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- Adjustable footrests and glove nets
- Adjustable seatbelts
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- Toilet and washroom
- Radio, CD and DVD
- Climate control
- Overhead aircraft style luggage lockers
- All our coaches undergo regular, rigorous maintenance inspections
- Friendly drivers, trained to the highest standards



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Cornish Spa Break

What better way to relax and unwind after the festive period than to take a Spa break in Newquay. Take part in a complimentary spa demonstration or book one of the many treatments the hotel has to offer (must be booked in advance, please ask for details). Make full use of the hotels excellent leisure facilities, take a stroll on the beautiful Fistral beach or join us on our jaunts to Falmouth & Launceston. Sample Cornish afternoon tea, enjoy champagne cocktails and just relax.

Fistral Beach Hotel & Spa, Newquay

This is a 3 star hotel located at the western end of Newquay and has outstanding views of Fistral Bay. The hotel has a stylish lounge, bar and restaurant with wonderful views. There is an indoor pool, sauna and spa bath and the hotel has a lift. All the bedrooms are en-suite and have TV, hairdryer, tea/coffee making facilities and sea views.

Your holiday includes:-

- Door to Door pick up service
- Elite Coach Travel
- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast at the hotel
- 3 course evening meal with 3 choices per course and after dinner tea or coffee
- Welcome drink on arrival
- Champagne cocktails before dinner (1st night only)
- Complimentary spa demonstration
- 10% discount on spa treatments
- Cornish afternoon tea one day
- Light lunch one day
- 2 half day excursions
- Free use of the hotels leisure facilities

5 days

Monday 13 January	£245.00
Single room supplement	Nil



Southport Winter Warmer

Renowned for its flat terrain, the legendary Lord Street and expansive beach, Southport is an ideal location for this winter break. We include a trip to nearby Liverpool with its vibrant water front, huge selection of shops and multitude of museums.

Ramada Plaza Hotel****

An excellent 4 star hotel set in the heart of Southport's glamorous waterfront development. There is a comfortable lounge and bar as well as the renowned Marine Brasserie Restaurant. Guests have complimentary use of all the facilities at Victoria Health & Leisure which is located opposite the hotel. The en-suite bedrooms and all have TV, tea/coffee making facilities, iron/ironing board and telephone.

Your holiday includes:-

- Door to Door pick up service
- Elite Coach Travel
- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast at the hotel
- Free use of the leisure facilities at Victoria Health & Leisure
- Free day in Southport
- Excursion to Liverpool

4 days

Monday 20 January	£175.00
Single room supplement	£60.00

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Royal Isle of Wight Winter House Party

The Isle of Wight has long been known as the favourite haunt of Queen Victoria so it is fitting that the team at Bourne Hall dress up as Queen Victoria and other royal characters and bring you a royal feast of epic proportions. There is ale and wine tasting, a Victorian Feast and even a medieval banquet for you to enjoy. Day time activities include free use of the hotels leisure facilities a ride out to Freshwater Bay with its magnificent views of the Needles and a visit to the county town of Newport. Evening entertainment includes music and dancing one evening and a themed film each night.

Bourne Country House Hotel, Shanklin

This is a 3 star hotel in an impressive position, overlooking the sea and coast just outside Shanklin Old Village. The hotel has its own bar and large lounge and the hotels leisure facilities include a swimming pool, Jacuzzi, "far" infra red sauna and mini gym.

The bedrooms are fully en-suite and have TV with freeview, tea/coffee making facilities, CD player, hairdryer and telephone.

Your holiday includes:-

- Door to Door pick up service
- Elite Coach Travel
- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast at the hotel
- Victorian Feast with pre dinner glass of mulled wine
- Medieval banquet with pre dinner glass of mead
- 2 half day excursions
- Free use of the hotels leisure facilities

5 days

Sunday 16 February	£265.00
Single room supplement	Nil

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Ayrshire Winter Getaway

Enjoy some fine Scottish hospitality on our winter break to Irvine and the ever popular Menzies Irvine Hotel. Join us as we pay a visit to Robbie Burns Country stopping at the regional "capital" Alloway. Then there is a tour along the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond and nearby Loch Long. Rounding the week off is a full day tour in to the Southern Uplands, through the woodlands of the Galloway Hills, past Loch Doon to Maybole and then along the Ayrshire coast back to Irvine.

Menzies Irvine Hotel****

Located on the outskirts of Irvine, the 4 star Menzies Irvine hotel offers a superb range of facilities. It has comfortable bedrooms, a contemporary Brasserie restaurant, stylish cocktail bar and contemporary lounge.

All the bedrooms are en-suite and have TV, tea/coffee making facilities and complimentary Wi-Fi access.

Your holiday includes:-

- Door to Door pick up service
- Elite Coach Travel
- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast at the hotel
- Excursion round Robbie Burns Country
- Tour round Loch Lomond & Loch Long
- Excursion in the Southern Uplands

5 days

Monday 24 February	£215.00
Single room supplement	£60.00

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Bournemouth

Popular at any time of the year, Bournemouth is an ideal destination for this late winter break. Not to be missed is a visit to Salisbury. Described as a city in the country, it is probably best known for its Cathedral, which is home to the famous Magna Carta. The historic market town of Dorchester is well worth a visit as is Bridport, the location for the TV series Broadchurch. Add to this a day at leisure in Bournemouth and we are sure you will have a truly relaxing break.

Menzies Carlton Hotel** Bournemouth**

Situated on East Overcliff, with beautiful views over Bournemouth Bay this 4 star hotel is known as one of the finest in Dorset. With its comfortable lounges, superb restaurant and excellent Waves Health & Leisure Centre you can understand why this hotel is so popular.

All the en-suite bedrooms have TV, tea & coffee making facilities and complimentary Wi-Fi access. Rooms with sea views are available at a supplement, please ask for details.

Your holiday includes:-

- Door to Door pick up service
- Elite Coach travel
- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Guided excursion over the Downs to Salisbury
- Guided excursion to Dorchester & Bridport
- Free day in Bournemouth
- Use of the hotel's leisure facilities

5 days

Monday 3 March	£265.00
Single room supplement	£60.00



Scottish Snowdrops

New for 2014 we present Scottish Snowdrops. Discover the emerging snowdrops, signaling the winter's change to spring as we visit several gardens in Perthshire. We also visit the Perthshire Visitors Centre for a spot of liquor tasting and pay a visit to Royal Dundee. Back at the hotel you can try your hand at sword dancing, enjoy a spot of whiskey tasting and make full use of the hotels leisure facilities. With a Scottish themed dinner with Celidh one evening, a quiz night, afternoon tea on 2 days and a £30.00 voucher to be used for either food or drink at the hotel this break really does offer value for money.

Angus Hotel* Blairgowrie**

A traditionally styled 3 star hotel in the centre of Blairgowrie, this hotel has a cosy ground floor restaurant, excellent leisure facilities including a pool, sauna and spa bath. The hotel has a lift.

The tastefully decorated bedrooms are all en-suite and have TV, tea/coffee making facilities and hairdryer.

Your holiday includes:-

- Door to Door pick up service
- Elite Coach travel
- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Excursion to the Perthshire Visitors Centre with liquor tasting
- Visit to 4 Snowdrop Gardens
- Excursion to Royal Dundee
- Use of the hotel's leisure facilities
- Nightly entertainment at the hotel

5 days

Monday 17 March	£225.00
Single room supplement	Nil

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Llandudno & Snowdonia

Llandudno is renowned for having retained its Victorian & Edwardian splendour whilst embracing modern attractions and makes an ideal destination for this short break. A day at leisure in the resort enables you to take a stroll along the pier, the longest in Wales, take a walk along the promenade, visit the shops or enjoy the many facilities the hotel has to offer. An excursion along the coast to Caernarfon, a run via Llanberis Pass through the Snowdonia National Park and a visit to Chester on the way home completes this early season visit to Wales.

