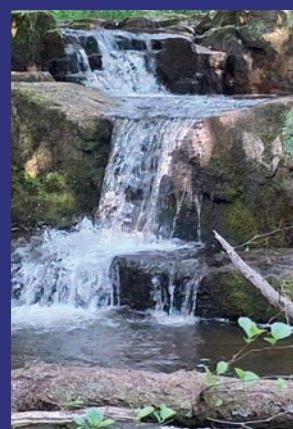




2026 COACH HOLIDAY COLLECTION



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Welcome to Meridian Travel's 2026 Coach Holiday Collection



After many hours of researching hotels, destinations, routes and itineraries we are delighted at last to present our 2026 coach holiday collection. There are many new destinations and some hotels we are using for the first time but you will also find some of our old favorites which we just love to return to.

What's included:

As standard you can expect all the following inclusions within the advertised price of your holiday, any exceptions will be clearly stated in the holiday details.

- * **Door to Door Taxi Service**
- * **Luxury Coach Travel**
- * **En-suite hotel accommodation**
- * **Dinner and Breakfast each night at the hotel**
- * **Included daily coach excursions**
- * **Entrance fees to places visited**

Our Holiday Price Explained:

All the prices shown are per person sharing a Twin or Double room at the hotel.

Single Supplements are shown in brackets and represent the additional charges applied by the hotel.

Additional Charges: Some hotels will charge a supplement for room upgrades, guaranteed sea views etc. Please ask at the time of booking if you are interested in any upgrades to your room.

HOW TO BOOK YOUR COACH HOLIDAY

We do not use any automated booking systems, all bookings, like all other aspects of your holiday, are dealt with personally by Lorraine or Steve.

BOOK BY PHONE:

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Please leave your Name and Address, the name of the Holiday you want to book and which room types you require.

Please see the seat plan below if you wish to choose your preferred seating position, subject to availability.

Important: When booking please advise us of any special requests i.e. dietary requests.

BOOK YOUR SEATS

At the time of booking you will be given the choice of any unallocated seat on the coach, this will remain your seat throughout the holiday. Please use the diagram to choose your preferred seat.

Occasionally we may have to use a coach with a slightly different seat layout, in this case we would reallocate your seat as close to the chosen position as possible.

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Southern England

4-day Weekend Breaks at the Babbacombe Hotel - all Friday to Monday

This hotel is a favourite with coach passengers, offering evening entertainment, a 3-course carvery dinner and full English breakfast. The Babbacombe Hotel enjoys a prominent level position overlooking the famous Babbacombe Downs with far reaching beautiful views across Lyme Bay. All their public areas are situated on the ground floor. The hotel has a modern passenger lift to most bedrooms; all the bedrooms have step in showers. Sea view rooms are available at a supplement.

Friday 13th February - Babbacombe Winter Warmer £299pp (£15 single supplement)

Includes a visit to Oakham Treasures on the outward journey, excursions to Totnes, Paignton and Brixham and a stop in Exeter on our return journey. Also, on this date take advantage of a 50% bar from 19:30 to 22:30 each evening.

Friday 31st July - Babbacombe Summertime Special - £409pp (£15 single supplement)

Includes the famous 'Round Robin', Steam Train and River Cruise on Saturday, a visit to Plymouth on Sunday and stops in Teignmouth and Dawlish on our return journey.

Friday 16th October - Babbacombe and the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth -

£339pp (£15 single supplement) Our itinerary this weekend will include a visit to the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth on Monday morning. We will have a guided tour of this iconic building which has been training naval officers for over 100 years and where Princess Elizabeth first met her future husband.



Dartmouth Royal Naval College

Sunday 17th May - 6 days Ilfracombe and North Devon, Dilkhusa Grand Hotel.

£609pp No single supplement

From Exmoor to the scenic coast line, known for its dramatic cliffs and sandy beaches, we explore North Devon and discover the many legends and stories that make this region an unforgettable experience full of history and culture.

The **3-star Dilkhusa Grand Hotel** in Ilfracombe offers exceptional facilities with an inviting bar and lounge and a restaurant.

With 98 bedrooms the hotel promises a relaxing stay, all rooms have private bathrooms, TVs, hairdryer and complimentary internet access. There is a lift and the hotel also has some ground floor rooms most with step in shower. The remaining rooms have bath with overhead shower. Entertainment on 4 nights.

Sunday - Travel to Ilfracombe

Monday - Spend the morning in Ilfracombe then in the afternoon board the coach for a visit to Woolacombe.

Tuesday - A market day visit to Bidford this morning then we head to Cloveley. A visit to this charming traffic free village is like going back in time, entrance is through the visitor center, *(entrance fee included).*

Wednesday - Visit the Valley of the Rocks and Lynmouth this morning. Later we travel across part of Exmoor to Simonsbath and then back via Coombe Martin to Ilfracombe.

Thursday - A morning visit to the N.T. Arlington Court *(entrance fee included).* Return to Ilfracombe early afternoon.

Friday - We leave Ilfracombe for the last time this morning and head to Hestercombe House and Gardens *(entrance fee included).* We continue our homeward journey arriving back in our local area around 6pm.



Ilfracombe



The Forest Lodge Hotel

Sunday 21st June - 5 days Discovering the New Forest Forest Lodge Hotel, Lyndhurst.

£649pp (£70 single supplement)

With its ancient woodlands and open heathland this is a landscape shaped by people past and present. Escape to a world, far away from normal life, where deer, ponies, cattle and donkeys roam free.

The Forest Lodge Hotel is an elegant Georgian building on the edge of the picturesque village of Lyndhurst. The bedrooms are all en-suite with showers over bath. All rooms have TV, free wi-fi and coffee & tea facilities.

Please note: there is no lift, all public areas are on the flat including the bar, restaurant and lounge.

Sunday - We make a lunch time visit to the lovely city of Winchester before continuing to our hotel.

