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Welcome to our 2025 Short Breaks Brochure



We are delighted to introduce our 2025 Short Breaks brochure which is packed with firm favourites and brand new destinations.

We know so many of you relish the opportunity to travel further afield but no longer want to endure the arduous airport experience. With our privileged location so close to the Continent and with fantastic feedback from this year's overseas tours, we have carefully created more, great value, European trips. We have also added some amazing River Cruises from well-regarded and long established cruise lines AMADEUS, A-ROSA, and CrosiEurope.

Our British tours, which have been at the core of our business for over 40 years continue to be immensely popular and we have expanded our

programme once again. From Berkshire to Yorkshire, Warner Hotels & Potters Resorts, Mystery & Murder, Knitting & Stitching, Turkey & Tinsel and plenty in between we are sure there will be something to float your boat.

Our day trip programme is still being finalised and we will send you our comprehensive brochure early next year. In the meantime, please subscribe to our emails and check out our website www.crosskeys.uk.com which is continuously updated with our day trips and short breaks, as soon as they are finalised.

Pick-ups for 2025

(Please note pick-ups vary on individual trips and supplements may apply)

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| • Ashford, Tesco Park Farm | • Folkestone, Home Pine House | • Sellindge, Swan Lane |
| • Canterbury, Whitefriars | • Folkestone, Morrisons, Bus Stop | • Tankerton, The Circus Bus Stop |
| • Capel Le Ferne, Layby, Food Market | • Herne Bay, High Street | • Walmer, Thompson's Bell Pub |
| • Deal, South Street | • Hythe, Red Lion Square | • Whitstable, Long Reach |
| • Dover, Pencester Road | • Maidstone, Orida Hotel | • Whitstable, Tollgate |
| • Faversham, Brogdale Road | | |

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We recommend taking travel insurance for all day trips and short breaks and Holiday Extras offer a range of flexible policies to suit. For a quotation please contact Holiday Extras directly on 0800 0833 551 advising you have a booking with Crosskeys and quote reference P6982.

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Potters Resorts Five Lakes



When we say All Inclusive, we mean All Inclusive – done properly!

The perfect escape to switch off, unwind and do as much or as little as you like.

Potters Resorts are the UK's first and only All Inclusive Resorts. Offering popular branded drinks at the bars, four meals a day, world class shows every evening and a very long list of sports, activities and leisure facilities all combined with a full entertainment programme – absolutely everything is taken care of.

Renowned for exceptional customer service and fantastic food this is the ultimate stress-free break.

With no hidden costs you can leave the worries of the world and expenses behind and fully immerse yourself with friends, fun and relaxation.

SPORTS AND LEISURE FACILITIES INCLUDE:

Archery, air rifle shooting, air pistols, badminton, card and board games, cardio and weights gym, craft workshops, dance classes, darts, disc golf, indoor bowls, laser clay, new age kurling, petanque, pickleball, pitch and putt golf, sauna and steam rooms, shuffleboard, silly games zone, snooker and pool tables, swimming pool, table tennis, tennis, traditional games, virtual reality and yoga.

NB: Some activities are weather dependant and sports may vary during your stay.

ENTERTAINMENT

Bingo, daytime quizzes, evening shows, late night disco, live music during the day, sports coaching and competitions.

Inclusions

- 3 nights' All Inclusive
- Breakfast, 3-course lunch, 3-course dinner, late night snack
 - All drinks
 - Daily activities
- Free use of sports & leisure facilities
 - Daytime Entertainment
 - Evening Entertainment

Your hotel

Potters Resorts Five Lakes, Essex

Set in 320 acres of glorious Essex countryside, five Lakes Resort is exclusively for adults with a variety of twin and double accommodation. Premier Village Rooms are set in the stunning grounds just a short walk from the main Resort or Hotel Premier rooms are amongst the central facilities. You'll enjoy premier rooms as standard or you can upgrade to Premier Plus for an enhanced view, or Deluxe Hotel Rooms with an extra double bed or Deluxe Village Rooms with a balcony. All rooms offer en-suite accommodation with TV, tea & coffee making facilities, drinks cooler, hairdryer, safe, iron and ironing board and free Wi-Fi. The dining and drinks package is on an All Inclusive board basis from check-in on the day of arrival until 10:30 on the day of departure. The drinks package is available from 08:30 each day until closing, usually around 02:00. The bars serve a wide range of branded alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, tea, coffees, cappuccinos, hot chocolate and many more.

Departure details

Departs: Friday 10th January 2025

Duration: 3 nights all inclusive

Price: £380pp

Single room supplement: £75pp per stay

Premier plus supplement: £35pp per stay

Deluxe supplement: £35pp per stay

Birmingham International Tattoo



DAY 1: We will make our way to our hotel arriving in time for a late lunch. There will be time to freshen up before heading to Resorts World Arena to enjoy the exuberant Birmingham International Tattoo, featuring marching bands, pipes and drums, field gun racing, dog racing and spectacular displays with over 1,000 performers. After the show we return to the hotel for a restful sleep.

DAY 2: After a delicious breakfast, we travel to Stratford-upon-Avon, a stunning medieval town steeped in history and culture and birthplace of William Shakespeare. We begin our journey home this afternoon.



Inclusions

- 1 nights' hotel accommodation lunch, bed & breakfast
- Tickets for the Birmingham International Tattoo
- Visit to Stratford-upon-Avon

Your hotel

Chesford Grange Hotel

Our friendly hotel combines the character of a historic manor house with bright, contemporary areas, surrounded by 17 acres of countryside. Offering spacious rooms and suites, a spa and gym, impressive conference facilities as well as a restaurant, bar and outdoor terrace, Chesford Grange has everything you need for a fantastic stay.

Departure details

Departs: Saturday 8th February 2025

Duration: 1 night half board

Price: £165pp

Single room supplement: £40pp per stay



A Weekend in Beautiful Bruges



With its charming medieval houses, market squares, imposing churches and picture-perfect cobbled lanes and canals, Bruges is one of the most beautiful and exciting tourist destinations in Europe.

Proud of its world heritage status and its remarkable history the heart of ancient Bruges is lined with pavement cafes and stunning architecture. As well as being rich in historical heritage, Bruges is also a dazzlingly young and contemporary city offering mouth-watering cuisine, great shopping and culture.

With so much to enjoy in this beguiling city, this weekend break allows ample free time to explore this wonderful destination at your leisure and here's just a suggestion of things to do:

CANAL CRUISE: Discover the city from a different perspective as you sit back and relax on a guided cruise through the beautiful, historic canals.

FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD: Bruges is a great destination for foodies with a unique and varied selection of delicacies on offer. From award-winning Michelin-star restaurants, authentic 'brown cafes', world renowned moules-frites, Belgian waffles and, of course, chocolate.

BREWERY TOURS: With two local breweries in the centre of the City why not join a brewery tour with an included tasting of traditional Belgian Beer.

THE DIAMOND MUSEUM: The museum shows how medieval Bruges was the first diamond city in the world, featuring permanent and temporary exhibitions, a shop dedicated to all things diamond-related, and a unique Diamond Polishing Show every day.

CHOCOLATE FACTORY: Discover the success of the sweet chocolate drink in the royal courts of Spain, France and later on throughout the whole of Europe and, of course, find out how Belgium's make their chocolate and why it's so delicious.

LACE MUSEUM: The Lace Centre in Bruges hosts a museum, a training centre, workshops, and a lace shop whilst also displaying some top works from Bruges' collections. In the afternoons visitors can watch live demonstrations in the workshop on the upper floor.

MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES: There's a host of other museums and galleries such as; Historium Bruges, showcasing the fascinating history of Bruges; Dali Xpo-Gallery, a fantastic collection of world famous graphics and statues by the great artist Salvador Dali; Frietsmuseum, the history of the potato and Belgian

fries; Groeningemuseum, a varied collection of Belgian art; Torture museum, one of the oldest prisons in Europe offering an impressive collection of artefacts and lifelike waxworks... and many more.

ARCHITECTURE: Bruges' architecture is predominantly Gothic with brickwork dating from the Middle Ages. At 83 metres high, climb the 366 steps to the top the 13th century Belfort tower for outstanding views of the city; The Basilica of the Holy Blood is a 12th century chapel housing a phial reputedly containing Christ's blood. Other notable places of interest include St. Bonifacius Bridge, known as Lovers Bridge; Stadhuis, the 14th century Town Hall; Sint-Janshuismolen, a working windmill and Oude Civiele Griffie, Bruges' former law court.

Inclusions

- 2 nights' bed & breakfast
- Luxury coach travel

Your hotel

Ibis Brugge Centrum

The welcoming Ibis Brugge Centrum features a combination of modern design and medieval architecture and is in an ideal central location, only 950 yards from the Market Square and the Belfry. The hotel offers a delicious breakfast. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer and free Wi-Fi.

Departure details

Departs: Friday 14th March 2025

Duration: 2 nights bed & breakfast

Price: £255pp

Single room supplement: £100pp per stay

Torquay – The English Riviera



With some of the most beautiful beaches in the country, there's no wonder the coastline of Torquay is nicknamed the English Riviera. Popular throughout the whole year, Torquay offers many delightful cafés, restaurants and bars to relax in, along with a myriad of sights, activities and attractions. The TLH Toorak Hotel (TLH Leisure Resort) offers activities every day along with entertainment every evening, making this the ideal break to banish the winter blues and look forward to the coming Spring!

DAY 1: We make our way to Devon and the resort of Torquay, arriving at our hotel in time for dinner.

DAY 2: Today is your chance to explore Torquay, known as the 'Queen of the English Riviera' and one of England's best-loved resorts. You may wish to wander around the harbour or enjoy a stroll along the promenade, why not explore the shops in the town centre, you could of course just relax in and around the hotel and join in some of the daily activities, the choice is yours.

DAY 3: This morning after breakfast, we travel to the city of Exeter, with its Gothic cathedral, cobbled streets, and medieval history sitting alongside its modern and contemporary shopping centre. A small city that packs a big punch, Exeter is one of the most vibrant, attractive and historically interesting cities in England. Pre-dating the arrival of the Romans in AD50, Exeter's history is rich and long. This is reflected in its fascinating visitor attractions including Underground Passages, free Red Coat Guided Tours, magnificent Cathedral, imposing Roman wall and beautiful Quayside. Exeter is also home to the award winning Royal Albert Memorial Museum where visitors can

explore the city's 2,000-year history under one roof!

DAY 4: Our excursion today takes us to the market town of Totnes with its variety of shops and historic buildings before continuing to delightful Dartmouth. The River Dart is busy with boats of all shapes and sizes, and the town hosts the Royal Naval College. You have time to obtain lunch here before returning to the hotel late afternoon.

DAY 5: Today we say goodbye and begin our journey home.

Inclusions

- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Daily activities & evening entertainment
 - Excursion to Exeter
 - Excursion to Totnes & Dartmouth

Your hotel

TLH Toorak Hotel (TLH Leisure Resort), Torquay

The charming TLH Toorak Hotel is located just a 5-minute walk from Torquay's seafront. The hotel has an elegant restaurant and as a member of 'Taste of the West', serves organic and locally sourced produce. All bedrooms are en suite with TV, tea & coffee making facilities, hairdryer and free Wi-Fi. Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, gym, steam room and spa. There is also a games area with 10-pin bowling, pool and table tennis. A daily activities programme includes snorkelling and aerobics. The Starlight Bar in the neighbouring TLH Derwent Hotel hosts vibrant evening entertainment, with a mix of cabaret and live acts. There is a lift at the hotel.

Departure details

Departs: Monday 17th March 2025

Duration: 4 nights half board

Price: £375pp



Wonderful Warwickshire for Solo Travellers



Our “For Solo Travellers” short breaks have proved so popular we have now made them a regular feature within our programme. You may prefer your independence, like your own room when travelling with a friend, or wish to travel with, and meet, like-minded people, if so these specific tours are for you. You will benefit from a double room to yourself without a supplement, enjoy a fabulous itinerary and the prospect of making new friends. The first time travelling on your own may be a little unnerving however this could be the start of discovering new and exciting experiences!

DAY 1: We begin our tour with a visit to the ever-popular RHS Garden Wisley, the flagship garden of the RHS and one of the UK’s best-loved gardens. It is home to some of the largest plant collections anywhere in the globe and showcases inspirational gardening. Planting schemes are constantly evolving to ensure there’s always something new to excite and inspire visitors. After our visit, we continue on to our hotel, arriving in time to freshen up before dinner.

DAY 2: This morning we make the short journey into the centre of Stratford-upon-Avon; the day here is yours to explore at leisure. This charming, historical town is famous as the birthplace of William Shakespeare, the most famous playwright in history. You may wish to visit his childhood home, a fascinating visit where you can walk in Shakespeare’s footsteps, hear tales of his family life and see objects from the Trust’s world-class collection. Alternatively, visit Anne Hathaway’s cottage, a 500 year old Tudor cottage where the Bard courted his bride-to-be. Wander the quaint streets, with their unique and individual shops, or enjoy a stroll by riverside.

DAY 3: Today we travel to Warwick to visit the majestic Warwick Castle. As you step within the castle’s ancient walls, prepare to be transported through time. With more than 1,000 years of unbelievable history, the castle’s attractions include a maze, a Time Tower and the Mighty Trebuchet – the largest working siege machine in the world. Behind the castle’s mighty walls, you will find the real heart of the castle, its beautiful grand interiors. If you have time after your castle explorations, why not visit Warwick’s pretty and intriguing town with its ancient churches, interesting museums and a wealth of quality independent shops, restaurants and cafes.

DAY 4: A visit to this part of the country wouldn’t be complete without a visit to the Cotswolds. We travel

to Broadway, often referred to as the ‘Jewel of the Cotswolds’. The pretty High Street is lined with horse chestnut trees and includes a mixture of period houses & picturesque honey coloured stone cottages. Packed with independent shops, cafes and restaurants, there are also a couple of excellent museums. After buying a memorable souvenir of your trip or enjoying some tea and cake, we continue our journey homeward.

Please note it is advisable to pre-book visits to places of interest in Stratford-upon-Avon.

Inclusions

- 3 nights’ dinner, bed & breakfast
- Entrance to RHS Garden Wisley
- Visit to Stratford-upon-Avon
- Entrance to Warwick Castle • Visit to Warwick
- Visit to Broadway, Cotswolds

Your hotel

Stratford Manor Hotel, Stratford-upon-Avon

Hidden in the peaceful Warwickshire countryside, with close proximity to the centre of Stratford-upon-Avon and Warwick, this spacious 4-star hotel is perfect to relax and unwind. The Shakespeare Restaurant serves a creative British menu featuring fresh local produce. The spacious Terrace Lounge serves coffees, light lunches and real ales. All rooms are en-suite with TV, tea & coffee making facilities and free WiFi. Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, gym, sauna, steam room and spa. There is a lift at the hotel.

Departure details

Departs: Monday 24th March 2025

Duration: 3 nights half board

Price: £460pp

A Weekend in Harrogate



Located in the heart of Yorkshire, Harrogate is a beautiful Victorian spa town that is perfect for a weekend break and there will be plenty of time to explore at your leisure. Known for its stunning historical buildings, lush gardens and natural springs Harrogate is a gem that offers a unique blend of old-world charm and modern sophistication. Quintessentially English, a visit to Harrogate would not be complete without an afternoon tea which we will enjoy at our centrally located hotel.

GARDENS: The Valley Gardens are an English Heritage Grade II listed park-land, themed gardens and historic buildings in regal Low Harrogate. Containing a greater number of mineral springs than any other known place – visit the area known as Bogs Field where 36 different mineral wells were discovered. The adjacent Pinewoods is a further 96 acres of woodland with footpaths leading to RHS Garden Harlow Carr, located on the outskirts of the town and one of Yorkshire's most relaxing and innovative gardens at the gateway to the Yorkshire Dales. A showcase of horticultural excellence all year round.

SHOPPING: Once a popular destination for European high society, today Harrogate shopping is just as stylish and is well known for its eclectic, elegant and diverse range of shops. With well-loved leading high street names and quality brands sitting alongside stylish independents, you will be spoilt for choice.

MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES: The Royal Pump Room Museum offers a glimpse into the history and culture of the region with the building's historical significance and architectural beauty making it a notable landmark in Harrogate. The Mercer Art Gallery with its ever-changing exhibitions was built 200 years ago as the Promenade rooms, a place for spa visitors to socialise. It later became a theatre, then a Town Hall, before becoming Mercer Art Gallery in 1991.

ARCHITECTURE: Harrogate made its name as a fashionable Victorian spa, and the buildings in central Harrogate reflect this heritage with beautiful examples of 19th-century architecture. St. Peter's church in the centre of the town features outstanding Victorian glass windows and St. Wilfred's Church, the only Grade I listed building in the town, is an exceptional example of early 20th-century architecture.

TURKISH BATHS: Perfecting the art of relaxation since 1897, the ornate Moorish bathhouse with glazed

brickwork and painted ceilings is the ideal space to switch off from it all and unwind. In its heyday, Harrogate was known as 'the English spa' and the Turkish Baths offer a unique experience of relaxation and rejuvenation in the genuine Victorian Baths as well as a range of contemporary treatments.

GASTRONOMY: Yorkshire's reputation for outstanding food and drink is distilled into Harrogate's mix of independent restaurants and familiar high street names. Drawing upon food culture from across the globe the vast array of eateries cater for all appetites and tastes. Opened in 1919, and still as popular today, a visit to the famous Betty's Tearooms is a must with a mouth-watering selection of over 300 cakes and breads and over 50 different types of tea and coffee.

Inclusions

- 2 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Afternoon Tea at the Hotel

Your hotel

Crowne Plaza, Harrogate

A stunning hotel ideally located in the centre of the charming old town of Harrogate, with views across the Yorkshire Dales and just moments from many of its most popular sites. All rooms are en-suite with TV, air conditioning, tea & coffee making facilities, hairdryer, safe and free Wi-Fi. Leisure facilities include a fitness centre. There is a lift at the hotel.

Departure details

Departs: Saturday 29th March 2025

Duration: 2 nights half board

Price: £250pp

Single room supplement: £66pp per stay

Alvaston Hall Hotel, Cheshire



A Grade II listed property and nestled in the rolling Cheshire Countryside, Alvaston Hall is a Victorian Mansion that became the epicentre of Cheshire society towards the end of the nineteenth century. Set within award winning gardens, state of the art wellness facilities and a pick of restaurants and lounges it's the perfect setting to switch off and unwind.

The theme for this break is **MIDWEEK VARIETY** – with fantastic visiting artists and the Warner Theatre Company.

DAY 1: We will make our way to Cheshire and our hotel arriving in time to freshen up before dinner.

DAY 2: Today we visit medieval Chester; Chester is arguably the richest city in Britain for archaeological and architectural treasures preserved to this day from the time of the Roman occupation. Walk the walls, admire the cathedral, visit the Roman amphitheatre, view Eastgate with its clock that marks the entrance to the Roman Fortress or learn about the British Army at the Military Museum. Chester is also famous for its shopping 'Rows' which boasts excellent shops, boutiques and restaurants, or perhaps you'd rather explore the city a different way with a cruise along the stunning River Dee. There is so much to see and do in this fascinating city!

DAY 3: After breakfast our excursion will take us into neighbouring Shropshire to visit Shrewsbury. Birthplace of Charles Darwin, Shrewsbury is set amidst the glorious Shropshire countryside near to the Welsh Borders and is one of England's finest medieval market towns. The town is rich in history with over 600 listed buildings including the Castle and the Abbey (home of the fictional Brother Cadfael). The historic centre is a shopper's heaven packed with designer shops, smart new malls and an amazing range of independent retailers. And of course all the bars, cafes and restaurants you could ever wish for.

DAY 4: Today is a day to relax and unwind and enjoy the activities and facilities of Alvaston Hall.



DAY 5: Today we say goodbye and begin our journey home.

Inclusions

- Breakfast and 3-course dinner
- Live entertainment every night
 - Stylish accommodation
- Daily activities
 - Use of leisure facilities
 - Excursion to Chester
 - Excursion to Shrewsbury

Your hotel

Alvaston Hall, Cheshire

A Grade II listed Victorian property, Alvaston Hall is a half-timbered country house that's the perfect place to relax. It's set in a peaceful setting with award winning gardens, state of the art wellness facilities and a pick of restaurants and lounges. All rooms are en suite with TV, tea & coffee making facilities, hairdryer and free Wi-Fi. Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, gym, sauna, steam room, spa and hair salon. Activities include aqua aerobics, archery, croquet, crossbow, darts, pitch & putt, quizzes & gameshows, rifle shooting, shuffleboard, short mat bowls and snooker.

Departure details

Departs: Monday 31st March 2025

Duration: 4 nights half board

Price: £430pp

Signature room supplement: £30pp per stay

Holland in Bloom – Keukenhof Gardens



A vibrant sea of flowers in an array of dazzling colours is a wonderful sight and a springtime visit to the popular Dutch bulbfields is a delight not to be missed. The highlight of our tour is our excursion to the spectacular Keukenhof Gardens, a truly spellbinding attraction for gardeners and anthophiles alike. Also known as 'The Garden of Europe', Keukenhof is the world's largest permanent flower garden where we can admire fantastic floral displays along with tranquil ponds, water features and inspiring sculptures. Our comprehensive tour also features other must-see attractions of the Netherlands including a visit to the historical neighbourhood of Zaanse Schans and a visit to a traditional cheese-maker.

DAY 1: After arriving in Calais we will travel through Belgium into Holland and onto our hotel.

DAY 2: Today is the highlight of our tour, our visit to Keukenhof Gardens; the most beautiful spring garden in the world! Keukenhof is a truly unforgettable experience where more than 7 million flower bulbs are planted every year. Gardens and pavilions show a fantastic collection including tulips, hyacinths, daffodils, orchids and many more; the spectacle of colour and perfume is truly overwhelming. Besides the spacious 32 hectares of flowers, you will be able to enjoy the spectacular flower shows, surprising inspirational gardens, unique artwork and wonderful events; a day not to be forgotten.

DAY 3: After breakfast, we travel to the charming town of Katwoude for our visit to a local cheese farm. We will be greeted by staff in local Volendam costume and enjoy a demonstration of cheese making. Following our visit we make a stop in Edam a typical Dutch town lined by canals, traditional Dutch houses, white draw bridges and, of course, famed for its cheese. This afternoon we make our way to Zaanse Schans, a living and working traditional Dutch community. This unique part of the Netherlands is full of distinctive thatched-roof windmills, handicraft shops and museums where you will see clog-crafting and cheese making. Claude Monet was so enthralled by the picturesque Zaan area that he created an astounding 25 paintings and 9 sketches of the landscape.

DAY 4: Today we travel homeward making a stop en-route in Ostend before our return crossing home.

Inclusions

- 3 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- A glass of draft beer, wine or soft drink at dinner
- Entrance to Keukenhof Gardens
- Excursion to a local cheese farm
 - Visit to Edam
- Excursion to Zaanse Schans

Your hotel

Van der Valk Hotel Breukelen, Breukelen

The Van der Valk Hotel Leusden is a modern 4-star hotel and within easy reach of all the main sights in the Netherlands. The hotel has a stylish restaurant and bar. All rooms are en-suite with TV, air conditioning, tea & coffee making facilities, hairdryer, safe and free Wi-Fi. There is a lift at the hotel. Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, fitness studio, gym, sauna, steam cabin and spa. The hotel has a lift. *NB: The hotel does not offer portorage.*

Departure details

Departs: Friday 4th April 2025

Duration: 3 nights half board

Price: £570pp

Single room supplement: £190pp per stay

Potters Resorts Five Lakes



UK Short
Break

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ENTERTAINMENT

Bingo, daytime quizzes, evening shows, late night disco, live music during the day, sports coaching and competitions.

DAY 1: We make our way to the Resort arriving in time to relax and freshen up before dinner.

DAY 2: Today is at leisure to enjoy the facilities and amenities at Five Lakes.

DAY 3: This afternoon you may wish to join us on an optional excursion to the market town of Colchester, an historic Essex town, Britain's first city and former capital of Roman Britain. Its rich history dates back over 2000 years. However, it's certainly not all about the past; 21st Century Colchester is a thriving, modern town with first class visitor attractions and cultural sites as well as great shopping, with specialist independent shops sitting alongside big names and department stores, not forgetting fantastic places to eat and drink

DAY 4: This morning is at leisure to enjoy more of the activities at the Potters. This afternoon you can chose to make the most of the facilities at Potters or alternatively join us on an optional excursion to Mersea Island, known for its golden sands, peaceful beach walks and charming beach huts.

DAY 5: After breakfast we begin our return journey home.

For more information about all the facilities visit www.pottersresorts.com/five-lakes

Your hotel

Potters Resorts Five Lakes, Essex

Set in 320 acres of glorious Essex countryside, five Lakes Resort is exclusively for adults with a variety of twin and double accommodation. Premier Village Rooms are set in the stunning grounds just a short walk from the main Resort or Hotel Premier rooms are amongst the central facilities. You'll enjoy premier rooms as standard or you can upgrade to Premier Plus for an enhanced view, or Deluxe Hotel Rooms with an extra double bed or Deluxe Village Rooms with a balcony. All rooms offer en-suite accommodation with TV, tea & coffee making facilities, drinks cooler, hairdryer, safe, iron and ironing board and free Wi-Fi. The dining and drinks package is on an All Inclusive board basis from check-in on the day of arrival until 10:30 on the day of departure. The drinks package is available from 08:30 each day until closing, usually around 02:00. The bars serve a wide range of branded alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, tea, coffees, cappuccinos, hot chocolate and many more.

Inclusions

- 4 nights' All Inclusive
- Breakfast, 3-course lunch, 3-course dinner, late night snack • All drinks • Daily activities
- Free use of sports & leisure facilities
- Daytime entertainment • Evening entertainment
- Half Day excursion to Colchester
- Half Day excursion to Mersea Island

Departure details

Departs: Monday 7th April 2025

Duration: 4 nights all inclusive

Price: £635pp

Single room supplement: £100pp per stay

Premier plus supplement: £40pp per stay

Deluxe supplement: £40pp per stay

Beauty of the Pembrokeshire Coast



Pembrokeshire has it all – stunning scenery, a spectacular coastline with miles of perfect sandy beaches, great attractions and a very warm Welsh welcome. An area of outstanding natural beauty, with breath-taking views, this dramatically scenic corner of Southwest Wales is lapped by sea on three sides. As we marvel at the outstanding vistas, we also take in the delightful town of Tenby, Cardigan Castle and St. Davids, the resting place of Wales's patron saint and the smallest city in the UK.

DAY 1: We make our way to Wales and arrive at our fabulously located hotel in time for dinner.

DAY 2: Today, we visit the ancient market town of Cardigan, located on the River Teifi estuary. This traditional Welsh town with its narrow streets is peppered with fantastic vintage and antique shops as well as local outlets selling original arts and crafts. There will be free time to explore this delightful town and get some lunch before our visit to Cardigan Castle this afternoon. We will enjoy an insightful 1-hour guided tour and learn about the history of the 900-year-old castle. Following the tour there will be free time to explore the stunning Grade II listed gardens bursting with colourful blooms and rare plant species. Later this afternoon there will be some time to relax and soak in the stunning panorama at our wonderful hotel or maybe enjoy some of the leisure facilities.

