press or ironing facilities, desk area, free WiFi & complimentary tea/coffee tray
- ▶ Restaurant, bar, patio & inner courtyard
- ▶ Indoor pool, sauna & steam room
- ▶ Treatment rooms (extra charge)
- ▶ Lift
- ▶ **ACCESS** Walk-in showers & ground floor rooms on request

SINGLES ARE DOUBLE FOR SOLE



CREAM TEA INCLUDED



CUSTOMER FAVOURITE



THE JURASSIC COAST - SIDMOUTH

£725pp

THUR 24 - MON 28 OCT
NO SINGLE SUPP.
CODE: C3459

2024 REUNION - 102 YEARS

PRICE COMING SOON

FRI 1 - SUN 3 NOV
NO SINGLE SUPP.
CODE: A3460

THUR ▶ Check into your coastal hotel.

FRI ▶ **SIDMOUTH**
▶ **COLDHARBOUR MILL**

Spend your morning at leisure enjoying Sidmouth's impressive coastline. This afternoon, visit Coldharbour Mill – the site remains largely unchanged since Victorian times



and has recently celebrated 225 years of trading! Relive the sights and sounds of the Industrial Revolution, see how wool is turned into yarn and fabrics, with the opportunity to purchase these locally made textiles in the shop.

SAT ▶ **SIDMOUTH** ▶ **BURROW FARM GARDENS WITH CREAM TEA**

Enjoy another relaxing morning amongst Sidmouth's timeless charm, you'll find some lovely local shops along Old Fore Street and Church Street. This afternoon, head to Burrow Farm Gardens which was crowned the Nation's Favourite Public Garden in 2021. Take time to enjoy its idyllic countryside location and variety of planting styles, topped off with a traditional Devonshire cream tea from the delightful café.

SUN ▶ **RIVER EXE CRUISE** ▶ **SIDMOUTH**

Take in the fresh autumnal air during a relaxing morning cruise on the River Exe, sailing out of Exmouth Marina. This stretch of water is a wildlife haven where migrating birds often make for magnificent viewing this season. Spend your final afternoon in Sidmouth, enjoying its nostalgic atmosphere and memorable sea views.

MON ▶ Time to head home.

"Hotel on the sea front was handy for before breakfast walks, Sidmouth was a joy"

Our Reunion short breaks are an opportunity for us to thank you for joining us on our Great Days Out and Door2Door Holidays, to catch up with all the many friends that we've made over the years and, of course, to warmly welcome new customers. This year, we're delighted that our inclusive break will be held at Best Western Lansdowne Hotel on Eastbourne's seafront.

*"Everyone was friendly and took care of our needs, entertainment was excellent"
"All the staff are wonderful, so kind and caring and they make a big effort to include everyone"*



This charming hotel is family-run, like ourselves, but with a 10 year head start on us, having been owned since 1912. It boasts wonderful views across the beach opposite and is just a short, level walk from the pier. Inside this elegant Victorian property guests can relax in a traditional, cosy atmosphere.

At the time of going to print, we are still fine-tuning the tour itinerary but, as always, we are planning to include some interesting places, entertainment on both evenings as well as lunches on all three days. Please let us know if you would like to join us and we'll make sure that you get the tour itinerary and details just as soon as they are finalised. In the meantime, we look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible – and thank you to everyone who made our 101 Reunion such an enjoyable occasion.



THE BEDFORD HOTEL, SIDMOUTH

★★★

▶ Seafront location, great for leisurely strolls with views of Lyme Bay ▶ Grade II listed ▶ Family run ▶ Rated 4.5/5 by Shaws customers in 2023 ▶ Ensuite rooms with walk-in showers, TV, radio, phone, hairdryer, WiFi & complimentary tea/coffee tray ▶ Restaurant, bar & lounge with veranda ▶ Lift ▶ **ACCESS** Lift unsuitable for wheelchairs & no storage space for electric wheelchairs/scooters (can be left on coach), steps to some rooms, four steps at the main entrance (ramp available), two shallow steps to the lounge & restaurant ▶ Ask us about sea view rooms which may be available at a supplement

BEST WESTERN LANSDOWNE, EASTBOURNE

★★★

▶ Seafront position, overlooking the Western Lawn and Wish Tower with views of Beachy Head ▶ Privately owned and looked after by the same family since 1912 ▶ Rated 4.4/5 by Shaws customers in 2023 ▶ Ensuite rooms with TV, radio, phone, hairdryer, WiFi & complimentary tea/coffee tray ▶ Restaurant, bar & lounge areas, many with sea views ▶ Games room ▶ Lift to all floors ▶ **ACCESS** Steps to the main entrance (wheelchair lift available), steps to a few rooms, no ground floor rooms, limited walk-in showers on request



FESTIVE HOTEL PACKAGE

BOURNEMOUTH, BEAULIEU & BAUBLES

£595pp

MON 11 - FRI 15 NOV
SINGLE SUPP. £120
CODE: A3461

MON ▶ Check in and warm up with tea/coffee and a mince pie.