Monday - A scenic tour around the New Forest today takes us firstly to Burley, 'the witches' village'. From here we continue to Lymington for a lunch time visit then on to Bucklers Hard, an ancient ship building village on the banks of the Beaulieu River (Entrance fee included).

Tuesday - Today we head to the National Motor Museum, Palace House and Gardens at Beaulieu Abbey (Entrance fee included). Also includes 'The Secret Army Exhibition' and the 'We Had One Of Those' exhibition.

Wednesday - We travel to Exbury Gardens (Entrance fee included) this morning where you can travel round the gardens on the one-and-a-half-mile narrow gauge steam railway before exploring the glorious 200-acre garden on foot.

Thursday - We leave the hotel for the final time this morning and travel across the northern part of the New Forest via the B0378 en-route to Salisbury where we make a stop before heading for home.

Monday 29th June - 7 days North Devon and Cornwall Coastal Explorer

£959pp (£120 single supplement)

This new tour based in the Devon town of Barnstaple explores the dramatic and picturesque coast from North Devon to North West Cornwall. Picturesque fishing villages, fabulous coastal scenery throughout the week plus we visit the RHS Rosemoor Gardens and Hartland Abbey and Gardens. We also have a tour across Exmoor and a visit to the 'Valley of the Rocks'.

Located in the centre of Barnstaple, **The Royal & Fortescue Hotel** is a gem, with 48 recently refurbished rooms the hotel offers excellent accommodation. The hotel does have a lift which travels to all floors. Once an ancient coaching inn, this hotel retains its historic charm whilst offering all the modern comforts you expect.

Monday - After a leisurely start with taxi pick-ups starting around 8 am we head south to Barnstaple and the Royal and Fortescue Hotel for a 6-night stay.

Tuesday - We have the morning in Barnstaple then this afternoon visit the coastal resort of Woolacombe.

Wednesday - Today we head south and cross the border into Cornwall and continue to the picturesque fishing village of Port Issac famous as the fictitious 'Portwenn' in the TV show Doc Martin. Next, we make our way to Tintagel, the village and nearby castle have legends associated with King Arthur. Finally, we continue to Boscastle, this picturesque village needed extensive restoration following devastating floods in 2004.

Thursday - This morning we head Hartland Abbey with its beautiful gardens and woodland walks leading to the sea. In the abbey you will find pictures, furniture and porcelain collected by generations of the family that have lived here since Henry 8th gifted the property to the Sargent of his Wine Cellar. The beautiful abbey, gardens and location have made it a popular film location, most recently Enid Blyton's 'Malory Towers' series. (Entrance fee included).

Friday - We head to Devons north coast today and 'the Valley of the Rocks'. Later we follow the coastal road to the beautiful town of Dunster. We return to Lynmouth for a visit and then head across Exmoor to Simonsbath as we make our way back to Barnstaple.

Saturday - Today we head first via the seaside resort of Appledore and then into the lovely town of Bideford. This afternoon we make our way to the Royal Horticultural Society Rosemoor Gardens near Great Torrington (Entrance fee included). Nestled in the Torridge Valley RHS Rosemoor blends formal and informal plantings to magical effect.

Sunday - We say goodbye to Barnstaple and begin our journey home.



Southern England



Wednesday 15th July - 6 days Sidmouth - Kingswood Hotel.

£749pp (No single supplement for first 6)

Situated along the Jurassic Coast, Sidmouth is a seaside town like no other with its impressive coastline, beautiful beaches and gardens, 'A town caught still in a timeless charm' according to John Betjeman.

The Kingswood Hotel overlooks the seafront within easy walking distance of the main town and shops.

This is comfortable seaside hotel with classic charm blended with modern styling, features and facilities, plus gorgeous public spaces and personal, caring service. The 50 bedrooms have memory foam mattresses and flat screen TV's, tea & coffee facilities and wi-fi. All the bedrooms are individually decorated, warm and inviting.

Wednesday - En-route to Sidmouth we visit the town of Marlborough where we make a lunch time stop.

Thursday - A morning at leisure in Sidmouth then after lunch join the coach at 1:30 for a visit to the Sidmouth Donkey Sanctuary. (Free admission). There is a shop and also a café where you can sit and relax.

Friday - A longer day out today as we head first to the Isle of Portland where we make a stop at the viewpoint overlooking Chesil Beach and then at Portland Bill visitor centre. From here we travel into Weymouth for an afternoon visit.

Saturday - Today we have included a visit to Bicton Park Botanical Gardens. With over 64 acres to explore spanning nearly 300 years of gardening history, Bicton Park is home to many rare and beautiful species collected from all around the world.

Sunday - Another relaxing morning to enjoy Sidmouth. Then this afternoon we visit Pecorama, (Entrance fee included) with its award-winning gardens and 7.25-inch narrow gauge railway.

Monday - Leaving the hotel at 09:30 we begin our journey home; we will make a 2 hour stop at Clarks Shopping Village in Street en-route finally arriving back in our local area around 5pm.

Tuesday 6th October - 5 days The Isle of Wight

£699pp (£144 single supplement)

One of our favorite destinations based at one of our favorite hotels offering excellent accommodation and great food plus glorious views across the Solent. This is a great base from which to explore this beautiful island packed with history and loved over the centuries by poets and authors.

This will be the 3rd year we have stayed at the **Best Western New Holmwood Hotel** in Cowes. It is one of the islands finest hotels offering glorious views directly across the Solent. The terrace and restaurant give uninterrupted views of the sea. The hotel is a flat walk into the centre of Cowes. All 26 bedrooms offer TV, free wi-fi, tea & coffee making faculties, all are en-suite with bath/showers.

Please note there is no lift, there are a few ground floor bedrooms.

Tuesday: We head to the south coast for our ferry to the Isle of Wight.