DAY 3: We spend today exploring the quintessential seaside town of Tenby whose narrow streets wind down from the medieval centre to the picturesque harbour, framed by pastel painted cottages. Wander through the pretty, cobbled lanes and take time out to watch the world go by from a quaint café. Enjoy a stroll along the Pembrokeshire Coast Path for stunning views or relax with an ice cream on one of Tenby's glorious golden sandy beaches. There's also a great variety of shops to choose from, whether you're looking for a souvenir or maybe something a little more special.

DAY 4: Today, we visit charming St. Davids, the smallest city in Britain and a place of pilgrimage for centuries. We head directly for St. Davids Cathedral, a real beauty amongst places of worship and one of Wales's most iconic religious sites. St. David chose this wild, beautiful region as the site of his monastery in the 6th century and you will find his shrine in the purple-stoned cathedral with its unique carved ceiling. Afterwards we spend time at leisure strolling around

the picturesque lanes and browsing the interesting little shops. Thursday is a great day for our visit as it's market day with a huge variety of products from food and drinks, plants, gifts and crafts that have all been locally produced. Perhaps make a visit to The Bench Ice Cream parlour – with its delicious ice cream made from organic milk provided by the local cows.

DAY 5: After a delicious Welsh breakfast, we make our way home.

Inclusions

- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Excursion to Cardigan Castle
- Visit to Cardigan • Visit to Tenby
- Excursion to St. Davids Cathedral
- Visit to St Davids

Your hotel

The Cliff Hotel & Spa, Cardigan

With expansive, beautiful hotel grounds, the renowned Cliff Hotel & Spa is located on the coast of Cardigan Bay overlooking the rugged coastline, the Teifi estuary and the broad sweep of Poppit Sands. All rooms are en-suite with TV, tea & coffee making facilities, hairdryer and free Wi-Fi. Guests have 1 hour per day complimentary access to the hotels leisure facilities, which include an indoor swimming pool, gym, steam room and spa (booking required at the hotel). There is also a 9-hole Golf course (charges apply). Some rooms are not accessible by lift. Please notify us at the time of booking if lift access is required.

Departure details

Departs: Monday 7th April 2025

Duration: 4 nights half board

Price: £525pp

Single room supplement: £72pp per stay

Southern Rhine Experience – A-ROSA River Cruise



River cruises are becoming more and more popular and we're not in the least surprised.

It's the perfect way to relax and unwind and marvel at the breath-taking views. This spectacular voyage from Germany to Switzerland takes in the very best of the majestic Rhine with its delightful towns, romantic castles, sweeping vineyards and unforgettable landscapes. We'll enjoy A-ROSA Premium All Inclusive dining and drinks on board, exceptional service and unforgettable memories.

DAY 1: We travel into France and through Belgium before arriving at the delightful centrally located Maritim Hotel, Cologne in time for dinner.

DAY 2: Today is free at leisure to explore Cologne. One of Germany's oldest and most beautiful cities there is a vast array of attractions from its famous cathedral to its numerous museums and galleries. Lined with a bustling wide promenade and criss-crossed with bridges, your first glimpse of the mighty Rhine in Cologne is destined to be a memorable one. You'll find ancient walls and medieval churches rubbing shoulders with modern quarters, narrow streets filled with traditional old houses, breweries, beer halls, cafes and shops. We embark our ship at 16:00 today before we set sail at 18:00 and enjoy a delicious welcome dinner.

DAY 3: Rudesheim, Germany.

Arrive 11:00. Depart 18:00.

After a morning of sailing on the scenic Upper Middle Rhine with its breath-taking river landscapes, we arrive in Rudesheim mid-morning. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore this delightful town with its traditional half-timbered houses, backed by terraced vineyards. At the heart of the old town is the famous Drosselgasse a 15th century cobbled street dotted with quaint restaurants, cafes, wine bars and taverns serving regional dishes. Perhaps catch the cable car to the Niederwald Monument and enjoy the spectacular panoramic views across the Rhine and the sweeping vineyards. We depart early this evening and cruise throughout the night.

DAY 4: Gernersheim, Germany.

Arrive: 08:00. Depart: 19:00.

Today, you'll find yourself in Germany's enchanting Upper Rhine, nestled in the heart of Europe with some of the most awe-inspiring views you'll see from the river, with terraced vineyards, expansive forests,

high peaks and nature trails just waiting to be explored. One of the town's most notable and impressive landmarks is the Gernersheim Fortress, dating back to the 17th Century and the town itself is the perfect place to spend a day of laidback discovery. Alternatively why not join an optional excursion* to nearby Speyer or to the ancient city of Heidelberg.

DAY 5: Breisach, Germany.

Arrive 14:00. Depart 23:59.

Make sure you have your cameras to hand as we sail into our next port. Perched on a steep cliff above the Rhine, Breisach is picture-perfect with pastel-hued buildings set in beautiful rolling vineyards. Where the Black Forest spills into the Alsace region, this German town shares a lot with its French neighbours – its love of good food and good wine amongst them. We recommend making the climb uphill to St Stephen Cathedral, the town's major landmark and offering extraordinary views across this beautiful region.

DAY 6: Basel, Switzerland.

Arrive: 08:00. Depart: 19:30.

Uniquely positioned where France, Germany and Switzerland meet, Basel dances to the beat of its own drum with a strong and proud identity, bustling arts



scene and dual language. You will discover all of the fascinating quirks of Basel, with a day to stroll around its pretty old town, admiring the awe-inspiring cathedral and enjoying its cosmopolitan way of life. Perhaps start your day at the Münsterplatz, where the 1,000-year-old cathedral towers over the square, before soaking up the spectacular views over the Rhine from the Pfalz (viewing platform). Choose to enjoy the afternoon in the city's famous zoo, or cherry-pick your favourite museum – there's everything from natural history to the world's largest collection of stuffed teddy bears.

DAY 7: Strasbourg, France (or Kehl, Germany).

Arrive: 11:30. Depart: 18:00.

Treading the tightrope between Germany and France, Strasbourg is a city straight out of the storybooks with the river itself forming the border of the two countries. The elegant capital of Alsace with its higgledy-piggledy, colourful houses and twisting streets offers a delightful blend of the two countries. Strasbourg Cathedral is a must-see. For 227 years, this spellbinding sandstone structure was the tallest building in the world, and it's still well worth a trip to the top of the tower where views stretch as far as the Black Forest, some 30km away.

Please note: If mooring in Kehl there is a short 10 minute tram ride to Strasbourg (to be booked and paid locally approx. 4 euros).

DAY 8: Mainz, Germany.

Arrive: 06:00. Depart: 12:00.

At the very heart of the Rhineland's wine growing region, sophisticated Mainz is the perfect mix of history, culture and high-living. Wander the cobbled streets of the Old Town, and lose yourself among half-timbered buildings housing colourful bars, traditional shops and great eateries. This area is most famed for its fantastic Riesling and Silvaner wines, so it would be remiss not to sit, soak up the atmosphere and enjoy a perfectly chilled glass of this top tippie. There's much more than just excellent vineyards to this pretty city though. The Altstadt also plays host to the impressive 1,000-year-old Mainzer Dome, a masterpiece of Gothic, Romanesque and Baroque styles, as well as the fantastic Gutenberg Museum, commemorating Mainz's illustrious printing past.

SAIL THE LORELEI VALLEY

Today is the highlight of our voyage through the Lorelei and UNESCO World Heritage Middle Rhine Valley. The Lorelei Valley is Rhine river scenery at its most majestic and romantic, so today's sailing is sure to be a crowning point of your cruise. We recommend letting one of the crew bring you a coffee as you sit on the Sun Deck of your elegant A-ROSA ship and let the views unfurl in front of your eyes. And what views they are. Each gentle bend in the river delivers something new to admire, steeply-terraced vineyards plunging

down towards the river, storybook villages replete with half-timbered houses and Gothic church steeples, fairy tale castles perched on hilltops, rugged cliffs and lush green forests. The Lorelei Valley is river cruising exactly as you imagined it.

DAY 8: Koblenz Germany.

Arrive 18:30. Depart 21:30.

Where the mighty Rhine meets the Moselle, Koblenz is the perfect pit stop for exploring the gorgeous scenic surrounds and rich history of the UNESCO-listed Upper Middle Rhine Valley. Its strategic location has made it the focus of battles over the centuries, with 2,000 years of glorious and bloody history under its belt. Sailing past its iconic headland, Deutsches Eck (German Corner) and famous Kaiser Wilhelm statue, with views of the majestic Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, our final port of call is sure to be truly memorable

DAY 9: Cologne. Arrive: 05:00.

We disembark after breakfast this morning and travel through Germany and into France for our return journey back to the UK.

Optional Excursions

A-ROSA offers a range of optional excursions at additional cost that can be pre-booked or booked on board. Please contact us for more details.

Inclusions

- 1 night half board in Cologne
- 7 night's Premium All Inclusive plus on A-ROSA Silva • Welcome dinner
- Farewell dinner • Daily afternoon tea & cake
- Regular evening entertainment

Your ship

A-ROSA Silva

This 135m long and 11.40m wide ship is an intimate sized premium ship spread over 4 decks. The sun deck is an ideal place to relax and admire the landscapes with comfortable loungers, sunshades and a heated outdoor pool.

The panorama lounge offers a bar and dance floor. The restaurant with its panoramic views offers varied buffets and live cooking. All cabins are en-suite with TV, hairdryer and safe. A Grade cabins are on deck 1 with a picture window. C Grade cabins are on deck 2 with a Juliette balcony. D Grade cabins are on deck 3 with Juliette balcony. Leisure facilities include an outdoor pool, fitness centre, sauna and spa.

Departure details

Departs: Saturday 26th April 2025

Duration: 8 nights:

1 night half board • 7 nights all inclusive

From: £1,539pp

Single room supplement from: £740pp

Springtime in Holland – Keukenhof Gardens



A vibrant sea of flowers in an array of dazzling colours is a wonderful sight and a springtime visit to the popular Dutch bulbfields is a delight not to be missed. The highlight of our tour is our excursion to the spectacular Keukenhof Gardens, a truly spellbinding attraction for gardeners and anthophiles alike. Also known as 'The Garden of Europe', Keukenhof is the world's largest permanent flower garden where we can admire fantastic floral displays along with tranquil ponds, water features and inspiring sculptures. Our comprehensive tour also includes a visit to the beautiful city of Utrecht and charming Amersfoort.

DAY 1: After arriving in Calais we will travel through Belgium into Holland and onto our hotel.

DAY 2: Today is the highlight of our tour, our visit to Keukenhof Gardens; the most beautiful spring garden in the world! Keukenhof is a truly unforgettable experience where more than 7 million flower bulbs are planted every year. Gardens and pavilions show a fantastic collection including tulips, hyacinths, daffodils, orchids and many more; the spectacle of colour and perfume is truly overwhelming. Besides the spacious 32 hectares of flowers, you will be able to enjoy the spectacular flower shows, surprising inspirational gardens, unique artwork and wonderful events; a day not to be forgotten.

DAY 3: After breakfast, we will make our way to Utrecht, the fourth largest city in the Netherlands, and many regard it as the cosier alternative to Amsterdam. The compact medieval centre is set out around canals and built around the Dom tower, which can be seen from any point in the city; there is no way you can get

lost in the attractive, car-free city centre! The city boasts beautiful canals with extraordinary wharf cellars housing cafés and terraces by the water, fascinating museums and remarkable historical buildings. Utrecht certainly is the lively, beating heart of Holland. In the afternoon, we make our way to Amersfoort. Voted European City of the Year in 2024, this delightful city retains its historic charm with its famous city gate, fine medieval buildings and intriguing Muurhuizen wall houses.

DAY 4: Today we travel homeward making a stop en-route in Ostend before our return crossing home.

Inclusions

- 3 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Entrance to Keukenhof Gardens
- Visit to Utrecht • Visit to Amersfoort

Your hotel

Leonardo Hotel Lelystad, Lelystad

The Leonardo Hotel is a modern 4-star hotel conveniently located close to the city centre. The hotel has a stylish restaurant and bar with a delightful terrace area to enjoy the springtime sun. All rooms are en-suite with TV, tea & coffee making facilities, hairdryer, safe and free Wi-Fi. There is a lift at the hotel.

Departure details

Departs: Friday 2nd May 2025

Duration: 3 nights half board

Price: £525pp

Single room supplement: £120pp per stay



Littlecote House Hotel, Berkshire



Built in the mid-1500s, this beautiful Grade I listed Tudor manor has a truly unique story with history literally on your doorstep; the stunning location has played host to occupying Romans, a Tudor tryst and even a Civil War army. The grounds contain an ornate Roman mosaic floor and settlement remains. Henry VIII courted Jane Seymour here, and the D-Day landings were planned within the house. England's last remaining Cromwellian Chapel in a private house is also here, and the property offers many more historical jewels for you to explore at your leisure.

DAY 1: We travel to Berkshire arriving in plenty of time to relax before dinner.

DAY 2: This morning our excursion takes us to the fascinating university city of Oxford, home to honey-coloured colleges and its many famous spires, giving it the affectionate nickname 'City of Dreaming Spires'. With its mix of ancient and modern, Oxford has so much to offer. Whether you chose to explore one of the many historic buildings, colleges or museums, visit one of the many restaurants or cafes or shop till you drop, Oxford has it all!

DAY 3: Today we make a morning visit to Marlborough – Wiltshire's most vibrant market town. Wednesday is market day so the High Street will be full of market stalls selling all sorts of wares from locally produced meat and vegetables to pots, plants, pashminas and pottery. Occasionally a number of continental markets will also descend on the town. With arcades, alleyways, coaching inns, half-timbered cottages and a church at each end of the High Street, Marlborough still retains much of its original rustic charm.

DAY 4: Today is a day to relax and unwind and enjoy all the activities on offer.

DAY 5: After breakfast, we will depart Littlecote House and make our way home.



Inclusions

- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
 - Stylish accommodation
- Live entertainment every night
 - Daily activities
 - Use of leisure facilities
- Full day excursion to Oxford
- Half day excursion to Marlborough

Your hotel

Littlecote House Hotel

This Grade I listed Tudor manor is set in stunning historical parkland and gardens. Offering outstanding service, delicious food in the spacious restaurant, live entertainment every night, and a host of activities it's an ideal setting to do as much or as little as you like. All rooms are en suite with TV, tea & coffee making facilities, hairdryer and free Wi-Fi. Leisure facilities include a games room, indoor swimming pool, gym, sauna, steam room, spa and tennis courts. Activities include aqua aerobics, archery, croquet, pistol shooting, pitch & putt, quizzes & gameshows, rifle shooting, short mat bowls, snooker, shuffleboard and table tennis.

Departure details

Departs: Monday 5th May 2025

Duration: 4 nights half board

Price: £440pp

Signature room supplement: £35pp per stay

André Rieu Live in Concert



André Rieu, world-renowned Dutch violinist and conductor, is set to captivate audiences again in 2025 with his mesmerizing concert tour coming to Birmingham, for one day only, on 10th May.

Audiences can expect to be transported into a world of enchanting melodies and breath-taking performances as André Rieu leads his wonderful Johann Strauss Orchestra chorus and many international soloists in a repertoire that spans classical masterpieces, waltzes, show tunes, and more. Known for his charismatic stage presence, André Rieu's concerts are renowned for their joyful atmosphere and audience engagement.

André Rieu's tours are regularly outselling the world's top pop and rock stars. His concerts are also a visual treat, from the sight of him and his musicians entering through the crowd and up onto the stage at the beginning of the concert, to the lavish costumes and the vast screen behind the orchestra displaying beautiful imagery tailor-made for each song, guaranteeing a magical evening for the whole family. André's YouTube videos have reached far over one billion views; 10 million fans follow him on Facebook and he has sold over 40 million albums worldwide. Get ready to experience the magic and join André Rieu in celebrating the beauty of music, and make memories that will last a lifetime.

DAY 1: We will make our way to our delightful hotel, nestled between Birmingham and Coventry, arriving in time for a late lunch / early dinner. There will be time to freshen up before heading to Resorts World Arena, Birmingham, to enjoy André Rieu live in concert. After the awe-inspiring show, we return to the hotel for a comfortable sleep.

DAY 2: We enjoy a delicious breakfast at our hotel before travelling to Stratford-upon-Avon, a stunning medieval town steeped in history and culture and birthplace of William Shakespeare. Perhaps visit the playwright's house or the cottage of his wife, Anne Hathaway. Alternatively, why not enjoy some

retail therapy from big name stores to unique independent boutiques offering top quality products. We depart for home mid-afternoon.

Seating is in Block 5 - Rows D,E & G.

PLEASE NOTE: Blocks 1-17 are accessed via steps at the Resorts World Arena, there are a minimum of 25 steps to get into the arena bowl and then additional steps to the seats.

Travel Club discount is not applicable on this short break.

Inclusions

- 1 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Block C André Rieu Tickets at Resorts World Arena
- Visit to Stratford-upon-Avon

Your hotel

Forest of Arden Hotel and Country Club, Bickenhill

This friendly hotel and country club is set in acres of beautiful woodland, only a short drive from Resorts World Arena. The restaurant serves delicious food with fresh produce and you can relax in the Fairway Bar. All rooms are en-suite with TV, tea & coffee making facilities, hairdryer, free Wi-Fi. Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, gym, hot tub, sauna steam room and spa. Some rooms are not accessible by lift. Please notify us at the time of booking if lift access is required.

Departure details

Departs: Saturday 10th May 2025

Duration: 1 night half board

Price: £280pp

Single room supplement: £40pp per stay

Delightful Dolomites & Stunning South Tyrol



European
Short
Break

With fresh, clean mountain air and unforgettable landscapes The Italian Dolomites are a paradise for nature lovers, bursting with natural beauty and diversity. Experience the best of this area with wine tastings, breath-taking views and scenic drives whilst savouring traditional Italian hospitality that is second to none. Our wonderful itinerary also includes a free bar each evening.

DAY 1: We make our way through France and into Germany for our overnight stay in Saarbrücken.

DAY 2: Departing after breakfast we arrive at the delightful Hotel Paganella and enjoy a welcome drink before freshening up in time for dinner.

DAY 3: Today, our wonderful hotelier, Fausto, will play host and take us out for a gentle walk around this friendly village. We enjoy a picnic with great company, food and wine... it's time to switch off, unwind and immerse yourself in the relaxed 'Paganella way of life'.

DAY 4: Today we travel to Merano, akin to a scene from the 'Sound of Music' and one of Italy's best kept secrets. This vibrant spa town, only a few miles from the Austrian border, is idyllically nestled between the Dolomites with a backdrop of snow-covered peaks and paths lined with palm trees. In the afternoon, we head to the historic winery of Kettmeir, nestled amongst the vineyards of Alto Adige, where we enjoy a tour and tasting of three top quality wines.

DAY 5: Our spectacular drive today takes in the dramatic and awe-inspiring landscape in this most beautiful area of the Italian Alps. We can enjoy lunch at the 'Sella Pass', an incredible viewing platform with amazing 360 degree panoramic views before continuing down into the alluring Val Gardena. We stop at the picturesque village of Ortisei and relax in the sun, taking in the idyllic scenery over a delicious plate of strudel, or perhaps shop for one of the other local specialities – handmade cuckoo clocks!

DAY 6: Our journey this morning takes us past the lesser known and incredibly scenic Lake Molveno, with deep blue glistening water, surrounded by forests and mountains. From here we enjoy a relaxing journey arriving at the popular resort of Riva del Garda, located on the northern tip of Lake Garda with crystalline waters, wide sunny beaches and lemon and olive trees. There will be plenty of time to explore the piazzas and

lakeside promenade which are lined with traditional restaurants, pizzerias and delicious gelaterias.

DAY 7: After a delicious breakfast we say Arrivederci to our wonderful hosts and begin our return journey, making an overnight stop in Saarbrücken.

DAY 8: After breakfast we continue our journey home.

Inclusions

- 7 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Unlimited wine with dinner at the resort hotel
 - Free bar each night from 18:00-22:30 at resort hotel
- Guided walk of Fai della Pagnella and picnic
 - Grolla evening in the bar
- Wine tasting evening at the hotel • Trentino dinner
 - Guided tour and tasting at Kettmeir Winery
- Excursion to Merano • Journey along the Sella Pass
 - Visit to Ortisei • Excursion to Riva, Lake Garda

Your hotel

Hotel Paganella, Fai della Pagnella, Dolomites

This intimate and friendly, 3-star, family-run hotel is ideally located for touring this area. Fausto and his family ensure a warm welcome in this typically Austrian chalet-style hotel. All rooms are en-suite with TV and hairdryer. There is a cosy bar, a traditional restaurant serving excellent homemade food, a comfortable lounge and seating areas. The hotel has a lift.

Departure details

Departs: Sunday 11th May 2025

Duration: 7 nights half board

Price: £925pp

Single room supplement: £98pp per stay

A Weekend in Amsterdam



Amsterdam is one of the world's most vibrant cities. With over 800 years of history to discover, the city is a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site rich in fascinating attractions and sights. With old castles, beautiful museums, charming secret courtyards and picturesque cobbled streets the Netherland's capital city is a feast for the eyes.

You will find hidden gems, great shopping, delicious eateries and so much to enjoy along the way there is plenty of time to explore this delightful city as you wish, here are a few suggestions:

CANALS: No visit to Amsterdam is complete without enjoying a cruise along the beautifully designed and structured maze of canals that give Amsterdam its unique character. Travelling through the heart of the city you can sit back and relax taking in the wonderful historical sites and centuries-old canal houses.

FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD: Amsterdam offers a huge variety of restaurants for all budgets as well as plenty of unique culinary experiences from Stroopwafels – a thin waffle with a layer of syrup in the middle, Bitterballen – deep-fried meatballs, Pannenkoek – Dutch pancakes and, of course, Kaas – delightful Dutch cheeses such as Gouda, Edam and Maasdammer.

THE ROYAL PALACE*: Is located in the middle of the capital and is used for official events by the Dutch head of state, King Willem-Alexander. The 17th Century Palace is open to visitors when there are no royal receptions and you can visit on a guided tour, following in the footsteps of royal guests through its imposing rooms and halls.

THE RIJKSMUSEUM*: In the heart of Amsterdam and famed for the masterpieces in its collection, this is a must-visit for any culture lover. Housing more than 8,000 works of art from Dutch and European history, including masterpieces by Rembrandt, Vermeer and Van Gogh.





ANNE FRANK'S HOUSE*: Is the most poignant of Amsterdam's museums and includes permanent displays of personal objects and documents animating the life and times of Anne Frank, her family and the others who shared their attic hideaway hiding from the Nazis. Tucked behind a false bookcase you can enter the secret upstairs apartment, still kept as the Gestapo left it and elsewhere a diary room houses the original red diary.

THE VAN GOGH MUSEUM*: Houses the largest collection of the painter's collection and some of his most well-known and influential works including The Potato Eaters, The Yellow House, Sunflowers

and The Bedroom.

If you want to travel a little further afield, why not be transported back to the 18th and 19th century with a visit to Zaanse Schans a living and working traditional Dutch community? Easily accessible by train, this unique part of the Netherlands is full of windmills, handicraft shops and museums where you will see clog-crafting and cheese making.

**Due to popularity, many museums and galleries in Amsterdam must be booked in advance. If you wish to visit a particular site, please check with the attraction and book accordingly.*



Inclusions

- 3 nights' bed & breakfast
- Free time at leisure in Amsterdam

Your hotel

Westcord City Centre Hotel Amsterdam

Located in the heart of Amsterdam and in walking distance of Central Station and the main attractions this centrally located hotel is perfect for exploring this vibrant city. Dam Square featuring the Royal Palace and Madame Tussauds is only a 5-minute walk away and there is a tram stop directly outside the hotel. All rooms are en-suite with TV, air conditioning, tea & coffee making facilities, hairdryer, safe and free Wi-Fi. There is a lift at the hotel.

Departure details

Departs: Friday 16th May 2025

Duration: 3 nights bed & breakfast

Price: £495pp

Single room supplement: £220pp per stay

Trains, Trams and Treasures of the Peaks



Our perfectly packed Peaks tour features a relaxing canal cruise through the peaceful Derwent Valley, a journey on Derbyshire's longest heritage railway, visits to Crich Tramway Village, Cromford Mills, Trentham Gardens and Bakewell.

DAY 1: We make our way to Derby and our hotel, arriving in time for dinner.

DAY 2: We begin our day in Cromford, from where we enjoy a return 2-hour narrow boat cruise through the picturesque Derwent Valley. Meandering through the beautiful countryside, you will enjoy entertaining commentary about the local area and its history, whilst taking in the tranquil scenery and fabulous wildlife. In the afternoon, we visit Sir Richard Arkwright's Cromford Mills, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to the first successful water powered cotton spinning mill. We enjoy a tour of the mill and village and hear the story of its key role in the 18th century Industrial Revolution.

DAY 3: This morning we enjoy a visit to Trentham gardens with its vast perennial plantings and breath-taking vistas. Set within 725 acres, the award winning gardens incorporate designs from various Chelsea gold-medal winners and its spectacular lake, designed by Capability Brown, is home to an array of wildlife. At the entrance to the gardens Trentham Shopping Village offers a unique retail experience with its stores housed in timber lodges. Later today, we escape to the countryside on board Derbyshire's longest heritage railway, Ecclesbourne Valley Railway. It's time to sit back and relax as the glorious scenery passes us by on the 90-minute return journey.

DAY 4: We spend the morning in the market town of Bakewell. Idyllically situated on the banks of the River Wye with mellow stone buildings, quaint courtyards and a medieval five arch bridge it's not surprising Jane Austen based *Pride & Prejudice's* fictional town of Lambton on this delightful town. There will of course be time to treat yourself to an original Bakewell Tart! In the afternoon, we visit Crich Tramway Village, a charming period village museum where we can immerse ourselves in yesteryear. Take a vintage tram

ride through time, along the traditional period village street and out into the open countryside with spectacular views. This captivating journey into the past is made complete with a visit to the Red Lion Pub and Barnett's Sweet Shop.

DAY 5: After breakfast we say goodbye and begin our journey home.

Inclusions

- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- 2-hour narrow boat cruise Cromford Wharf – Leewood
- Mill & Village Tour of Sir Richard Arkwright's Cromford Mills • Trentham Gardens
- Ecclesbourne Valley Railway return journey
- Crich Tramway Village and Tram Ride

Your hotel

Derby Mickleover Hotel, BW Signature Collection

Located at Mickleover on the outskirts of Derby, the Derby Mickleover offers a warm and friendly welcome. There is a large restaurant with plenty of natural daylight and a bar leading to the open plan reception. A lounge can be found on the first floor and is an ideal place to relax. All rooms are en-suite with TV, air conditioning, tea & coffee making facilities, hairdryer and free Wi-Fi. Leisure facilities include a gym, indoor swimming pool, sauna and spa bath. There is a lift at the hotel.

Departure details

Departs: Monday 19th May 2025

Duration: 4 nights half board

Price: £545pp

Single room supplement: £139pp per stay

Splendours of Historical Shropshire

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Take a step back in time on this fabulous tour which showcases the most fascinating historical highlights of this beautiful area. Visiting the Black Country Museum and the Ironbridge Gorge Museums featuring Blists Hill Victorian Town. Explore the treasures of Wightwick Manor & Gardens, full of pre-Raphaelite art and William Morris interiors, and if that wasn't enough, you will enjoy a relaxing boat cruise through the Shropshire countryside and an enlightening visit to the award winning British Ironwork Centre.

DAY 1: We make our way to the beautiful county of Shropshire arriving in time to freshen up before dinner.

