



# Boon's Calibre Travel 2018

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### **Norwich & the Van Dal Shoe Factory Thursday 22nd March 2018**

Today we travel to the medieval city of Norwich, with its historic streets, magnificent cathedral and extensive shopping areas. The afternoon will be spent at the Van Dal Shoe factory, one of the country's last remaining traditional shoe factories, manufacturers of ladies shoes for over 75 years. We hear tales from the lovely team, and see, first-hand, the skills that have stood the test of time, from cutting leathers and attaching the uppers & heels, through to adding the finishing touches with the elegant Van Dal branded trims. After the tour, there will be time to browse in the factory shop where there will be plenty of bargain shoes & handbags on offer. Those who wish to spend the day in the city of Norwich may do so. Notes: Numbers are limited to 34. Includes guided tour. **Adult/S.C: £33.50 (10pp deposit)**

### **Strictly Fever...Vincent & Flavia in Tango Moderno Saturday 7th April 2018**

An irresistible new stage spectacular from Strictly's tango superstars, Vincent Simone and Flavia Cacace. Following on from their previous sell-out tours, dance partners for over two decades, world champions, Strictly Come Dancing favourites and West End stage stars Vincent and Flavia return with their famous tango style, and dazzling theatrical flair, to give you Tango Moderno, a fabulous new production, promising fabulous routines, full of passion and intensity. Numbers limited to 34. 2.30pm performance, Cliffs Pavilion, Southend-on-Sea. **Balance due: 7<sup>th</sup> February. Adult/S.C: £63 (£10pp deposit)**

### **Ely Cathedral Flower Festival Saturday 23rd June 2018**

Join us at Ely Cathedral's eagerly awaited Flower Festival, which returns in 2018, and promises to be one of the most spectacular events in East Anglia. Attractions include eye-catching displays, musical recitals, floral demonstrations, restaurants and gift & craft marquee. We will make a morning refreshment stop at the welcoming Scottsdale's Garden Centre, Great Shelford (includes ticket for Flower Festival) **Adult/S.C: £42.50 (£10pp deposit)**

### **Highclere Castle (Downton Abbey) & Egyptian Exhibition Wednesday 8th August 2018**

Highclere Castle & Gardens is where the popular period drama Downton Abbey was filmed. Visit the castle to learn about real life at Highclere and at the same time see the Drawing Room in which Maggie Smith delivered many a withering remark to some unfortunate relation! In addition, explore the beautiful gardens and discover all about the Tomb of the Egyptian Boy Pharaoh, Tutankhamun, in the fascinating Egyptian Exhibition. **Adult/S.C: £56.50 (£10pp deposit)**

### **Musical...Summer Holiday Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

In 1963, Cliff Richard and the Shadows, took off on a joyous jaunt across Europe in a Routemaster bus, in the film Summer Holiday. Now this iconic movie is a feel-good stage musical, filled with classic hits such as: In the Country, Summer Holiday, Travellin' Light, Bachelor Boy, Move It, Living Doll, The Young Ones and On the Beach. Join Don, and his fellow London Transport bus mechanics, as they journey through Paris, the Alps, Italy and Greece, picking up a girl group, in a clapped-out Morris Minor, and a young American pop star, on the run from her domineering mother! Cast to be announced. *A show not to be missed.* 2.30pm performance, Cliffs Pavilion, Southend-on-Sea. **Balance due: 24<sup>th</sup> May. Adult/S.C: TBA (£10pp deposit)**

### **Comedy...Jason Manford "Muddle Class" Thursday 18th October 2018**

Nationally acclaimed comedian and star of TV, Jason Manford, is back on tour with his new show, Muddle Class. Delivered with amiable charm and captivating wit, Muddle Class, promises to feature a wealth of new material about Jason growing up 'working class' then finding, over the years, that part of him has become 'middle class' - causing much confusion! 8pm performance, Cliffs Pavilion, Southend-on-Sea. **Balance due: 26<sup>th</sup> April. Adult/S.C: TBA (£10pp deposit)**

### **Centenary Poppy Factory Tour Thursday 25th October 2018**

2018 marks 100 years since the end of WWI and at the time of year when we remember all those who have suffered during many wars, we depart for an interesting visit to the Poppy Factory in Surrey. On arrival, we enjoy a lovely 2-course lunch, prior to an informative guided tour, which includes a talk, video presentation and a walk round the factory floor. Afterwards there will be the opportunity to purchase souvenirs from the gift shop. We will stop for morning coffee at a garden centre. Note: Numbers are limited to 34 (includes factory tour & lunch) **Adult/S.C: £TBA (£10pp deposit)**

*More Day Excursions can be found on the following pages...more to be added soon*



## 2018 Tour - Snowdrops & the Quays...

*featuring a tour of the BBC Studios*

**Saturday 17th February 2018 for 3 days, half-board**

Our first short break of the 2018 season is one not to be missed; highlights include a tour of the new BBC studios, free time in Salford Quays, Greater Manchester's unique waterfront destination, and a visit to Colesbourne Park, reputedly "England's Greatest Snowdrop Garden", where we enjoy a talk, a tour & refreshments. In addition we visit the National Memorial Arboretum on our outward journey.