Wednesday: We explore the west of the island today heading first to the village of Godshill and then travelling along the south of the island and round its western point to Yarmouth. From Yarmouth we travel through the center of the island to Calbourne where we can make a stop at the Calbourne Water Mill. Calbourne is one of the oldest working water mills in the country, here you will also find tea rooms and a gift shop and a small war museum.

Thursday: Today we visit Osborne House the island home of Queen Victoria.

Friday: We head to Shanklin this morning then travel over the high downs and via Brading, Bembridge and St Helens before arriving in Ryde for an afternoon visit.

Saturday: We did farewell to the isle of Wight as we board our ferry and head for home.

New Holmwood Hotel





Monday 9th November – 5 days Turkey & Tinsel in Cornwall

£579 pp (£40 single supplement)

See dramatic landscapes created by ancient tin, China clay and copper mines, this peninsular which juts into the Atlantic Ocean has long been a popular destination for British holidaymakers.

The Esplanade Hotel is a picturesque and contemporary 4-star hotel overlooking the world famous Fistral Beach. The town of Newquay is just a short stroll away, with its shops, restaurants, bars and its picturesque harbour. The hotel has a leisure centre with a heated indoor pool, hot tub and sauna. Enjoy wonderful sea views from the lounge and restaurants. The bedrooms are simple and super comfy with modern bathrooms, TV, wi-fi and tea & coffee facilities. The hotel does not have ground floor bedrooms, but does have a lift to all floors.

Sea Views rooms are available at a supplement.

Monday: Our taxi pick-ups will be starting around 7:30 this morning, then after joining the coach we travel to Cornwall with plenty of comfort stops en-route including a visit to the famous Jamaica Inn on Bodmin Moor. We should arrive at our hotel around 5pm.

Tuesday: We have visits to the city of Truro and then the coastal resort of Falmouth today.

Wednesday: We travel to the opposite Cornish coast and visit the picturesque resorts of Fowey and Mevagissey. We also make a short stop in Charlestown, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where classic tall ships anchor in the ancient harbour.

The Esplanade Hotel



Thursday: We have some time in Newquay this morning then follow the coast road to Padstow, this picturesque resort is one of Cornwall's most successful fishing ports set on the Camel Estuary.

Friday: We head for home making comfort stops en-route and our ETA back in our local area is 6pm.

Extras included: Sherry reception, visit from Santa, traditional Christmas Dinner, complimentary bar between 18:00 and 21:00 each evening on selected drinks, entertainment each evening.

Monday 30th November – 5 day Turkey & Tinsel Babbacombe, The Babbacombe Hotel.

£379pp (£20 single supplement)

Once again, we return to the Babbacombe Hotel, this time for a pre-Christmas holiday. Please see page 4 for the hotel description.

Monday: With taxi pick-ups from 9am we have a very leisurely journey to Babbacombe arriving mid-afternoon.

Tuesday to Friday: Our itinerary will include 2 excursions and one full day to relax in Babbacombe. Full details will be available nearer the departure date.

What's Included: Welcome tea and coffee & Mince Pies and portage on arrival.

Bingo and Entertainment most nights - Sherry reception and Christmas Dinner one evening - Christmas Gift New Years Eve reception with sparkling wine before dinner.

The Babbacombe Hotel





The Tyndale Hotel

The Tyndale Hotel which overlooks Llandudno's promenade, offering great sea views, is without a doubt one of the finest hotels in Llandudno. The food, service and standard of accommodation and live evening entertainment make it a firm favorite with past customers. The hotel has a lift to all floors and the restaurant offers a choice of traditional and modern dishes together with a great range of breakfast options. You must try the porridge with whisky, cream and brown sugar or the Welsh pancakes drizzled with maple syrup. *Executive rooms are available at a supplement, please ask when booking.*

Monday 30th March - Llandudno Mock Cruise - 5 days - The Tyndale Hotel.

£595pp (No single supplement for first 5)

Monday - Travel to Llandudno. On arrival at our imaginary ship, the MV Tyndale, Afternoon Tea/Coffee and Cakes will be served while the crew transfer your luggage to the cabins.

We start our cruise in Jamaica and at 17:45, there will be a Welcome Party, where you can enjoy a Rum Punch Cocktail, followed by an introduction to the cruise.

Dinner is served from 18:30, a delicious themed dinner is followed by your on-board entertainment and at 23:00 a finger buffet.

Each day whilst in Llandudno you have the choice to spend your day relaxing or exploring Llandudno, or, you can join the coach for our included excursions. Each day the coach will depart at 10:00 and return before 15:00 in time for your afternoon tea. Although optional here is no additional charge for these trips. Full details of these trips will be advised by your driver but a brief description is included below.

Tuesday: We have cruised through the night and arrived in Cologne, Germany. Breakfast is served between 08:00 and 10:00.

Your optional coach trip today will include a visit to the lovely town of Conwy.

We return to the Tyndale by 15:00 where afternoon tea will be served while you enjoy the highlights of Cologne on the big screen. At 17:45 its 'Beer Festival' time, be sure to drink and sing along. Once again, our themed dinner starts at 18:30 followed by on board entertainment and cabaret and a light finger buffet at 23:00.

Wednesday: This morning we have arrived in Greece. Your optional coach trip today will take you on a tour around the wonderful scenery of the Snowdonia National Park.

We will be back on board for afternoon tea served at 15:00 accompanied by a cinematic drone tour of Skopelos Island. Dinner tonight will be in a Greek Taverna again followed by entertainment and a light finger buffet at 23:00.

Thursday: Phuket, often called the Pearl of Thailand is where we are today.

After breakfast join the coach for another optional scenic excursion travelling along the Cowy Valley to Betws-y-Coed.

Once again at 15:00 its afternoon tea and more fun. At 17:45 its Captains Cocktail Party and Fun Casino followed by Captains Dinner at 18:30. Entertainment begins at 20:30 and your final late night finger buffet at 23:00

Friday: We must leave our cruise and head for home with a 2-hour lunchtime visit to Chester en-route.