DAY 2: This morning we travel to the area of Oswestry, home to the British Ironwork Centre. The Ironworks is an award-winning destination, famous for incredible art and sculpture, walking trails, fabulous shopping and an extensive café. They have the UK's largest collection of decorative metalwork, national projects and beautiful finds from around the world. In the afternoon, we travel to Shrewsbury for a relaxing cruise on the River Severn. Taking in the beautiful views, we will enjoy commentary from the captain during our leisurely 45-minute journey with tea, coffee and biscuits served on board.

DAY 3: After breakfast we make the short journey to Blists Hill Victorian Town and step back in time to the dawn of the modern age. Experiencing the sights, sounds and smells of Victorian life, we will be able to visit Victorian shops and cottages and exchange money for pounds, shillings and pence in the bank. Meet craftspeople demonstrating their trades and taste authentic food in the recreated working town. After our fascinating morning, we travel to the village of Ironbridge where you will have the opportunity to visit any of the other museums included in your 'All Sites' entrance ticket. The museums include the Coalport China Museum, the Jackfield Tile Museum and not forgetting the Ironbridge and Tollhouse itself.

DAY 4: Our first excursion today takes us to the Black Country Living Museum one of the most extraordinary open-air museums in the country. Covering 26 acres of former industrial land, this museum is perfectly placed to tell the story of the world's first industrial landscape. Over fifty authentic shops, houses and workshops have been reconstructed to preserve the character of the region. Take a trip on a tram to

explore the canal-side village and wander around the original shops, houses and industrial workshops. In the afternoon we visit Wightwick Manor, A Victorian manor house that sits in 17 acres of woodland and beautifully landscaped gardens. It boasts an envious collection of pre-Raphaelite paintings and William Morris interiors alongside an archive full of letters and photos covering the Mander family's lives.

DAY 5: After breakfast, we make our way home.

Inclusions

- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Entrance to the British Ironwork Centre
 - River Severn Cruise
 - 'All Sites' entrance ticket to the Ironbridge Gorge Museums
- Entrance to Black Country Living Museum
 - Visit to Wightwick Manor & Gardens

Your hotel

Telford Hotel, Spa & Golf Resort

The 4-star Telford Hotel, Spa & Golf Resort enjoys stunning views across the Shropshire countryside and Ironbridge Gorge. The large restaurant with its open plan bar enjoys wonderful views over the countryside. All rooms are en-suite with TV, tea & coffee making facilities, hairdryer and free Wi-Fi. Leisure facilities include a large indoor swimming pool, gym, sauna and steam room. There is a lift at the hotel.

Departure details

Departs: Friday 23rd May 2025

Duration: 4 nights half board

Price: £495pp

Single room supplement: £160pp per stay

Scenic French Alps and Lake Annecy



With a stunningly beautiful position in the French Alps and picture-perfect views in the high alpine resort of La Clusaz, our itinerary includes the popular resorts of Chamonix, Annecy and the chic lakeside spa town of Evian-les-Bains. We will enjoy a remarkable rail journey and relaxing lake cruises, alongside fantastic French cuisine, complimentary drinks from the bar between 10:00-23:00 each day and sublime calm and tranquillity, unique to the mountains.

DAY 1: We make our way into France for our overnight stay in Troyes

Day 2: Departing after breakfast we arrive at the delightful Alpen Roc Hotel in time for dinner. After our delicious meal, you may want to relax with a drink or two from the free bar.

DAY 3: This morning we travel to Annecy, the jewel of the Haute-Savoie and known as the 'Venice of the Alps'. Our 90 minute guided walking tour gives us an insight into the rich history and heritage of this beautiful lakeside town. With its backdrop of the dramatic Alps and infused with antique charm it's a pleasure to wander around the medieval Old Town with its charming canals, narrow streets and 16th and 17th century buildings in colourful hues. There will be free time to enjoy some lunch at one of the many waterside restaurants before we embark on a 1-hour circular cruise on the lake. Sit back and relax as we cruise through the crystalline waters taking in the 360° panorama of the surrounding shores and peaks.

DAY 4: Today we travel to the chic mountain resort of Chamonix with its spectacular scenery and phenomenal views. Nestled in a valley, at the base of Mont Blanc the town gained international fame after hosting the first ever Winter Olympics in 1924.

We spend the morning here enjoying the relaxing town centre and taking in the numerous sights, including the impressive Aiguille du Midi, the highest cable car in France. After free time for lunch in the town, we board the Train du Montanvers for our astounding return journey to the impressive Mer de Glace glacier. The famous rack and pinion railway brings us to the Montanvers site at 1,913 metres where we disembark and take in the imposing panorama of this natural wonder. At the summit, we can descend via cable car and walk within the glacier itself to the man-made ice grotto. Entering through a large opening in the ice, you will be able to walk through a small maze of tunnels and marvel at the ice sculptures and caves inside.

Our day also includes a visit to the Glaciorium, a fascinating museum dedicated to history and evolution of the glacier over the centuries.

NB: Entrance to the ice grotto requires a significant number of steps and uneven terrain so it is unsuitable for those with walking difficulties.

DAY 5: We can do as much or as little as we wish as today is at leisure. Perhaps spend your time at our delightful hotel or why not explore the beautiful resort of La Clusaz. Monday is market day in the town and

a delight for the senses with an abundance of stalls selling fresh local produce. There is also a range of independent boutiques and shops selling clothes, gifts and gourmet delicacies as well as wonderful cafes and restaurants. Alternatively, it's the perfect opportunity to relax and unwind at the hotel, sitting on the sun terrace taking in the breath-taking views, switching off with a book and a drink in the comfy lounge or perhaps enjoying the leisure facilities.

DAY 6: Today we drive through the majestic Alps to the lakeside spa town of Evian-les-Bains. Famous for its spring water and elegantly perched on the border between France and Switzerland there will be time to explore this famous town at your leisure. The walk along the lakeside promenade is particularly alluring with its views across to Switzerland on one side and fabulous 19th century buildings on the other. After enjoying the cosmopolitan charm of Evian we travel to the lakeside village of Yvoire on the shores of magnificent Lake Geneva. This charming medieval village has hardly changed over the centuries, with its 14th century castle, beautifully decorated houses and gardens, and wonderful shops and cafés to

explore. Departing from Yvoire's pretty port, we take a circular cruise on Lake Geneva and have time to relax and admire the wildlife and quaint villages surrounding the lake.

DAY 7: After a delicious breakfast, we say au revoir and begin our return journey, making an overnight stop in Reims.

DAY 8: We continue our journey home after breakfast this morning.



Inclusions

- 7 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Free bar every day from 10:00-23:00 at resort hotel
- Guided tour of Annecy
- Lake Annecy Cruise
- Visit to Chamonix
- Return journey on the Mer de Glace Railway
- Visit to the Mer de Glace Ice Cave
- Entrance to The Glaciorium
- Free time in La Clusaz
- Visit to Evian-les-Bains
- Visit to Yvoire
- Lake Geneva Cruise

Your hotel

Hotel Alpen Roc, La Clusaz, French Alps

Located in the centre of La Clusaz, with the main shopping street within easy walking distance this charming hotel is decorated in a wooden chalet style throughout. On the ground floor you will find a large restaurant serving a fabulous buffet. The first floor is home to an open plan bar with an open fire. There is a free bar serving a selection of beer, wine, soft drinks and tea & coffee between 10:00-23:00 each day. Additional unlimited alcoholic drinks and spirits are free between 18:00-23:00 daily.

All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer and safe. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, Jacuzzi, sauna and steam room. There is a lift at the hotel.

Departure details

Departs: Thursday 29th May 2025

Duration: 7 nights half board

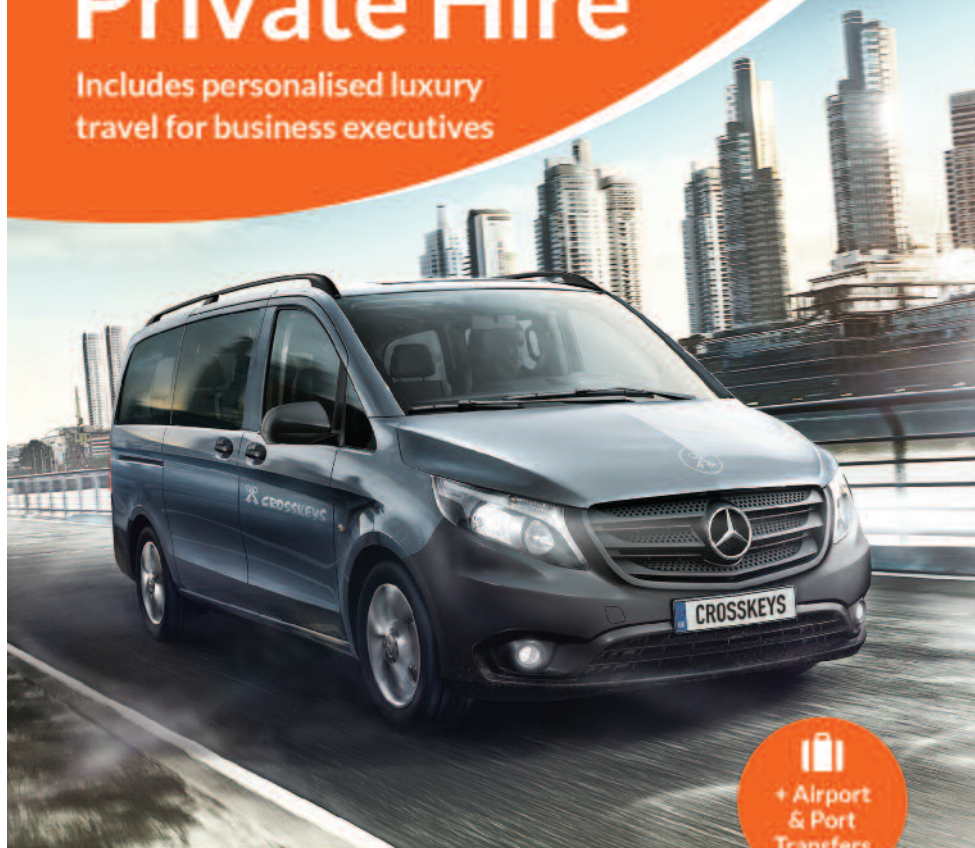
Price: £1,199pp

Single room supplement: £307pp per stay

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Beautiful Lake District



The lush Lake District is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site! We celebrate this amazing accolade with our tour, which includes scenic lake cruises, nostalgic train journeys and stunning country houses, all set within the spectacular scenery of one of the world's most impressive national parks.

DAY 1: We make our way to beautiful Cumbria making refreshment stops along the way. We will arrive at our hotel in time for dinner.

DAY 2: After breakfast, we head out to enjoy the first of our excursions, starting with a trio of transport treats. We begin with a 40-minute Windermere cruise from Bowness to Lakeside pier before we embark on a nostalgic 20-minute steam train journey on the Lakeside & Haverthwaite Railway. This afternoon we visit the Lakeland Motor Museum, featuring a unique collection of 30,000 exhibits.

DAY 3: This morning we visit Dalemmain Historic House & Gardens, a unique and slightly quirky house where we enjoy a guided tour. The house is set within five acres of historic gardens, home to the famous Himalayan blue poppies. Don't forget to visit the gift shop to purchase some award winning marmalades! In the afternoon we travel to nearby Pooley Bridge and enjoy a tranquil 1-hour cruise showcasing 8 miles of mountain scenery on England's most beautiful lake.

DAY 4: This morning we join the Ravenglass & Eskdale Steam Railway and travel to the very heart of the Lake District, Dalegarth, where we disembark for a short break before our 40-minute return journey. Once back at Ravenglass station we enjoy a lovely cream tea before re-joining our coach for a short 10-minute drive to Muncaster Castle, Gardens, Hawk and Owl Centre, where we spend time exploring this haunted castle and its grounds!

DAY 5: This morning, after breakfast, we begin our journey home.

Inclusions

- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Trip on Windermere Lake Cruise
- Trip on Lakeside & Haverthwaite Railway
- Entrance to the Lakeland Motor Museum
- Entrance to Dalemmain Historic House & Gardens
 - Trip on Ullswater Steamer Cruise
- Trip on Ravenglass & Eskdale Steam Railway with cream tea
- Entrance to Muncaster Castle

Your hotel

Riverside Hotel, Kendal

As the name suggests, this charming hotel enjoys a fabulous riverside location in the centre of Kendal. The shops and attractions of the town are a short walk across the bridge. All rooms are en-suite with TV, tea & coffee making facilities, hairdryer, iron & ironing board, and free Wi-Fi. The restaurant is located on the first floor, is accessible by lift, and has excellent views. Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, gym, sauna and steam room. The hotel has a lift to all floors accessed via some steps; a stair lift is also available.

Departure details

Departs: Monday 9th June 2025

Duration: 4 nights half board

Price: £670pp

Single room supplement: £120pp per stay

In the Market for Cambridge and Cromwell



The delightful city of Cambridge is one of the world's greatest learning centres with spectacular architecture and centuries-old heritage. Our tour includes time at leisure in this beguiling city as well as experiencing the natural beauty of the lush, marshy fenland, cathedral towns and markets of this beautiful area.

Follow in the footsteps of one of the county's most famous residents, Oliver Cromwell, as we visit his restored family home and step back in time at the spectacular Audley End House and Gardens.

DAY 1: We arrive at our peaceful, welcoming hotel in time for dinner.

DAY 2: This morning, we travel to the picturesque, medieval market town of Saffron Walden, on the outskirts of Essex. Made prosperous in the 1500s for growing the prized spice, saffron, the town has a rich heritage and still retains many beautiful buildings including St. Mary's Church and the Old Sun Inn. A market has been held in the town since 1141 and there will be time to browse the vast array of stalls selling a range of goods from locally farmed produce and handmade items to antiques and collectables. This afternoon we visit the spacious grounds and estate of one of England's grandest mansions, Audley End. Whether you're exploring its impressive great hall, state apartments, Gothic-style chapel or the servants' wing you'll discover what life was like above and below stairs at this delightful Victorian Country House. There will also be time to stroll around the magnificent gardens designed by Capability Brown.

DAY 3: Today, we visit Cambridge with time at leisure to explore. With the architectural splendour of its university colleges at the centre you will be spoilt for choice of what to do and see in this compact city. Perhaps take a walking tour and see the instantly recognisable King's College Chapel or relax with a guided punt on the River Cam. Many precious treasures are on show at Cambridge University's principal museum, the Fitzwilliam Museum which houses world-class collections of art and antiquities spanning centuries and civilisations. Green-fingered visitors might like a trip to the Botanic Gardens, a treasure trove of over 8,000 plant species including nine National Collections and a wonderful arboretum. If shopping is your passion Cambridge has it all with some of the finest independent boutiques, a seven day a week market, three shopping centres and all the high street brands you can imagine.

DAY 4: Our excursion this morning takes us to the

charming city of Ely. Surrounded by the Fens, the UK's second smallest city is a quintessential jewel in the heart of East Cambridgeshire. Famous for its magnificent Norman cathedral there will be time at leisure to stroll through the pretty streets and perhaps grab a bargain or two at the weekly market. This afternoon we visit Oliver Cromwell's House where we learn more about the life of this fascinating historic figure and the part he played in the English Civil War. Take a walk through the haunted bedroom and experience what life was like on the battlefields with impressive interactive displays and special exhibitions.

Inclusions

- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Visit to Saffron Walden
- Excursion to Audley End House
- Visit to Cambridge • Visit to Ely
- Excursion to Oliver Cromwell's House

Your hotel

Cambridge Belfry Hotel, Cambridge

This modern 4-star hotel surrounded by greenery overlooks a lake and is a short drive from Cambridge. The informal restaurant offers beautiful lake views. There is also a cosy bar, elegant lounge and outdoor seating area.

All rooms are en-suite with TV, tea & coffee making facilities, hairdryer, safe and free Wi-Fi. Leisure facilities include a gym, indoor swimming pool, sauna and steam room. There is a lift at the hotel.

Departure details

Departs: Monday 9th June 2025

Duration: 4 nights half board

Price: £475pp

Single room supplement: £157pp per stay

Rouen & Monet's Garden



European
Short
Break

Rouen, beautifully situated on the banks of the River Seine, is Normandy's vibrant, historic and cultural capital.

Perfect for visiting in the summer months we make the most of our weekend here and enjoy its endearing cobbled streets, magnificent cathedral and the historic clock. Admire the famous Monet's Garden at Giverny and visit the delightful towns of Honfleur, Vernon and Saint-Valery-Sur-Somme. There are so many superb restaurants and cafes within the City that your accommodation is on a bed & breakfast basis allowing plenty of opportunity to sample the delicious local cuisine.

DAY 1: After arriving in Calais we will travel to Rouen. This afternoon there will be free time to explore this wonderful city. If you enjoy a little retail therapy, you'll be spoilt for choice with a fantastic range of shops from designer brands, department stores and independent boutiques. Alternatively, maybe enjoy a leisurely walk along the banks of the Seine taking in the relaxed atmosphere and joie de vivre.

DAY 2: This morning, we travel to Monet's country retreat in Giverny where we visit the impressionist painter's charming pink house and stunning, iconic gardens where some of his most famous works of art were painted. The inside of the house is simply furnished and colourfully painted with a warm and inviting atmosphere and large bedroom windows overlooking his beloved garden. There will be time to relax in the tranquillity of the gardens at your leisure, admiring the Japanese bridge and famous waterlily pond. Later, we travel to the pretty neighbouring village of Vernon and discover over 200 half-timbered houses with ancient doors and carved timbers, wrought iron shop signs, cobbled paths and the famous Old Mill – standing on the piers of an old medieval bridge. There are plenty of quaint cafes and restaurants to enjoy lunch or you can spend the afternoon exploring the church, museums, village and banks of the River Seine.

DAY 3: Sunday is Rouen's largest market day and there will be plenty of time this morning to browse the abundance of stalls with their huge array of goods. A delight for the senses with fresh local produce, hand-made treasures and antiques. We have time to explore the medieval cobbled streets and admire the half-timbered houses, Gothic monuments and the magnificent Gros Horloge (Great Clock) with the oldest mechanism of its kind in France. We also see the Market Square where Joan of Arc was executed in 1431. In the afternoon, we travel to Honfleur,

Normandy's most charming port and, unsurprisingly, a favourite with impressionist painters such as Monet. This picture-perfect setting is utterly enchanting and is characterised by its front-row homes with colourful cafes and restaurants overlooking the yachts in the harbour. It is the ideal setting to while away a sunny afternoon.

DAY 4: After breakfast we begin our journey home making a stop en route in the charming town of Saint-Valery-Sur-Somme. A typically French town and popular tourist destination with a long waterside boardwalk and breath-taking vistas of the Bay of Somme. It is also home to a lovely marina and Gothic church, brimming with medieval character.

Inclusions

- 3 nights' bed & breakfast
- Excursion to Monet's Garden
- Visit to Vernon • Visit to Honfleur
- Visit to Saint-Valery-Sur-Somme

Your hotel

B&B Hotel Rouen Centre, Rive Droite

This modern, simply furnished 3-star hotel is conveniently located right on the bank of the River Seine, 15 minutes' walk to the city centre and Rouen Cathedral. All rooms are en suite with TV, air conditioning, hairdryer and free WiFi. There is a spacious, light and airy bar with an outside terrace. The restaurant serves a continental buffet breakfast. There is a lift at the hotel.

Departure details

Departs: Friday 13th June 2025

Duration: 3 nights bed & breakfast

Price: £335pp

Single room supplement: £79pp per stay

Cricket St. Thomas Hotel, Somerset



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Hotels

Not only the setting of the famous TV comedy *To The Manor Born*, Cricket St. Thomas was also frequently visited by Lord Nelson and Lady Hamilton. This classic country house is set in splendid parkland, with colourful gardens, lakes, and a unique woodland area designed by Capability Brown.

DAY 1: We travel to Cricket St. Thomas in the beautiful county of Somerset, arriving in time to relax before dinner.

DAY 2: This morning we will make our way to Dorchester, the County Town of Dorset. Dorchester is a historic market town with its roots in Roman times; however, it is most famously associated with Thomas Hardy. With its elegant 18th century houses, broad walks and bustling shopping streets, Dorchester has much to offer the visitor. This afternoon we visit Weymouth situated on the stunningly beautiful Jurassic coastline. Located on the Southern tip of Dorset, this traditional seaside town is one of the most visited and popular areas of the south coast and a Jurassic coast highlight.

DAY 3: Today we will visit two of the Jurassic Coast gems, Seaton and Sidmouth. The popular coastal resort of Seaton lies just to the west of the Axe estuary and is one of the most beautiful and unspoilt parts of East Devon. Sidmouth is the Regency town on the Jurassic Coast, a town caught in a timeless charm. With beautiful gardens, leisurely walks, Regency history and architecture, clean beaches and friendly shops. It is all here in this lovely seaside town.

DAY 4: Today we spend at Cricket St. Thomas, a day to unwind and enjoy some relaxation. Whether you wish to spend your time exploring the 160 acres of gardens and grounds, participating in some leisure activities or taking afternoon tea in Hamiltons Tea Rooms, the time is yours to enjoy.

DAY 5: After breakfast, we will depart Cricket St. Thomas and make our way home.



Inclusions

- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
 - Evening entertainment
- Visits to Dorchester & Weymouth
 - Tour of the Jurassic Coast
- Visits to Seaton & Sidmouth

Your hotel

Cricket St. Thomas Hotel, Somerset

This classic country Regency Mansion is framed by 160 acres of lakes and gardens in a beautiful and peaceful West Country location. The hotel features decadent historic lounges, excellent dining and extensive entertainment and leisure facilities. All rooms are en suite with TV, tea & coffee making facilities, hairdryer, safe and free Wi-Fi. Leisure facilities include a cinema room, games room, indoor swimming pool, gym, sauna, steam room and spa. Activities include archery, aqua aerobics, bowls, croquet, darts, French boules, quizzes & gameshows, rifle shooting, snooker, shuffleboard and table tennis.

Departure details

Departs: Monday 16th June 2025

Duration: 4 nights half board

Price: £425pp

Signature room supplement: £30pp per stay

Coastal Towns and Garden Delights of Devon

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UK Short Break

Best known for its stunning sandy beaches and dramatic Jurassic coastline, Devon is a wonderful destination in the summer months. With plenty of seaside charm, outstanding scenery and rich history this tour encompasses some of the county's finest sights and delights. With visits to Exeter, Sidmouth, Bicton Park Gardens and a cruise on the Exe estuary there will also be time to relax and unwind.

DAY 1: We arrive at our hotel in Dawlish, on the delightful Devon Coast, in time for dinner.

DAY 2: Today is free at leisure to do as much or as little as you like. You can relax in the sun in the hotel gardens with their stunning views of the expansive beaches or maybe take a dip in the outside pool. Perhaps take a scenic stroll to the charming seaside resort of Dawlish. With its wonderful golden, sandy beach the town also offers a range of amusements. The centrepiece of the town is the lawn with its outdoor bowling green, bandstand and deckchairs and the brook with its famous Black Swans, the town's unofficial emblem. There's also a varied selection of shops including high street names and smaller independents as well as lovely cafes and restaurants.

DAY 3: This morning we travel to Exmouth for a circular cruise on the nationally renowned River Exe, an important habitat for wading and migrating birds. Sailing on the calm and sheltered waters of the Exe estuary our skipper will provide live commentary on the history of the area and the wildlife. We may even see one of the resident seals, which frequent the area for its plentiful food and sunbathing hotspots. After our leisurely cruise, we make our way to Exeter, one of the most vibrant, attractive and historically fascinating cities in England. With its magnificent cathedral, Underground Passages, Free Red Coat guided tours, imposing Roman wall and the award winning Royal Albert Memorial Museum, where visitors can explore the city's 2,000-year history. There's also fantastic shopping opportunities and the beautiful quayside with its eclectic mix of cafes, restaurants and bars.

DAY 4: We enjoy a morning at leisure in the Regency town of Sidmouth, which nestles between red cliffs on Devon's Jurassic Coast and exudes timeless English charm. We have time to stroll the seafront to discover the town's lovely beaches, admire the beautiful gardens and Georgian architecture, explore the friendly shops, and relax over lunch at your choice of

the many stylish restaurants. This afternoon, we make our way to Bicton Park Botanical Gardens. Home to many rare and beautiful species collected from around the world, spanning nearly 300 years of gardening history. With over 64 acres of beautiful gardens with sweeping lawns, elegant water features, fragrant English borders and formal gardens. There is also the Bicton Woodland Railway, Palm House, historic glasshouses and Countryside Museum. During our visit we will also enjoy a delicious Devon cream tea.

DAY 5: After breakfast, we make our way home.

Inclusions

- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast • Visit to Exeter
- River Exe Cruise • Visit to Sidmouth
- Excursion to Bicton Park Botanical Gardens
- Cream Tea at Bicton Park Botanical Gardens

Your hotel

Langstone Cliff Hotel, Dawlish

A stunning setting in 19 acres of woodland, the Langstone Cliff Hotel has fabulous views over sandy beaches and the Dawlish Warren National Nature Reserve. At the heart of the hotel is the Lincoln Bar, Lounge, Veranda Room, Drawing Room and Poolside Room, all of them fronted by a Victorian cast iron colonial veranda with sweeping sea views. The Lincoln Restaurant serves a wide variety of British and international dishes. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. Leisure facilities include a driving range, fitness room, indoor pool, outdoor pool, snooker, table tennis and tennis court. Ground floor rooms at the hotel are accessed via three steps. The hotel has a lift.

Departure details

Departs: Sunday 22nd June 2025

Duration: 4 nights half board

Price: £590pp

Single room supplement: £88pp per stay

Killarney, Blarney & The Ring of Kerry



Offering the very best of the Emerald Isle with its relaxed way of life, magnificent scenery and Irish hospitality it is unsurprising that Killarney and its National Park are famed the world over. Experience this unforgettable area of Ireland with its combination of mountains, jaw-dropping coastal landscapes, lakes, woodlands and waterfalls as well as jaunting cars, the Titanic and a bit of blarney along the way.

DAY 1: We make our way to Wales for our overnight stay in Llanberis.

DAY 2: This morning we travel to Holyhead for our ferry crossing to Dublin. After arriving on Irish shores, we continue our journey to Killarney in time to freshen up before dinner.

DAY 3: A visit to Killarney would not be complete without a trip on a traditional horse-drawn jaunting car. Departing directly from the hotel, your carriage awaits as you are transported back in time on a jaunting car ride through Killarney National Park. Learning about the history, folklore and beauty of this delightful area

from our driver 'The Jarvey', we will travel to the magnificent 15th Century Ross Castle on the shores of Loch Leane. After our relaxing ride through the idyllic countryside we will enjoy a delightful lake cruise through scenes of gentle lowlands and scattered islands in the shadow of the towering, rugged MacGilllicuddy Reeks Mountains. Your experienced skipper will give a full commentary on the flora, fauna and historical heritage of the area. This afternoon is free to explore Killarney at leisure.

DAY 4: Today we experience a stunning scenic drive around the majestic and unspoilt Ring of Kerry, one of the most spectacular driving routes in Ireland. The journey provides us with an insight into the areas ancient history as we marvel at the breath-taking views, raw natural beauty and stunning scenery, where Ireland's highest mountains sweep down to lakeshores. Our journey includes a stop in Kenmare, an elegant beachside town and commonly considered as the Jewel in the Ring of Kerry.