A warm welcome awaits at the **Park Royal**, a fantastic **4\*** hotel which blends a beautiful mix of modern facilities with elegant grandeur; part of the hotel having been built in 1831 as a vicarage to the nearby St Matthew's Church. All beautifully designed bedrooms are contemporary, well furnished and attractively co-ordinated. There are some bedrooms on the ground floor and the remainder are

accessed via a lift. Meals are taken in the stylish restaurant, Topiary in the Park. There is a leisure centre with indoor swimming pool. **Includes:** 2 nights in en-suite bedrooms with breakfast & evening meal, 1 excursion, visits on outward & return journeys, portage. Admission to BBC Studios with a tour, entry to Colesbourne Park (including talk, tour, refreshments). **Price per person: £279, Supplement for a twin/double room for single occupancy: £36**



## 2018 Tour - Easter Weekend in the Wolds

**Departs Friday 30th March 2018 for 4 days, half-board**

Our Easter weekend break is based in the East Riding of Yorkshire and explores the rolling hills and attractions of the Lincolnshire Wolds to the south and the Yorkshire Wolds to the north. Our wonderful tour takes us to the attractive market town of Beverley, the award-winning Burnby Hall Garden, Hemswell Antique Centre, the magnificent city of Lincoln, John Bull confectionary, the Scarborough Fair Collection, Flamborough Head, Coton Orchard Garden Centre and Springfield's of Spalding. **We hope you can join us.**

Our hotel is East Yorkshire's modern 4\* Hallmark, beautifully situated within 17 acres of landscaped grounds, with stunning views of the famous Humber Bridge, once the longest single-span suspension bridge on earth. All stylish en-suite bedrooms are tastefully furnished and well equipped, there is a contemporary wine bar and restaurant, with panoramic views of the Humber Estuary. The leisure centre boasts a gym, sauna and spa. No lift, but several ground floor bedrooms. **Includes:** 3 nights half-board in en-suite bedrooms, portage, disabled rooms, ground floor rooms, Easter egg, 2 excursions, visits on outward & return journeys, entrance to Scarborough Fair Collection & Burnby Hall Gardens. Please note: The hotel restaurant is accessed via 7 steps (there is a handrail); those with mobility issues will be given the option to eat in the lounge area if they wish. **Price per person: £329, Double room for single occupancy supplement: £30 (15 only- 11 sold)**



## 2018 Tour- Charms of the South Coast in Springtime

**Departs Friday 27th April 2018 for 4 days, half-board**

A relaxing Spring break at one of our client's favourite locations and at one of our most popular hotels. Close to home and boasting a fine Victorian seafront, level promenade, pier and a comprehensive shopping centre, the elegant south coast resort of Eastbourne is always a perfect holiday destination. Our lovely tour includes excursions to historic Chichester and the Regency resort of Brighton, time at leisure in Eastbourne and visits to Royal Windsor and the Edwardian seaside town of Bexhill-on-Sea en-route.

The **3\* Best Western Lansdowne**, is a traditional, seafront hotel, enjoying an enviable position, at the quieter end of the promenade, in the elegant, Victorian resort of Eastbourne. All well equipped, attractively furnished bedrooms have en-suite facilities; many have sea views. Public rooms include the attractive Regency Bar, the elegant Devonshire Restaurant, and well-furnished sea-facing lounges. There are two lifts, some rooms have a walk-in shower and two rooms are equipped for the disabled. **Includes:** 3 nights half-board in en-suite bedrooms, lift, portage, 2 included excursions with visits on outward & return journeys. Evening entertainment one night. **Price per person: £339, Single Room Supplement: £NIL**



## 2018 Tour - Treasures of Norfolk

**Departs Monday 21st May 2018 for 4 days, half-board**

This splendid four-day break takes us into the county of Norfolk, a region that deserves to be explored in depth, and on this lovely tour, we hope to achieve just that. For your delight, we have arranged visits to the coastal towns of Sheringham and Wells-next-the-Sea, the magical Thursford Collection, award-winning Pensthorpe and unique Bressingham. In addition, we include a half-day tour of the Broads and a ride on the Bure Valley Steam Railway.