(We are also now taking reservations for 2027, date to be confirmed.)

Tuesday 7th July - 5 days - Llandudno Summer Holiday - The Tyndale Hotel.

£669pp (No single supplement for first 5)

Sandwiched between the Great and Little Orme the resort of Llandudno is once again our base from which we explore the dramatic scenery of Snowdonia and the North Wales coastline.

Tuesday - With our taxi pick-ups starting around 8:15 this morning we board our coach and head to Llangollen for a short visit before continuing our scenic journey via the Horseshoe Pass to Llandudno.

Wednesday - A morning at leisure in Llandudno then at 1 o'clock board the coach for a scenic circular tour of the Snowdonia Mountains returning to the hotel about 5pm.

Thursday - This morning we head to Caernarfon where we have included a visit to the magnificent castle. After lunch we board the Welsh Highland Railway for a memorable journey through the Snowdonia Mountain Scenery to Porthmadog. (Train fare included)

Caernarfon Castle



(Depending on the train timetable, Thursday's itinerary may operate in reverse).

Friday - Today we head to the Isle of Anglesey where first we visit the town of Beaumaris. From here we make our way to the far west of the island and the South Stacks visitor center with its glorious coastal views. Later we make our way to Plas Newydd, (Entrance fee included) the ancestral home of the Marquis of Anglesey, famous for its wonderful mural by Rex Whistler.

Saturday - We have a visit to the little walled town of Conwy this morning before heading for home.



Wednesday 28th October – 5 days, Llandudno Holly & Mistletoe - The Tyndale Hotel.

£625pp (No single supplement for first 5)

Christmas starts early in Llandudno and for our first festive holiday of 2026 we once again return to the excellent Tyndale Hotel overlooking the towns promenade. Join us for this Holly and Mistletoe break where it's time to relax and enjoy 4 nights of festive fun and entertainment.

Wednesday - Christmas Eve: We have a relaxing journey via Llangollen and the Horseshoe Pass and arrive at our hotel mid-afternoon. Santa's little helpers will take your luggage to your room whilst you relax with a cup of tea and hot mince pies.

At 5:45 our evening begins with a sherry reception and at 6:15 a fantastic 4-course dinner. Afterwards there is entertainment and cabaret and at 11pm a late-night finger buffet.

Thursday - Christmas Day: Enjoy a leisurely breakfast served between 8 and 10 am. Join the coach at 10:30 for a visit to the Isle of Anglesey returning to the hotel by 3pm.

At 4pm we have afternoon tea with Christmas Carols then at 5:30 its Happy Hour at the bar. Christmas dinner is served from 6:15 with a complimentary glass of wine followed by a visit from Father Christmas. Your entertainment begins at 9 followed at 11 by a finger buffet to round off your day.

Llandudno

Friday - Boxing Day: Once again breakfast is served between 8 and 10 am. Join the coach after breakfast for a scenic tour taking in some of the highlights of the Snowdonia Mountain Range.

At 5pm its Happy Hour again then at 6 its 'Fire and Ice', an Ice Bar and special drinks. At 6:45 the restaurant opens, an amazing tasting menu with a touch of theatre awaits you. Cash Bingo and Entertainment followed once again at 11 by that finger buffet.

Saturday - New Years Eve: Following your relaxing breakfast the day is at leisure to enjoy time in Llandudno or relax at the hotel. If you fancy a change of scenery though, hop on the coach at 1pm for an optional short excursion to the lovely walled town of Conwy. We will return to the hotel in time for our Hogmanay celebrations to begin.

At 4pm its afternoon tea followed by a Haggis Rolling Competition to start an evening of fun. From 6:15 a fabulous New Years Eve Celebration Dinner is served followed by cash bingo and entertainment including at 9:15 a Fancy Dress Parade. Participants should register at reception.

At 10 its raffle time and at 11 all join together for Auld Lang Syne and of course your final finger buffet.

Sunday - At 10:30 we board the coach to begin our journey home. We will break our journey at the National Ironworks Centre near Oswestry where we have included their delicious Afternoon Tea, a fantastic way to round off a brilliant holiday.



Monday 18th May 2026 – 5 days - Tenby & South Wales, The Clarence House Hotel.

£579pp (No single supplement for first 5)

Tenby is famous for its beautiful beaches, picturesque harbour with colorful houses and its rich history. The town is protected from the outside world by its 13th century town walls considered some of the most important in Wales. Our excursions include the tiny city of St Davids and we also visit one of the finest gardens in Wales.

Monday - After our taxi pick-ups starting around 8am, join our coach and we head via the M5, M50 and A40 to Abergavenny for our first visit of the week. From here we follow the 'heads of the valley' road towards Swansea where we join the M4 and head towards Carmarthen then on to Tenby.

Perched on the stunning Esplanade in the heart of Tenby, **The Clarence House Hotel** is a charming and historic retreat offering breathtaking sea views and warm Welsh hospitality. Steeped in history and character, this hotel has been welcoming guests since the late 19th century, providing a perfect blend of Victorian elegance and modern comfort. With views of Caldey Island the hotel is just 200 meters from the beach and the town centre is just a 5-minute walk away. You can enjoy a drink in the hotels Seagull Bar or in the beautiful rose garden. The seafront dining room has wonderful views of the coast. All bedrooms offer tea/coffee facilities, hairdryer and T.V. There is a lift to all floors and a disabled entrance to the side of the building. The dining room, bar and reception are all on the ground level.