St George's Hotel**** Llandudno

The Gold award winning St George's Hotel sits beside the impressive Great Orme with wonderful views out over Llandudno Bay and combines traditional Victorian elegance and stunning location with the comfort of a 4 star hotel. The hotels Terrace restaurant offers magnificent sea views whilst the bar offers a wide range of drinks. The hotel does not have a lift.

The bright and airy bedrooms have luxurious bathrooms, air conditioning, TV, tea/coffee making facilities, hairdryer, iron & ironing board & trouser press.

Your holiday includes:-

- Door to Door pick up service
- Elite Coach travel
- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Excursion to Caernarfon
- Guided tour through the Snowdonia National Park
- Day at leisure in Llandudno
- Visit to Chester on return journey

5 days

Monday 31 March	£355.00
Single room supplement	£100



Spring on the Isle of Wight

Renowned for its mild climate, the Isle of Wight is an ideal choice for this early spring holiday. Shanklin offers a wide range of attractions to suit all ages and all weathers from the brilliant beach to the historic Shanklin Chine. A visit to the Ventnor Botanic Gardens where plants that would normally grow in greenhouses thrive in the micro climate of Undercliffe is a must as is a visit to pretty Godshill with its picture postcard cottages. The Pearl Centre, Alum Bay with its coloured sands and Freshwater Bay with its stunning views of the Needles are all visited during our stay on the island.

Keats Green Hotel*** Shanklin

In a tranquil setting with exhilarating sea views, this luxurious three star hotel offers the warmest of welcomes and unrivalled personal service. The restaurant, bar lounge and quiet lounge all have sea views and there is a lift giving access to most rooms. All the en-suite bedrooms have flat screen TV, beverage tray, telephone, iron & ironing board.

Your holiday includes:-

- Door to Door pick up service
- Elite Coach travel
- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Admission to Ventnor Botanic Garden
- Afternoon visit to Godshill
- Guided tour of the Island
- Day at leisure in Shanklin

5 days

Tuesday 8 April	£335.00
Single room supplement	Nil

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Two Gardens and A Stately Home

We start with a visit to Easton Walled Garden and end with a visit to Barnsdale Gardens, in between we pay a visit to Burghley House. Easton Walled Gardens are Lincolnshire's lost garden. 12 years of loving restoration have resulted in a collection of meadows, roses, sweet peas, vegetables and cut flowers. Barnsdale Gardens were created by Geoff Smith for BBC Gardeners' World and are Britain's largest collection of individually designed gardens with 39 gardens in 8 acres of grounds. Burghley House is probably one of Lincolnshire's best known stately homes. This fine Elizabethan House near Stamford has over 100 hundred rooms to explore, gardens to visit and walks to be taken in the historic parkland laid out by Capability Brown.

Ramada Hotel**** Grantham

Set in tranquil countryside this 4 star hotel offers excellent facilities including restaurant, bar & lounge, terraced courtyard and a leisure with heated pool, Jacuzzi, sauna & steam room.

All the bedrooms are en-suite with shower over the bath and have flat screen TV with Freeview, tea/coffee making facilities & complimentary Wi-Fi.

Your holiday includes:-

- Door to Door pick up service
- Elite Coach travel
- 3 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Entry to Easton Walled Gardens
- Guided tour to Burghley House
- Admission to Barnsdale Gardens

4 days

Monday 14 April	£209.00
Tuesday 16 September	£209.00
Single room supplement	Nil



Easter in Warwickshire

Spend Easter exploring some of the attractions that both Warwickshire & Leicestershire have to offer, starting with a visit to Charlecote Park, home to the Lucy family since the 15th century. Step inside the house and see how it was remodelled in Victorian times. Enjoy the gardens, take a woodland walk and marvel at the views over the rolling parkland to the River Avon. Sunday morning is spent at leisure and after lunch (included in the cost of the holiday) we venture out to Bosworth Battlefields where Richard III lost the throne to Henry Tudor. No visit to this part of the world would be complete without a visit to Stratford upon Avon. The Shakespeare Birthplace ticket we have included allows you access to Shakespeare's Birthplace, Nash's House & New Place.

Sketchley Grange Hotel & Spa**** Burbage

On the outskirts of the village of Burbage this 4 star country grange has a terrace lounge, bar and restaurant and the hotel's Health & Leisure Club features a pool, sauna & spa.

The bedrooms are all en-suite and have a hairdryer, iron & board and TV with In house movies.

Your holiday includes:-

- Door to Door pick up service
- Elite Coach travel
- 3 nights' bed & breakfast
- Evening meals Friday & Saturday
- Sunday lunch
- Quiz one night
- Entry to Charlecote Park
- Shakespeare Birth Place ticket
- Guided tour of Bosworth Battlefield and entry to Heritage Centre

4 days

Friday 18 April	£250.00
Single room supplement	£45.00

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Gardens, Homes and Castles of the North East

A chance to explore three of the North East's best known gardens as spring arrives. 10 years ago, Alnwick Garden was a derelict wasteland. Today it is an inspiring landscape with beautiful gardens, unique features and magnificent architecture. The nearby Medieval Alnwick Castle also features in this tour as does Wallington House, the home of the unconventional Trevelyan family. Explore the history of Northumberland in the impressive house, explore the lawns, lakes & woodlands and visit the walled garden, a colourful haven of tranquillity whatever the season. Finally, visit Crook Hall and Gardens in the heart of Durham. The 13th century Medieval Hall provides a stunning backdrop to the idyllic English theme gardens.

Hilton Hotel**** Gateshead

Hilton Newcastle Gateshead. A 4 star hotel, overlooking the River Tyne and only a 10 minute walk from the city centre. The hotel has a fitness centre with indoor pool, a restaurant and 2 bars. All the bedrooms are en-suite and have air conditioning, TV, coffee maker, hair dryer and iron/ironing board.

Your holiday includes:-

- Door to Door pick up service
- Elite Coach travel
- 3 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Admission to Alnwick Castle & Garden
- Admission to Wallington House & Gardens
- Admission to Crook Hall & Gardens
- Visit to Richmond

4 days

Tuesday 22 April	£219.00
Single room supplement	£60.00



Boats and Trains of the Highlands and Islands

A unique experience, travelling by road, rail and sea to view some of Scotland's most stunning scenery. Take boat trip across Loch Lomond to Urquhart Castle with its breath taking views. A glass bottomed boat ride from Kyle of Lochalsh to Seal Island enables you to see the varied marine life in the area before travelling over the bridge on to the Isle of Skye. Finally take a ride on the Strathspey Steam Train to Aviemore before boarding the UK's highest mountain railway, the Cairngorm Funicular Railway for a journey up in to the Cairngorms and back returning to Boat of Garten by coach.

The Boat**** Boat of Garten

Nestled in a tranquil setting within the heart of the Cairngorms National Park lies the historic 4 star Boat Hotel. Combining its historic charm with modern facilities the hotel offers a warm welcome and has an award winning Bistro & Bar. The bedrooms are all en-suite and have TV, hot drinks facilities, hairdryer, telephone, iron & ironing board.

Your holiday includes:-

- Door to Door pick up service
- Elite Coach travel
- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Cruise on Loch Lomond and entry to Urquhart Castle
- Cruise on the Seaprobe Atlantis Glass bottom boat
- Single journey on the Strathspey Steam Train
- Return journey on Cairngorm Funicular Mountain railway

5 days

Monday 28 April	£339.00
Single room supplement	£80.00

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Wartime Kent

Over the centuries, Kent has been Britain's first line of defence against would be invaders and no place epitomizes this better than Dover Castle and the Wartime Tunnels. See the nerve centre of the Dunkirk evacuation and relive the dramatic events of 1940's life through state of the art effects and real film footage. A visit to nearby historic Canterbury is a must with its stunning cathedral, the oldest in Britain and other reminders of the city's history. Known as "Hellfire Corner" due to the barrages of cross channel shelling during the war, the airfield at Hawkinge is home to the Battle of Britain museum today and features in this break as well as a journey from Hythe to Dungeness on the Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway.