TUE ▶ **BOURNEMOUTH**

▶ **THE ETCHES COLLECTION**

Spend the morning enjoying your coastal surroundings before a fascinating afternoon at The Etches Collection. This unique, modern museum houses the finest single collection of Late Jurassic Age fossils, all found by just one man – Dr Steve Etches MBE. You'll be mesmerized by sea monsters, prehistoric predators and the marine flora and fauna from 152-157 million years ago when the Jurassic Coast of Dorset was but a shallow, tropical sea.

WED ▶ **BEAULIEU**

Enjoy endless New Forest scenery as we make our way to the award-winning attraction at Beaulieu. There's so much to do here! The Palace House is one of just 10 Treasure Houses of England, here, costumed guides will take you through the fascinating home of Lord Montagu, including his secret library and a restored Victorian Kitchen! Admire the pristine collection of vehicles inside the world-renowned National Motor Museum, from F1 to a rustic 1930s garage! Did you know that over 3,000 Special Ops agents were trained in the dark arts of warfare at Beaulieu? Head to the Secret Army Exhibition to find out more!

THUR ▶ **POOLE** ▶ **BOURNEMOUTH**

Take a morning drive around the bay to Poole, where the weekly market will be in full swing! Wander along the bustling quayside and pause in one of the many cafés to watch the fishing boats and luxury yachts at play or perhaps head into the historic Old Town where pirates once roamed. Spend your final afternoon at leisure in Bournemouth, the Russell-Cotes Museum (entry fee) comes highly recommended by our customers, full of mesmerising art and offering panoramic sea views. Celebrate your last night with a complimentary glass of fizz this evening.

FRI ▶ Time to head home.



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MERCURE BOURNEMOUTH HOTEL & SPA

★★★★

- ▶ 15 minutes' walk from Bournemouth Pier ▶ 5-minute walk to the beach along the East Cliff ZigZag path ▶ Newly refurbished in 2020 with décor inspired by the nearby Jurassic Coast
- ▶ Ensuite rooms with TV, laptop safe, hairdryer, direct dial phone, desk area, ironing equipment, free WiFi & complimentary tea/coffee tray ▶ Brasserie, cocktail bar & coffee shop
- ▶ New pool, jacuzzi, sauna & gym ▶ Treatment rooms (extra charge) ▶ Lift ▶ **ACCESS** Walk in showers on request, 7 steps to some bedrooms, steps to public restrooms, steps to the spa

ENTERTAINMENT EVERY NIGHT



FESTIVE HOTEL PACKAGE

TORQUAY TINSEL TEASER

£595pp

MON 18 - FRI 22 NOV
NO SINGLE SUPP.
CODE: C3462

MON ▶ Check in with tea/coffee and settle in with a drinks reception and entertainment this evening.

TUE ▶ **EXETER CATHEDRAL TOUR & CHRISTMAS MARKET**

Discover the characters who have shaped its history and uncover the secrets of one of Europe's finest monostatic buildings during a guided tour of Exeter Cathedral. Afterwards, the Cathedral's Christmas Market will be in full swing with over a hundred twinkling chalets, locally made gifts and global street food to enjoy. Or, perhaps spend time exploring this ancient city which predates the arrival of the Romans! It's home to the award-winning Royal Albert Memorial Museum & Art Gallery (free entry) full of fascinating exhibits that uncover the city's 2000-year history.

WED ▶ **TORQUAY** ▶ **BYGONES MUSEUM**

Spend the morning at leisure – use the hotel's complimentary taxi service to Torquay Harbour (departs approx. 10:00 and returns 16:30, prebook before 09:30 on the day), relax in the hotel's Wellness Centre or take a winter walk along the rugged SW Coastal Path or seafront. Take a trip down memory lane during this afternoon'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.

THUR ▶ **PLYMOUTH**

Get to know Plymouth with an introductory coach tour this morning before spending your afternoon at leisure in 'Ocean City', aptly nicknamed for its fresh sea air, scenic waterfront, and breathtaking views. The Box (free entry) is Plymouth's new museum and art gallery, featuring a full size woolly mammoth replica! Or, perhaps take a stroll along the cobbled streets past hundreds of listed buildings in The Barbican & Sutton Harbour.

FRI ▶ Time to head home.

"All outings were very well organised"

THE HEADLAND HOTEL & SPA, TORQUAY

★★★

- ▶ Quiet spot on the headland with sea views & access to the SW Coastal Path ▶ Rated 4.3/5 by Shaws customers in 2023
- ▶ Winner of a 2023 Travellers' Choice Award from Tripadvisor
- ▶ Ensuite rooms with TV, phone, hairdryer, WiFi & complimentary tea/coffee tray ▶ Restaurant & lounge/bar ▶ Garden & terrace with sea views ▶ Hydro pool, sauna, steam room, mini-gym
- ▶ Beauty treatments (pre-booking advised) ▶ Lift ▶ **ACCESS** Steps to some bedrooms, limited ground floor rooms and walk-in showers, steps to the pool and at the garden entrance. Please note that some exhibits at The Bygones Museum can only be accessed by stairs and the ground floor is cobbled.