Extras included: Happy hour from 17:30 to 18:30 and 20:00 to 21:00 - Live entertainment most nights

Tuesday - You can spend the day exploring Tenby, this seaside town has 13th C. medieval walls, including the Five Arches barbican gatehouse. There are over 2 miles of sandy beaches plus a 15th C. church, Tenby Museum and Art Gallery to mention just a few places. Another option is to take the 20-minute boat trip from the harbour to Caldey Island. (optional cost approximately £20.00)

Wednesday - We head into Carmarthen this morning for a market day visit, then we travel to the Taf Estuary and the little town of Laugharne. Here you can make an optional visit to the 'Boat House', the home and writing shed of the Welsh Poet Dylan Thomas. Finally, this afternoon we make a visit to the seaside town of Saundersfoot.

Thursday - We visit Britain's smallest city, St David's, with its 12th C. Cathedral and magnificent ruins of the medieval Bishops Palace.

Friday - We must head for home today but en-route we make a stop at Aberglasney Gardens (Entrance fee included), one of the finest gardens in Wales, made famous by the BBC television series "A Garden Lost in Time". We will have at least 3 hours here before continuing our journey through the Brecon Beacons and back into England.



The Clarence House Hotel

Northern England

Monday 27th April - 5 days to Lytham St Anns and the Settle - Carlisle Railway. The Inn on The Prom Hotel.

£579pp (No single supplement for first 6)

Laying in the shadow of its more famous neighbour, Blackpool, it is no surprise that many famous celebrities have connections here. We have some exciting excursions this week including a trip to the Lake District, a visit to one of the countries most haunted houses and a ride on the famous Settle Carlisle Railway.

The Inn on the Prom is a stylish hotel overlooking the Irish Sea and St. Annes Beach, it offers stunning interior décor and quality furnishings. All 103 bedrooms have TV, Tea and Coffee facilities and en-suite with bath or showers. The hotel has a lift and boasts a fantastic restaurant serving a variety of dishes made from locally sourced ingredients. Take a dip in the indoor pool and enjoy the Nordic Sauna, or workout in one of the 3 gymnasiums or relax and unwind in the luxurious spa.

Boutique & sea view rooms available at a supplement. 2 nights entertainment included during our stay.

Monday - Our taxi pick-ups will begin around 08:00 hours this morning and once everyone is on board the coach we will head to Liverpool where we will have a guided tour as well as some time to get lunch and explore the famous Albert Docks area. We then continue to Lytham St Ann's arriving at our hotel about 5pm.



The Inn on the Prom

Monday 16th November - 5 days Grange over Sands Turkey & Tinsel

£489pp (No single supplement for first 3, then £64)

The southern border of the Lake District boasts a tranquil seaside town with Victorian and Edwardian elegance known as the 'Jewel on the Bay'. Cradled between the hills and the sea Grange over Sands has one of the mildest climates in Northern England.

The Cumbria Grand Hotel is set in 20 acres of private gardens and woodlands and overlooking Morecambe Bay, you will receive a warm and friendly welcome at this charming 3-Star Victorian Hotel. The restaurant and Jacobean bar both have stunning views.

The 124 bedrooms are all en-suite with TV, free wi-fi and tea and coffee facilities. The hotel has a lift to all floors and there are also some ground floor rooms.

Extras include: Glass of bubbly or sherry on arrival, Jumbo Christmas Quiz and nightly entertainment.

Monday: We head north to Cumbria and the Cumbria Grand Hotel in Grange over Sands arriving mid-afternoon.

Tuesday: We head to Bowness on Windermere where an optional boat trip on England's largest lake is possible.

Wednesday: Today we have a visit to the village of Cartmel with its rich medieval heritage centered around the 12th C. Priory. From here we continue to Holker Hall which will be decorated for Christmas and you are free to explore at your own pace. Weather permitting you can also enjoy a stroll around the gardens which have evolved over hundreds of years. (Entrance Fee Included to Holker Hall)

Thursday: Today we have a scenic trip taking us over the Kirkstone Pass then on to the town of Keswick. After our visit here we travel to Grassmere before returning to the hotel.

Friday: We head for home arriving back in our local area late afternoon.



Cumbria Grand Hotel



Sunday 6th September - 6 days Northumberland, Country, Coast and Stately Homes The Riverdale Hotel, Bellingham

£855pp (£50 single supplement)

We are returning to **the Riverdale Hall Hotel** in the village of Bellingham for the 2nd year, set on the edge of the National Park it is a great base to explore the region. Built in 1886 as a Victorian Mansion, it has retained all of the original charm and character whilst having being converted to a modern country house hotel with 28 individually decorated bedrooms, indoor heated pool and sauna. It has been named the "Best Hotel in Northumberland", this premier Country House Hotel offers award-winning cuisine, lovely, extensive grounds, quaint riverside location and wonderful views.

The bedrooms are individually decorated, some have south facing balconies or patios. All the rooms are en-suite and have comfortable beds.

Please note: there is no lift and there are stairs/steps to most of the rooms and some of the rooms are in the annexe. There are some ground floor rooms. All rooms have TV and tea & coffee facilities.

England's most northerly county has fine scenery, and a rich history shaped by its strategic border location with Scotland. From Roman occupation and Anglo Saxon Kingdoms to medieval border warfare and the industrial revolution the counties history is etched into its dramatic landscape, many castles and cultural heritage.

Sunday - We head north via the M6 as far as Penrith from where we cross the Pennines via the very scenic A686 route. As this road crosses the Hartside Pass we reach over

1900 feet above sea level and, weather permitting, will witness some magnificent views. We continue via Alston and past Hexham, then cross Hadrian's Wall en-route to our hotel. We will make plenty of stops en-route and aim to arrive at the Riverdale Hall Hotel around 4:30pm.

Monday - A leisurely start departing the hotel at 10:30 we zig-zag across the Northumberland countryside, as we make our way to Wallington Hall for an included visit. Discounts for National Trust Members.

Tuesday - We head to the coast today travelling via Rothburgh then across to the coast near Amble. We then head north via Warksworth and make our way to Seahouses and later to Bamburgh. Bamburgh, in the shadow of Bamburgh Castle, is famous for its Grace Darling connections whilst Seahouses, which is perfect for that fish and chip lunch, is a large seaside village which offers great coastal scenery and has a vibrant fishing harbour.