DAY 5: This morning we make the journey to Cobh for our visit to the Titanic experience. This unique visitor attraction is located in the historic White Star Line Building – the very place from where the Titanic's



last passengers departed. Take an emotive journey back in time with a guided tour and retrace the footsteps of passengers with immersive displays, real stories and eyewitness accounts. This afternoon we will visit Blarney Castle one of the most famous castles on the island. The tower house began its life in the 15th century and is surrounded by 60 acres of stunning grounds from its prehistoric fern garden, awe-inspiring arboretums and a 100-metre herbaceous border in a spectacle of colour. The Castle itself is home to the fabled and mystical Blarney stone which

legend says will provide the gift of eloquence or 'the gift of the gab' to anyone who kisses it. Kissed by world statesmen, literary giants and film stars it's a feat easier said than done as to kiss the stone you must climb to the top of the castle, lie on your back and hang over the edge of the castle wall.

DAY 6: This morning we travel to Dublin for our return ferry crossing to Holyhead. On arrival in Wales we travel to Caernarfon for our overnight stay.

DAY 7: After breakfast we begin our return journey home.



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Inclusions

- 6 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
 - Jaunting Car Ride
 - Loch Leane Lake Cruise
- Scenic drive around the Ring of Kerry
 - Visit to the Titanic Experience
 - Visit to Blarney Castle

Your hotel

Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney

Situated on the edge of Killarney National Park and just 1 mile from the centre, the Gleneagle Hotel is ideally located for touring the area. You will enjoy fantastic Irish hospitality, great food and service as well as a range of leisure and entertainment facilities. There is a regular shuttle bus to the town centre for a small charge. All rooms are en-suite with TV, tea & coffee making facilities, hairdryer and free Wi-Fi. Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool (swimming hats are compulsory), Jacuzzi, gym, sauna, steam room, spa, squash courts, tennis courts and 18 hole pitch and putt course. The hotel has a lift.

Departure details

Departs: Sunday 22nd June 2025

Duration: 6 nights half board

Price: £920pp

Single room supplement: £250pp per stay

Glorious Lake Garda



With its Mediterranean climate, shoreline dotted with colourful towns, charming fishing villages and beautiful beaches it's no wonder that travellers have flocked to Lake Garda for millennia. Our tour encompasses the very best of the area from the breath-taking Dolomites, captivating lakeside resorts, great food, fascinating history and the romantic city of Verona. La dolce vita awaits.

DAY 1: We make our way through France and into Germany for our overnight stay in Saarbrücken.

DAY 2: Departing after breakfast we arrive at the delightful Sole Hotel in time to freshen up and enjoy a welcome drink before dinner.

DAY 3: Today is at leisure to enjoy the popular resort of Riva del Garda. Located on the northern tip of Lake Garda with crystalline waters, wide sunny beaches and lemon and olive trees, it's a picture perfect destination. There will be plenty of time to explore the piazzas and lakeside promenade, which are lined with traditional restaurants, pizzerias and delicious gelaterias. With its pretty baroque buildings, works of art and architecture it's no wonder poets and artists have been inspired here for centuries. If you wish to explore further afield you may wish to join an optional excursion to the lakeside towns of Limone and Malcesine. Sit back and relax on a relaxing boat trip and marvel at the beautiful scenery along the way.

DAY 4: This morning we travel via the panoramic lakeside road to Sirmione. This elegant resort town has attracted tourists for centuries and extends over a peninsula on the Southern shores of the beautiful Lake. Full of history with the Grotte di Catullo, one of

the most fascinating archaeological sites in Italy, and its Medieval Castle guarding the entrance to the Old Town. The heart of this delightful town is full of cafés, restaurants, boutique stores and gelato eateries. This afternoon we travel to the charming walled town of Lazise, with its paved lakefront esplanade and fine sandy beach. Lazise has a wonderful old town centre, with narrow alleyways, magnificent churches, attractive squares and a picturesque harbour.

DAY 5: Today we travel to Venice, regarded by many as the most beautiful city in the World. With eternal and poignant charm, the soul of Venice is made up of



118 islands united together by more than 400 bridges and canals bustling with gondolas. Brimming with art treasures with modern and contemporary galleries, museums and masterpieces, Renaissance palaces and Gothic churches you will enjoy an enchanting journey of art and culture. Our visit to Italy's floating city with its air of sophistication and irresistible old-world charm is sure to delight.

DAY 6: Our full day highlight excursion takes us to the world-famous city of Verona, the romantic capital of Europe and one of Italy's oldest and most attractive cities. Situated on the banks of the River Adige and perhaps best known for its association with Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, it boasts a rich array of art and architecture. Its heart is dominated by a mammoth, remarkably well-preserved 1st-century Roman amphitheatre, the venue for the city's annual summer opera festival. Piazza Bra is the largest piazza in Verona, lined with numerous cafés and restaurants for a relaxing pit stop. Verona is a shoppers' paradise too, with something for everyone – from the daily market in Piazza delle Erbe, where there are plenty of bargains to snap up and a great selection of local produce, to the stylish boutiques and designer shops on Via Mazzini. If you would like to learn a little more about this wonderful city you may wish to join an optional guided tour.

DAY 7: Today we say Arrivederci and begin our return journey, making an overnight stop in Saarbrücken.

DAY 8: After breakfast we continue our journey home. *Please note optional excursions are arranged locally and are subject to minimum numbers in order to operate.*



Inclusions

- 7 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Gala Dinner 1 Night • Trentino Dinner 1 Night
- Optional Boat Excursion to Limone & Malcesine
 - Visit to Sirmione • Visit to Lazise
 - Visit to Venice • Visit to Verona
 - Optional Guided Tour of Verona

Your hotel

Sole Hotel, Riva del Garda

The 4-star Sole Hotel occupies an enviable position, right on the lakefront and located at the side of the main square in the centre of the lovely historic town of Riva del Garda. As you walk out of the hotel you have a wide choice of shops, bars and restaurants and the ferry stop is just a stone's throw away. All bedrooms are en-suite with air-conditioning, TV, hairdryer and mini-bar. There is a lovely terrace at the front of the hotel to enjoy a chilled aperitif, enjoy the lake views and watch the world go by. There is a lift at the hotel.

Departure details

Departs: Sunday 29th June 2025

Duration: 7 nights half board

Price: £965pp

Single room supplement: £236pp per stay



Seaside Delights, Regal Cities & Medieval Treasures



UK Short
Break

Weston-super-Mare is a delightful, quintessentially British seaside resort with a huge sandy beach beautiful walks and the Grand Pier with its rides, arcades and attractions. Our tour includes time at leisure in this coastal town as well as a visit to England's smallest city. An area steeped in history and legend we also visit mythical Glastonbury and royal Bath.

DAY 1: We arrive at our hotel, idyllically located adjacent to the seafront, in time for dinner.

DAY 2: This morning we travel north into Gloucestershire for a visit to Berkeley Castle, one of the few remaining inhabited castles in England and a jewel in the crown of British history. We will enjoy a guided tour learning about its fascinating history, taking in the inner courtyard, staterooms and galleries. There will also be free time to explore the stunning gardens, which are truly magnificent in the summer months. This afternoon we return to Weston-super-Mare for free time to relax at the hotel or enjoy the delights of the town. Perhaps walk along the Grand Pier with its wonderful views and try your luck at the amusement arcades, visit the Weston museum or, if you love a bit of shopping, there's an extensive array of independents and high street names.

DAY 3: This morning, we travel to Wells, the smallest City in England, which offers numerous historical marvels such as the outstanding cathedral with its famous 14th century Astronomical Clock, The Bishop's Palace and Vicars Close believed to be the only complete medieval street remaining in England. There is also the award winning Somerset Farmers' Market held every Wednesday morning selling delicious local produce and hand-crafted goods. This afternoon we head to Glastonbury for our guided tour of the famous Abbey, regaled with tales and stories it has held legendary status as the earliest Christian foundation in Britain and the burial place of King Arthur. After our visit, we enjoy the remainder of the afternoon exploring the lovely town of Glastonbury. Steeped in history, myth and legend, this quirky town is perfect for meandering through the pretty streets with its charming shops and plethora of cafes and restaurants.

DAY 4: We spend today at leisure in Bath, an elegant city full of traditional heritage, contemporary culture,

green spaces and the only city in the UK to be a designated World Heritage Site in its entirety. Bath's compact visitor friendly centre is over-flowing with places to eat and drink, plus some of the finest independent shops in Britain making it a perfect day out. Built for pleasure and relaxation, beautiful Bath has been a wellbeing destination since Roman times. Perhaps make a visit to the historic Roman Baths, Royal Crescent and Bath Abbey or immerse yourself in Bath's remarkable collection of museums and galleries.

DAY 5: This morning, after breakfast, we make our way home.

Inclusions

- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Excursion to Berkeley Castle
- Free time in Weston-super-Mare • Visit to Wells
- Excursion to Glastonbury Abbey with guided tour
- Visit to Glastonbury • Visit to Bath

Your hotel

Smiths Hotel, Weston-super-Mare

This family friendly hotel is ideally located on the promenade, overlooking the sandy beach and just a 10-minute walk from the town centre. There is a cosy informal restaurant, a large traditional bar with an outside terrace with plenty of seating and fabulous sea views. All rooms are en-suite with TV, tea & coffee making facilities, hairdryer and free Wi-Fi. There is a lift at the hotel.

Departure details

Departs: Monday 7th July 2025

Duration: 7 nights half board

Price: £495pp

No single room supplement: Limited availability

Bembridge Coast Hotel, Isle of Wight



Warner
Leisure
Hotels

Warner's Bembridge Coast Hotel is set in a beautiful location with unrivalled views across the Solent. With a glorious, unspoilt secluded shoreline and 23 acres of grounds and gardens, this is the perfect place for rest and relaxation. A Warner break is packed full of a variety of activities; from table tennis, bowls and snooker, to archery, croquet and dance workshops and every evening there will be live entertainment.

DAY 1: We will make our way to the Isle of Wight and our hotel arriving in plenty of time to freshen up before dinner.

DAY 2: This morning we have at leisure; enjoy a coastal walk, take part in one of the many activities on offer or just laze the morning away watching the boats and yachts making their way across the Solent. In the early afternoon we make the short journey to the Isle of Wight Steam Railway. On our arrival we will enjoy a Falconry display, weather permitting, and will be able to view the vast collection of birds of prey including owls, hawks, falcons and eagles. We will then have time to explore the rest of the railway and to enjoy a delicious cream tea before boarding our train for the late afternoon departure. Step back to a bygone era when steam power was the order of the day; settle back in the beautifully restored Victorian and Edwardian carriages with their gleaming brass handles and vintage droplight windows. Discover an idyllic view of the Island's unspoilt countryside, and keep a lookout out for a red squirrel or deer darting away from the train as you pass through ancient woodland.

DAY 3: Our excursion today will take us on a tour of this beautiful island visiting Godshill, with its delightful medieval church, charming thatched-roofed cottages and a winding main-street lined with traditional tearooms. We will stop in Shanklin Old Village where you will see some of the oldest dwellings on the island. There will also be time to visit Shanklin Chine; carved by Mother Nature's own hands over thousands of years, the stunning tree lined gorge cuts its way from Shanklin Old Village to the sandy beach and

esplanade far below. Our tour would not be complete without a visit to Alum Bay famous for its coloured sand and the iconic landmark of The Needles.

DAY 4: Spend the day at your leisure making the most of the facilities on offer at the hotel.

DAY 5: Today we bid farewell and make our journey homeward.



Inclusions

- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Live entertainment every night
- Daily activities • Use of leisure facilities
- Journey on the Isle of Wight Steam Railway, cream tea before travel • Island Tour

Your hotel

Bembridge Coast Hotel, Isle of Wight

With fantastic Solent views, coastal walks and award winning gardens, Bembridge has everything for a wonderful coastal holiday. All rooms are en-suite with TV, tea & coffee making facilities, hairdryer, iron & ironing board and free WiFi. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, gym, sauna, steam room, spa, and tennis courts. Activities include aqua aerobics, archery, bowls, curling, darts, fitness classes, French boules, pistol shooting, pool, quizzes, rifle shooting, shuffleboard and table tennis.

Departure details

Departs: Monday 14th July 2025

Duration: 4 nights half board

Price: £570pp

Signature room supplement: £30pp per stay

Yorkshire's Literary Trails, Pretty Dales & Happy Valleys



An area of outstanding natural beauty with rolling countryside, amazing wildlife and cultural heritage, Yorkshire is truly wonderful in the summer months. Our comprehensive itinerary features some of Yorkshire's most iconic spa and market towns, including Hebden Bridge, made famous by Happy Valley, Grassington & Skipton. We also experience one of the best railway journeys in the world, on the spectacular Settle to Carlisle line.

DAY 1: We arrive at our hotel, ideally located in the pretty spa town of Ilkley, in time for dinner.

DAY 2: Our first visit of the day is to Grassington. The bustling cobbled market with its backdrop of the undulating landscapes was the setting for the fictional market town of Darrowby in *All Creatures Great & Small*. Our next stop is delightful Skipton with its picturesque quay and canal towpaths. Browse the many individual and unique shops, enjoy lunch and explore the town at your own pace. This afternoon we embark on a leisurely 2-hour canal cruise along the beautiful Leeds Liverpool Canal with a cream tea served on board.

DAY 3: This morning we embark on a circular scenic drive, taking in the wonders of West Yorkshire's most famous villages. Our first stop is pretty Hebden Bridge, a filming location for the popular *Happy Valley* series. Wander the bohemian streets, getting to feel the influence of artists and writers who have lived here in the last 50 years. We travel on to Keighley via picturesque Haworth, home of the famous Brontë sisters, and an undisputed literary mecca. In the afternoon we enjoy a one-way journey on the Keighley & Worth Valley heritage railway through the stunning countryside immortalised by *Charlotte, Emily and Anne Brontë*.

DAY 4: Today we enjoy a spectacular return journey on the famous Settle to Carlisle Railway, one of the most scenic and impressive railways in the UK. Our journey carves its way through the magnificent landscape of the Yorkshire Dales before descending to Cumbria's lush green Eden Valley. We arrive in Carlisle, just shy of the Scottish border, at lunchtime and have some

free time to explore one of the most northerly cities in Britain, with over 2000 years of history. Following our visit it's time to board the train again for our return journey.

DAY 5: After a delicious, hearty breakfast, we make our way home.

Inclusions

- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Skipton Canal Cruise with Cream Tea
- Return Journey on Settle to Carlisle Railway
- Visits to Grassington, Skipton & Hebden Bridge
- One Way Journey on Keighley & Worth Railway

Your hotel

Best Western Plus Craiglands Hotel, Ilkley, Yorkshire

Full of character and located within walking distance from the traditional Yorkshire town of Ilkley, this 3-star Victorian hotel is to modern and contemporary style. All rooms are en-suite with TV, tea & coffee making facilities, hairdryer, safe and free Wi-Fi. There is a lift to the second floor, however, due to the age of the building there are stairs to access some bedrooms.

Departure details

Departs: Monday 21st July 2025

Duration: 4 nights half board

Price: £530pp

Single room supplement: £144pp per stay

Treasures of Northumberland



The very North Eastern corner of Northumberland boasts a designated heritage coastline with a fabulous array of attractions that defined the ancient Kingdom of Northumbria. The region has lush rolling countryside and forests, sandy beaches and seaside towns, quaint villages and bustling market towns along with mighty castles and historic monuments bearing testament to bloody battles of centuries long ago.

DAY 1: Today we will make our way north arriving at our hotel in time for dinner.

DAY 2: This morning we take a drive along the scenic heritage coastline and cross the tidal causeway to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne. We have free time at leisure to explore this delightful island before departing early afternoon for our visit to Bamburgh Castle*. Perched on rocks at the edge of the sea, the castle boasts magnificent views of the Farne Islands. Discover 3000 years of incredible history and the fantastical tales of the The Last Kingdom, Vikings, knights and dragons. Please note, today is subject to tidal times.

DAY 3: Our excursion today takes us to the famous Living Museum of the North, the Beamish Museum. Beamish is an open-air museum set within 300 acres of beautiful County Durham countryside and tells the story of life in North East England during the 1820s, 1900s and 1940s. We experience town life as it would have been in the 1940's during World War II, visit a 1940's farm, pop into the Colliery, and Pit Village in the early 1900's and take unlimited rides on the Beamish train.

DAY 4: After breakfast we make our way to The Alnwick Garden, the brainchild of The Duchess of Northumberland. The Alnwick Garden is a multi-award winning visitor attraction, with its magnificent water cascades, walled gardens, poison garden, rose garden, the world's largest Treehouse and wonderfully inventive water sculpture; this garden is a truly beautiful place to visit whatever the season. In the afternoon we visit Alnwick Castle, one of the finest medieval castles in England and also the second largest inhabited castle in the UK. Alnwick Castle has over 950 years of history to discover, and the origins of the Castle date back to the Norman period. The Castle

was made famous in recent years as a setting for the Blackadder series and even more recently featured as 'Hogwarts' in the Harry Potter films

DAY 5: This morning after breakfast, we begin our journey home.

Bamburgh Castle: There are 80+ steps throughout the castle itself and there is no lift. The main pathway around the grounds is a bit hilly and there are various steps to access the battlements.

Inclusions

- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Excursion to Alnwick Gardens
- Excursion to Beamish Living Museum
- Excursion to Bamburgh Castle
- Visit to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne

Your hotel

Holiday Inn Newcastle Gosforth Park

This modern hotel is located just to the north of Newcastle.

There is an informal, brasserie style restaurant and a modern bar with comfortable seating. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer & tea & coffee making facilities. Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, sauna, steam room, Jacuzzi and gym. The hotel has a lift.

The hotel does not offer portage.

Departure details

Departs: Monday 28th July 2025

Duration: 4 nights half board

Price: £575pp

Single room supplement: £150pp per stay

Festival of Quilts



This two-day trip to the Festival of Quilts at Birmingham's NEC is the ultimate quilting experience.

The Festival is the largest celebration of patchwork and quilting in Europe, offering an immersive experience in which visitors can enjoy viewing thousands of quilts, hundreds of workshops and an enormous selection of over 300 suppliers under one roof.

There will be a number of workshops including one-hour practical projects covering a diverse range of subjects from hand-quilting techniques to dying, block printing, fusing fabrics and more.



Inclusions

- 1 night dinner, bed & breakfast
- 2 Day Entrance to The Festival of Quilts

Your hotel

Chesford Grange Hotel, Kenilworth

This friendly hotel combines the character of a historic manor house with bright contemporary areas, surrounded by 17 acres of beautiful grounds. Overlooking the gardens the River Room Restaurant serves delicious food with fresh produce and you can also relax in the Manor & Terrace bar. All rooms are en suite with TV, air conditioning, tea & coffee making facilities, hairdryer, safe and free Wi-Fi. Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, fitness studio, gym, steam room and spa. Some rooms are not accessible by lift. Please notify us at the time of booking if lift access is required.

Departure details

Departs: Friday 1st August 2025

Duration: 1 night half board

Price: £185pp

Single room supplement: £40pp per stay

A Weekend in York



York is one of England's finest and most beautiful cities. This timbered city has Roman roots and a Viking past, and holds over 2000 years of history just waiting to be explored. Within its ancient, encircling walls, York's medieval streets and buildings are beautifully preserved. There is so much to see and discover in this awe-inspiring city we have highlighted just a few you may wish to visit.

YORK MINSTER: One of the world's most magnificent cathedrals, a masterpiece in stained glass and stone and a sacred space that has been at the centre of Christianity in the North of England since the 7th century. The Minster was built for the Glory of God and this is reflected in every aspect of this ancient building, from the exquisite handcrafted stone through to the unrivalled collection of medieval stained glass.

SHAMBLES: The Shambles (officially just 'Shambles') is one of the most recognised, historic streets in England. It is a narrow, medieval street of mostly timber buildings dating back as far as the 13th Century. Lose yourself in the winding alleyways and take your time to soak in the atmosphere. You won't find your normal high street retailers here, there are only charming independent shops offering everything from quirky souvenirs, unique clothing boutiques, beautiful jewellery and everything in between. There is an abundance of cosy cafés and tearooms, and if you like spooky stories, why not book one of the ghost tours whilst you are there.

JORVIK VIKING CENTRE: Discover the fascinating world of the Vikings at the Jorvik Viking Centre, a renowned archaeological attraction located in the city centre. Step back in time and immerse yourself in the sights, sounds, and smells of Viking-age York, known as Jorvik in the Norse language. Through state-of-the-art exhibits and interactive displays, the Jorvik Viking Centre brings the rich history and culture of the Vikings to life, offering a captivating experience. The centerpiece of the experience is a ride on a specially designed "time capsule" vehicle that transports visitors through a reconstructed Viking Age street. As you travel along you will encounter lifelike animatronic figures, recreated buildings, and immersive soundscapes, all designed to recreate the sights, sounds, and even smells of Jorvik during the Viking era.

NATIONAL RAILWAY MUSEUM: The National Railway Museum is devoted to telling the story of rail transport

in Britain and its impact on society. The NRM collection is among the most comprehensive in the world, featuring over 100 locomotives and nearly 200 other items of rolling stock. Famous locomotives like the Mallard, the world record holder for steam locomotive speed, and the iconic Flying Scotsman are centrepieces. You will also discover unique pieces in the Bramall Gallery and Station Hall, which house a series of beautifully preserved railway coaches that tell the extraordinary stories of travel and society.

Please note: Some areas of the National Railway Museum may be closed for refurbishment during 2025, please refer to the NRM website for further details. York is a very popular visitor destination, should you wish to visit any of the above mentioned it would be advisable to book in advance.

Inclusions

- 3 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Free time in York

Your hotel

Queen's Hotel, York

The Queen's Hotel is situated on the south bank of the River Ouse, just a short walk to the city centre. The traditional restaurant offers views across the river, as does the adjacent bar, providing comfortable seating for guests to relax and enjoy a drink. All rooms are en suite with TV, tea & coffee making facilities, hairdryer, and free WiFi. The hotel entrance is accessed by 10 steps but there is a chairlift available. There is a lift at the hotel.

Departure details

Departs: Friday 8th August 2025

Duration: 3 nights half board

Price: £335pp

Single room supplement: £84pp per stay

Bodelwyddan Castle Hotel



Set in 260 acres of parkland in the beautiful Welsh countryside this Victorian Castle, looking over its peaceful estate, never feels crowded. With a backdrop of the Clywdian Mountains and just an hour from Snowdonia its tranquil setting is truly idyllic. Bursting with history and stunning architectural design features, this magnificent castle hotel is delightful in the summer months and you will enjoy a warm Welsh welcome and fantastic service.

DAY 1: We make our way to North Wales and our hotel arriving in time to freshen up before dinner.



DAY 2: After breakfast we make our way to the City of Chester; its bewitching beauty and unique atmosphere make for an unforgettable day out. Each chapter of Chester's history is etched into the fabric of the city. This is where Roman Legionnaires marched to war, Viking raiders wreaked havoc and Norman invaders conquered Anglo Saxons. Chester has the most complete city walls, the largest Roman Amphitheatre in Britain, plus a 1000-year-old Cathedral with Europe's finest example of medieval carvings. We must not forget the one and only 700-year-old Rows galleries where shopping is a double delight. You will find stores galore set against a background of unique treasures of antiquity and a vibrant café culture where outdoor dining and people watching go hand in hand.

DAY 3: Today our excursion takes us to Caernarfon, Gwynedd's county town, home to Wales's most famous castle and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Mighty Caernarfon Castle (entrance not included) commands the lion's share of attention, but the town's narrow streets and stylish redeveloped waterfront also merit a visit. In the afternoon we will travel through the spectacular Llanberis Pass to the picturesque village of Betws-y-Coed.

DAY 4: Today is a day to relax and unwind and enjoy all the activities at Bodelwyddan.

DAY 5: This morning we must sadly say goodbye and begin our journey home.

Inclusions

- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Live entertainment every night
- Daily Activities • Use of Leisure facilities
 - Excursion to Chester
- Excursion to Caernarfon, Llanberis and Betws-y-Coed

Your hotel

Bodelwyddan Castle Hotel

Bodelwyddan (pronounced bod-el-with-an) is a Grade II listed Victorian building near the North Wales coast, not far from Snowdonia. Set within the grounds of a romantic castle with all the luxuries of a modern hotel. All rooms are en-suite with TV, tea & coffee making facilities, hairdryer, iron & ironing board, safe and free Wi-Fi. Leisure facilities include a cinema room, games room, indoor swimming pool, fitness centre, sauna, steam room and spa. Activities include archery, aqua aerobics, crazy golf, croquet, curling, darts, fitness classes, French boules, laser pistol, quizzes & gameshows, rifle shooting, snooker, shuffleboard and table tennis.

Departure details

Departs: Monday 11th August 2025

Duration: 4 nights half board

Price: £470pp

Signature room supplement: £30pp per stay

A Jaunt Around Jersey



Jersey is the perfect destination for a British holiday; a place that's familiar, with a delightfully continental twist being so close to France. Jersey is small in square miles, but big on personality, where country lanes end at cliff-top views, jagged coastlines, breath-taking beaches and secluded coves. Our fabulous holiday takes us on a full island tour, visits to some of the island's most famous attractions as well as plenty of time to relax.

DAY 1: We make our way to Poole to join our ferry to Jersey. On our arrival there will be a coach waiting to transfer to our hotel.

DAY 2: Today we enjoy a day at leisure. You may wish to explore St. Helier where you can find sophisticated shops, fascinating museums, historic landmarks and a mouth-watering selection of restaurants. Alternatively, you may decide to have a day of relaxation and enjoy the facilities of your hotel.

DAY 3: Today we embark on a full day guided tour of the island, visiting St. Aubin's Bay, St. Brelade's Bay, Corbière Lighthouse, St. Ouen's Bay, and Gorey Harbour. During our tour, we will visit the Neolithic passage grave at La Hougue Bie, home to one of the 10 oldest buildings in the world!

DAY 4: Today is a free day. You may wish to book an optional excursion, relax and make the most of your hotel or enjoy some tax-free shopping.

DAY 5: This morning, we visit Hamptonne Country Life Museum, giving us a wonderful insight into a rural way of life in Jersey that has carried on for centuries. In the afternoon, we head to the Jersey War Tunnels, built during the German occupation of the island in WWII. Discover a story you will never forget of life in Jersey during the German occupation, the hardship, the heartache and the heroism, in the words of the people that were there.

DAY 6: We relax at leisure this morning before enjoying a guided tour and tasting of La Mare Wine Estate in the afternoon. The tour is an immersive experience offering a behind-the-scenes exploration of the vineyard, winery and distillery and we finish off the tour with a delicious cream tea.

DAY 7: Another free day to make the most of this wonderful island and maybe enjoy some shopping for those last minute gifts.

DAY 8: After breakfast, we will begin our journey home.

Inclusions

- 7 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Return coach transfers to Poole
- Return ferry crossing to Jersey
- Return local coach transfer – port to hotel
- Full day guided tour of Jersey including La Hougue Bie
- Visit to Hamptonne Country Life Museum and Jersey Wartime Tunnels
- Guided tour of La Mare Wine Estate with cream tea

Your hotel

Runnymede Court Hotel, St. Helier

The Runnymede Court Hotel is a beautiful Edwardian hotel on the outskirts of St. Helier but within easy walking distance of the main shopping centre and only 250 yards away from St. Helier beach, a delightful stretch of soft sand that offers exceptional views of Elizabeth Castle. All rooms are en suite with TV, tea & coffee making facilities, hairdryer and free Wi-Fi. The large bright dining room overlooks the garden, there is also a bar and lounge area where guests can relax with a drink whilst chatting with new made friends; there is further seating and a large TV in a shared lounge as well as outdoor seating in the gardens. The Runnymede Court Hotel has a warm and friendly atmosphere and guests are always made to feel comfortable and very welcome. The hotel has a lift.