Mercure Tunbridge Wells Hotel****

A 4 star hotel set round a feature Oast House, with its own Mallows Restaurant & Oast Bar. The hotel also has its own health club with swimming pool and sauna. The hotel does not have a lift but ground floor rooms are available on request. All the bedrooms are en-suite and have TV, tea and coffee making facilities and hairdryer.

Your holiday includes:-

- Door to Door pick up service
- Elite Coach travel
- 3 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Entry to Dover Castle with guided tour of the secret wartime tunnels
- Entry to Battle of Britain Museum
- One way journey on the Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway

4 days

Monday 5 May	£279.00
Single room supplement	£60.00



England's Lakeland Glory

Lakeland towns, cascading waterfalls, inspiring mountains and sparkling lakes help to make the Lake District one of the best loved regions in Britain. Regarded as England's most scenic National Park it has been the inspiration of poets and artists alike. This carefully balanced tour includes a ride on a steam train, cruise on Ullswater, a visit to Holker Hall and Gardens which are regarded as one of the finest stately homes in Britain, free time in both Bowness and Keswick and a visit to Hawkshead Brewery. A visit to Leyburn and Hawes on the way to Grasmere and time in Skipton on the way home make this a trip not to miss.

The Daffodil Hotel** Grasmere**

Newly opened in 2012 this 4 star hotel is situated right in the heart of the Lake District, overlooking Derwent Water. The restaurant, bar, sitting room and terrace all have magnificent views of the lake. The hotel also has a Spa with thermal pool, sauna and steam room. All the bedrooms are en-suite and have TV, tea & coffee making facilities, hairdryer and iron/ironing board.

Your holiday includes:-

- Door to Door pick up service
- Elite Coach travel
- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Steam train ride Haverthwaite to Lakeside
- Entry to Holker Hall & Gardens
- Cruise on Ullswater
- Brewery Tour & tasting

5 days

Sunday 11 May	£340.00
Sunday 7 September	£340.00
Single room supplement	£80.00

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Oxford Dreaming Spires, Cruise and Chateau

“Ride a Cock Horse to Banbury Cross” or travel by Elite coach if you prefer! The historic town of Banbury made famous by this nursery rhyme followed by an afternoon tour of the picture postcard villages of the Cotswolds is featured in this tour of Oxfordshire as is Oxford, the inspiring city of “Dreaming Spires”. As famous now as the setting for Morse as it is for its universities, Oxford has so much to see including the Ashmolean, Britain’s first public museum and the famous Bodleian Library. A scenic Oxford river cruise enables you to see many other famous landmarks. Finally, enjoy a memorable visit to Waddesdon Manor a magnificent French Renaissance style Chateau with its stunning formal gardens and English Landscape Park.

The Oxford Belfry Hotel**** Thame

A 4 star hotel, set in 17 acres of beautiful grounds just outside Oxford, it has a superb restaurant and excellent bar as well as a fitness centre with pool, sauna, steam room and state of the art gym. The hotel has a lift. The en-suite bedrooms have a bath and shower as well as TV with Freeview, tea/coffee making facilities, hairdryer and trouser press or iron.

Your holiday includes:-

- Door to Door pick up service
- Elite Coach travel
- 4 nights’ dinner, bed & breakfast
- Guided Tour of Banbury & The Cotswolds
- Entry to Waddesdon Manor
- Guided Tour of Oxford & River Cruise

4 days

Sunday 18 May	£349.00
Single room supplement	£60.00



Heart of the Home Counties

Cambridgeshire is the base for this tour of some of the best the Home Counties has to offer. The magnificent Audley End House, built to entertain royalty, gives a fascinating glimpse in to life “below stairs” in the Victorian Service Wing whilst the beautiful grounds include an impressive formal garden and working Organic Kitchen Garden. A guided morning tour of Cambridge is followed by an afternoon free to explore the historic colleges, beautiful museums and art galleries. Hatfield House owned by the Cecil family for over 400 years has a magnificent Jacobean Grand Staircase and a rare stained glass window whilst the gardens dating back to the 17th century feature amongst other things the sundial garden and fountains.

Down Hall Country House Hotel**** Hatfield Heath

An impressive Italianate mansion, the 4 star hotel is set in 110 acres of land and facilities include a luxurious Cocktail bar, Banqueting suite, swimming pool, sauna and spa bath. The hotel has a lift. All the bedrooms are en-suite and have TV, tea/coffee making facilities and hairdryer.

Your holiday includes:-

- Door to Door pick up service
- Elite Coach travel
- 4 nights’ dinner, bed & breakfast
- Entry to Audley End House
- Guided tour of Cambridge part walking/part coach
- Free afternoon in Cambridge
- Entry to Hatfield House

5 days

Monday 26 May	£325.00
Single room supplement	£80.00

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Hidden Treasures of the **Dordogne**

One of the most popular locations in the whole of France, the Dordogne is a world away from big city life, dotted with picturesque medieval villages that have changed little through the centuries.

Close to our hotel at La Roque Gageac is the impressive Dordogne Valley with the majestic Chateau Castelnaud which was owned by the Kings of England for several centuries. Built to guard against Chateau Beynac across the valley, the castle house an impressive medieval museum and enjoys stunning views over the valley* Just a short distance away, across the river are the peaceful Jardins de Marqueyssac offering more than 6km of shaded paths bordered by 150,000 hand pruned box trees which are over 100 years old . Our visit to this locality is rounded off with a short boat ride along the river in a "gabare" a traditional barge.

Travel through the picturesque hills and valleys of the Dordogne to the mystical pilgrimage village of Rocamadour. Named after Saint Amadour this small village has been a place of pilgrimage since the discovery of his body in 1166. Visit the churches carved in to the rock which can be accessed by 216 steps or take the lifts (local charge applies). Returning to La Roque-Gageac we stop off at the medieval walled village of Domme, remarkably unchanged since the 13th century and with fantastic views across the valley.

A morning visit to the town of Sarlat la Caneda, one of the most alluring and attractive towns in South West France is a must. Take time to wander through the small winding streets and enjoy the sights and sounds of the Wednesday Market. You can then spend the afternoon relaxing at the hotel or take a stroll along the banks of the Dordogne.

The holiday starts and finishes with a relaxing cruise on board P & O Ferries sailing from Hull to Zeebrugge and back. An overnight stop will be taken between Paris and Fontainebleau on the outward journey and at Lisieux on the way home.

**Please note that people with mobility difficulties may find their enjoyment of the castle limited.*



THE HOTELS

Mercure Parc du Coudray

A 4 star hotel on the outskirts of Paris. It has a restaurant, bar and outdoor swimming pool. All the bedrooms are en-suite and have TV, air conditioning, hairdryer and Wi-Fi.

Hotel Le Perigord La Roque Gageac

A traditional 2 star family hotel close to the shores of the River Dordogne. Located in extensive grounds with its own bar & restaurant, the hotel also has an outdoor pool. There is no lift in the hotel but ground floor rooms are available on request. The bedrooms are all en-suite and have air conditioning, TV & hairdryer.

Mercure Hotel Lisieux

Situated in the heart of the Normandy countryside with all the facilities you would expect of a Mercure hotel including outdoor pool. The bedrooms are en-suite and have TV, minibar & hairdryer.