ENTERTAINMENT ON THREE NIGHTS + FREE TAXI TO TORQUAY + GIFT FROM SANTA + QUIZ WITH REFRESHMENTS



INCLUDES ONE LUNCH



CHRISTMAS HOTEL PACKAGE

BEAMISH & BOWES

£650pp

MON 25 - FRI 29 NOV
SINGLE SUPP. £113
CODE: B3463

MON ▶ Settle into your 4* city hotel.

TUE ▶ **BARNARD CASTLE**
▶ **BOWES MUSEUM**

Visit the historic market town of Barnard Castle, which takes its name from the 12th century fortress around which it grew. Perhaps explore the imposing ruins perched above the Tees Gorge (free for English Heritage Members) or wander amongst the charming independent shops and local eateries. Visit the highly impressive Bowes Museum, housed in a Grade I Listed French-style chateau and holding a treasured collection of fashion, furniture and fine art.

WED ▶ **DURHAM**

Spend the day, at leisure, in the beautiful Cathedral city of Durham. Stroll to the Castle and Cathedral UNESCO World Heritage Site and be impressed by ancient artefacts or uncover the city's prehistoric past in the Museum of Archaeology (free entry). The city boasts a great choice of riverfront bars and restaurants, or perhaps head further afield and follow a scenic Riverside Walk.

THUR ▶ **BEAMISH**

Visit Beamish – a world famous, open air museum guiding you through life in the NE from the 1820s to the 1950s. A multi-million pound 'Remaking Beamish' project has seen the opening of a 1950s town and farm featuring a hairdresser, a pavilion, a chip shop and more! Step inside a 1900s town and colliery, peep inside a pit village cottage, ride the colourful, heritage trams and experience wartime life on a 1940s farm. There's a full days' worth of discovery at Beamish along with a fitting choice of eateries including a tea room, chip shop and pub.

FRI ▶ **GREEN HOWARDS MUSEUM WITH LUNCH**

En route home we've included a fascinating visit to The Green Howards Museum in Richmond with a light buffet lunch. This treasured collection documents the history of this honoured Regiment, ensuring that the human story is told through each artefact. Friendly volunteers are on hand to ensure you get the most out of your visit.

"Wonderful break, everything taken care of, lovely people on the coach, made some new friends"



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RADISSON BLU HOTEL DURHAM

★★★★

▶ Modern, central, riverfront hotel within walking distance of the cathedral & castle ▶ Rated 4.2/5 by Shaws customers in 2022 ▶ Ensuite, air-conditioned rooms featuring TV, radio, phone, hairdryer, free WiFi, ironing equipment, safe, desk & complimentary tea/coffee tray ▶ Restaurant & bar ▶ Indoor pool, gym, sauna, steam room & jacuzzi ▶ Treatment rooms (extra charge) ▶ Lift ▶ **ACCESS** Walk-in showers on request

FESTIVITIES IN THE FELLS

£825pp

MON 23 - FRI 27 DEC
SINGLE SUPP. £119
CODE: B3464

MON ▶ Warm up with tea/coffee on arrival then get to know your fellow guests whilst settling in with a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie this evening.

CHRISTMAS EVE

▶ **KENDAL**

Revel in Kendal's festive atmosphere, maybe treat yourself to something special from the town's lovely local shops? The High Street is adorned with beautiful buildings and architecture that look particularly magical at Christmastime.

This evening, enjoy an atmospheric candlelit dinner followed by parlour games in the lounge.

CHRISTMAS DAY ▶ Merry Christmas one and all! Relax at the hotel or attend the local church service before your 5 course Christmas lunch with celebratory Bucks Fizz. Later, watch the King's Speech, wrap up for a riverside walk or unwind in the lounge before tonight's buffet.

BOXING DAY ▶ **LAKE WINDERMERE CRUISE**

After a leisurely breakfast, enjoy a scenic ride to Bowness in the heart of the Lake District. From here, set sail for a 90-minute cruise on Windermere – Britain's largest lake. Expect to see magnificent mountains, secluded bays and hidden islands during this spectacular voyage through a (white?) winter landscape. Warm up with tea and Christmas cake back at the hotel and sharpen your wits before this evening's Boxing Day quiz.

FRI ▶ The scenery continues on our journey home as we travel through the wintery Yorkshire Dales.

*"Kendal was an excellent choice as a base"
"Excellent driver and nice to see familiar faces"*



THE RIVERSIDE HOTEL, KENDAL

★★★

▶ Converted 18th century tannery on the banks of the River Kent ▶ Short walk to the town centre ▶ Rated 4.5/5 by Shaws customers in 2023 ▶ Winner of a 2023 Tripadvisor Travellers' Choice Award ▶ Ensuite rooms with TV, radio, phone, hairdryer, ironing equipment, free WiFi & complimentary tea/coffee tray ▶ Restaurant ▶ Bar & river terrace ▶ Indoor pool, hot tub, steam room, sauna & gym ▶ Lift (suitable for small fold-up wheelchairs) ▶ **ACCESS** One walk-in shower in an accessible twin, 10 ground floor rooms accessed by a chairlift or 7 steps, a few steps to the lift and restaurant, but disabled access is available ▶ Ask us about river view rooms which may be available at a supplement

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