Departure details

Departs: Saturday 16th August 2024

Duration: 7 nights half board

Price: £1,049pp

Single room supplement: £230pp per stay

Journey through the Stunning Lancashire Landscapes



UK Short Break

Enjoy discovering outstanding Lancashire landscapes by steam train and narrow boat on our delightful tour of this unspoiled area of Northwest England. With visits to Bury and its famous market, Samlesbury Hall with its fascinating history and an excursion to Gawthorpe Hall we find heritage and history around every corner.

DAY 1: We arrive at our beautiful hotel, set in 17 acres of parkland, in time for dinner.

DAY 2: We begin our day with a guided tour of Samlesbury Hall. This fabulous half-timbered black and white medieval house, built in 1325 as a family home, is brought to life with captivating stories from our knowledgeable guide. After our visit we make our way to Riley Green Marina to embark upon our unique narrow boat cruise along the Leeds Liverpool Canal. Our 3-hour round trip passes through delightful countryside and passes through two locks. During our cruise, we enjoy a two-course lunch.

DAY 3: This morning we head straight to Bury and its famous market – voted Britain's best – where we can browse its extensive stalls in the large market hall and outside. Packed with independent traders with over 350 stalls selling a vast array of goods and produce. After our visit we step back in time for a nostalgic trip on an historic steam train along the East Lancashire Railway. Departing from Bury our journey takes us through the beautiful Lancashire countryside with its stunning rural panoramas to pretty postcard villages, bustling Victorian towns and cotton mill dotted horizons. We disembark at Rawtenstall and travel to Gawthorpe Hall. This Elizabethan gem affectionately known as the "Downton of the North" has strong associations with the writings of Charlotte Bronte and is home to The North West's largest collection of portraits on loan from the National Portrait gallery.

DAY 4: We enjoy a scenic guided tour of the picturesque Ribble Valley this morning. Travelling through this unspoiled corner of England with its gentle rolling countryside and wooded river valleys. We finish our journey at the Oswaldtwistle Mills Shopping Village and Garden Centre. This award winning former weaving mill has over 100 retailers

under one roof. After time browsing the shops we enjoy a traditional Lancashire lunch of Pie and Peas followed by a jam scone and a cup of tea.

DAY 5: After a delicious Lancashire breakfast, we make our way home.

Inclusions

- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Excursion to Samlesbury Hall with Guided Tour
- Canal Boat Cruise with Two-Course Lunch
 - Visit to Bury Market
- Journey on the East Lancashire Railway
 - Excursion to Gawthorpe Hall
 - Ribble Valley Guided Tour
- Visit to Oswaldtwistle Mills Shopping Village
 - Traditional Lancashire Lunch

Your hotel

Mercure Dunkenhagh Hotel & Spa, Blackburn

Originally a 700 year old country manor house, the Mercure Dunkenhagh Hotel & Spa has been sensitively converted in to a delightful 4 star hotel. All rooms are en-suite with TV, tea & coffee making facilities, a hairdryer and free Wi-Fi. Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, gym and spa. Please note due to the historic nature of the building, rooms are split across several wings which can have external access, steps to the rooms and may be some distance from the public areas. There is a lift at the hotel.

Departure details

Departs: Monday 18th August 2025

Duration: 4 nights half board

Price: £535pp

Single room supplement: £124pp per stay

A Weekend in Manchester



Home to renowned art galleries, world-famous football and a fantastic music scene – there's so much to love about Manchester. From the creative to the culinary a wealth of treasures are waiting to be discovered. This weekend break provides ample free time to visit this vibrant city at your leisure and explore its famous and lesser-known attractions.

GARDENS: Immerse yourself in nature's beauty as you explore the city's serene green spaces, from expansive parks to hidden gardens. Castlefield is a Victorian-era steel viaduct transformed into a green 'Sky Garden' in the heart of Manchester. The elevated setting above the historic cobbled streets has been designed with a subtle nod to the industrial architecture of the viaduct. Perhaps make a visit to RHS Bridgewater, located on the outskirts of the city. We will provide a complimentary transfer to the gardens (entrance not included) on Sunday 24th August. Opened in 2021, this beautiful 156 acre garden makes for a superb horticultural experience.

SHOPPING: It's unsurprising that visitors travel from all over the world to shop in Manchester. With a number of extensive shopping centres as well as high street destinations offering an unrivalled selection of international brands and the best of British Department stores. For that extra special something visit the boutique districts around King Street and Spinningfields or, if one-off independents and bespoke designs are more to your liking, take a visit to The Northern Quarter, Manchester's alternative and creative heart.

MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES: Enter a world of artistic wonders and historical treasures, as iconic institutions and hidden gems beckon. Explore 250 years of innovations and ideas that started life in Manchester at The Science and Industry Museum. Manchester Museum is at the heart of the city's cultural scene and home to an incredible range of collections covering everything from archaeology to zoology and natural history to human cultures. Manchester Art Gallery is free to visit and houses over 46,000 objects of fine art, decorative art and costume. The Imperial War Museum North delivers an award-winning immersive experience where you can walk through a timeline of history from the First World War to the present day.

FOOTBALL: With eight professional football teams

in Greater Manchester and with the sport deeply embedded in its history, for many, a visit to Manchester would not be complete without taking time to appreciate the beautiful game. Visit Old Trafford and embark on a captivating journey as you step foot in the heart and soul of one of football's most iconic clubs. Or perhaps visit the National Football Museum and experience football in all its glory.

GASTRONOMY: From fine dining and afternoon tea to pop-up markets and delicious street-food, Manchester is packed with options to suit any palate and mood. Showcasing all its original Edwardian beauty with a modern twist, The Corn Exchange is home to a mouth-watering mix of restaurants from around the world.

Inclusions

- 3 nights bed & breakfast
- Optional coach travel to RHS Bridgewater

Your hotel

AC Marriott Manchester Salford Quays

Overlooking Salford Quays this modern hotel is perfectly located to explore this wonderful city. The Quays is an iconic waterfront destination bursting with creativity and culture, boasting one of the UK's most visited arts attractions –

The Lowry and home to the award winning Imperial War Museum North. There is direct tram access to the city centre. All rooms are en-suite with TV, air conditioning, tea & coffee making facilities, hairdryer, safe, and free Wi-Fi. Leisure facilities include a gym and library. The hotel has a lift.

Departure details

Departs: Friday 22nd August 2025

Duration: 3 nights bed & breakfast

Price: £275pp

Single room supplement: £100pp per stay

Transport Treats and Historical Highlights of the Peak District



Our perfectly packaged Peak tour features a variety of transport treats and insightful visits to fascinating museums and historical buildings. We experience a relaxing canal cruise through the peaceful Derwent Valley and visits to Crich Tramway Village and Cromford Mills. Our visit to Derbyshire would not be complete without a visit to the famous Denby Pottery and enjoying a delicious afternoon tea served on their iconic tableware.

DAY 1: We make our way to our stylish hotel in Derby arriving in time for dinner.

DAY 2: We begin our day in Cromford, from where we enjoy a return 2-hour narrow boat cruise through the picturesque Derwent Valley. Meandering through the beautiful countryside, you will enjoy entertaining commentary about the local area and its history, whilst taking in the tranquil scenery and fabulous wildlife. In the afternoon, we visit Sir Richard Arkwright's Cromford Mills, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to the first successful water powered cotton

spinning mill. We enjoy a tour of the mill and village and hear the story of its key role in the 18th century Industrial Revolution.

DAY 3: We spend this morning at the fascinating Great British Car Journey, a museum taking us through the golden ages of British car design and manufacturing. The journey is organised into chapters, telling the story of the pioneers, entrepreneurs and industrialists instrumental in the motor industry and celebrating an era when British innovation was at the forefront of a transport revolution. We explore more than 130



vehicles as we discover the history of British motoring, from the legendary Austin Seven to the magnificent Morris Minor and beyond. This afternoon, we visit Crich Tramway Village, a charming period village museum where we can immerse ourselves in yesteryear. Take a vintage tram ride through time, along the traditional period village street and out into the open countryside with spectacular views. This captivating journey into the past is made complete with a visit to the Red Lion Pub and Barnett's Sweet Shop.

DAY 4: This morning we make our way to Denby Pottery Village, home to the largest selection of Denby stoneware in the world. We experience a behind the scenes tour of the working pottery and discover how the beautiful ceramics are hand-crafted from 'clay to cup'. Our Discovery Experience includes a visit to the Museum where we discover over 200 years of fascinating history and we will enjoy a delicious afternoon tea served on beautiful Denby tableware. Later today we visit Kedleston Hall, an 18th century mansion with its colonial history and vast parkland. Designed for lavish entertaining we discover luxurious Adam interiors, staterooms and the Curzon family's collection of fine art and furniture reflecting both the tastes of its creators and their fascination with the classical world of the Roman Empire. Outside, we can stroll the beautiful pleasure grounds and parkland which offer a colourful interpretation of its original 18th century design.

DAY 5: After breakfast, we begin our journey home.



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Inclusions

- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- 2-hour narrow boat cruise Cromford Wharf
- Mill & Village Tour of Sir Richard Arkwright's Cromford Mills
- Visit to Great British Car Journey
- Excursion to Crich Tramway Village
- Excursion to Denby Pottery Village with Afternoon Tea
- Visit to Kedleston Hall

Your hotel

Derby Micklegate Hotel, BW Signature Collection

Located at Micklegate on the outskirts of Derby, the Derby Micklegate offers a warm and friendly welcome. There is a large restaurant with plenty of natural daylight and a bar leading to the open plan reception. A lounge can be found on the first floor and is an ideal place to relax. All rooms are en-suite with TV, air conditioning, tea & coffee making facilities, hairdryer and free Wi-Fi. Leisure facilities include a gym, indoor swimming pool, sauna and spa bath.

There is a lift at the hotel.

Departure details

Departs: Monday 25th August 2025

Duration: 4 nights half board

Price: £560pp

Single room supplement: £135pp per stay

Railways and Waterways of the Enchanting Rhine and Moselle



This stunning area of Germany is renowned for its magnificent beauty with romantic castles, sweeping vineyards and unforgettable views. Our delightful itinerary features journeys on some of the most charming little railways of this beautiful region as well as relaxing cruises along the Rhine and Moselle rivers. With visits to traditional German towns and perhaps some Riesling along the way, our comprehensive tour provides the perfect balance for a wonderful and memorable holiday.

DAY 1: We arrive at our elegant Art Nouveau hotel, located on the beautiful Rhine, in time for dinner.

DAY 2: This morning we head to the Moselle Valley with its breath-taking river landscapes, picturesque villages and steep vineyards. We arrive at the pretty, riverside town of Cochem and embark on a circular cruise along the Moselle River. Renowned for its castles and wineries along the banks of the water, we will enjoy views of the magnificent 11th century Reichsburg Castle, a Gothic masterpiece which dominates the skyline, and the surrounding beauty of

the vineyards. After our cruise, we spend the rest of the day in Cochem at leisure, with time to explore the old town, made up of quaint squares, winding alleys and half-timbered buildings, typically evocative of German towns. The town is also home to numerous restaurants and wine bars making it an ideal setting to sample some of the delicious local wines.

DAY 3: We'll enjoy some free time in Boppard this morning, an enchanting German town, with a picturesque riverside promenade and nestled amongst the scenic hills of the Loreley Valley.



From Boppard we join our river cruise for a one-way journey upstream through the tranquil, picture-perfect section of the UNESCO protected Upper Middle Rhine Valley, to Oberlahnstein. We continue by coach to Königswinter for our return journey on the Drachenfelsbahn, Germany's oldest cog railway. From the Valley Station to the summit, we cover a height difference of 220 metres, and at the top we see the ruined medieval Drachenfels (Dragon's Rock) Castle with its striking location and stunning views across the Rhine Valley. After our journey we return to our hotel by coach.

DAY 4: Today we travel to Brohl for a captivating one-way journey on the Vulkan Express, a narrow gauge railway through the unique and diverse Laacher See Area. The line meanders up through the Brohl Valley into the Eifel Hills, where dramatic rock formations were created during a period of volcanic activity. Opened in 1901, the 11-mile journey takes 90 minutes as the locomotives climb around 400 metres through stunning and narrow valleys and over elegant stone bridges. This afternoon we continue to Koblenz, one of Germany's oldest and most beautiful cities, for some free time. This 2,000 year-old city where the

Rhine and Moselle meet at the famous Deutsches Eck, or German Corner, is a popular tourist destination and well known for its history and beauty. Perhaps visit the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, the second largest preserved fortress in Europe. Reached by cable car from the city, the Fortress houses several museums as well as offering incredible views over Koblenz and the valleys beyond. The city itself is wonderful to explore with its riverside promenades, delightful restaurants and cafes, charming old town and beautifully maintained parks.

DAY 5: After breakfast, we say Auf Wiedersehen and begin our journey home.



Inclusions

- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Circular Moselle Cruise • Visit to Cochem
- Rhine Cruise - Boppard to Oberlahnstein
 - Drachenfelsbahn Rail Journey
- Vulkan Express Rail journey • Visit to Koblenz

Your hotel

Bellevue Rheinhotel, Boppard

The elegant, family-run 4-star Bellevue Rheinhotel is beautifully decorated in a Belle Epoque style and is perfectly situated on the main riverside promenade only a stone's throw from the centre of Boppard. All rooms are en-suite with TV and hairdryer, safe and free Wi-Fi. Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, gym, and sauna. There is a lift at the hotel.

Departure details

Departs: Thursday 28th August 2025

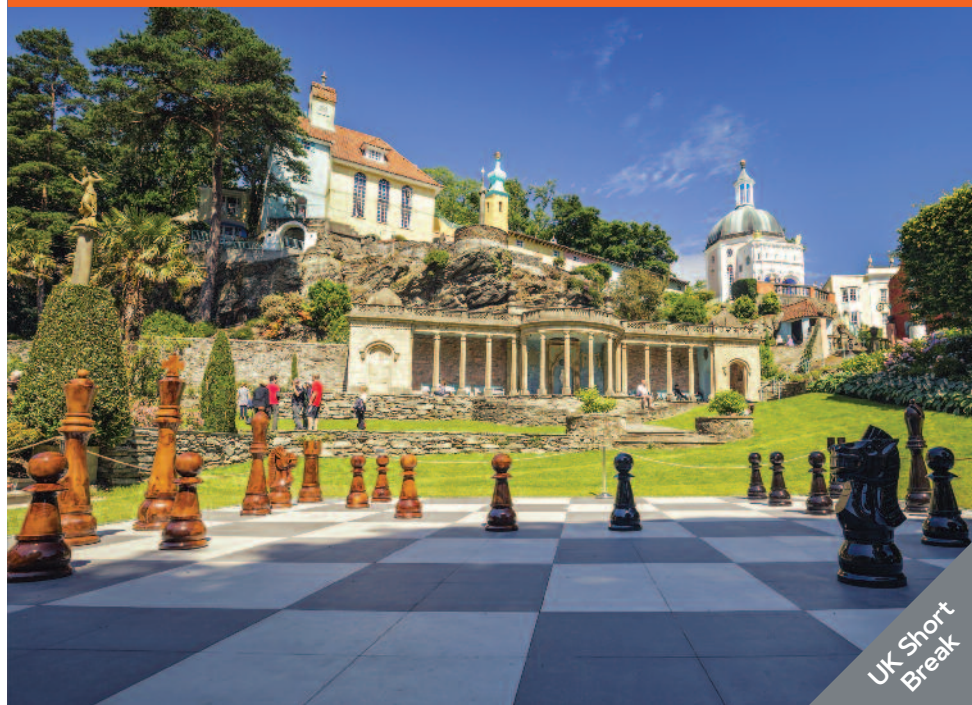
Duration: 4 nights half board

Price: £835pp

Single room supplement: £93pp per stay



Spectacular Snowdonia



UK Short Break

The sheer beauty of Snowdonia, in the heart of North Wales, is hard to beat. With its breath-taking landscapes, stunning beaches and rugged mountains our comprehensive tour encompasses some of the highlights of this spectacular area. Against the backdrop of one of Britain's tallest peaks you'll enjoy plenty of excursions including Caernarfon Castle, a cruise to Puffin Island, hidden gardens, a visit to Portmeirion and an awe-inspiring rail journey on the UK's longest heritage railway.

DAY 1: We arrive at our idyllically located hotel in Llanberis in time for dinner.

DAY 2: This morning we visit Caernarfon Castle, recognised around the world as one of the greatest buildings of the Middle Ages and a UNESCO World

Heritage Site. Following our visit to the Castle we enjoy a scenic drive to Betws-y-Coed, the gateway to Snowdonia and North Wales' most popular inland resort. We enjoy time at leisure for lunch before returning to our hotel later this afternoon.



DAY 3: This morning we travel to the Isle of Anglesey and nearby Beaumaris with its medieval castle, lovely beach and Victorian pier. While there we relax on a leisurely boat cruise to Puffin Island which hosts an abundance of wildlife including Atlantic grey seals, resident coastal birds and of course puffins. In the afternoon we visit one of North Wales' best kept secrets, the hidden gardens of Plas Cadnant, a fascinating haven which was undiscovered for over 70 years.

DAY 4: Today we enjoy a ride on the Welsh Highland Railway, the UK's longest heritage railway and one of the most spectacular ways to see the awe-inspiring scenery of the Snowdonia National Park. On arrival in the picture postcard, riverside village of Beddgelert we travel to the nearby unique Italianate village of Portmeirion. Designed by Sir Clough Williams-Ellis in the early 20th century, Portmeirion's Riviera inspired houses, ornamental garden and campanile are a beautiful pocket of madness like no other.

DAY 5: After a delicious breakfast, we make our way home.



Inclusions

- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Excursion to Caernarfon Castle
 - Boat cruise to Puffin Island
- Excursion to Plas Cadnant Gardens
- One-way journey on the Welsh Highland Railway (Caernarfon to Beddgelert)
 - Excursion to Portmeirion

Your hotel

Royal Victoria Hotel, Llanberis, Caernarfon

Few hotels can command such breath-taking views as the grand Royal Victoria Snowdonia Hotel. Set in a picturesque location overlooking Llanberis, the hotel is situated just a 10 minute walk from the town centre and its many amenities, attractions and walks. The welcome here is warm and genuine and the atmosphere is one of complete relaxation. All rooms are en-suite with TV, tea & coffee making facilities, hairdryer, iron & ironing board and free Wi-Fi.

The large restaurant is stylish and bright and there is a relaxing, cosy, pub-style bar with comfortable seating. There is also an elegant lounge and delightful gardens with stunning views. The hotel has a lift.

Departure details

Departs: Monday 1st September 2025

Duration: 4 nights half board

Price: £580pp

Newquay & the Cornish Coast



Newquay lies on the North West coast and is the Cornish Riviera's premier resort. The opportunity of visiting quaint coastal towns and beautiful bays along with visiting the famous Eden Project and the Lost Gardens of Heligan, makes this tour one to remember.

DAY 1: We will make our way to Newquay, making lunch and comfort stops along the way.

DAY 2: Our excursion today takes us to the beautiful global garden known as the Eden Project. Explore massive covered Biomes to trek through the world's largest indoor rainforest and immerse yourself in the calm fragrance of the Mediterranean Biome. Enjoy extensive outdoor gardens, contemporary artworks, performance and storytelling. Discover places to rest and eat, and pick up some inspiring ideas to take home on how to care for the planet that cares for you. After plenty of time to explore, we will make our way back to our hotel visiting Charlestown along the way. Charlestown is an amazingly pristine, unspoiled example of a late Georgian working port. To this day, the port remains unspoiled and retains much of its Georgian character. This unique combination has led to Charlestown being a popular location for film & television locations.

DAY 3: This morning we make our way to the picturesque fishing village of Mevagissey. Narrow streets and steep valley sides lead down to the centre of the old Mevagissey where the distinctive twin harbour provides a safe haven for the many fishing boats to land their daily catch. In typical picture postcard style, pubs, cafes, galleries and shops cluster around the harbour walls and line the pretty streets. Named after two Irish saints, St. Meva and St. Issey, the village dates back to at least 1313. This afternoon, we head to the amazing Lost Gardens of Heligan where we are welcomed with a garden introduction. With over 200 acres of garden paradise, we have time at leisure to explore the breath-taking surroundings, including the spectacular jungle!

DAY 4: Today you may choose to enjoy all Newquay has to offer; stroll along the coastal paths, browse the shops or visit the picturesque harbour. You may of course prefer to join us on our included excursion to Truro. Cornwall's only city, Truro's heritage is evident

in historic architecture, delightful parks and public spaces but at the same time is contemporary, quirky and unique – always welcoming and often surprising. Here vibrant, local independent shops and market traders rub shoulders with the usual national retailers in an eclectic mix with a creative vibe. Truro has a criss-cross of cobbled roads, browsable streets and magical mews, always rewarding for the curious and quiet joy for the unhurried.

DAY 5: This morning, after breakfast, we say goodbye to this beautiful part of the country and begin our journey home.

Inclusions

- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Excursion to the Eden Project • Visit to Charlestown
- Visit to Truro • Visit to Mevagissey
- Excursion to the Lost Gardens of Heligan
- Visit to Truro

Your hotel

Esplanade Hotel, Newquay

A picturesque and contemporary hotel overlooking the world famous Fistral Beach in Newquay, The Esplanade is a special place where you can sit back and relax – a stylish home from home. The hotel offers stunning views from inside and out, especially from the lounge where the dramatic seascapes spill in. All rooms are en-suite with TV, tea & coffee making facilities, mini fridge, hairdryer and free Wi-Fi. Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, sauna and spa bath. There is a lift to all floors.

Departure details

Departs: Monday 8th September 2025

Duration: 4 nights half board

Price: £620pp

Single room supplement: £90pp per stay

Glorious Guernsey



UK Short
Break

A hidden gem in the British Isles it's time to switch off and unwind on this five night stay on picture perfect Guernsey. September is a fantastic month to visit this beautiful island which is located only 27 miles from France. With its mild climate, a delightful continental feel, glorious sandy beaches, quaint rural lanes and delicious cuisine you'll want to visit again and again.

DAY 1: We travel from the UK to Guernsey on Condor Ferries high-speed ferry service before transferring to our hotel in delightful St. Peter Port.

DAY 2: Today we travel by ferry for a full day excursion to the Isle of Sark. We escape the hustle and bustle of modern life on our visit to this unique island with spectacular scenery, beautiful bays, coastal paths and cliff top views. On arrival we will take a ride to the top of the island on the 'toast-rack', the tractor drawn bus, to the main town square. The day is free to explore this peaceful and tranquil haven at your leisure.

DAY 3: Our full day excursion today reveals the highlights of this glorious island. We visit the Little Chapel, beautifully decorated with seashells, pebbles and broken china and designed to recreate the famous grotto and basilica in Lourdes, France. Our tour also includes the German built naval observation tower of Pleinmont for stunning views of the south coast and the restored German gun battery. After a visit to Guernsey Pearl our tour continues to some of Guernsey's favourite beaches including Coco Bay & Pembroke Bay.

DAY 4: Today is at leisure to enjoy the wonders of this enchanting island. Maybe visit Hauteville House where Victor Hugo wrote Les Misérables or explore medieval Castle Cornet with magnificent views of the whole East coast of Guernsey. Take a stroll along the lively High Street in St. Peter Port with well-known UK brands as well as boutiques and eateries or head over to the Old Quarter, where you'll find a treasure trove of independent shops. And don't forget all your shopping on the island is VAT free!

DAY 5: This morning we embark the Travel Trident ferry for our short 20-minute boat ride from St. Peter Port for our half day excursion to the paradisiacal island of Herm. A peaceful oasis with long stretches of unspoilt beach framed by turquoise waters, sandy cliff paths,

local pods of dolphins and puffins. With no cars and no crowds it's the perfect destination for rest and relaxation. This afternoon is at leisure time to enjoy the hotel's facilities or the local area.

DAY 6: Today we say goodbye to glorious Guernsey and make our return journey home.

Please note: Ferry times for 2025 have yet to be confirmed. Timings may result in an early outbound pick-up time and/or an early or late return.

Inclusions

- 5 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Return coach transfers to Poole
- Return ferry crossing to Guernsey
- Local transfers • Full day guided island tour
- Full day excursion to the Isle of Sark
- Half day excursion to the Isle of Herm

Your hotel

Les Rocquettes Hotel, St. Peter Port

Located in an excellent location within walking distance of St. Peter Port town centre the former manor house dates back to 1765. The stunning house has been extended and upgraded offering great accommodation and facilities with relaxing lounges and tranquil gardens. All rooms are en-suite with TV, tea & coffee making facilities, hairdryer, safe and free Wi-Fi. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, gym, sauna, steam room and two bars.

Departure details

Departs: Friday 12th September 2025

Duration: 5 nights half board

Price: £1,075pp

Single room supplement: £50pp per stay

Gunton Hall , Suffolk



Warner
Leisure
Hotels

Surrounded by peaceful Suffolk countryside Gunton Hall is a delightful woodland retreat, set among lush walled gardens with its own 5-acre lake and just a short walk from the beach. At Gunton Hall you can enjoy great activities, delicious dining and superb entertainment and, as with all Warner holidays, it's exclusively for adults.

DAY 1: We will travel to Gunton Hall Coastal Village arriving in time to relax and enjoy our surroundings before it is time for dinner.



DAY 2: This morning we enjoy a leisurely coastal drive to the popular resort of Great Yarmouth. A wonderful seaside tourist destination since 1760, Great Yarmouth has many historical connections, and once one of England's richest towns and most important naval centres. You will find Great Yarmouth is now a mix of old and new, the delights of the seafront, the bustling market and shops alongside the heritage of the Old Quay, the Nelson Museum and the medieval rows. This seaside resort makes a wonderful day out.

DAY 3: Today will be a free day to enjoy Gunton Hall to its fullest.

DAY 4: We make our way to Fakenham this morning, a traditional working market town and one of the largest towns in north Norfolk. Well known for its market dating back to 1250, the traders predominately sold agricultural products and cattle during the 19th century. Today the thriving market is on Thursdays and offers a fantastic range of local products and great bargains. There are also high-street names, independent retailers and delicious cafes. In the afternoon we travel to Cromer, a charming traditional seaside town and famous for its iconic Victorian pier, Banksy's Great British Spraycation artwork and the renowned Cromer Crab. With great sandy shores, museums and wonderfully fresh seafood this unspoiled beach town offers a

delightful blend of traditional charm and modern allure.

DAY 5: We will depart after breakfast and begin our journey home.

Inclusions

- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Visit to Great Yarmouth
- Visit to Fakenham • Visit to Cromer

Your hotel

Gunton Hall Coastal Village

Gunton Hall has a distinctly rural feel; it may be within walking distance of the beach but it's surrounded by wooded gardens, a picturesque lake and pitch & putt course. The Village Square, sports hall, leisure centre and large dance floor create the buzzing, sociable atmosphere that Warner is renowned for. All chalets are en suite with TV, tea & coffee making facilities, hairdryer and free Wi-Fi. Leisure facilities include a cinema room, indoor swimming pool, gym, sauna, steam room, spa and sports hall. Activities include aqua aerobics, archery, badminton, darts, curling, ladder golf, pitch & putt, pool, quizzes & gameshows, rifle shooting, short mat bowls, shuffleboard, snooker and table tennis.