Cost includes:-

- Door to Door pick up service
- Elite coach travel
- Overnight sailing with P&O Ferries from Hull to Zeebrugge and return in inside cabins
- 1 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast in a hotel near Paris
- 4 nights' dinner & buffet breakfast in La Roque Gageac
- Entry to Chateau de Castelnaud
- Entry to Jardins de Marqueyssac
- Gabarres Boat trip
- Excursions as detailed
- 1 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast at Lisieux

Ferry supplements

- Outside cabin £12.00 per person based on 2 people sharing
- Low berth cabin £6.00 per person based on 2 people sharing
- Meal deal £23.00 per person each way

9 days

Friday 13 June	£655.00
Single room supplement	£189.00

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Tuscan Highlights



Tuscany, like a fine wine, has been some time in the making. From the Etruscans to the Romans to the Renaissance, Tuscany is possibly the greatest art repository in the world, from extraordinary paintings and sculpture to frescoes and architectural masterpieces.

Apart from its fine art, Tuscany has some most extraordinary countryside and it's simple yet wonderful cuisine and wine is enjoyed the world over. No visit to this region would be complete without a visit to Florence. The museums, churches and Palaces house some of the greatest artistic treasures in the world and we spend a full day here to ensure that you don't miss anything.

We pay a visit to the medieval town of Siena with the Piazza del Campo at its heart. It has a wealth of places worth visiting including the red bricked city hall, cathedral and Piccolomini library. Close to our resort is Pisa with its famous leaning tower and a short drive way is Lucca, one of the oldest cities in Tuscany. This ancient town is a wealth of narrow cobbled streets, churches and chapels. On your day at leisure in Viareggio enjoy the full Italian beach experience with miles of ombrelloni and deck chairs, stroll amongst the shops and cafes on the promenade, wander through the pinewood park or visit Piazza Shelley, named after the famous poet. We finish our visit to Italy by following the Olive Oil Trail of Monti Pisani through Buti, Calci, San Giuliano Terme, Vecchiano and Vicopisano. The varieties of olives grown, the climate, the characteristics of the soil and the methods of collecting and pressing the olives make this one of the world's leading olive oil producers.

The holiday starts and finishes with a relaxing cruise on board P&O Ferries sailing from Hull to Zeebrugge and back. An overnight stop will be taken at Hauconcourt in France on both the outward and return journeys.

NB. Italian tourist tax of between 1€ & 5€ per person per night will be payable on arrival at the hotel in Viareggio. Details of exactly how much this will be will be sent with your final travel details.

THE HOTELS

Novotel Metz Hauconcourt****

Situated in parkland a short distance from Metz this 4 star hotel is used for our overnight stops travelling to and from Tuscany. There is a restaurant and bar as well as an outdoor pool. All the bedrooms are en-suite and have air conditioning, satellite TV, minibar and a hairdryer.

Palace Hotel**** Viareggio

Built at the beginning of the 20th century this well established 4 star hotel is situated on the promenade across from the wide sandy beach. The hotel has a charming restaurant, bar and a roof top terrace with stunning views of the coastline with the equally impressive backdrop of the Appenine Mountains. The air conditioned bedrooms are all en-suite and have TV and hairdryer.

Cost includes:-

- Door to Door pick up service
- Elite Coach Travel
- Overnight ferry crossing on board P&O Ferries from Hull to Zeebrugge & return, in inside cabins
- 1 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast in France in both directions
- 5 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast in Viareggio
- Visit to Florence with guide
- Excursion to Siena, Pisa & Lucca
- Guided tour along the Olive Oil Trail
- Free day in resort

Ferry supplements

- Outside cabin £12.00 per person based on 2 people sharing
- Low berth cabin £6.00 per person based on 2 people sharing
- Meal deal £23.00 per person each way

10 days

Monday 6 October	£615.00
Single room supplement	£74.00

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South Devon Discovery

Devon a county of contrasts. From the rolling hills of Dartmoor to the scenic splendour of the coast, join us as we discover some of what there is to see starting with a visit to Saltram Gardens. This largely undiscovered treasure is home to the Parker family and offers an insight in to country estate life through the centuries. The maritime city of Plymouth is next with its cobbled streets, merchant houses and of course the Hoe. A visit to charming Paignton is followed by a ride on the Paignton and Dartmouth Steam Railway to Dartmouth, set in a picture book location on the River Dart. Finally we take a trip across Dartmoor taking in Tavistock and Oakhampton to Castle Drago, the last castle built in England, with its dramatic views over Dartmoor.

Boringdon Hall Hotel** Colebrook nr Plymouth**

Situated on the edge of Dartmoor this 4 star hotel provides a tranquil and peaceful refuge. The hotels Boringdon Bar oozes character and the hotel has an excellent restaurant. Please note that there are a number of stairs throughout the building. The bedrooms all of which are en-suite also have TV, tea/coffee making facilities and hairdryer.

Your holiday includes:-

- Door to Door pick up service
- Elite Coach travel
- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Entry to Saltram Gardens and free time in Plymouth
- Free time in Paignton & Dartmouth
- One way journey on the Paignton & Dartmouth Steam Railway
- Guided tour across Dartmoor with entry to Castle Drago

5 days

Monday 2 June	£335.00
Single room supplement	£48.00



Scenic Northumberland

Northumberland has so much to offer, from industrial heritage to glorious gardens, splendid coastline to stunning forest there is something for everyone. Discover over 800 years of Northumbrian history at Woodhorn Museum which is based in original colliery buildings. Visit inspiring Alnwick Garden which until 10 years ago was a derelict, forgotten wilderness. Enjoy a boat ride from Seahouses to the Farne Islands home to thousands of seabirds and then travel by coach to Bamburgh Castle and Berwick on Tweed. Finally, spend some time at Keilder Water, the biggest man made lake in Northern Europe and Keilder Forest the largest man made woodland in England, home to roe deer, otters osprey and many creatures.

Hilton Hotel** Gateshead**

Hilton Newcastle Gateshead. A 4 star hotel, overlooking the River Tyne and only a 10 minute walk from the city centre. The hotel has a fitness centre with indoor pool, a restaurant and 2 bars. All the bedrooms are en-suite and have air conditioning, TV, coffee maker, hair dryer and iron/ironing board.

Your holiday includes:-

- Door to Door pick up service
- Elite Coach travel
- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Entry to Woodhorn Museum with guided tour
- Admission to Alnwick Gardens
- Boat ride from Seahouses
- Excursion to Berwick on Tweed
- Excursion to Keilder Water & Forest

5 days

Monday 9 June	£265.00
Single room supplement	£80.00

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The Panda Experience

A unique opportunity to get up close and personal with Edinburgh Zoo's Panda's. In conjunction with the Winnock hotel we present an exclusive opportunity to have a private viewing of the pandas with the Zoo keeper at Edinburgh Zoo followed by time in the penguin enclosure. As pandas tend to sleep during the day you will either meet them first thing in the morning before the zoo opens or early in the evening after it closes.

Completing this brief visit to Scotland we take a trip in to the Trossachs and visit The Scottish Wool Centre at Aberfoyle before taking a trip on Loch Katrine aboard the steam ship Sir Walter Scott.

Winnock Hotel*** Drymen

Nestling round the green in pretty Drymen village, this family run, 3 star hotel has been sensitively extended and refurbished whilst retaining its traditional bars and log fire. The hotel does not have a lift but ground floor rooms are available on request. The en-suite bedrooms all have TV, tea & coffee making facilities and hairdryer.