Our hotel is the **4\* Dunston Hall**, an imposing Grade II listed, Elizabethan-style mansion, built in 1859, that has been lovingly restored to its former glory and is set amidst 150 acres of stunning Norfolk parkland. The spacious bedrooms are smartly decorated, tastefully furnished and equipped to a high standard. The attractively appointed public rooms offer a wide choice of areas in which to relax, and the hotel also boasts a superb range of leisure facilities, including an indoor swimming pool. There are ground floor bedrooms, an adapted bedroom and a lift.

**Includes:** 3 nights half-board in en-suite bedrooms. Portage. Lift, ground floor bedrooms & an adapted bedroom. Leisure facilities. Two excursions & visits on outward & return journeys. Entrance to Bressingham and either Pensthorpe or the Thursford Collection. Fare for Bure Valley Railway. **Price per person: £399**

**Supplement for twin/double room for sole occupancy: £45 (first 6 only, £60 thereafter- max 6)**



## 2018 Tour - Dorset Delights

**Departs Thursday 7th June 2018 for 5 days, half-board**

Join us in the South Coast's premier resort, Bournemouth, perfect for exploring the delightful county of Dorset, an area immortalised by one of its most famous residents, the Victorian novelist, Thomas Hardy. Our three included excursions offer plenty of variety, with visits to historic towns, traditional seaside resorts and the stunning Compton Acres. In addition, there will be the opportunity to enjoy the cathedral city of Arundel, Georgian Lymington and maritime Portsmouth en-route.

Located on the prestigious East Cliff, overlooking the bay, Bournemouth's **Suncliff Hotel** is just a short stroll from the beach and the vibrant town centre. This 3-star standard hotel is an ideal base for our tour, with its comfortably furnished en-suite bedrooms, many with stunning sea views, welcoming Atlantis Restaurant, elegant Tropicana Lounge/Bar and spa, with indoor pool. There is a lift, ground floor rooms, an adapted room and some rooms with walk-in shower.

**Includes:** 4 nights half-board in en-suite bedrooms, lift, portorage, ground floor rooms, adapted room, leisure facilities, 4 excursions & visits to places of interest en-route. Evening entertainment.

**Cost per person: £439, Single Supplement: £NIL (6 rooms only)**

**Supplement for single occupancy of a double/twin room: £56, Guaranteed Sea View: on application**



## 2018 Tour - The Idyllic Isle of Wight

**Departs Monday 18th June 2018 for 4 nights, half-board**

A relaxing break on the idyllic Isle of Wight has to be at the top of everyone's holiday list, and this five-day tour offers something to suit all tastes. Our three included excursions take in the best the island has to offer; in addition, we pay a visit to the famous yachting centre of Cowes and the cathedral city of Winchester en-route.

Our hotel is the family run, 3\* **Bourne Hall**, an elegant Country House, set in mature grounds, south of Shanklin "old village" on the Isle of Wight. Situated in an elevated position

at the foot of Luccombe Downs, the hotel enjoys exquisite views, by day and night, across Sandown and Shanklin Bay, and onwards to Culver Downs. Originally built in the late 1860's, said to be for one of Queen Victoria's ladies in waiting, the "house" still retains its sense of history whilst providing comfortable accommodation, enhanced by its original Victorian features. There are 30 en-suite bedrooms, leisure facilities, including an indoor pool, and a stylish restaurant. Bedrooms are arranged over three floors, ground, first and second (no lift). There are two ground floor rooms available, one with a walk-in shower. **Includes:** 4 nights half-board in en-suite bedrooms, portorage, ground floor rooms, leisure centre. 3 excursions & visits on outward & return journeys. **Price per person: £POA, Single supplement: £NIL (4 only)**

**Supplement for twin/double room for sole occupancy: £60 (3 only)**



## 2018 Tour - Splendours of Northumberland

**Departs Monday 16th July 2018 for 5 days, half-board**

An exciting tour which explores the splendours Northumberland, an area boasting a wealth of beautiful scenery, historic buildings and a stunning coastline. Highlights of our three carefully planned excursions include: magical Holy Island, the vibrant market town of Hexham, award-winning Woodhorn, magnificent Alwick, Earl Grey's Howick Hall Gardens and Grace Darling's Bamburgh. In addition, we visit the historic cities of Lincoln and Durham en-route and there will be a photo stop at the Angel of the North.

Our base for this tour is the 4\* **Holiday Inn Gosforth Park**, a popular hotel set in 16 acres of grounds, conveniently located at Seaton Burn, just north of Newcastle. The hotel is currently enjoying significant investment and has recently gained its 4 star status. Each stylish bedroom boasts en-suite bathroom and is fully equipped with all the usual facilities. Accommodation is arranged over two floors (there is a lift), with many ground floor rooms and two bedrooms adapted for the disabled. Meals may be taken in the chic Blagdon Brasserie and a relaxing drink in the Mercury bar. For the energetic, there is a gym and indoor swimming pool.