Wednesday - We head north and begin a very scenic circular tour which takes us first across the Scottish Border at Carter Bar then via Jedburgh and Kelso from where we make our way back into Northumberland and on to Chillingham Castle. This 13th C. Castle has fine rooms, gardens, lake, fountain and tea rooms. We have a guided tour of the castle to hear about its history, battles and ghosts.

Thursday - We head south of Bellingham today and travel along the course of Hadrian Wall with included visits to the Roman Vindolanda Fort and Museum and also the Roman Army Museum. Our return journey briefly crosses the Scottish Border again and takes us via Liddesdale and the Kielder Forest Park with views of Kielder Water where we make our final stop of the day at the Tower Knowles Visitor Centre.

Friday - We bid farewell to the Riverdale Hall Hotel and head to Hexham for a morning visit before resuming our homeward journey. Our ETA into our local area is 18:00.



The Riverdale Hall Hotel

Scotland

Aberfoyle

Sunday 3rd May – 6 days Trossachs and the West Highlands

£569 (No single supplement for first 4)

Scotland's first National Park is packed with places to explore, endless views of mountains, glens and lochs, a breathtaking landscape full of legends and heroic tales.



The Rob Roy Hotel is wonderfully situated in idyllic countryside at the gateway to the glorious Trossachs and is set within Scotland's first National Park and is named after the legendary local folk hero Rob Roy McGregor. All the 103 bedrooms are tastefully decorated with private en-suite facilities, television, tea/coffee making facilities, hairdryers and free wi-fi. The majority of rooms are on the ground floor and there is lift access to all rooms on the first floor. There are also 2 accessible rooms. There will be 2 nights entertainment included at this hotel.

Sunday – We will begin our journey north making plenty of comfort stops en-route. We should at our hotel by 5pm.

Monday – Today we explore the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park heading first to the loch-side village of Luss. Whilst in Luss we have included a fabulous 90-minute circular cruise on this famous loch. (11:30 cruise) We then continue our journey by road making a stop at the Inveruglas Viewpoint then past the northern point of the loch into Glen Falloch. We have a stop in the village of Killin where we can view the Falls of Dochart before rejoining the coach and travelling via Glen Ogle and returning to our hotel via the very heart of the Trossachs region and over the Dukes Pass to Aberfoyle.

Tuesday – We have some time in the local village of Aberfoyle with its selection of shops, cafes and Edinburgh Woolen Mill outlet. Later we head back over the Dukes Pass to Trossachs Pier at the head of Loch Katrine. Here we can enjoy a 2-hour peaceful cruise on board the historic steamship Sir Walter Scott which has been sailing here since 1900. Live commentary will bring the lochs stories to life with Queen Victoria, Rob Roy and Sir Walter Scott all included. This is also a birdwatchers delight with many birds of prey including Osprey and Buzzards regularly seen.

Wednesday – Today we make our way north to the magnificent valley of Glen Coe. Passing many lochs along the way our route will take us back through Glen Ogle, via Tyndrum and over the Black Mount to Rannoch Moor and then we descend into the majestic Glen itself.

Thursday – We travel around Loch Lomond again today and past Arrochar and the north of Loch Long, then along Glen Croe to the 'Rest and be Thankful' viewpoint. We continue via the shores of Loch Fyne then past Loch Eck until we reach the Benmore Botanic Garden for an included visit. Set in a magnificent mountainside location in the Argyle Forest Park, the gardens are rich in history and surrounded by dramatic scenery. There are 120 acres with towering conifers and spectacular rhododendrons which together with the iconic redwoods, Douglas firs, Scots pines and monkey puzzle trees create a landscape of grandeur and wonder.

Friday – We begin our homeward journey, with a visit to Gretna Green en-route, reaching our local area about 6:30.

Sunday 25th October – 6 days - Pitlochry and Scotland's Autumn Colours.

£749pp (£100 single supplement)

Known as Big Tree Country, where better to experience the beautiful autumn colours. Pitlochry is an excellent base for exploring Perthshire and the Highlands and the stunning scenery of Scotland's iconic landscape.

The Dundarach Hotel

is in the beautiful Highland Perthshire town of Pitlochry, standing on high ground overlooking the Tummel valley. Set in a couple of acres of private grounds, the accommodation is peaceful and yet just a short distance from the centre. The hotel has 40 bedrooms, all are en-suite, mostly shower over bath but a few have step in showers. There is free wi-fi in the public areas, The hotel offers a bar and comfortable lounge giving uninterrupted views of the surrounding hills and hotel grounds.

Please Note: There is no lift at this hotel but there are some ground floor bedrooms.



Sunday – After our taxi pick-ups we depart Colleshill at 07:30 this morning and head north to the town of Pitlochry.

Monday – A free morning to discover the town of Pitlochry before heading to Blair Castle for an afternoon visit. (admission included)

Tuesday – We head into the Cairngorm National Park today where we have booked an included ride on the mountain railway. The Cairngorm Funicular Railway is the only mountain railway in Scotland and travels for 2 klm to the Ptarmigan Top station offering magnificent views on the way. Here you will find the UK's highest restaurant with more panoramic views on offer.

We retrace our journey back to Pitlochry making a stop at the Dalwhinnie Whisky Distillery en-route (tour and entrance included).

Wednesday – We have another scenic route today, our first stop will be at 'Queens View' overlooking Loch Tummel, then on to Aberfeldy where we will see Wade's Bridge and the Black Watch Memorial. From here we make our way to Dunkeld, a picturesque town on the banks of the River Tay. This evening we are including tickets to visit the Enchanted Forest set in Faskally Woods just outside Pitlochry, this is a gentle walk through the ancient trees which are the backdrop of a dazzling light show.