Your holiday includes:-

- Door to Door pick up service
- Elite Coach travel
- 3 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Entry to Edinburgh Zoo with private viewing of the Pandas
- Visit to the Scottish Wool Centre, Aberfoyle
- Trip aboard S.S. Sir Walter Scott on Loch Katrine

**If, for any reason, the pandas are not available, alternative encounters will be arranged.*

4 days

Monday 23 June	£309.00
Single room supplement	Nil



The Heart of England

Staffordshire is the very heart of England as well known for its fine estates as it is for its pottery. Shugborough Estate, the ancestral home of the Earls of Lichfield, gives you the opportunity to visit a fine Georgian Mansion, whilst the National Brewery Museum traces the history of brewing through the centuries. The National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas is home to over 200 memorials which recognize those who have given their lives serving their country.

Trentham Gardens are some of the finest in Britain with a year round display of colour and we spend the morning here before visiting the Wedgwood visitors centre to enjoy the Master Ceramic experience.

Mercure Burton Upon Trent Newton Park Hotel****

A 4 star grand Italian style country manor set in 8 acres of ground. There is a pleasant restaurant and the Club Bar is an excellent spot for a night cap. All the bedrooms are en-suite and have TV, tea & coffee making facilities and telephone.

Your holiday includes:-

- Door to Door pick up service
- Elite Coach travel
- 3 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Entry to Shugborough Estate
- Admission to National Brewery Museum with guided tour
- Visit to the National Arboretum
- Entry to Trentham Estate and Gardens
- Entry to Wedgwood Visitors Centre and factory tour

4 days

Monday 30 June	£275.00
Single room supplement	£60.00

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Cheshire & The Peak District

A guided tour of Quarry Bank Mill, the base for Channel 4's popular drama series "The Mill" is the starting point of this new tour for 2014, followed by an afternoon at Tatton Park where we explore the historic Mansion, award winning gardens and working farm. The following day we take you on a tour of the Peak District and visit Haddon Hall, one of the most romantic houses in Britain followed by a scenic drive with views of the reservoirs of the Upper Derwent Valley. The final day starts with a guided visit to Port Sunlight Museum and Garden Village created in 1888 by William Hesketh Lever for his Sunlight soap factory workers. The day finishes with a river cruise with a difference, a trip on the fascinating Anderson Boat Lift, the world's first vertical boat lift.

Puma Shrigley Hall Hotel Golf & Country Club****

One of the most prestigious hotels in the area this 4 star hotel is set in 262 acres of countryside on the edge of the Peak District National Park. The Oakridge Restaurant offers beautiful views over the grounds and there is an indoor swimming pool, sauna, steam room and fitness suite. All the bedrooms are en-suite and have hairdryer, tea/coffee making facilities and TV.

Your holiday includes:-

- Door to Door pick up service
- Elite Coach Travel
- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast with choice of menu
- Entry and guided tour of Quarry Bank Mill
- Entry to Tatton Park
- Entry to Haddon Hall
- Entry to Port Sunlight with Step on Guide
- River cruise/Boat Lift/Afternoon Cream Tea
- Free use of the hotels leisure facilities

5 days

Monday 21 July	£335.00
Single room supplement	Nil



The Norfolk Broads and Suffolk Coast

The Norfolk Broads have long been a favourite destination with a great many people and add to this the relatively unspoilt East Sussex you have a recipe for success. The market town of Diss, the seaside town of Aldeburgh, probably best known for being home to the composer Benjamin and finally Southwold a quintessential British seaside resort all feature in this tour. A day is devoted to touring round the Broads and includes a cruise on the Broads from Wroxham, an ideal way to relax and discover the diversity of the enchanting landscape. Stalham from where many boats set off to explore the Broads and the picturesque village of Hickling are also included in the itinerary.

Mercure Norwich Hotel****

Enjoy a 4 star Norfolk welcome at Mercure Norwich. Set in a quiet location away from the centre of Norwich the hotel has a restaurant and cosy bar as well as a fitness centre with pool, sauna and fitness area.

The en-suite bedrooms all have flat screen TV, tea & coffee making facilities, telephone and iron.

Your holiday includes:-

- Door to Door pick up service
- Elite coach travel
- 3 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast at the hotel
- Guided tour of the East Suffolk Coast
- Cruise on the Norfolk Broads from Wroxham to Horning Reach

4 days

Monday 7 July	£249.00
Single room supplement	£60.00

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Monkey World and Longleat's Lions

In response to many requests we are pleased to include this tour in our 2014 programme. Monkey World Ape Rescue Centre was set up in 1987 to rescue and rehabilitate primates that had been illegally smuggled from the wild or had been the subject of abuse or neglect. There are over 12 different species of primates at the centre including 59 Chimpanzees in 4 different groups. Longleat first opened in 1966 and is without doubt, the UK's Number 1 Safari Park and is home to huge range of animals wandering freely in hundreds of acres of land. Away from the park, Longleat House is regarded as one of the best examples of high Elizabethan architecture in Britain and of the most beautiful stately homes open to the public.

Best Western The Connaught Hotel & Spa*** Bournemouth

This 3 star hotel is in the West Cliff area of Bournemouth, a short stroll from the sea front. The hotel has an excellent restaurant and Brasserie as well as Spa and Leisure Club with gym, swimming pool, spa pool, sauna & steam room.

All the bedrooms are en-suite and have TV, hairdryer, complimentary tray with tea, coffee & drinking chocolate.

Your holiday includes:-

- Door to Door pick up service
- Elite Coach travel
- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Entry to Monkey World
- Free day in Bournemouth
- Entry to Longleat Safari Park & guided tour of the House

5 days

Monday 14 July	£465.00
Single room supplement	£40.00



RHS Flower Show Tatton Park

Aside from Chelsea Flower Show, RHS Flower Show Tatton Park is the country's leading horticultural show. The North's greatest garden party has a whole host of fresh ideas for those who like to grow their own fruit and veg. For the flower lovers you will find flowers galore in the floral marquees whilst for those wanting to redesign their gardens there are many fresh and innovative ideas in the show gardens. Add to this the many other attractions Tatton has to offer and you have the perfect day out. On Sunday we visit Britain's largest and most spectacular garden centre at Bridgemere before making our way home through the Peak District.

Mercure Chester Abbotts Well Hotel**** Chester

This 4 star hotel is set in 2 acres of grounds only a short distance from the centre of Chester. As well as a Brasserie and bar, the hotel has a swimming pool and fitness centre. All the bedrooms are en-suite and have TV, telephone, tea/coffee making facilities, hairdryer and Wi-Fi.

Your holiday includes:-

- Door to Door pick up service
- Elite Coach travel
- 2 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Entry to RHS Flower Show Tatton Park on Saturday
- Visit to Bridgemere Garden World
- Free time in Chester on Friday

3 days

Friday 25 July	£195.00
Single room supplement	Nil

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Eastbourne and The Sussex Coast

With its award winning sea front, famous Carpet garden, bandstand and Victorian pier. Eastbourne is the ideal base for our visit to Sussex. Stunning coast, countryside, heritage and one of the finest gardens in England make the county one of the UK's top tourist destinations. Enjoy a visit to Pashley Manor Gardens an award winning quintessential English garden. The historic town of Battle, the place where in 1066 one of Britain's most famous battles took place, and the vibrant and colourful Regency resort of Brighton are included in the itinerary as well as a full day to explore all that Eastbourne has to offer.

Best Western York House Hotel*** Eastbourne

An elegant 3 star hotel located on the seafront 400 yards from the pier, 20 yards from the beach and a 10 minute walk from the town centre. There is a heated indoor pool, open air sun veranda and restaurant as well as a lift at the hotel.

The bedrooms are en-suite and have TV, telephone, tea & coffee making facilities, hairdryer and iron/ironing board.