Departure details

Departs: Monday 22nd September 2025

Duration: 4 nights half board

Price: £450pp

Signature room supplement: £30pp per stay

Blackpool Illuminations



The Lancashire resort of Blackpool is famous for its amazing Illuminations Festival that takes place every autumn and attracts crowds of visitors. Dating back to 1879 the lights are nationally renowned as one of Britain's most popular traditional seaside events; the illuminations stretch over 6 miles and use over one million light bulbs.

DAY 1: We make our way to Blackpool and our hotel in time to freshen up before dinner.

DAY 2: At leisure in Blackpool. After dinner this evening, we will enjoy a tour of the Illuminations by coach.

DAY 3: Our visit today takes us to Bury, just north of Manchester. The borough of Bury has a fantastic combination of award winning attractions, stunning open spaces, delicious food and drink and excellent shopping opportunities. Home to the East Lancashire Railway, the Fusilier Museum, art galleries, Burrs

Country Park, the Rock shopping centre and Bury's world famous market, you will be left wanting to return time and time again.

DAY 4: At leisure in Blackpool.

DAY 5: After breakfast, we will begin our journey home.

Inclusions

- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Live Entertainment on a minimum of 2 nights
- Visit to Bury

Your hotel

Carousel Hotel, Blackpool

This modern 3-star hotel is located on the Blackpool South Promenade providing stunning sea views and is within walking distance of Blackpool Pleasure Beach. All rooms are en suite with TV, tea & coffee making facilities, hairdryer and safe. This friendly hotel also features a film/games room and regular live entertainment. There are 3 small steps to the front door. The hotel has a lift.

Departure details

Departs: Monday 22nd September 2025

Duration: 4 nights half board

Price: £375pp

Single room supplement: £72pp per stay



Timeless Treasures of Delightful County Durham



From our base at the magnificent Redworth Hall Hotel and Spa, our tour of County Durham and North Yorkshire brings the rich history and timeless treasures of both counties to life. We take in the 14th century ruins of Mount Grace Priory & Shildon's fascinating Locomotion Railway Museum, visit medieval Raby Castle and the Bowes Museum, a grand chateau filled with art treasures. Our journey to this unspoiled area of the North East would not be complete without a visit to the fabulous Auckland Project.

DAY 1: We arrive at Redworth Hall Hotel, a stunning Jacobean Manor House, in time for dinner.

DAY 2: This morning we visit Raby Castle, one of England's finest medieval castles, which has stood proud and defiant for almost 1,000 years. The Victorian and Regency interiors are as opulent as the exterior is imposing. With its medieval towers and embattled walls dating back to the 11th Century the beautiful rooms are decorated with everything from porcelain to sculptures to famous works of art and The Raby Tapestry. 'The Rising' opening in June 2024 is an ambitious development in the Castle grounds with reimagined walled gardens, heritage buildings, stylish shopping and the Vinery Restaurant showcasing local produce. In the afternoon we visit Bowes Museum a Grade-1 listed French-style château in the picturesque market town of Barnard Castle. One of the most important museums outside London, this monumental house hosts collections of art, fashion & design in its stunning galleries.

DAY 3: Today starts with a visit to Mount Grace Priory, the remains of a 14th century Carthusian monastery and gardens enfolded in North Yorkshire woodlands. We can wander the priory ruins to view the church tower, great cloister and a reconstructed monk's cell, gaining fascinating insight into the monks who lived here in solitude and silence. We can also roam the 13 acres of glorious gardens with its seasonal spectacle of colour, peaceful meadows and orchards. This afternoon, our explorations continue at Locomotion – The National Railway Museum in Shildon, the world's first railway town and where steam-powered railway came to life. Explore the indoor and outdoor collections of historic buildings, trains and locomotives, including Stephenson's Rocket, Timothy Hackworth's San Pareil, carriages, wagons and more.

DAY 4: This morning we have a leisurely breakfast and some time to enjoy the fabulous facilities at our hotel

before heading to Bishop Auckland where we are treated to a light lunch of soup & sandwiches at Auckland Castle. Afterwards we have the rest of the afternoon at leisure to explore the attractions within the Auckland Project a unique collection of heritage visitor attractions in and around Bishop Auckland including the Castle, Spanish Galleries, Walled Garden and the town itself.

DAY 5: After breakfast, we make our way home.

Inclusions

- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
 - Excursion to Raby Castle
 - Excursion to Bowes Museum
 - Excursion to Mount Grace Priory
- Excursion to Locomotion - National Railway Museum
- Excursion to Auckland Project
- Lunch at Auckland Castle

Your hotel

Redworth Hall Hotel, Aycliffe, County Durham

Dating back to 1693, this luxurious Jacobean manor house hotel retains many of its original features. Set in 150 acres of woodland, the Redworth Hall Hotel is grand and majestic. The restaurant is spacious with an informal feel and the bar is cosy with modern furnishings. There is also a lounge with comfortable sofas and chairs and several outdoor seating areas. All rooms are en-suite with TV, tea & coffee making facilities, hairdryer and free Wi-Fi. Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, gym, sauna, steam room, spa and tennis courts. There is a lift at the hotel.

Departure details

Departs: Monday 22nd September 2025

Duration: 4 nights half board

Price: £570pp

Single room supplement: £139pp per stay

Potters Resorts Five Lakes



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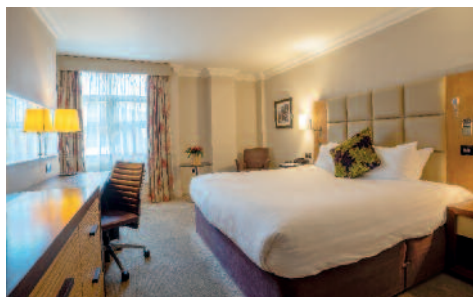
The perfect Easter escape to switch off from it all, unwind and do as much or as little as you like. Potters Resorts are the UK's first and only All Inclusive Resorts. Offering popular branded drinks at the bars, four meals a day, world class shows every evening and a very long list of sports, activities and leisure facilities all combined with a full entertainment programme – absolutely everything is taken care of. Renowned for exceptional customer service and fantastic food this is the ultimate stress-free break.

With no hidden costs you can leave the worries of the world and expenses behind and fully immerse yourself with friends, fun and relaxation.

SPORTS AND LEISURE FACILITIES INCLUDE:

Archery, air rifle shooting, air pistols, badminton, card and board games, cardio and weights gym, craft workshops, dance classes, darts, disc golf, indoor bowls, laser clay, new age kurling, petanque, pickleball, pitch and putt golf, sauna and steam rooms, shuffleboard, silly games zone, snooker and pool tables, swimming pool, table tennis, tennis, traditional games, virtual reality and yoga.

NB: Some activities are weather dependant and sports may vary during your stay.



ENTERTAINMENT

Bingo, daytime quizzes, evening shows, late night disco, live music during the day, sports coaching and competitions.

Your hotel

Potters Resorts Five Lakes, Essex

Set in 320 acres of glorious Essex countryside, five Lakes Resort is exclusively for adults with a variety of twin and double accommodation. Premier Village Rooms are set in the stunning grounds just a short walk from the main Resort or Hotel Premier rooms are amongst the central facilities. You'll enjoy premier rooms as standard or you can upgrade to Premier Plus for an enhanced view, or Deluxe Hotel Rooms with an extra double bed or Deluxe Village Rooms with a balcony. All rooms offer en-suite accommodation with TV, tea & coffee making facilities, drinks cooler, hairdryer, safe, iron and ironing board and free Wi-Fi. The dining and drinks package is on an All Inclusive board basis from check-in on the day of arrival until 10:30 on the day of departure. The drinks package is available from 08:30 each day until closing, usually around 02:00. The bars serve a wide range of branded alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, tea, coffees, cappuccinos, hot chocolate and many more.

Inclusions

- 3 nights' All Inclusive
- Breakfast, 3-course lunch, 3-course dinner, late night snack • All drinks • Daily activities
- Free use of sports & leisure facilities
- Daytime Entertainment
- Evening Entertainment

Departure details

Departs: Friday 26th September 2025

Duration: 3 nights all inclusive

Price: £465pp

Single room supplement: £75pp per stay

Premier plus supplement: £30pp per stay

Deluxe supplement: £30pp per stay

The Heart of the Beautiful Black Forest



Join us on a tour of Germany's spectacular Black Forest region. Famed for its extraordinary evergreen forests and mountain scenery the Black Forest feels like the place where time stood still. Exploring picturesque medieval towns steeped in history and interweaved with myths and legends, inspiring fairy tales and folklore throughout the centuries. Expect thatched roofs, quaint cottages, and stunning landscapes alongside visits to the elegant city of Strasbourg and beautiful Baden-Baden.

DAY 1: We make our way through France for our overnight stay in Metz.

DAY 2: Departing after breakfast we arrive at the delightful Hotel Klosterbräustuben in time for dinner.

DAY 3: This morning we start with a visit to Triberg, famed for its stunning location in the heart of the Black Forest, traditional wood-carvings and cuckoo clocks. Here we have the opportunity to see the beautiful Triberg Waterfalls. With a descent of 163m, over 7 cascades it is one of the highest waterfalls in Germany and one of the country's finest natural sights. This afternoon we travel to Gutach with a stop en-route to view the world's largest cuckoo clock.

Built over a two-year period the clock is 50 times larger than a normal cuckoo clock and is the size of a small Black Forest House – large enough to walk inside. This afternoon we visit the Black Forest Open Air Museum with its collection of German farmhouses from the 16th to 18th centuries. Each house provides a fascinating step back in time with its period furniture, decoration and textiles. We will enjoy a 45 minute guided tour followed by a Black Forest gateau demonstration, which includes a slice of the delicious cake.

DAY 4: Today we travel through picture-perfect countryside to Baden-Baden. En route we will make



a stop at Mummelsee Lake. Surrounded by tales and legends of water nymphs and an underwater king, this stunning lagoon is the largest of the seven cirque lakes in the Black Forest remaining from the ice age. The Hornisgrinde, the highest mountain of the Northern Black Forest, provides a dominating backdrop to the lake. Following our stop we continue to the delightful spa town of Baden-Baden. With twelve natural thermal springs welling up from a depth of 2,000 metres and an unrivalled location between the sunny vineyards of the Rebland wine region and the wild forests of the Black Forest it's not surprising the town was the summer capital of Europe during the Belle Epoque era. There will be plenty of time to explore this natural paradise with its Roman foundations and Neo-Renaissance architecture alongside elegant shopping and delicious eateries before returning to our hotel later this afternoon.

DAY 5: Today is at leisure to switch off and enjoy the facilities at the hotel or perhaps relax in the lovely town of Zell am Harmersbach. Alternatively you may wish to travel a little further afield to the beautiful town of Gengenbach. The train station is a short walk from the hotel and visitors can take advantage of free bus and rail travel with the local visitor card. Gengenbach is a charming well-preserved medieval town with delightful shops selling hand-made toys and local crafts alongside wonderful cafes serving mouth-watering treats.

DAY 6: Treading the tightrope between Germany and France, Strasbourg is a city straight out of the storybooks with the river itself forming the border of the two countries and we enjoy a full day visiting the city. The elegant capital of Alsace with its higgledy-piggledy, colourful houses and twisting streets offers a delightful blend of the two countries. To experience the best of the city, we take a circular canal cruise from downtown through to the impressive imperial district of Neustadt. The Gothic Notre-Dame Cathedral is a must-see. For 227 years, this spellbinding sandstone structure was the tallest building in the world, and it's still well worth a trip to the top of the tower where views stretch as far as the Black Forest, some 30km away. There's also a number of fascinating museums and galleries offering an insight into Alsatian life.



DAY 7: After a delicious breakfast we say Auf Wiedersehen to our wonderful hosts and begin our return journey, making an overnight stop in Metz.

DAY 8: After breakfast, we continue our journey home.



Inclusions

- 7 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Visit to Triberg and Triberg Waterfalls
- Excursion to the Black Forest Open Air Museum with guided tour
- Black Forest Gateau demonstration including coffee and cake
- Visit to Baden-Baden • Visit to Strasbourg
- Strasbourg Canal Cruise

Your hotel

Hotel Klosterbräustuben

A wonderful family-run hotel on the outskirts of Zell am Harmersbach, the Klosterbräustuben makes for a delightful home away from home, in the midst of the central Black Forest. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer and free Wi-Fi. Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, plunge pool, sauna and relaxation rooms. There is a lift at the hotel. NB: All double rooms at the hotel are German Twins (one base, two mattresses).

Departure details

Departs: Saturday 4th October 2025

Duration: 7 nights half board

Price: £955pp

Single room supplement: £144pp per stay

A Fab Four Days in Liverpool



UK Short
Break

A UNESCO city of Music and renowned for being the hometown of the world-famous Beatles, our tour takes us on a fascinating and unique experience as we enjoy an individual taxi tour of the iconic places that shaped the lives and songs of Liverpool's Fab four. There will also be time to explore this vibrant and diverse city with its world-class attractions, fascinating museums and great shopping. And a visit to this lively city would not be complete without taking a "Ferry Cross the Mersey" too.

DAY 1: We arrive at our modern, conveniently located, hotel in time for dinner.

DAY 2: This morning we are transported back to the Swinging Sixties on an entertaining 3 hour Beatles taxi tour. Touring around Liverpool and its surrounding suburbs in our private taxi, driven by a local expert guide, we learn all about Liverpool's fab four lads with visits to some of the iconic places that shaped their lives and music. Tour highlights include their childhood homes, the place where John Lennon met a 15-year-old Paul McCartney for the first time in 1957, the famous Penny Lane street, Strawberry Field and Eleanor Rigby's grave. Our nostalgic and enlightening tour also includes stops for photo opportunities and refreshments.

DAY 3: This morning we sail on Mersey Ferries for a 50-minute sightseeing cruise across the mighty Mersey. Learn more about the fascinating history of the River Mersey and see incredible views of Liverpool's world famous waterfront. The afternoon is free to explore this diverse and exciting city at your leisure; maybe visit the Tate Gallery or Merseyside Maritime Museum at The Royal Albert Dock or perhaps enjoy a little retail therapy. There's also the Beatles story, the world's largest permanent exhibition devoted to the Fab 4 where you'll be taken on a magical history tour and learn how four young lads

from Liverpool were propelled from humble childhood beginnings to the dizzy heights of worldwide fame and fortune.

DAY 4: After a delicious breakfast, we make our way home.

Inclusions

- 3 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Liverpool Fab Four Taxi Tour • Mersey Ferry Cruise

Your hotel

Mercury Liverpool Atlantic Tower

Our 4-star hotel is centrally located, overlooking Albert Dock and the River Mersey, just a 15 minute walk from the shops and attractions. The restaurant, bar and outside terrace offer stunning views of the Royal Liver Building and the Cruise Terminal. All rooms are en suite with TV, tea & coffee making facilities, air conditioning, hairdryer, safe and free Wi-Fi. There is a lift at the hotel.

Departure details

Departs: Friday 10th October 2025

Duration: 3 nights half board

Price: £395pp

Single room supplement: £68pp per stay

Holme Lacy House Hotel, Herefordshire



Holme Lacy is a Grade I listed Georgian Manor House, completed in 1674 and reportedly visited by both Charles II and William Pitt 1st Earl of Chatham, who held cabinet meetings in the elegant gardens. Set in 20 acres with views of the Wye Valley, Holme Lacy is one of Herefordshire's treasures.

DAY 1: We travel to Herefordshire arriving in plenty of time to relax before dinner.

DAY 2: Our excursion today takes us to the City of Hereford. Hereford straddles the banks of the River Wye with a friendly market town atmosphere. It is a walled city where the street plan is almost exactly as it was in medieval times. The modern city of Hereford is a treasure trove of historic buildings and artefacts, while the Old Market is a contemporary and buzzing shopping destination. Hereford Cathedral is regarded as one of the most beautiful cathedrals in England and a visit would not be complete without visiting the Mappa Mundi & Chained Library Exhibition, which draws visitors and scholars from across the world. The Hereford Mappa Mundi is the largest medieval world map to survive and the Chained Library holds over 1,500 rare books.

DAY 3: After breakfast this morning, we make our way to Worcester with its majestic cathedral, beautiful riverside setting and compelling past. This is an impressive cultural city with an historic heart. There's an abundance of spacious parks, peaceful gardens and fascinating museums and it's a renowned shopping haven with an unrivalled combination of independent boutiques and high street names. The indoor shopping centre, Crowngate, is a treasure trove of fashion, homeware and gifts while the nearby bustling Angel Place Street Market is home to local traders selling a wide range of produce.

DAY 4: Today we spend at leisure. The hotel has plenty of activities on offer, whether you fancy something

energetic, a leisurely walk in the beautiful gardens, or a cup of coffee and a good book, it is all here to enjoy.

DAY 5: After breakfast, we will depart Holme Lacy and make our way home.



Inclusions

- Breakfast and 3-course dinner
- Stylish accommodation
- Live entertainment every night
- Daily activities • Use of leisure facilities
- Visit to Hereford • Visit to Worcester

Your hotel

Holme Lacy House Hotel

This Grade I listed mansion is rich in Renaissance-style detail offering a relaxing base in the middle of Herefordshire's green fields with views across to Marcle Ridge. With all rooms located either in the Mansion itself or in the extension attached to the Old House there's never any need to walk outside to access any facilities. All rooms are en suite with TV, tea & coffee making facilities, hairdryer and free Wi-Fi. Leisure facilities include a cinema room, indoor swimming pool, gym, sauna, spa, fishing lake and tennis courts. Activities include aqua aerobics, archery, curling, croquet, French boules, pitch & putt, quizzes & gameshows, rifle shooting and shuffleboard.

Departure details

Departs: Monday 13th October 2025

Duration: 4 nights half board

Price: £420pp

Signature room supplement: £30pp per stay

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DAY 1: We travel into France arriving at our hotel in Mulhouse in time for dinner.

DAY 2: Basel, Switzerland. Depart 17:00.

We make the short journey to Basel this morning. Uniquely positioned where France, Germany and Switzerland meet, Basel dances to the beat of its own drum with a strong and proud identity, bustling arts scene and dual language. You will discover all of the fascinating quirks of Basel, with a day to stroll around its pretty old town, admiring the awe-inspiring cathedral and enjoying its cosmopolitan way of life. Perhaps start your day at the Münsterplatz, where the 1,000-year-old cathedral towers over the square or choose to enjoy the afternoon in the city's famous zoo, or cherry-pick your favourite museum. Embarkation is from 16:00 and we set sail this evening for our onward journey.

DAY 3: Strasbourg, France.

Arrive 09:00. Depart 23:00.

Treading the tightrope between Germany and France, Strasbourg is a city straight out of the storybooks with the river itself forming the border of the two countries. The elegant capital of Alsace with its higgledy-piggledy, colourful houses and twisting streets offers a delightful blend of the two countries. Strasbourg Cathedral is a must-see. For 227 years, this spellbinding sandstone structure was the tallest building in the world, and it's still well worth a trip to the top of the tower offering views as far as the Black Forest.

Optional Excursions: *Strasbourg with Canal boat Tour. The romantic landscape of the Alsace and its wines.*

DAY 4: Speyer, Germany.

Arrive 07:00. Depart 12:00.

Mannheim, Germany. Arrive 14:00. Depart 23:59.

Before breakfast, arrive in Speyer, which played a

central role in the Holy Roman Empire during the Middle Ages. Your ship remains here until lunchtime, offering time to explore this historic destination. During lunch we continue towards Mannheim, a 'chessboard city' with the streets between the Neckar River and the Palace having been laid out in a strict grid formation in the 17th century. Mannheim impresses with a host of architectural treasures from its Baroque Palace, historic water tower and an Art Nouveau square. We sail during the night for our onward journey to Rüdesheim.

Optional excursions: *Speyer Walking Tour with visit to the Imperial Cathedral. Heidelberg Castle visit.*

DAY 5: Rüdesheim, Germany.

Arrive 07:00. Depart 12:00.

Koblenz Germany. Arrive 15:30. Depart 06:00 (Day 6).

We arrive in Rüdesheim early today and the morning is at leisure to explore this delightful town. At the heart of the old town is the famous Drosselgasse a 15th century cobbled street dotted with quaint restaurants, cafes, wine bars and taverns. This afternoon, spend time on deck as we cruise the most beautiful section of the river - the legendary, UNESCO World Heritage Upper Middle Rhine Valley. Each gentle bend in the river delivers something new to admire, steeply-terraced vineyards plunging down towards the river, storybook villages replete with half-timbered houses and Gothic church steeples, fairy tale castles perched on hilltops, rugged cliffs and lush green forests.

We arrive in Koblenz, where the mighty Rhine meets the Moselle, later this afternoon. Koblenz is the perfect pit stop for exploring the gorgeous scenic surrounds and rich history of this stunning region.

Optional excursions: *Rüdesheim with Museum of Mechanical Music. Rüdesheim wine tasting and*

Drosselgasse. Koblenz Walking Tour with Ehrenbreitstein Fortress.

DAY 6: Cochem, Germany.

Arrive 13:30. Depart 18:00.

The vessel departs from Koblenz in the early hours, and makes a detour along the Moselle River to the most romantic part of the valley and the little town of Cochem. The magnificent Reichsburg castle which overlooks the town, dominates the landscape. Down below, the town, with its narrow streets, half-timbered houses, and numerous restaurants, is an ideal setting to taste the wines of the region. Back on board, dinner is served as the journey continues to Cologne.

Optional Excursion: Cochem Walking tour and Reichsburg Castle.

DAY 7: Cologne, Germany. Arrive 07:00. Depart 13:00.

This morning is free at leisure to explore Cologne. One of Germany's oldest and most beautiful cities there is a vast array of attractions from its famous cathedral to its numerous museums and galleries. Lined with a bustling wide promenade and criss-crossed with bridges, you will find ancient walls and medieval churches rubbing shoulders with modern quarters, narrow streets filled with traditional old houses, breweries, beer halls, cafes and shops.

Optional Excursion: Cologne Walking tour and Kölsch Tasting.

DAY 8: Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Arrive 08:00.

We arrive in Amsterdam early this morning and we have a full day to explore. Known for its artistic heritage, elaborate canal system, narrow houses and iconic cultural scene, Amsterdam is one of the world's most vibrant cities. With over 800 years of history to discover, the city is a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site rich in fascinating attractions and sights. With old castles, beautiful museums, charming secret courtyards and picturesque cobbled streets the Netherlands capital city is a feast for the eyes. You can opt to spend your time at leisure in the city or alternatively you can choose to join an excursion. After dinner this evening we will enjoy a rousing Shanty Choir performance on board.

Optional Excursion:

Amsterdam and Iconic Canal Cruise. A Dutch Trip to Waterland.



DAY 9: We disembark after breakfast this morning making a stop in Ghent en-route before our return journey to the UK.

Optional Excursions

AMADEUS offers a range of optional excursions at additional cost that can be pre-booked or booked on board. Please contact us for more details.

Inclusions

- 1 night half board
- 7 night's Premium All Inclusive plus on AMADEUS Star
- Welcome Cocktail Reception
- Welcome Dinner
- Farewell Cocktail Reception
- Captains Gala Dinner
- Daily afternoon Tea & Cake
- Regular Evening Entertainment
- Complimentary use of on board bicycles for independent exploration

Your ship

AMADEUS STAR

This 135m long and 11.40m wide ship is an intimate sized premium ship spread over 4 decks. All cabins are spacious and en suite with TV, hairdryer, individual climate control, safe and panoramic windows. Leisure facilities include a fitness room and spa treatment room. Gourmet dining is at the heart of the AMADEUS experience with sumptuous buffet breakfasts with early and late riser options and made to order egg stations. Enjoy a full lunch menu or lighter lunch options. Afternoon tea features tea, coffee, and pastries. A 4-course A la carte dinner is served in the Panorama Restaurant. Free-flowing hand selected wines from the best wine regions, draft beer, soft drinks as well as tea and coffee with every lunch and dinner. Tea & coffee available 24 hours a day in the AMADEUS Club and there is a Free bar every evening between 18:00-23:00 (unbranded drinks).

C1 and C4 cabins are on the Haydyn deck – deck 3.
With panoramic window.

B1 and B4 cabins are on Strauss deck – deck 2.
With drop-down panoramic window and mini-bar (chargeable)

A1 Cabins are on deck 1 with drop down panoramic window and mini-bar (chargeable)

Suites are on deck 1 with a comfortable corner sofa, luxurious bathroom, walk-out exterior balcony and mini-bar (chargeable).

Departure details

Departs: Monday 20th October 2025

Duration: 8 nights:

1 night half board • 7 nights all inclusive

From: £2,179 £1,961pp

Single room supplement from: £285pp

Bournemouth and the Beauties Beyond



The much-loved resort of Bournemouth is an English treasure and a great base for touring the south coast. Our tour showcases the highlights of this delightful area, from the beautiful New Forest and stunning gardens to scenic coastal regions by boat and historic train. With a visit to the award winning Beaulieu, this holiday has it all.

DAY 1: We make our way to Bournemouth arriving at our hotel, with its stunning location on the East Cliff, with time to relax and freshen up before dinner.

DAY 2: It's seaside all the way today, as we make our way to Poole Harbour to embark on a relaxing boat cruise around the Eastern tip of the Jurassic coast. Our cruise arrives in the traditional seaside resort of Swanage. After time at leisure to enjoy this charming resort and maybe get some lunch at one of the delicious restaurants or cafes we embark on a scenic journey on the award winning Swanage Steam Railway to Corfe. There will be free time to explore this pretty village or maybe visit Corfe Castle itself, with its dramatic ruins overlooking the village and one of Britain's most iconic and evocative survivors of the English civil war. We return to Swanage on the heritage railway before our return cruise sailing back to Poole.

DAY 3: This morning we have free time at our hotel or you may wish to take the opportunity to explore a little of Bournemouth with its wonderful beaches, traditional amusement arcades and great shopping. In the afternoon, we travel to Compton Acres, one of the most important ornamental gardens in England. Our guided tour will introduce us to some of the magnificent trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants around its circular walk and there will be time to wander the stunning gardens at leisure, perhaps visit the café, plant centre or shop before returning to our hotel.

DAY 4: Our full day excursion today takes us to Beaulieu located in the beautiful New Forest. With a stately home, a world famous motor museum and a 13th century abbey surrounded by picturesque gardens, there are over 800 years of heritage to discover. Celebrating 140 years of ingenuity, imagination and engineering, The Motor Museum exhibits over 250 vintage and iconic vehicles which depict the story of motoring in the UK and motor racing internationally. You can enjoy The World of

Top Gear where the cars that were battered, modified and generally ruined are gathered in a special exhibition that pays homage to the world's biggest car show. Visit Palace House, once the gatehouse of the medieval Beaulieu Abbey and a treasure-trove of Victorian artefacts. Lose yourself in Beaulieu's serene grounds and gardens via the network of footpaths that criss-cross the attraction and head to Beaulieu Abbey to take a moment to pause and reflect in this oasis of calm.

DAY 5: After breakfast, we will make our way home.