Thursday – Another very scenic tour today we circle the Cairngorm mountains travelling through Glen Shee to Braemar and then via Balmoral to Ballater. Then it's over the hills to Tomintoul and towards Grantown on Spey before heading south and returning to Pitlochry.

Friday – We head for home.



Thursday 17th September – 6 days Skye and Bute Explorer.

£889pp (£179 single supplement)

The Isle of Skye is known for its wild beauty and legendary charm. From towering cliffs to fairy filled glens, it's one of Scotland's most enchanting places. The smaller Isle of Bute has an extraordinary varied landscapes from the lush hills of the islands heart and the craggy heather covered moorlands of the north to the delightful sandy beaches around the coast line.

Please note: neither of the main hotels on this holiday are ideal for people with mobility needs.

Thursday – Our journey takes us via the M1 and A1 to Newcastle where we bear left and follow a very scenic route across Northumberland to cross the border into Scotland at Carter Bar. Our overnight hotel is the Glynhill Hotel at Renfrew.

Friday – We have plenty of photo stop opportunities as our journey continues alongside Loch Lomond, over Rannoch Moor and down through the majestic valley of Glen Coe to Fort William. We then head west via Glen Shiel to Kyle of Lochalsh where we cross the Skye Bridge onto the Isle of Skye. A full, unforgettable day of spectacular West Highland scenery.

The Dunollie Hotel, Isle of Skye (2 nights)

This 3* hotel offers comfortable accommodation in a pleasant waterfront setting with lovely views across Broadford Bay at the foot of the mountains that leads to the famous Cullin Hills.

All the 84 bedrooms have step in showers, TV and tea & coffee facilities. There is a bar and a restaurant.

Please note: There is no lift and access throughout is via stairs including the restaurant which is on a lower ground floor. Although there are some ground floor rooms, due to the nature of the building, these will still encounter steps or stairs.

Saturday – We have a full day to explore the Isle of Skye today; we make a stop in the town of Portree and then complete a full circuit of the picturesque Trotternish Peninsular with photo stops at Lealt Falls and the Kilt Rock. Later we round the most northerly point of the island and then make a stop at the Skye Museum of Island Life (*admission included*) where you step back in time to visit an old Highland Village. Next we make our way across to the western side of the island for more spectacular scenery before returning back to the hotel following a long but rewarding day of sightseeing.

Sunday – We have another long but very scenic journey ahead of us today as we make our way to the Isle of Bute. We will have a stop in Inveraray to relax, get some lunch and take in the loch views before continuing our journey to Colintraive where we board our ferry across to the Isle of Bute.

Monday – The Isle of Bute is a small island just 5 miles wide and 15 miles long and we have a leisurely tour of the island today plus we include a visit to Mount Stuart House, a Victorian, Gothic style mansion set in a 300-acre estate with beautiful gardens and views.



Tuesday – We board the ferry across the Firth of Clyde to Wemyss Bay and then head for home.

The Glenburn Hotel, Isle of Bute (2 nights)

Set in a prime elevated position with terraced gardens, the 3* Glenburn Hotel commands fabulous views overlooking Rothesay Bay and the Cowal Peninsula. Originally constructed in 1892 as a hydrotherapy retreat, the hotel features 134 comfortable guest bedrooms, which vary in size and shape.

The hotel has a lovely bar, lounge area & spacious restaurant.

Please note: Although the hotel has a lift that does serve all the bedrooms, you will still encounter steps/small flights of stairs along the corridors. There are a limited number of step-in showers with the majority of the bedrooms having shower over the bath. The hotel does not have any ground floor bedrooms.

The Syke Bridge



Ireland and Europe



Thursday 4th June – 10 days Lake Garda, Verona and the Dolomites.

£1209pp (£399 single supplement)

Please note that to be valid for this holiday your passport expiry date must not be before 4th December 2026.

The 4-star Hotel Europa has a great location in the heart of the lakeside town of Riva del Garda. It overlooks the picturesque harbour and is only a short stroll from the town's pretty public gardens, pleasant square, shops and pavement café. The hotel has a rooftop terrace and shallow plunge pool. The sunsets from here are unrivalled as is the view over the lake and the surrounding mountains.

The standard hotel room offers a welcoming and comfortable environment. With warm tones and natural colours, these rooms come complete with air conditioning, flat-screen TV, mini-bar, safe deposit box and free Wi-Fi internet connection.

There is lift to all floors, there are no lake view rooms available.

Thursday – We have a very early start this morning as we head to Dover for a mid-day ferry crossing to Calais. After arriving in Calais, we make our way across France en-route to our overnight hotel, the Novotel Saint Avoird.

We have used this hotel before and it is of excellent standard and ideally located for our journey. We will arrive late at the hotel so no evening meal will be included today. We will make motorway service area stops en-route where you will be able to purchase food.

Friday – We depart the hotel at 08:00 to continue our journey to Italy, we hope to arrive at our main hotel in Riva Del Garda around 7pm this evening.

Saturday – A day to relax in Riva Del Garda, take a stroll by the lake and enjoy the wonderful views of Lake Garda and the surrounding mountains.

Sunday – We have a scenic excursion today to the Valley of the Lakes and Brenta National Park to include Lake Toblino.

Monday – A leisurely journey along the shores of Lake Garda visiting the town of Garda and the resort of Sirmione at the southern end of the lake.

Tuesday – Today we have a visit to the City of Verona. Famed as the setting for Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet' and for its impressive Roman Amphitheatre.

Wednesday – The Dolomite mountains are today's destination as we have a breathtaking scenic tour including Passo Pordoi at an altitude of 2,239 meters and from where an optional cable car can be taken to even greater heights.

Thursday – Another day to relax in Riva, or spend the morning with us on a half day excursion to Malcesine, a lakeside town dominated by its impressive castle, then return to Riva for our final afternoon by the lake.