Your holiday includes:-

- Door to Door pick up service
- Elite Coach travel
- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Entertainment at the hotel on 2 nights
- Free use of the swimming pool
- Guided tour of Pashley Manor Gardens
- Guided excursion to Battle & Brighton
- Free day in Eastbourne

5 days

Monday 28 July	£329.00
Single room supplement	£60.00



The Mary Rose, Jane Austen and Winchester

There is an abundance of nostalgia, history and heritage on this tour of Hampshire. Be amongst the first to visit the eagerly awaited new Mary Rose Museum which opened in May last year. The full story of Henry VIII's warship is brought to life and revealed in this awe-inspiring museum. Afterwards why not take time to visit some of the other attractions at the Historic Dockyard and even take a panoramic trip up the Spinnaker Tower. Enjoy a railway trip back in time on the historic Watercress Line, visit Jane Austen's House Museum where she wrote some of her finest works and explore the vibrant, ancient and cultured cathedral city of Winchester.

Norton Park Hotel**** Winchester

Situated just north of Winchester, this excellent 4 star spa hotel blends contemporary chic with historical elegance. Set within 54 acres of peaceful grounds the hotels excellent leisure facilities include swimming pool, gym and sauna. There is a restaurant, bar and lounge and lift at the hotel. The bedrooms are en-suite with bath & shower, TV, telephone, tea & coffee making facilities, hairdryer and trouser press or ironing facilities.

Your holiday includes:-

- Door to Door pick up service
- Elite Coach travel
- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Entry to the Mary Rose Museum and The Historic Dockyard
- One way journey on the Watercress Line
- Entry to Jane Austen's House Museum
- Free day in Winchester

5 days

Sunday 3 August	£339.00
Single room supplement	£72.00

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Snowdonian Splendour

A firm favourite, Llandudno is the largest resort in Wales. A unique combination of Victorian style and Edwardian elegance, it is known as the “Queen of Welsh Resorts” Dominating the landscape of course are the Snowdonia Mountains and National Park. A full days tour takes you through Betws-y-Coed, Blaenau Festiniog with its slate railway, pretty Lake Bala & Dolgellau before returning via Beddgelart and its legend of Llewellyn’s faithful. By way of contrast the next day we visit Llanberis at the foot of Snowdonia before heading to Criccieth and then Caernarfon with its magnificent castle.

St George’s Hotel**** Llandudno

The Gold award winning St George’s Hotel sits beside the impressive Great Orme with wonderful views out over Llandudno Bay and combines traditional Victorian elegance and stunning location with the comfort of a 4 star hotel. The hotels Terrace restaurant offers magnificent sea views whilst the bar offers a wide range of drinks. The hotel does not have a lift.

The bright and airy bedrooms have luxurious bathrooms, air conditioning, TV, tea/coffee making facilities, hairdryer, iron & ironing board & trouser press.

Your holiday includes:-

- Door to Door pick up service
- Elite Coach travel
- 3 nights’ dinner, bed & breakfast
- Full day excursion round Snowdonia with guide
- Guided excursion to Criccieth & Caernarfon

4 days

Monday 11 July	£349.00
Single room supplement	£40.00



The Isle of Man

Our best selling tour in 2013 is back for 2014 and early booking is recommended. Situated in the middle of the Irish Sea, the Isle of Man offers some stunning scenery from rugged coastal cliffs to towering Snaefell Peak. Dating back to 6500BC the island is steeped in history and is of course famous for the annual TT races.

A visit to the iconic Laxey Wheel, a ride on the mountain railway to Snaefell Peak, a tour of the island including a visit to Castle Rushen at Castletown the Isle of Man’s historical Capital and a day at leisure in Douglas are all included in this 5 day break.

Chesterhouse Hotel, Douglas

Situated on the Promenade overlooking Douglas Bay, the 3 star Chesterhouse Hotel offers a unique experience for the more discerning traveller. The hotels Shiraz Restaurant has panoramic views over the bay and you can enjoy a relaxing drink in the Amber Bar & Lounge.

The tastefully decorated bedrooms are all en-suite and have TV, tea and coffee making facilities, hairdryer, direct dial phone and broadband access.

Your holiday includes:-

- Door to Door pick up service
- Elite Coach Travel
- 4 nights’ dinner, bed & breakfast at the hotel
- Return ferry crossing from Heysham
- Full day excursion with guide round the island
- Visit to the Laxey Wheel
- Travel on the Snaefell mountain railway
- Entry to Castle Rushen
- Free day in Douglas

5 days

Friday 15 August	£389.00
Single room supplement	£48.00

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Perthshire Forest Safari Adventure

The adventure begins in Aberfeldy in a Land Rover for a journey through picturesque and dramatic scenery and rare insight into an amazing natural wilderness, local history and culture. Telescopes and binoculars are provided for a closer view. You will also come face to face with Britain's largest mammal at the Reed Deer Centre, where, lead by a safari ranger, you can feed and learn about these magnificent animals. Your time in Scotland also includes a tour round the magnificent Trossachs and beautiful Loch Lomond as well as an excursion to Scone Palace followed by Glamis Castle the childhood home of the Queen Mother and Dundee.

Crieff Hydro Hotel**** Crieff

Located in the heart of Perthshire amongst 900 acres of Scottish countryside, this 4 star hotel is a perfect retreat. Meals are served in the Meikle restaurant and the hotels leisure facilities include swimming pool, spa bath and sauna. The en-suite bedrooms all have TV, tea & coffee making facilities & hairdryer.

Your holiday includes:-

- Door to Door pick up service
- Elite Coach Travel
- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast at the hotel
- Forest Safari & Red Deer Encounter excursion
- Guided tour round the Trossachs and Loch Lomond
- Entry to Scone Palace an Glamis Castle

5 days

Sunday 24 August	£415.00
Single room supplement	Nil



Ayrshire Highlights

Enjoy some fine Scottish hospitality at Irvine and the ever popular Menzies Irvine Hotel. Join us as we pay a visit to Robbie Burns Country stopping at the regional "capital" Ayr followed by a visit to the pretty village of Alloway. Travelling in the opposite direction between the North Ayrshire Coast and Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park, we pass through Largs & Greenock and along the banks of the Clyde you reach Glasgow and spend the afternoon exploring all that the city has to offer. Away from the coast are the Galloway Hills and Forest Park where apart from some wonderful scenery, you will find the ancient Douglas stronghold, Drumlanrig Castle and Country Estate. Brimming with centuries old heritage and culture and complete with country park and Victorian Gardens the castle is well worth a visit.

Menzies Irvine Hotel****

Located on the outskirts of Irvine, the 4 star Menzies Irvine hotel offers a superb range of facilities. It has comfortable bedrooms, a contemporary Brasserie restaurant, stylish cocktail bar and contemporary lounge.

All the bedrooms are en-suite and have TV, tea/coffee making facilities and complimentary Wi-Fi access.

Your holiday includes:-

- Door to Door pick up service
- Elite Coach Travel
- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast at the hotel
- Excursion round Robbie Burns Country with guide
- Excursion to Glasgow
- Excursion to the Galloway Hills and Forest Park
- Entry to Drumlanrig Castle & Country Estate

5 days

Monday 1 September	£329.00
Single room supplement	£60.00

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Cambridge in Code

Bletchley Park is arguably best known for its wartime activities and code breaking during this time and the guided tour we have arranged gives a fascinating insight in to the work that was carried out here. On Sunday morning a guided tour of The University City of Cambridge has been organised. Cambridge dates back to the Bronze Age, today though it is at the heart of the high technology centre known as Silicon Fen, a play on Silicon Valley and the Fens that surround the City. Finally, we visit the Imperial War Museum at Duxford, home to an impressive collection of over 200 aircraft as well as tanks military vehicles and boats.

Huntingdon Marriott Hotel****

A contemporary style 4 star hotel located on the outskirts of Huntingdon, the hotel has an excellent array of facilities including an indoor pool, sauna, spa and gym. The hotel's Brooke's Restaurant is a classic restaurant with a modern twist and a cosy bar and lift round off the hotels facilities. All the bedrooms are en-suite and have air conditioning, bathrobes, hairdryer, TV and tea/coffee making facilities.