Inclusions

- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Return Cruise: Poole – Swanage
- Swanage Steam Railway Return Journey: Swanage – Corfe
- Compton Acres Entrance & Guided Tour
- Entrance to Beaulieu – Motor Museum, World of Top Gear, Palace House, Gardens, Beaulieu Abbey

Your hotel

Marshall Court Hotel, Bournemouth

Perched on Bournemouth's famous East Cliff, The Carlton Hotel offers dramatic views across the bay. The town centre and pier are both within walking distance of the town. All rooms are en-suite with TV, tea & coffee making facilities, hairdryer and free Wi-Fi. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, gym, Jacuzzi and sauna. There is a lift at the hotel.

Departure details

Departs: Monday 20th October 2025

Duration: 4 nights half board

Price: £520pp

No single room supplement: Limited availability

Pre-Christmas Delight in the Isle of Wight



UK Short
Break

Christmas has come early on the Isle of Wight. With a full itinerary highlighting beautiful scenery, the Island's royal connection, and lots of festive fun with a Turkey & Tinsel programme at our hotel, this short break has all the best bits of Christmas without any of the hassle.

DAY 1: This morning we make our way to Portsmouth to catch our ferry to Ryde. Our Christmas celebrations begin this evening and we will enjoy a welcome sherry reception with mince pies and an evening of live entertainment.

DAY 2: Our first stop on our excursion today is Shanklin Old Village. Containing some of the oldest dwellings on the Island, you will find small gift shops along with delightful cafes, pubs and restaurants. We continue on to Godshill, a quintessentially English village of traditional tearooms and thatched roof cottages. Enjoy a wander through the winding main street and perhaps a visit to the delightful medieval church. Our last visit of the day is to the award winning Busy Bee Garden Centre with its array of items for both the home and garden. The highlight of our visit here is the award winning Christmas World, offering fantastic displays and a must visit attraction during the festive season. This evening we will enjoy a traditional Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings followed by live entertainment full of festive fun.

DAY 3: Today, our excursion takes us to East Cowes and Queen Victoria's summer home, Osborne House. Reflecting Queen Victoria and Prince Albert's passions, tastes and style. Ornate furnishings and artefacts from The Royal Collection fill rooms and corridors where Victoria entertained heads of state, inventors, princes and princesses and ruled the vast British Empire. The garden features many evergreen plants, as was fashionable in the Victorian era, which provide much needed structure at this time of year. It's Boxing Day at our hotel this evening and we will enjoy another celebration with festive entertainment.

DAY 4: After breakfast we make our way to Yarmouth, a small and charming town with a lovely harbour, a picturesque wooden pier, ancient church, castle and a country park. The town is filled with a wide range of interesting boutiques, shops and galleries nestled amongst the cobbled streets. We continue our journey to Alum Bay, undoubtedly one of the most picturesque beaches on the Isle of Wight. Framed by the iconic

chalk stacks known as The Needles and the world famous coloured sands, with 21 different shades creating a dramatic and natural shelter for the beach. On our return journey to our hotel, we make a visit to Isle of Wight Pearl with its unmissable collection of pearl jewellery, and spectacular clifftop views over the English Channel. It's 'New Year's Eve' at our hotel this evening and we'll enjoy another delicious 3-course festive dinner followed by party night entertainment..

DAY 5: After breakfast, we say goodbye to this picturesque island and begin our journey home.

Inclusions

- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Welcome Sherry Reception with Mince Pies
 - Live Entertainment Every Night
- Traditional Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings • Visit to Shanklin & Godshill
- Visit to Busy Bee Garden Centre and Christmas World • Excursion to Osborne House
 - Visit to Yarmouth & Alum Bay
 - Excursion to Isle of Wight Pearl

Your hotel

Royal Esplanade Hotel, Ryde, Isle of Wight

The traditional, Victorian Royal Esplanade Hotel is located in a superb location, close to the promenade in the heart of the lively resort of Ryde, and just a short walk from the town centre. The restaurant and bar offer attractive décor and comfortable seating areas, there is a large entertainment lounge and a rear outdoor terrace. All rooms are en suite with TV, tea & coffee making facilities and hairdryer. There is a lift at the hotel.

Departure details

Departs: Monday 3rd November 2025

Duration: 4 nights half board

Price: £415pp

No single room supplement: Limited availability

Mystery and Murder in Historical Harrogate



UK Short
Break

With legendary connections to Agatha Christie, Harrogate is the perfect destination for a medley of murder and mystery. We will enjoy an evening of suspense and investigation at our centrally located hotel, a delicious cream tea and a mystery day out. There will also be plenty of time to explore the beautiful spa town of Harrogate at your leisure.

DAY 1: We arrive at our charming, conveniently located, hotel in time for dinner.

DAY 2: Today is at leisure to explore the delightful charms of Harrogate, full of traditional heritage and fascinating museums and galleries. The Royal Pump Room Museum offers a glimpse into the history and culture of the region with the building's historical significance and architectural beauty making it a notable landmark in Harrogate. The Mercer Art Gallery with its ever-changing exhibitions was built 200 years ago as the Promenade rooms, a place for spa visitors to socialise. If you prefer nature's beauty, the Valley Gardens is an English Heritage Grade II listed parkland, themed gardens and historic buildings in regal Low Harrogate. Tonight is the highlight of our break as it's time to put on our investigative heads as we delve into an evening full of suspense, twists and turns and plenty of fun and frivolity along the way, as we enjoy an evening of murder and mystery at our hotel.

DAY 3: The mystery continues today as we depart after breakfast for our full day's mystery excursion to an unknown destination. Will those super sleuths among you predict correctly?

DAY 4: We enjoy another day at leisure in Harrogate today and it's the perfect opportunity for a little indulgence. Once a popular destination for European high society, today, Harrogate shopping is just as stylish and is well known for its eclectic, elegant and diverse range of shops. With much loved leading high street names and quality brands sitting alongside stylish independents, you will be spoilt for choice. In its heyday, Harrogate was famed as 'The English Spa' and its Turkish Baths offer a unique experience

of relaxation and rejuvenation in the genuine Victorian Baths. The ornate Moorish bathhouse with glazed brickwork and painted ceilings has perfected the art of relaxation since 1897 and is the ideal space to switch off from it all and unwind. This afternoon we will enjoy a delicious cream tea at our hotel.

DAY 5: After breakfast, we begin our return journey home.

Inclusions

- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Murder Mystery Evening
- Mystery Full Day Excursion • Cream Tea

Your hotel

The Old Swan Harrogate

This traditional 3-star hotel was once the subject of much drama as the hiding place of Agatha Christie during her famous disappearance in 1926 and has since been used as a film set for the 1979 film, Agatha. Built in 1840 the hotel retains a quintessential elegance and style, from the comfort of the Swan Lounge and Bar to the hugely atmospheric atrium style restaurant. All rooms are en suite with TV, tea & coffee making facilities, hairdryer and free Wi-Fi. There is a lift at the hotel.

Departure details

Departs: Thursday 13th November 2025

Duration: 4 nights half board

Price: £495pp

Single room supplement: £11pp per stay

Thursford Christmas Spectacular



UK Short
Break

Experience the glitz and glamour of Europe's biggest Christmas Show, the Thursford Christmas Spectacular!

The Thursford Christmas Spectacular is an extravaganza of non-stop singing, dancing, music, humour and variety. It's a fast moving celebration of the festive season featuring an eclectic mix of both seasonal and year round favourites. You will be transported into a fairy-tale world with giant Christmas trees, colourful animated characters, dancing Santas and toy soldiers that come to life! Attracting over 100,000 visitors every year,

Thursford Christmas Spectacular is the most colourful and, true to its name, spectacular Christmas variety show you will ever see! This truly is the must have ticket at Christmas time!

DAY 1: We travel to Norfolk making a stop in the city of Chelmsford where you will have some free time before continuing on to our hotel. Chelmsford's award winning city centre provides an unrivalled shopping experience. A pedestrianised High Street and a bustling indoor market are complimented by specialist shopping areas including High Chelmer Shopping Centre. For those not wanting to shop a myriad of restaurants, wine bars and street cafés offer the perfect opportunity to take a break and recharge your batteries.

DAY 2: Enjoy a leisurely morning before leaving for Thursford arriving in time to explore the shops in the Thursford 'Olde Worlde Village'. Here you will find The Christmas Shop selling fabulous decorations, stunning tableware, gifts and toys. There is also the Best of British Pantry Shop where you will find a wonderful collection of the very best of British jams, chutneys and biscuits. There is an Ice Cream, Sweets and Treats Shop, The Corner Shop and The Barn Café serving tasty soups, salads and sandwiches, to full meals and lunches to enjoy before the show.

DAY 3: This morning we travel to the City of Cambridge where you will have free time before continuing our homeward journey. Cambridge is a vibrant, modern city with a colourful history that attracts visitors from around the world. There are shopping centres and

markets, museums, parks and open spaces, you will also find many choices for something to eat and drink.

Inclusions

- 2 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Excursion to Thursford Christmas Spectacular
- Visits to Chelmsford & Cambridge

Your hotel

Dunston Hall Hotel, Norwich

This lovely 4-star country house hotel retains a traditional elegance amidst 150 acres of landscaped grounds. Each of the 169 bedrooms are stylish in design and the spacious public areas include an elegant bar and restaurant. All rooms are en-suite with TV, tea & coffee making facilities, a hairdryer and free Wi-Fi. Leisure facilities including an indoor swimming pool, gym, sauna, steam room and spa. There is a lift at the hotel.

Departure details

Departs: Tuesday 20th November 2025

Duration: 2 nights half board

Price: £365pp

Single room supplement: £70pp per stay

Paris on the Seine at Christmas Time



Paris is wonderful at any time of year and during the festive months the enchanting city is at its most magical. From the banks of the Seine, the capital's iconic landmarks are stunningly captivating with an endless list of sights to explore making it the ideal destination for a river cruise. Perfect for those new to cruising, or for seasoned voyagers, The 'City of Light' never fails to shine – Start your Christmas celebrations and embark on a unique experience in the heart of the sublime French capital.

DAY 1: We make our way from the UK to Paris with a stop en-route in Arras. Hosting one of the most beautiful French Christmas markets and also known for its architecture, culture and history, Arras is a popular tourist city. We continue on to Paris before boarding the MS Botticelli early this evening. Before dinner we will enjoy a Captain's welcome cocktail

reception followed by a night of entertainment with a 'Titi Parisien' theme.

DAY 2: We admire the city's famous sights today with a guided tour of Paris by coach; you will discover the renowned attractions and highlights of this magnificent city. After lunch on-board there will be free time to visit Paris at your leisure. From iconic



landmarks such as the Eiffel Tower, Notre-Dame Cathedral, the Champs Elysées, countless museums and historic sites Paris is a joy to explore. Since we are docked just a few minutes' walk from the Eiffel Tower and Trocadéro gardens, and Les Invalides is just a little further away, it's straightforward to visit Paris from our ship. Back on board, we enjoy a 3-course dinner and an evening of dancing. Dependent on water levels, we may cruise to La Défense taking in the panoramic views of this beautiful city.

DAY 3: Today we enjoy a guided visit of old Montmatre. Located at the very heart of a 19th century village, the Sacré-Coeur Basilica has remained one of the favourite models for all-time painters, sculptors and poets alike. After lunch on-board we enjoy further free time in Paris, perhaps for more sightseeing or maybe for some shopping. From quaint traditional festive markets dotted around the city to the designer boutiques and department stores, overflowing with luxury, it's the perfect destination for Christmas shopping. On board this evening we'll enjoy a Gala dinner and, dependent on water levels, we will cruise through Paris at night floating through the beautifully illuminated city, delightfully attractive when viewed from our vantage point on the Seine.

DAY 4: Paris. This morning we enjoy one last buffet breakfast on board before disembarking and making our return journey to the UK.



Inclusions

- Captain's Welcome Cocktail Reception
 - 3-course Lunch on 2 Days
 - 3-course Dinner on 2 Nights
- Gala Evening with 4 course Dinner on 1 Night
 - On-board Entertainment
- Panoramic Guided Tour of Paris
- Guided Tour of Old Montmatre • Paris by Night Cruise • Headsets for Excursions

Your ship

MS Botticelli.

MS Botticelli is a 2-deck ship.
Please note there is no lift or chair lift between decks.
This is part of CroisiEurope's standard fleet.

Departure details

Departs: Thursday 20th November 2025

Duration: 3 nights – mixed meal arrangements

Price: £550pp

Single room supplement: £196pp per stay

Magic of Advent on the Rhine – AMADEUS River Cruise

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Offer!



European
River
Cruise

BOOK BY 29TH NOVEMBER 2024 AND RECEIVE A 10% EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT

River cruises are becoming more and more popular and we're not in the least surprised. It's the perfect way to relax and unwind and explore some of the most beautiful Christmas Markets along the Rhine.

You will enjoy exemplary service and gourmet dining on board our AMADEUS ship, full board plus, with drinks included and visits to stunning French and German towns full of Christmas joy.

DAY 1: We travel into France and through Belgium before arriving at the delightful centrally located Maritim Hotel, Cologne in time for dinner.

DAY 2: Cologne, Germany. Depart 22:00.

Today is free at leisure to explore Cologne. One of Germany's oldest and most beautiful cities with some of the most exceptional Christmas Markets. Against a backdrop of Cologne's impressive and renowned Gothic cathedral, Koelnerweihnachtsmarkt is the largest of the city's markets where you can enjoy frequent musical performances and staged events as well as stalls full of delightful presents and treats. The city is also home to a vast array of other

attractions with numerous museums and galleries, beer halls, cafes and shops. We embark our ship at 16:00 today and will enjoy a welcome cocktail reception and welcome dinner before setting sail later tonight.

DAY 3: Koblenz, Germany. Arrive 07:00. Depart 11:00.

Rüdesheim, Germany. Arrive 17:00. Depart 22:00.

During the festive season, where the mighty Rhine meets the Moselle, Koblenz is transformed into a twinkling sea of Christmas lights. There will be free time this morning to stroll around the pretty streets or perhaps join an optional sightseeing walk. Back on board late-morning we continue through the magical Middle Rhine Valley past the legendary Lorelei



Rock. The charm of this enchanting landscape is mesmerising at any time of year with its steeply-terraced vineyards plunging down towards the river, storybook villages replete with half-timbered houses, Gothic church steeples and fairy tale castles perched on hilltops. We arrive in Rüdesheim late afternoon. Glittering in matchless splendour and renowned as one of the prettiest Christmas markets in Germany you will find plenty of handmade artwork, handicrafts and local delicacies at the festively decorated stalls.

DAY 4: Speyer, Germany. Arrive 08:00. Depart. 19:30.

Speyer offers a unique blend of historic charm and traditional German culture. The enchanting cathedral dominates the skyline and the Magic of Christmas Markets in the heart of the city is a treasure trove of gifts and handcrafted items. Perhaps join an optional excursion to the nearby city of Heidelberg which has captivated poets, painters and philosophers throughout the centuries. Meander through the pretty streets and discover some of the city's fascinating history with elaborate fountains, grand period houses and quaint shops, not to mention delightful cafes and bars full of festive cheer.



Inclusions

AMADEUS offers a range of optional excursions at additional cost that can be pre-booked or booked on board. Please contact us for more details.

DAY 5: Strasbourg, France. Arrive 07:30.

Treading the tightrope between Germany and France, Strasbourg is a city straight out of the storybooks with the river itself forming the border of the two countries. The elegant capital of Alsace with its higgledy-piggledy, colourful houses and twisting streets offers a delightful blend of the two countries. Renowned as the 'Capital of Christmas' the emblematic Christkindelsmärik has been working its magic for four centuries. With over 300 wooden chalets spread around squares, the whole city is transformed into a magical winter wonderland.

DAY 6: Strasbourg.

We disembark after breakfast this morning and make our return journey back to the UK.

Inclusions

- 1 night half board in Cologne
- 4 nights Full Board Plus on AMADEUS Star
- Wine, Beer and Soft drinks during Lunch and Dinner • Free Bar 18:00-23:00 Each Day (unbranded drinks) • All Gratuities
- Daily Afternoon Tea & Cake
- Welcome Cocktail Reception • Welcome Dinner
- Farewell Dinner • Evening Entertainment
- Complimentary Bicycles for Independent Exploration

Your ship

AMADEUS Star

This 135m long and 11.40m wide ship is an intimate sized premium ship spread over 4 decks. All cabins are spacious and en suite with TV, hairdryer, individual climate control, safe and panoramic windows. Leisure facilities include a fitness room and spa treatment room. Gourmet dining is at the heart of the AMADEUS experience. Free-flowing hand selected wines from the best wine regions, draft beer, soft drinks as well as tea and coffee with every lunch and dinner.

C1 and C4 cabins are on the Haydyn deck – Deck 3.
With panoramic window.

B1 and B4 cabins are on Strauss deck – Deck 2. With drop-down panoramic window and mini-bar (chargeable)

A1 Cabins are on Deck 1 with drop down panoramic window and mini-bar (chargeable).

Suites are on deck 1 with a comfortable corner sofa, luxurious bathroom, walk-out exterior balcony and mini-bar (chargeable).

Departure details

Departs: Thursday 27th November 2025

Duration: 5 nights – 1 night Half Board

4 nights Full Board Plus

Price: From £1,099 £989pp

Single room supplement: £280pp per stay

A Weekend in Bruges at Christmas Time



This picturesque medieval city is completely transformed for the festive season. A perfect fairy-tale setting for a Christmas Village and an idyllic destination for an unforgettable winter city break. Hop on a horse-drawn carriage for a tour of picturesque alleyways, enjoy the stunning architecture or shop in the most charming

Christmas markets with pretty, wooden chalets and festive fairy lights reflecting in the canal.

This weekend break is the perfect way to start your Christmas celebrations with ample free time to explore this wonderful destination at your leisure and here's just a suggestion of things to do.

CHRISTMAS MARKETS: The heart of the Christmas market is Markt (Market Square), less than 100 metres from our hotel. Just a few minutes away there's other markets at Simon Stevinplein and in Minnewater you'll find festive ice-skating and a winter

bar. Food glorious food: From award-winning Michelin-star restaurants, authentic 'brown cafes' and world renowned moules-frites. During the festive season intoxicating scents of chocolate, glühwein and waffles linger in the cobbled streets.



BREWERY TOURS: With two local breweries in the centre of the City why not join a brewery tour with an included tasting of traditional Belgian Beer.

THE DIAMOND MUSEUM: The museum shows how medieval Bruges was the first diamond city in the world, featuring permanent and temporary exhibitions, a shop dedicated to all things diamond-related, and a unique Diamond Polishing Show every day.

CHOCOLATE FACTORY: Discover the success of the sweet chocolate drink in the royal courts of Spain, France and later on throughout the whole of Europe and, of course, find out how Belgium's make their chocolate and why it's so delicious.

LACE MUSEUM: The Lace Centre in Bruges hosts a museum, a training centre, workshops, and a lace shop whilst also displaying some top works from Bruges' collections. In the afternoons visitors can watch live demonstrations in the workshop on the upper floor.

MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES: There's a host of other museums and galleries such as; Historium Bruges, showcasing the fascinating history of Bruges; Dali Xpo-Gallery, a fantastic collection of world famous graphics and statues by the great artist Salvador Dali; Frietsmuseum, the history of the potato and Belgian fries; Groeningemuseum, a varied collection of Belgian art; Torture museum, one of the oldest prisons in Europe offering an impressive collection of artefacts and lifelike waxworks... and many more.

ARCHITECTURE: Bruges' architecture is predominantly Gothic with brickwork dating from the Middle Ages. At 83 metres high, climb the 366 steps to the top the 13th century Belfort tower for outstanding views of the city; The Basilica of the Holy Blood is a 12th century chapel housing a phial reputedly containing Christ's blood. Other notable places of interest include St. Bonifacius Bridge, known as Lovers Bridge; Stadhuis, the 14th century Town Hall; Sint-Janshuismolen, a working windmill and Oude Civile Griffie, Bruges' former law court.



Inclusions

- 2 nights' bed & breakfast
- Free Time at Leisure in Bruges

Your hotel

Ibis Brugge Centrum

The welcoming Ibis Brugge Centrum features a combination of modern design and medieval architecture and is in an ideal central location, only 950 yards from the Market Square and the Belfry. The hotel offers a delicious breakfast. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer and free Wi-Fi.

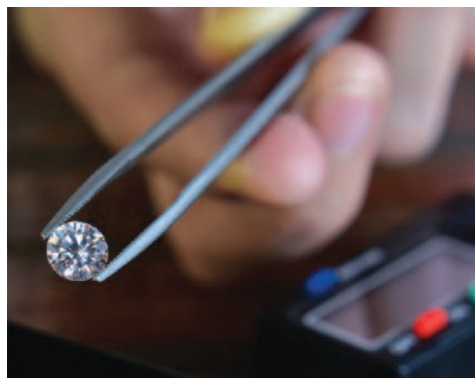
Departure details

Departs: Friday 28th November 2025

Duration: 2 nights bed & breakfast

Price: £290pp

Single room supplement: £112pp per stay



Bath City Break at Christmas Time



UK Short
Break

An elegant city full of traditional heritage, Bath is truly magical at Christmas. With its renowned Christmas Market and compact visitor friendly centre over-flowing with places to eat and drink, plus some of the finest independent shops in Britain it's the perfect destination for a festive weekend break. Revel in the sights, smells and festive ambience at the award winning Bath Christmas Market and meander through the picturesque Georgian streets and experience over 150 stallholders in twinkling chalets, selling handmade, local and original gifts. Not forgetting the irresistible seasonal food, drinks and delicacies to entice you as you stroll around.

As well as all the festivities there is so much else to see and do in this fabulous city. Bath is only city in the UK to be a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site in its entirety. Known for – and named after – its iconic Roman Baths and imposing Georgian architecture; explore the stunning buildings and monuments and discover fabulous collections in the museums and galleries for a taste of the city's rich history and heritage. Built for pleasure and relaxation, beautiful Bath has been a wellbeing destination since Roman times. Perhaps make a visit to the historic Roman Baths or immerse yourself in Bath's remarkable collection of museums and galleries. This city break is the perfect way to start your Christmas celebrations with ample free time to explore this fascinating destination at your leisure.

DAY 1: We arrive at our centrally located hotel early afternoon with plenty of time to enjoy this wonderful city full of festive cheer. With chalets nestled amongst iconic monuments and mulled wine on every corner, it's time to embrace the start of the Christmas season.

DAY 2: Today is at leisure to explore even more of this elegant city.

DAY 3: Perhaps enjoy a little more Christmas shopping or just switch off and watch the world go by at one of

many delightful eateries before departing for home this afternoon.

Inclusions

- 2 nights' bed & breakfast
- Free time in Bath

Your hotel

DoubleTree by Hilton, Bath City

The welcoming DoubleTree by Hilton Bath is located in the centre of the city, set on the banks of the River Avon and within walking distance of most attractions. All rooms are en-suite with TV, tea & coffee making facilities, hairdryer and free Wi-Fi. The modern restaurant is the perfect place to admire unrivalled views of the historic Pulteney Bridge and River Avon whilst the contemporary bar offers comfortable seating in which to relax. There is a lift at the hotel.

Departure details

Departs: Sunday 30th November 2025

Duration: 2 nights bed & breakfast

Price: £285pp

Single room supplement: £88pp per stay

Longleat Festival of Light & Bath Christmas Market



Each winter, Longleat is transformed into an unmissable Festival of Light, which changes the park into a glowing winter wonderland. With a different theme each year, wonderful characters are displayed around the grounds to create an amazing illuminated spectacle. With our centrally located Bath hotel we will also enjoy time in this elegant city, full of traditional heritage and truly magical at Christmas. With its renowned Christmas Market and compact visitor friendly centre over-flowing with places to eat and drink, plus some of the finest independent shops in Britain it's the perfect destination for a festive break.

DAY 1: We arrive at our centrally located hotel early afternoon with plenty of time to revel in the sights, smells and festive ambience at the award winning Bath Christmas Market. Meander through the picturesque Georgian streets and experience over 150 stallholders in twinkling chalets, selling handmade, local and original gifts. Not forgetting the irresistible seasonal food, drinks and delicacies to entice you as you stroll around.

DAY 2: After breakfast, we will make our way to Longleat. With our day ticket, we will enjoy a magical winter wonderland with spectacular festive attractions including a festively decorated Longleat House, the Main Square attractions, Winter Safari Drive Through and of course, the fantastic Festival of Light lanterns. The Lights Festival is a fantastic seasonal event you can enjoy with the whole family and is one of Longleat's most awaited events of the year. There will be hundreds of lanterns, light shows around the grounds, a winding Winter Wonderland path with towering silk flowers, bright as stars and so much more; everything will be sparkling with music and magic at Longleat this Christmas! So get prepared to be amazed, as darkness falls, Longleat will transform into a breath-taking illuminated world!

DAY 3: This morning you will have plenty of time to experience more of the city of Bath. Discover some of the best crafters of the South West, with stylish homeware, handmade jewellery, personalised

presents and more. With mulled wine on every corner, immerse yourself in the sights and smells of Christmas whilst ticking off everything on your shopping list. We will board our coach in the afternoon and begin our journey home.

Inclusions

- 2 nights' bed & breakfast
- Entrance to Longleat and the Festival of Light

Your hotel

DoubleTree by Hilton, Bath City

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Departure details

Departs: Sunday 30th November 2025

Duration: 2 nights bed & breakfast

Price: £349pp

Single room supplement: £88p per stay

Magical German Christmas Markets



The build up to Christmas is a wonderful time of year and a trip to the most beautiful German Christmas markets is always truly remarkable. Our centrally located Cologne Hotel is perfectly situated to enjoy the most of this exuberant city and its many markets. Our tour also includes a visit to Dusseldorf, a beautiful and somewhat lesser known destination where the whole city is transformed into a festive winter wonderland.

DAY 1: We board our coach and begin our journey to Germany, arriving at the delightful Maritim Hotel in time for dinner. With our perfectly located hotel, you will be able to visit the beautiful Christmas markets after dark this evening. With enchanting stalls, twinkling lights and festive music you will enjoy a wonderful atmosphere and truly magical experience.

DAY 2: After a leisurely breakfast, the day is yours to explore and delight in magnificent Cologne. One of Germany's oldest and most beautiful cities with some of the most exceptional Christmas Markets. For sheer Christmas magic head to Heinzel's Wintermarchen located in the heart of the old town and spread over the Alter Markt and Huemarkt squares there's a wide range of festive stalls selling gifts, food and drink. The open-air ice rink glitters as skaters whizz, glide and tumble across the ice. Against a backdrop of Cologne's impressive and renowned Gothic cathedral, Koelnerweihnachtsmarkt is the largest of the city's markets where you can enjoy frequent musical performances and staged events as well as stalls full of delightful presents and treats. The city is also home to a vast array of other attractions with numerous museums and galleries. You'll find ancient walls and medieval churches rubbing shoulders with modern quarters, narrow streets filled with traditional old houses, breweries, beer halls, cafes and shops.

DAY 3: We spend today visiting Dusseldorf, located on the banks of the beautiful Rhine and well known for its vibrant atmosphere, fashion industry and art scene. Every year, in the run-up to Christmas, the city shines in festive splendour. The Dome of Lights shines brightly, the smell of roasted almonds fills the air and

the Dusseldorf Christmas markets attract visitors with arts and crafts and delicious treats. The entire city centre of Dusseldorf is transformed into a Christmas paradise, lined with glistening trees. An indulgent feast for the senses as you stroll around and take in the wonderful sights, buy presents, enjoy sumptuous food and maybe enjoy a glühwein or two. And if you want to get up high, take a ride on the Ferris wheel on Burgplatz and enjoy an unforgettable panoramic view of the city.