Friday – Departing the hotel at 8am we begin our homeward journey stopping at the Hotel Ibis Metz Nord for the night.

Saturday – Departing our hotel at 08:00 we travel back through France to Calais where we board the 16:35 ferry back to Dover. We continue home arriving back in our local area around 10pm.

Extras included: Welcome Drink at main hotel and a Gala Dinner followed by live music on one evening.



Friday 10th April – 5 days Keukenhof Gardens Weekend Break

£639pp (£138 single supplements)

The world famous Keukenhof Gardens, set in 77 acres of parkland, are visited by over a million people each year who come to marvel at the blooms in all their colorful magnificence. Enjoy fields of springtime colours, iconic windmills, a cruise on a 'museum ship' and medieval towns on this short break to the Netherlands.

The 4-star Leonard Hotel is located on the main market square within walking distance of the shops, bars and restaurants. The hotel has no ground floor rooms but there is a lift to all floors. All the 86 bedrooms are en-suite with showers over the bath. Flat screen TVs and free wi-fi access is available in all rooms.

Please note: Evening Meal not included on Friday

Please note that to be valid for this holiday your passport expiry date must not be before 13th October 2026.

Friday – We have an early start for this exciting long weekend break to Holland with your taxi pick-ups around 5am. We then travel to Dover for the midday ferry to Dunkirk. After arriving in France late afternoon we continue our journey through Belgium into Holland and on to the Leonardo Hotel, Lelystad City Centre. Please Note: as we will be arriving late at the hotel (ETA 9:30pm) there will be no evening meal included tonight. We will make stops at service areas en-route where it will be possible to purchase food.

Saturday – After our continental breakfast we depart the hotel at 09:30 and make our way to Keukenhof Gardens for our full day included visit.

Sunday – Departing the hotel this morning at 09:15 we cross the Zuiderzee traveling on the 26klm Houtribdijk Dam to Enkhuizen where at 10:40 we depart on the 'Museum Ship' MS Friesland.

We have a one-hour-twenty-minute boat cruise then at 12:00 we arrive in the lovely historic town of Medemblik.

Monday – Our return ferry departs from Dunkirk at 16:00 hours this afternoon so we must depart our hotel at 09:00 this morning.

Our estimated return time to meet our taxis is 22:00.

Sunday 23rd August – 7 days Magical Mayo and the Wild Atlantic Way. Great National Hotel, Ballina.

£979pp (£175 single supplement)

County Mayo, The Wild Atlantic Way and the west coast of Ireland overlooking the Atlantic Ocean is an area rich in history, home to picturesque towns and is considered one of Irelands must see destinations.

The Great National Hotel in Ballina has 87 bedrooms all en-suites with TV, wi-fi and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors.

Our full Irish breakfast and our evening meals will be served in McShane's Bar & Bistro where the chefs carefully select superb quality food made from the best and freshest ingredients.

There is full complimentary access to the leisure centre which offers a range of leisure and relaxation facilities including a swimming pool and gym.

Sunday – After your taxi pick-ups we board the coach and depart our local area around 7:30am and head to Holyhead for the 14:45 ferry to Dublin Port. After our 3 ½ hour crossing we make our way to the Bloomfield House Hotel near Mullingar in Co. Westmeath, close to Lough Ennell, where we should arrive about 8pm.

Monday – A more leisurely day today leaving the hotel at 10:00. We continue west making a stop at Strokestown Park House and Famine Museum (entrance included) where we will have a guided tour. This museum signifies a tragic yet fascinating chapter of Irish history.

After our tour there is a café and shop to visit and you can spend some time looking around the lovely gardens and woodlands.

From here we continue to our main hotel, The Great National Hotel at Ballina, arriving about 4pm.

Tuesday – A full day touring to experience the 'Magic of Mayo'. During the day we include the town of Westport and the Bally Croy Visitors Centre whilst enjoying fabulous coastal scenery including parts of the Wild Atlantic Way and the Wild Nephin National Park.

Wednesday – We have a local guide today to bring the heritage of County Mayo to life as we head north and again join sections of the Wild Atlantic Way, we will see the Killala Roundtower and visit the remarkable Ceide Fields, Neolithic Site Visitor Centre (entrance included). Here the system of fields, dwelling areas and megalithic tombs together make up the most extensive Stone Age monument in the world. We also visit Belmullet before heading back to Ballina after a fascinating day, a mix of dramatic scenery and history.

Thursday – We start our day with a visit to Foxford Woolen Mill and then travel to the National Museum of Ireland – Country Life (entrance included). Discover the rich traditions of Ireland with this Folklife Collection, set in 30 acres of parkland.

Friday – We leave Ballina and travel east making our way to Dublin where we will meet a local guide for an informative tour around this capital city. Later this afternoon we head out to the Westgrove Hotel near Clane in Co. Kildare for our final overnight hotel.

Saturday – Leaving our hotel around 09:30 we have a brief tour through the Wicklow Mountains before heading to Dublin Port for the 14:45 ferry back to Holyhead.



The Thursford Spectacular - 2 days - The Le Strange Arms Hotel

**Wednesday 9th December -
£279 - (single supplement £20) and**

**Monday 14th December -
£279 - (single supplement £20)**

Thursford Christmas Spectacular is an extravaganza of non-stop singing, dancing, music, humour and variety.

The Le Strange Arms Hotel is one of Norfolk's finest hotels, standing just a stone's throw from the sea with lawns leading down to a sandy beach. The hotel offers guests the perfect location to escape and relax in its stylish and comfortable surroundings. We have used this hotel previously and can thoroughly recommend it for its high standard of rooms and food. The hotel does have some ground floor rooms as well as a lift to all floors. Plus, it is an ideal location, just 45 minutes from Thursford.

It's a fast-moving celebration of the festive season featuring an eclectic mix of both seasonal and year-round favourites.

With a cast of 130 this is the biggest Christmas show of its kind in Europe.



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