Your holiday includes:-

- Door to Door pick up service
- Elite Coach Travel
- 3 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast at the hotel
- Free use of the hotels leisure facilities
- Guided tour of Bletchley Park
- Guided tour of Cambridge
- Entry to Imperial War Museum Duxford

4 days

Friday 12 September	£265.00
Single room supplement	Nil



Dublin and Wicklow, River and Rail

A short break to Irelands popular East Coast filled with treats starting with a visit to Powerscourt House and Gardens, considered one of the world's greatest gardens with international collections and magnificent views of Sugarloaf Mountain. There is a guided rail tour from Bray on the DART train to the seaside town of Malahide. A scenic river cruise through the heart of Dublin along the River Liffey with detailed commentary brings the city's history to life and afterwards you will have lots of time to explore the vibrant city.

The Glen View Hotel**** Delganey

Set in 403 acres of woodland, this family owned 4 star hotel is recognized as one of the finest in County Wicklow. The Woodlands Restaurant has beautiful views of the grounds and the Glen of The Downs, whilst the Conservatory Bar looks out over the Wicklow Mountains. The hotels leisure club has a gym, pool, sauna, jacuzzi and even an outdoor hot tub. All the bedrooms are en-suite and have tea/coffee making facilities, hairdryer and ironing facilities.

Your holiday includes:-

- Door to Door pick up service
- Elite Coach Travel
- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast at the hotel
- Return ferry crossing from Holyhead to Dublin
- Entry to Powerscourt House & Gardens
- Entry to Avoca Handweavers
- Guided train journey from Bray to Malahide
- Cruise on River Liffey with commentary
- Free time in Dublin

5 days

Sunday 21 September	£395.00
Single room supplement	£76.00

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Amiens, Chantilly & The Somme Battlefields

2014 marks the 100th anniversary of the start of the Great War. A full day of this tour will be spent visiting some of the most moving memorials of the Somme Battlefield. Our guide will take you to the Thiepval Memorial, dedicated to the thousands of soldiers missing without graves, Beaumont-Hamel with its original trench systems and Ulster Tower before following the Circuit of Remembrance. On a lighter note a visit to the magnificent Chateau de Chantilly has also been arranged. Here you will be able to see one of finest collections of paintings and manuscripts outside of the Louvre. The magnificent gardens lead on to the Great Stables and the Living Museum of the Horse, illustrating the connection with the famous nearby Chantilly racecourse. A visit to the chic seaside resort of Le Touquet on the way to Amiens as well as time in Lille on the way home are also included.

Campanile Amiens Centre Gare Hotel***

This modern 3 star hotel is situated in the centre of Amiens, within a 10 minute walk of the city centre and cathedral. The hotel has a good sized reception area, bar and ground floor restaurant. All the bedrooms are en-suite and have TV, hairdryer, air conditioning and tea/coffee making facilities.

Your holiday includes:-

- Door to Door pick up service
- Elite Coach Travel
- 2 nights' on board P&O Hull Ferries in inside cabins
- 3 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast at the hotel
- Guided Battlefield tour
- Entry to Historial de la Grande Guerre
- Entry to Chateau de Chantilly
- Ferry upgrades based on 2 people sharing
- Outside cabin £12.00 per person
- Low berth inside cabin £6.00 per person
- Meal deal £23.00 per person each way

6 days

Thursday 8 May	£330.00
Single room supplement	£122.00

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Isle of Man and its Heritage

A little different from our summer visit to the island, you have the opportunity to visit a great many of the islands historical sights with a Manx National Pass known as the "Story of Man which offers free unlimited entry to Castle Rushen, Rushen Abbey, House of Manannan Peel Castle, The Great Laxey Wheel, Nautical Museum, Old House of Keys and the National Folk Museum at Cregneash. Even better is the 3 day Heritage Railway pass which gives the experience of the journeys on the Isle of Man Steam Railway, Manx Electric Railway & Snaefell Mountain Railway. Rounding things off is an evening Manx scenic mystery tour, with guide on a vintage coach. Our coach remains with you throughout your stay for those who prefer not to use the Explorer pass.

Rutland Hotel*** Douglas

Located on the Promenade, overlooking Douglas Bay this 3 star hotel offers great food and service. All the bedrooms are en-suite and have TV, tea & coffee making facilities and hairdryer. Sea view bedrooms, for which there is a supplement, are available on request. The hotel has a lift.

Your holiday includes:-

- Door to Door pick up service
- Elite Coach Travel
- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast at the hotel
- Return ferry crossing Heysham to Douglas
- 3 day Island Explorer Pass
- 3 day Explorer Pass - Unlimited entry to all Manx Heritage attractions
- Evening scenic mystery tour in a vintage coach

5 days

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Why should I read this page?

Because it is very important. Our Trading Charter forms a key part of our agreement with you because it not only comprises the booking terms and conditions for the booking of your package but also the Consumer Guarantee (described below) from The Bonded Coach Holiday Group (“BCH Group”) Part of The Confederation of Passenger Transport UK, providing protection for the money you pay to us for the booking should we go out of business. Both the booking terms and conditions and the Consumer Guarantee, together with the confirmation of booking we give you at the time we commit to your booking for you, together make up the legally binding contract between you as the lead name making the booking, anyone else in the party and us.

When you make this booking as the lead name you undertake that you are 18 and have the authority to accept, and do accept, on behalf of your party the terms of this Trading Charter which are governed by English Law, and the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts. However, if you are resident in Scotland or Northern Ireland, you are able to choose the law and courts in your country, but if you wish to do so we would ask you to request this before placing your booking.

This Trading Charter and the Consumer Guarantee will not apply to any booking involving any type of flight. Instead, if you are booking a holiday which includes a flight, you will be supplied with the full booking conditions of the ATOL holder arranging your holiday and with whom you have a contract. Your booking agent will have a copy or alternatively you can request one prior to booking your holiday.

What if I did not see this trading charter before making the booking?

If you did not see this Trading Charter before making your booking and are not happy to proceed with the booking now that you have seen it, please return all documentation to us or the agent through whom you made the booking within 7 days of receiving this Trading Charter. Your booking will be cancelled and your monies returned in full, provided you have not commenced your travel.

How and when do I make this contract with you?

We welcome you making contact with us in a number of

ways. You can write to us, phone us, use a travel or booking agent, e mail us or visit our website. Whichever way you contact us the contract is made when your booking is entered on to our reservation system and we issue a confirmation of booking. We will send you or your booking agent confirmation of your booking within 5 working days. Please check this confirmation very carefully and inform us, or your agent, immediately of any errors.

How is my money for the package I booked protected?

Your money is protected by the Consumer Guarantee described below and provided to you by the BCH Group. This is possible because we subscribe to the Code of Conduct of the BCH Group which requires us to take out a bond from a financial entity in favour of the BCH Group for it to use to provide protection of your package money in the unlikely event that a Member cannot, for financial reasons, we can't carry out our booking obligations to you. The Bonded Coach Holiday Group guarantees to you that in the event of our failure through insolvency to provide your package as booked, BCH Group will:

- (1) Wherever possible, arrange for your package to be completed;
- (2) Where failure occurs after your package has begun, arrange for you and those in your party covered by the booking to be returned by an appropriate means of transport to their UK area of departure;
- (3) If the package cannot be completed as booked to reimburse your booking payments received by us provided that BCH Group will first take in to account and withhold an appropriate amount if any part of the service has already been provided (including any substituted service) or you are entitled to a refund from your credit card provider.

When do I need to pay for my package and how much?