DAY 4: Today we say goodbye to the magic of this beautiful region and begin our homeward journey.

Inclusions

- 3 nights' bed & breakfast
- Day in Cologne
- Visit to Dusseldorf Christmas Markets

Your hotel

Maritim Hotel, Cologne

Centrally located in Cologne the Maritim Hotel provides excellent panoramic views of the River Rhine. All rooms are en suite with TV, air conditioning, hairdryer and free WiFi. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, gym, sauna and steam bath. There is a lift at the hotel.

Departure details

Departs: Monday 1st December 2025

Duration: 3 nights bed & breakfast

Price: £485pp

Single room supplement: £192pp per stay

Delightful Dorset with Turkey and Tinsel



UK Short
Break

A recreation of Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Eve in one, this festive celebration is always popular with our customers. With great food and an abundance of fun at our centrally located Weymouth hotel each evening, our itinerary also includes plenty of time for shopping and relaxation. With visits to the delightful towns of Bournemouth, Bridport and Dorchester as well as coast and country scenic drives our perfectly packaged tour is guaranteed to get you in the Christmas spirit.

DAY 1: We arrive at the wonderfully traditional Crown Hotel with time to relax before our Wine Reception followed by our evening meal and entertainment.

DAY 2: Today is 'Christmas Day' in the hotel and we will enjoy all the festivities this evening. After a hearty English breakfast, we travel to Bournemouth for some free time to explore this quintessentially British seaside town. With its huge variety of shops it's a great place to get some gifts or perhaps try your luck at some of the traditional amusement arcades. This afternoon we will enjoy a scenic drive through the beautiful New Forest with its remarkable biodiversity, breath-taking wildlife and famous free roaming ponies. This evening our celebrations begin with a complimentary glass of wine followed by a traditional Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings. We will enjoy a visit from Santa and entertainment full of fun and frivolity with music, dancing and singing.

DAY 3: After breakfast, we enjoy a scenic coastal journey to Bridport via Abbotsbury and West Bay. Wednesday is market day at this lively and vibrant town so it is the perfect time for some Christmas shopping. As well as the variety of stalls, there's an eclectic mix of independent retailers, high street names and a fantastic antiques quarter. This afternoon we travel to Dorchester, Dorset's county town and the birthplace of the famous author and poet Thomas Hardy. The town enjoys a rich history dating back as far as the Iron Age and is home to fascinating museums, a bustling high street and delicious cafes and restaurants. It's Boxing Day at the hotel this evening and we will enjoy another celebration with festive entertainment.

DAY 4: Today is at leisure to do as much or as little as you like in the charming resort town of Weymouth. There are plenty of wonderful eateries and, if you still have some presents to buy, there's great shopping too. Or why not switch off from it all with an exhilarating

stroll across the beautiful golden beaches or along the promenade. Visit Brewers Quay, full of arts, crafts and antiques shops or take a journey of underwater discovery at the SEALIFE Centre. It's 'New Year's Eve' at our hotel this evening with a candlelit Hogmanay dinner followed by party night entertainment. See the New Year in early (at 22:30hrs) with a glass of bubbly and a sing along to Auld Lang Syne.

DAY 5: After another delicious breakfast this morning we check out and head for home.

Inclusions

- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Christmas Dinner with all the Trimmings
- Complimentary Glass of Wine Each Day
- Live Entertainment Every Night
- Visit to Bournemouth • Scenic Drive of the New Forest • Visit to Bridport
- Visit to Dorchester • Day of Leisure in Weymouth

Your hotel

Crown Hotel, Weymouth

This friendly, traditional hotel is centrally located just a few minutes' walk from the beach, Brewers' Quay and the harbour areas. The restaurant serves tasty, home-cooked traditional meals. There is live entertainment every evening in the residents lounge. All rooms are en suite with TV, tea & coffee making facilities and a hairdryer. There is a lift at the hotel.

Departure details

Departs: Monday 1st December 2025

Duration: 4 nights half board

Price: £435pp

No single room supplement: Limited availability

Thursford Christmas Spectacular



Experience the glitz and glamour of Europe's biggest Christmas Show, the Thursford Christmas Spectacular!

The Thursford Christmas Spectacular is an extravaganza of non-stop singing, dancing, music, humour and variety. It's a fast moving celebration of the festive season featuring an eclectic mix of both seasonal and year round favourites. You will be transported into a fairy-tale world with giant Christmas trees, colourful animated characters, dancing Santas and toy soldiers that come to life! Attracting over 100,000 visitors every year, Thursford Christmas Spectacular is the most colourful and, true to its name, spectacular Christmas variety show you will ever see! This truly is the must have ticket at Christmas time!

DAY 1: We travel to Norfolk making a stop in the city of Chelmsford where you will have some free time before continuing on to our hotel. Chelmsford's award winning city centre provides an unrivalled shopping experience. A pedestrianised High Street and a bustling indoor market are complimented by specialist shopping areas including High Chelmer Shopping Centre. For those not wanting to shop a myriad of restaurants, wine bars and street cafés offer the perfect opportunity to take a break and recharge your batteries.

DAY 2: Enjoy a leisurely morning before leaving for Thursford arriving in time to explore the shops in the Thursford 'Olde Worlde Village'. Here you will find The Christmas Shop selling fabulous decorations, stunning tableware, gifts and toys. There is also the Best of British Pantry Shop where you will find a wonderful collection of the very best of British jams, chutneys and biscuits. There is an Ice Cream, Sweets and Treats Shop, The Corner Shop and The Barn Café serving tasty soups, salads and sandwiches, to full meals and lunches to enjoy before the show.

DAY 3: This morning we travel to the City of Cambridge where you will have free time before continuing our homeward journey. Cambridge is a vibrant, modern city with a colourful history that attracts visitors from around the world. There are shopping centres and

markets, museums, parks and open spaces, you will also find many choices for something to eat and drink.

Inclusions

- 2 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Excursion to Thursford Christmas Spectacular
- Visits to Chelmsford & Cambridge

Your hotel

Dunston Hall Hotel, Norwich

This lovely 4-star country house hotel retains a traditional elegance amidst 150 acres of landscaped grounds. Each of the 169 bedrooms are stylish in design and the spacious public areas include an elegant bar and restaurant. All rooms are en-suite with TV, tea & coffee making facilities, a hairdryer and free Wi-Fi. Leisure facilities including an indoor swimming pool, gym, sauna, steam room and spa. There is a lift at the hotel.

Departure details

Departs: Thursday 4th December 2025

Duration: 2 nights half board

Price: £365pp

Single room supplement: £70pp per stay

Turkey & Tinsel - Sinah Warren, Hayling Island



Turkey & Tinsel: It's time to celebrate the most wonderful time of the year....

A recreation of Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Eve in one, this festive celebration ahead of the big day itself is packed with can't-get-enough-of traditions. Think quizzes and ALL the foodie trimmings, 'Oh yes there is!' a panto, carolling and special shows are also on the menu.

DAY 1: We travel to Hayling Island arriving in plenty of time to relax before dinner.

DAY 2: It's Christmas Day - Time to indulge and enjoy all the festivities at the hotel.

DAY 3: Boxing Day - This morning we make our way to the unspoilt cathedral city of Winchester. This magnificent city is beautiful at any time of year, full of stunning architecture, history, vibrant culture, great food and drink and fantastic shopping opportunities. The dates for the 2025 Christmas Market are yet to be confirmed, however we anticipate that during our visit, the Christmas market will be in full swing and filled with festive decorations, unique gifts and an abundance of gourmet specialities.

DAY 4: New Year's Eve - Today is a day to relax and unwind and enjoy all the activities on offer.

DAY 5: After breakfast, we will depart Sinah Warren and make our way home.



Inclusions

- Breakfast and 3-course Dinner
- Christmas Dinner with all the Trimmings
- Stylish Accommodation
- Live Entertainment Every Night • Pantomime
- Daily Activities and Themed Quizzes • Use of Leisure Facilities • Full Day Excursion to Winchester

Your hotel

Sinah Warren Coastal Hotel

Perfectly positioned overlooking Langthorne Harbour, Sinah Warren is an excellent, well-appointed and comfortable modern hotel with fantastic facilities. All rooms are en-suite with TV, tea & coffee making facilities, hairdryer and free Wi-Fi. Leisure facilities include a cinema room, indoor & outdoor swimming pools, gym, sauna, steam room, spa, and tennis courts. Activities include aqua aerobics, archery, croquet, curling, darts, fitness classes, French boules, quizzes & gameshows, pistol shooting, pool, rifle shooting, shuffleboard, table-top boules and table tennis.

Departure details

Departs: Monday 8th December 2025

Duration: 4 nights half board

Price: £360pp

Signature room supplement: £30pp per stay

Limited number of single rooms with no supplement



Christmas Markets of the Resplendent Rhine – A-ROSA River Cruise



River cruises are becoming more and more popular and we're not in the least surprised. It's the perfect way to relax and unwind and to explore the renowned German Christmas markets. We'll enjoy A-ROSA Premium All Inclusive dining and drinks on board, exceptional service, unforgettable memories and plenty of opportunity to purchase a gift or two.

DAY 1: We travel into France and through Belgium before arriving at the delightful centrally located Maritim Hotel, Cologne in time for dinner.

DAY 2: Cologne, Germany. Depart 17:00.

Today is free at leisure to explore Cologne. One of Germany's oldest and most beautiful cities with some of the most exceptional Christmas Markets. For sheer Christmas magic head to Heinzel's Wintermarchen located in the heart of the old town and spread over the Alter Markt and Huemarkt squares there's a wide range of festive stalls selling gifts, food and drink. The open-air ice rink glitters as skaters whizz, glide and tumble across the ice. Against a backdrop of Cologne's impressive and renowned Gothic cathedral, Koelnweihnachtsmarkt is the largest of the city's markets where you can enjoy frequent musical performances and staged events as well as stalls full

of delightful presents and treats. The city is also home to a vast array of other attractions with numerous museums and galleries. You'll find ancient walls and medieval churches rubbing shoulders with modern quarters, narrow streets filled with traditional old houses, breweries, beer halls, cafes and shops. We embark our ship at 16:00 today before we set sail at 17:00 and enjoy a delicious welcome dinner.

DAY 3: Rüdesheim, Germany.

Arrive 10:00. Depart 16:00.

After a morning of sailing on the scenic Upper Middle Rhine with its breath-taking river landscapes, we arrive in Rüdesheim this morning. Glittering in matchless splendour and renowned as one of the prettiest Christmas markets in Germany you will find plenty of handmade artwork, handicrafts and local delicacies at the festively decorated stalls. Stroll along the world-



famous Drosselgasse and the Rhine promenade and see the largest nativity scene in Germany. Watch a selection of candles, decorations, wood figures, woodcarvings, glass engravings, "schwibbögen" arched candles, and other local traditional crafts being made. There will also be an abundance of festive dishes from the region along with the ever popular glühwein (mulled wine); and don't forget to try the famous Rudesheim coffee drink, made with locally distilled Asbach Uralt brandy for that warming tippie.

DAY 3: Mainz, Germany. Arrive 19:00. Depart 23:59.

This evening we arrive in Mainz, one of the oldest cities in Germany and where great history comes alive at every turn. At the heart of the city, at the foot of the illuminated and decorated enchanting cathedral, the Christmas market extends across several streets and squares with each area offering its own unique goods and attractions.

DAY 4: Frankfurt, Germany. Arrive 06:00.

Depart: 02:00 (Day 5).

Frankfurt Weihnachtsmark is one of the largest and most popular in all of Germany. With a glittering 30m tree and a vintage carousel, the town is like a snow-globe come to life. With several festive locations sprinkled around the city, you will find countless stalls selling grilled sausages, roasted nuts, honey, candles and pretty ornaments as well as local jewellery, art and sculpture. Be sure to sample Bethmaennchen – traditional marzipan cookies, found only in Frankfurt; and of course, when in a German Christmas market, enjoying a glass of glühwein is a must!

DAY 5: Koblenz, Germany.

Arrive 15:00. Depart 21:30.

Sail the Lorelei Valley. This morning is the highlight of our voyage through the Lorelei and UNESCO World Heritage Middle Rhine Valley. The Lorelei Valley is Rhine river scenery at its most majestic and romantic, so today's sailing is sure to be a crowning point of your cruise. Wrap up warm on the Sun Deck of your elegant A-ROSA ship and let the views unfurl in front of your eyes. And what views they are. Each gentle bend in the river delivers something new to admire, steeply-terraced vineyards plunging down towards the river, storybook villages replete with half-timbered houses and Gothic church steeples, fairy tale castles perched on hilltops, rugged cliffs and lush green forests. The Lorelei Valley is river cruising exactly as you imagined it.

During the festive season, where the mighty Rhine meets the Moselle, Koblenz is transformed into a twinkling sea of Christmas lights. The smell of freshly roasted almonds, mulled wine and gingerbread wafts through the streets. Leisurely browse the numerous stalls, surrounded by beautiful half-timbered houses, with their handmade and original gifts from unique Christmas decorations to Christmas pyramids and

scented oils. At Jesuitenplatz it's worth looking up as the city's largest advent calendar lights up in 24 dormer windows. Back on board this evening we begin our voyage back to Cologne.

DAY 6: Cologne. Arrive: 05:00.

We disembark after breakfast this morning and travel through Germany and into France for our return journey back to the UK.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

A-ROSA offers a range of optional excursions at additional cost that can be pre-booked or booked on board. Please contact us for more details.



Inclusions

- 1 night half board in Cologne
- 4 night's Premium All Inclusive Plus on A-ROSA Aqua • Welcome Dinner
- Farewell Dinner • Daily Afternoon Tea & Cake
- Regular Evening Entertainment

Your ship

A-ROSA Aqua

This 135m long and 11.40m wide ship is an intimate sized premium ship spread over 4 decks. The sun deck is an ideal place to relax and admire the landscapes with comfortable loungers, sunshades and a heated outdoor whirlpool. The panorama lounge with its bar and comfortable seating is the perfect place to relax. The restaurant with its panoramic views offers varied buffets and live cooking. All cabins are en-suite with TV, hairdryer and safe. A Grade cabins are on deck 1 with a picture window. C Grade cabins are on deck 2 with a Juliette balcony. D Grade cabins are on deck 3 with Juliette balcony. Leisure facilities include an outdoor whirlpool, fitness centre, sauna and spa.

Departure details

Departs: Tuesday 9th December 2025

Duration: 5 nights: 1 night Half Board

4 nights All Inclusive

Price: £849pp

Single room supplement: From £280pp per stay

Thursford Christmas Spectacular



Experience the glitz and glamour of Europe's biggest Christmas Show, the Thursford Christmas Spectacular! The Thursford Christmas Spectacular is an extravaganza of non-stop singing, dancing, music, humour and variety. It's a fast moving celebration of the festive season featuring an eclectic mix of both seasonal and year round favourites. You will be transported into a fairy-tale world with giant Christmas trees, colourful animated characters, dancing Santas and toy soldiers that come to life! Attracting over 100,000 visitors every year, Thursford Christmas Spectacular is the most colourful and, true to its name, spectacular Christmas variety show you will ever see! This truly is the must have ticket at Christmas time!

DAY 1: We travel to Norfolk making a stop in the city of Chelmsford where you will have some free time before continuing on to our hotel. Chelmsford's award winning city centre provides an unrivalled shopping experience. A pedestrianised High Street and a bustling indoor market are complimented by specialist shopping areas including High Chelmer Shopping Centre. For those not wanting to shop a myriad of restaurants, wine bars and street cafés offer the perfect opportunity to take a break and recharge your batteries.

DAY 2: Enjoy a leisurely morning before leaving for Thursford arriving in time to explore the shops in the Thursford 'Olde Worlde Village'. Here you will find The Christmas Shop selling fabulous decorations, stunning tableware, gifts and toys. There is also the Best of British Pantry Shop where you will find a wonderful collection of the very best of British jams, chutneys and biscuits. There is an Ice Cream, Sweets and Treats Shop, The Corner Shop and The Barn Café serving tasty soups, salads and sandwiches, to full meals and lunches to enjoy before the show.

DAY 3: This morning we travel to the City of Cambridge where you will have free time before continuing our homeward journey. Cambridge is a vibrant, modern city with a colourful history that attracts visitors from around the world. There are shopping centres and

markets, museums, parks and open spaces, you will also find many choices for something to eat and drink.

Inclusions

- 2 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Excursion to Thursford Christmas Spectacular
- Visits to Chelmsford & Cambridge

Your hotel

Caley Hall Hotel, Hunstanton

Located in Hunstanton, in an historic building 800 metres from Old Hunstanton Beach this recently renovated country house has been lovingly restored to provide boutique, chalet style accommodation. The award-winning restaurant serves delicious local produce and there is a relaxing lounge with an open fire to unwind in. All rooms are en-suite with TV, tea & coffee making facilities, hairdryer & free WiFi. Rooms are located outside the main building. There is no lift at the hotel however most rooms are on the ground floor. Please notify us at the time of booking, if required.

Departure details

Departs: Wednesday 17th December 2025

Duration: 2 nights half board

Price: £345pp

Single room supplement: £60pp per stay

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Christmas in Klosters – A Fairy Tale Royal Retreat



Nestling at the foot of the majestic mountains, against the perfect backdrop of the snow-peaked Alps, take a once in a lifetime trip with us and spend Christmas in Klosters. Located in the Swiss Alps and renowned for its royal connections, with King Charles being a regular visitor for over four decades, very few destinations offer a more magical and unforgettable Christmas. Fairy lights twinkle in the trees that hug the Swiss ski resort's main shopping street, Bahnhofstrasse and illuminated Santas can be spied abseiling down the front of the chalets. This illustrious tour offers the perfect combination of Christmas traditions, stunning scenery, breath-taking railway journeys and a sprinkle of Christmas magic along the way.

DAY 1: We make our way through France and into Germany for our overnight stay in Saarbrücken.

DAY 2: Departing after breakfast we arrive at the delightful Silvretta Parkhotel, Klosters. After a traditional warm welcome and checking in to our rooms, we will enjoy a delicious 4-course buffet dinner this evening.

DAY 3: Today our magical Christmas journey truly begins as we enjoy a one-hour horse-drawn sleigh ride through the town. It's time to completely switch off and immerse yourself in Christmas spirit, taking in the stunning scenery and enchanting ambience. The

remainder of the day is at leisure to enjoy the romantic village-like atmosphere of Klosters, which despite its popularity retains its friendly and rural charm. Wander through the picturesque streets and maybe buy a last minute gift or two. There is even an ice rink opposite the hotel, creating the idyllic winter wonderland setting. Alternatively, you can choose to take the short 15-minute train journey to the neighbouring resort of Davos. The highest town in Europe and established health resort with its fresh clean mountain air, clear skies and extended hours of sunshine. This Alpine metropolis is a bustling and popular ski resort with



great shopping, lively bars and restaurants and is in stark contrast to quaint Klosters.

DAY 4: Christmas Eve. This morning, we travel to Chur, the oldest city in Switzerland, where we join the Arosa Line Railway for our return trip to Arosa. Traversing through the stunning alpine scenery this breath-taking passage climbs 1000 metres and travels through 19 tunnels, passing over 41 bridges. The crown of the journey is the world-famous Langwieser viaduct through the Schanfigg Valley. We arrive in Arosa around lunch-time and there will be free-time to enjoy this delightful resort. Remember to bring your sun cream and sunglasses as the town, with its altitude of 1800 metres, is well known for its sunny, sheltered location even in the winter months. We return to our wonderful hotel mid-afternoon. This evening, we enjoy the town's annual Christmas celebration where guests and locals travel in torchlight procession to get together in the forest for an evening of Christmas songs, mulled wine and cookies. A truly spellbinding event, guaranteed to immerse you in Christmas spirit.

DAY 5: Christmas Day. Frohe Weihnachten! We wake up to a picture-perfect backdrop of snow-capped mountains and enjoy a hearty breakfast. This morning is at leisure to celebrate Christmas as you wish, whether enjoying your own traditions, opening presents or taking a walk through the beautiful town. We enjoy a delicious traditional 3-course Christmas Lunch before relaxing at the hotel this afternoon. Maybe make use of the hotels leisure facilities or switch off from it all in the comfortable lounge. This evening there will be a 4-course buffet dinner and live music from a pianist in the cosy piano bar with its open fire.

DAY 6: Boxing Day. After an early breakfast this morning we travel to Tierfencastel to join the Bernina Express, a unique travel experience in a class of its own. This narrow gauge railway coexists in perfect harmony with its glorious mountain setting and is an astonishing feat of engineering where the wonders of nature and achievements of man merge into one. One of the most awe-inspiring ways to experience the majestic Alps this panoramic journey connects the north of Europe to the south – passing the eternal ice of the glaciers and frozen lakes, snow-covered mountains dotted with skiers and through the Domleschg valley with the highest density of castles in Europe. We arrive in the delightful town of Tirano in Italy and there will be time for a bite to eat before we return to our hotel by coach later this afternoon.

DAY 7: After a delicious breakfast we say Verabschiedung to our hosts and a dreamlike Christmas never to be forgotten as we begin our return journey, making an overnight stop in Saarbrücken.

DAY 8: After breakfast we continue our journey home.



Inclusions

- 7 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Traditional 3-course Christmas Lunch
- Return journey on the Arosa Railway
- Day at Leisure in Klosters or Davos
- Evening Christmas Songs & Music in the Forest
 - Horse-drawn Sleigh Ride
 - Bernina Express Rail Journey

Your hotel

Hotel Silvretta, Klosters

This centrally located, family-owned hotel offers stunning mountain views and merges Swiss chalet comforts with modern amenities. With cosy rooms, a delicious restaurant, a piano bar with open fire and fantastic hospitality you are guaranteed a Christmas to remember. All rooms are en suite with TV, hairdryer, safe, and free Wi-Fi. Leisure facilities include a bowling alley, indoor swimming pool, gym, sauna and spa.

Departure details

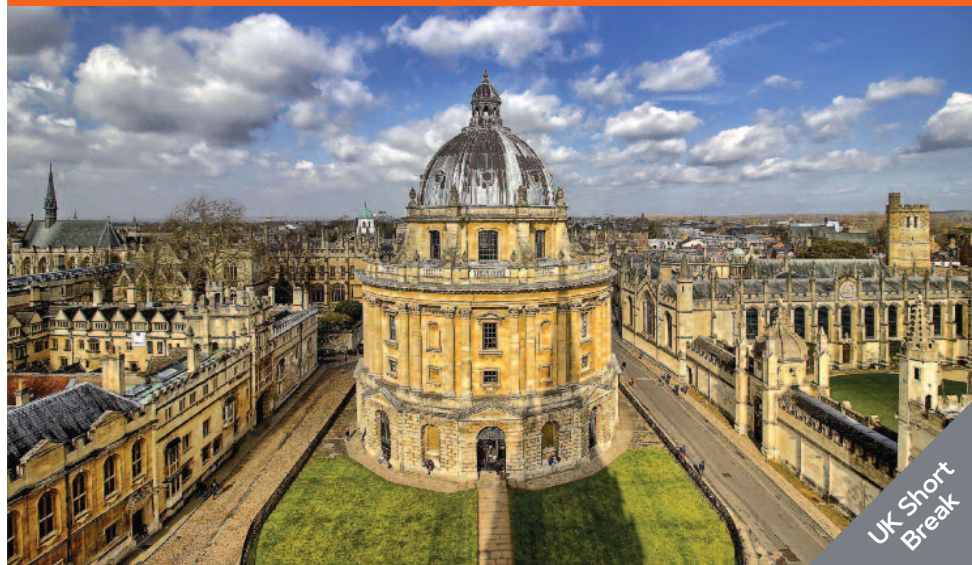
Departs: Sunday 21st December 2025

Duration: 7 nights half board

Price: £1,499pp

Single room supplement: £213pp per stay

Christmas in Oxfordshire



Enjoy celebrating this wonderful time of year with good food, great company and fun entertainment. With visits to the beautiful city of Oxford and the magical Blenheim Palace, our perfectly wrapped Christmas package is guaranteed to delight.

DAY 1: We make our way to our hotel stopping at Windsor along the way. Crowned by stunning Windsor Castle and linked by the beautiful River Thames, the Royal Borough has a rich mix of history, culture and heritage. The town offers great shopping, with some wonderful independent retailers as well as top high street names. We arrive at our hotel in plenty of time to freshen up before dinner.

DAY 2: CHRISTMAS EVE. This morning our excursion takes us to the fascinating university city of Oxford,

where the 'City of Dreaming Spires' will be filled with festive joy. This magnificent city is beautiful at any time of year, full of stunning architecture, history, vibrant culture, great food and drink and fantastic shopping opportunities. In the heart of the city, the famous Christmas market will be filled with festive decorations, unique gifts and an abundance of gourmet specialities. This evening it's time to enjoy the festivities at the hotel with an evening of entertainment.



DAY 3: CHRISTMAS DAY. Merry Christmas! After a delicious breakfast, we will enjoy a leisurely morning relaxing at our hotel. Spend some time opening presents or perhaps take a stroll through the hotel's grounds and relish the peace and tranquillity of the Oxfordshire countryside. We enjoy a delicious traditional Christmas lunch with all the trimmings. In the afternoon, you will have the opportunity to watch the King's speech. Dinner this evening will be a relaxed and informal buffet followed by evening entertainment.

DAY 4: BOXING DAY. Late morning we depart for our scenic tour through some of the Cotswolds villages before arriving at Blenheim Palace early this afternoon. This historic Palace and Gardens comes alive with thousands of twinkling lights, seasonal scents, sparkling baubles and the joy of the festive season. There will be time to enjoy some warming seasonal food and drink from the selection of festive chalets and wander through the Palace in all its magical glory. At the end of our visit, we take a spellbinding walk through the stunning light trail. Returning to our hotel this evening, we will enjoy another delicious meal followed by an evening of fun and frivolity.

DAY 5: After breakfast, we travel to Bicester where you have a choice to visit either Bicester Avenue Garden Centre or Bicester Village Designer Outlet. The Garden Centre is home to a number of retail concessions and has a delicious onsite restaurant. Alternatively, you may prefer to visit Bicester Village, the global shopping destination for luxury outlet shopping. The choice will be yours, just advise your driver on the day. After our visits, we begin our journey home.



Inclusions

- 4 nights' mixed meal plan • Visit to Windsor
- Visit to Oxford • Traditional Christmas Lunch with all the Trimmings • Evening Entertainment
 - Scenic Tour of the Cotswolds
- Excursion to Blenheim Palace and Lights Trail
- Visit to either Bicester Avenue Garden Centre or Bicester Village

Your hotel

DoubleTree by Hilton Oxford Belfry, Oxfordshire

Located within 17 acres of beautiful Oxfordshire countryside this 4-star hotel is designed for you to relax and unwind. The restaurant serves locally sourced produce and the Terrace Bar offers a bistro style environment.

All rooms are en-suite with TV, tea & coffee making facilities, hairdryer, safe and free Wi-Fi. Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, gym, sauna, spa and tennis courts. There is a lift at the hotel.

Departure details

Departs: Tuesday 23rd December 2025

Duration: 4 nights half board

Price: £685pp

Single room supplement: £148pp per stay



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