We reserve the right to alter the prices of any of the packages that we advertise. At the time of booking you will be told the current price of the package. You can book by paying a deposit for each person named on the booking. You will be told at what point you will become committed to the booking, but we are not committed to the booking until such time as we provide you with our confirmation of booking. Our commitment is always conditional upon any balance being paid before the dates shown below.

If you book within our balance due period you will need to pay the total package cost at the time of booking.

If you do not pay the outstanding balance of your package on or before the date when it is due we may cancel your booking and you will be required to pay the cancellation charges detailed below. The date of cancellation will normally be the date on which we receive your written

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confirmation that you intend to cancel or 15 days after the balance due date, whichever comes first.

Deposit £50.00 per person

Your balance is due 6 weeks prior to departure. The balance due date will be shown at the foot of your confirmation. Please note, no reminders will be sent.

Can you change the price of my package after you have issued the booking confirmation?

Yes we can, but only in very limited circumstances and not within 30 days of your departure. The price of your package can be varied due to changes in:-

- Transportation costs including fuel (including fuel tax) ferry operator's fares and tolls, embarkation or disembarkation fees at terminals.
- Exchange rates applied to a particular package booked.
- Dues & taxes changes in VAT or any other Government imposed charges

In the case of any variation described above an amount equivalent to 2% of your package price which excludes insurance premiums and any amendment charges will be absorbed. An administration fee of £1 per person will be paid by you. If this means that you would have to pay an increase of more than 10% of the price of your package before increase, you may cancel it and receive a full refund of all monies paid except for any amendment charges.

We will consider an appropriate refund of insurance premiums paid if you can show that you are unable to transfer or reuse your policy. Should you decide to cancel for this reason, you must exercise your right to so within 14 days from the issue date printed on your revised invoice. Alternatively, you can accept an offer of an alternative comparable package of equivalent or superior quality, if available, or an alternative package of lower quality, if available. If the cost of the alternative package is less than the original package, the difference in price will be refunded. We will also pay compensation as laid out below. Please note that travel arrangements are not always purchased in local currency and some apparent changes have no impact on the price of your package due to contractual and other protection in place.

We calculate the price of your package using the exchange rates quoted in the Financial Times Guide to World Currencies on 31 August 2013 using £1.00 = €1.17

Can I change my package arrangements?

After we have issued our booking confirmation we will do our best to accommodate any changes you may want to make but we cannot guarantee to do so. Any changes must be notified in writing and signed by the person who made the booking.

Can I transfer my booking to someone else?

You can transfer your booking to someone else provided you give us reasonable notice. This person must be able to satisfy all the conditions for the package and a change cannot normally be made later than seven days prior to departure. You will remain responsible for ensuring that the holiday is paid by the balance due date.

How can I cancel my package?

You, or any member of your party, may cancel at any time provided that the cancellation is made by the person who signed the booking form and is communicated to us in writing via the office at which you made your original booking. You will have to pay cancellation charges set out in the scale below to cover our estimated loss resulting from the cancellation. If you are insured against cancellation you may be able to recover the charges from your insurers. Your cancellation will take effect from the date when we receive written confirmation of your cancellation. You must also return any tickets or vouchers that 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.

Scale of cancellation charges

Period before departure within which written cancellation is required	Amount of cancellation charges shown as % of holiday price
More than 42 days	Deposit only
41 - 28 days	30% or deposit if greater
27 - 22 days	50%
21 - 8 days	70%
7 - 1 days	90%
Departure day or later including voluntary termination during the package	Total package cost

What happens if you change my package?

The arrangements for your holiday will usually have been made many months in advance. Sometimes changes are unavoidable and we reserve the right to make them. Most of these changes are likely to be minor and we will do our best to keep you informed. We will tell you before your booking is confirmed if there have been any changes since the brochure was published. If, after booking and before departure, we make a significant change to your package you will have the option of withdrawing from the package without penalty or alternatively you may transfer to another package. In either case we will pay

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you compensation according to the scale set out below. Significant change would involve a change in departure date or time by more than 12 hours, departure point, location of resort or quality of hotel (excluding single overnight hotels on touring holidays).

If you withdraw from the holiday because we have made a significant change or if we have to cancel your holiday for any reason other than non-payment by you we will offer you the choice of:

A comparable replacement holiday if available or replacement holiday of lower quality together with refund of the difference

Or

A full refund of the money you have paid to include any insurance premiums if these cannot be transferred or re-used.

When we have notified you of the changes and options available, you must tell us your decision as soon as possible and within any timescale we may set bearing in mind the need to safeguard the booking arrangements of other customers.

Scale of compensation

We will pay you compensation for significant changes on the following scale.

Period before departure in which significant change is notified to you or your agent	Amount per person
More than 42 days	Nil
25 to 42 days	£10.00
15 to 24 days	£15.00
8 to 14 days	£20.00
0 to 7 days	£25.00

Payment of compensation according to the scale set out above will not affect your statutory right to claim further compensation if, in all the circumstances, you remain dissatisfied.

If prior to departure we make a significant change to your package arrangements or cancel your package we will pay you compensation on the above scale unless:-

The package is cancelled because the number of persons who agreed to take it is less than the minimum required, and you were informed of the cancellation in writing within the period indicated in the description of the package: or
The package is changed or cancelled by reason of unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all due care had been exercised. These circumstances which we call force majeure include but are not limited to,

threat of war, riot, civil strife, terrorist activity, industrial disputes, fire, quarantine, epidemic or health risks, natural or nuclear disasters, port and terminal closures and adverse weather conditions.

Payment of compensation according to the scale set out above will not affect your statutory right to claim further compensation if, in all the circumstances you remain dissatisfied.

What do I need to do if I have a complaint?

If you have a complaint during your package, you should tell the driver at the earliest opportunity so that they can do their utmost to resolve the problem immediately. If they are unable to resolve the problem to your satisfaction you should complete a Holiday Report Form which is available from the driver. You will then be given a copy of this report which you should keep with you. If on return from your package, you remain dissatisfied you should write within 28 days to The Tours Manager, Acklams Coaches, Barmston Close, Beverly. HU17 OLA.

In your letter you will need to quote your booking reference number, holiday name, departure date and the number of the Holiday Report Form which you completed at the time. If you do not tell us at the earliest opportunity about a problem giving rise to your complaint we cannot take steps to investigate and rectify it at the time. We will take in to account the date you first drew the problem to the attention of our driver when responding to your complaint and it may affect your rights under this Trading Charter if we have not been able to investigate and remedy the situation at the time.

Do I need to take out insurance?

We strongly advise all our customers to take out travel insurance to 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 package, we reserve the right to reclaim from you any medical repatriation or other expenses which we may incur on your behalf which would otherwise have been met by your insurers.

The above is a summary of our Trading Charter. A copy of the full Charter will be sent with the confirmation of your booking but is available on request prior to booking if preferred.

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Our drivers

You are in good hands with our fully qualified and professional drivers. From the moment you board the coach they will be there to ensure your holiday runs smoothly.

Our hotels

We use only 3 or 4 star hotels chosen for the quality of their accommodation and amenities as well as their location. All bedrooms are en-suite and most have TV and tea/coffee making facilities as standard.

The excursions

All excursions, entry fees and train/boat rides are included in the cost of your holiday so no hidden extras to pay.

Meals

All our holidays include evening meal and breakfast except the nights spent on board P&O Ferries. See holiday description for more details. Midday meals are not included.

Your holiday protection

For your peace of mind, we are members of the Bonded Coach Holiday Group of the Confederation of Passenger Transport.

Holiday Travel Insurance

We recommend that you do take out adequate insurance cover for peace of mind.

Guides

For your added pleasure, many of our tours now include the services of a professional guides.

£50.00 per person secures your holiday with the balance due 6 weeks before departure. Payment by credit or debit card accepted at no charge.



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