**Includes:** 4 nights half-board in en-suite bedrooms, ground floor rooms, lift, portorage, leisure facilities. 3 excursions & visits to places of interest en-route. Entrance to Howick Hall Gardens.

**Cost per person: £439, Supplement for single occupancy of a twin/double room: £56 (first 6 only, £79 thereafter)**

## Buckinghamshire Chilterns, Henley & Marlow Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Our excursion today takes us through the peaceful wooded lanes and picturesque towns and villages of the Buckinghamshire Chilterns, with visits to the picturesque riverside towns of Henley & Marlow. After a coffee stop at Aylett Nurseries, we make our way to Henley "Queen of the Thames" one of the most beautiful towns in England and location for some Midsomer Murders! Time for lunch in one of the many cafes, shopping in the Georgian fronted High Street, or perhaps a stroll by the river, before we continue on to Marlow, equally beautiful, with its magnificent 19<sup>th</sup> Century suspension bridge crossing the Thames. We return via Beaconsfield, Amersham, with its collection of thatched cottages, Chesham & Bovington **Adult/S.C: £TBA**

## Pashley Manor Tulip Festival Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018

In late spring, on the border of Sussex and Kent, Pashley Manor Gardens hosts a spectacular Tulip Festival, comprising over 30,000 tulips, creating a stunning spectacle of colour. Over one hundred varieties of tulip are planted in colour themed garden 'rooms' with every shade imaginable on display. In addition, there are cut tulips in the award-winning Bloms Bulb marquee, where advice is available and bulb orders can be taken. With a café, gift shop, plant sales and exhibitions to enjoy, Pashley's Tulip Festival makes a superb day out. We will make a morning refreshment stop at Polhill Garden Centre (includes admission to Pashley) **Adults/SC: £TBA**



## 2018 Tour - Glorious North Yorkshire

**Departs Sunday 29th July 2018 for 5 days, half-board**

A lovely mid-summer break in glorious North Yorkshire, a county of dramatic coastal scenery, rugged moors, gentle rolling hills, magnificent stately homes, and an abundance of pretty villages and historic towns. A truly diverse region, which we plan to explore on our three carefully planned excursions. During our tour, we visit the stunning North York Moors, the gothic resort of Whitby, James Herriot's Thirsk, the historic

market town of Helmsley, award-winning Scampston and Heartbeat's Aidensfield. In addition, we have time at leisure in Scarborough, and visit the Wolds market town of Driffield, the cathedral city of Lincoln and Boundary Mills en-route.

The superbly situated **Esplanade**, one of our client's favourite hotels, stands proudly on Scarborough's South Cliff, with breathtaking panoramic views of the sweeping South Bay, from the magnificent bay window of its Landau Restaurant. All comfortable en-suite bedrooms are well equipped and many boast sea views. All floors are accessed via a lift and there is entertainment provided on some evenings.

**Includes:** 4 nights half-board in en-suite bedrooms, portorage, lift, 3 included excursions, visits on outward & return journeys, evening entertainment. Entrance to Scampston Hall & Gardens.

**Price per person: £449 Single Room Supplement: NIL (5 only)**

**Double or Twin room for single occupancy: £56 (subject to availability - 4 max)**



## 2018-North Wales Splendour, Cheshire's Charms & the Mersey Beat Friday 10th August 2018 for 5 days, Half-Board

This fabulous tour, which explores glorious North Wales, the charming county of Cheshire and the thriving city of Liverpool, boasts something for everyone. Our carefully planned excursions take us to pretty Llangollen, the beautiful Arley Estate, the Victorian resort of Llandudno and Lewis Carroll's Daresbury. We take an entraining guided coach tour of Liverpool, and, in addition, visit the RAF Museum at Cosford and Charles Darwin's home town of Shrewsbury, en-route.

A warm welcome awaits at the 4\* **Park Royal**, a fantastic hotel which blends a beautiful mix of modern facilities with elegant grandeur; part of the hotel having been built in 1831. All beautifully designed bedrooms are contemporary, well furnished and attractively co-ordinated. There are some bedrooms on the ground floor and the remainder are accessed via a lift. Meals are taken in the stylish restaurant, Topiary in the Park, and there is a leisure centre with indoor swimming pool.

**Includes:** 4 nights in en-suite bedrooms with dinner & breakfast, 4 excursions, visits on outward & return journeys, portorage, lift, ground floor rooms, leisure centre with pool, Liverpool guided tour, admission to Arley

**Price per person: £469, Supplement for a twin/double room for single occupancy: £56 (first 6 only, £79 thereafter)**



## 2018 Tour-Cumbria & beyond...featuring the Settle-Carlisle Railway Thursday 6th September 2018 for 5 days, half-board

This wonderful 5-day break, based in the pretty Cumbrian village of Wetheral, features three exciting excursions, taking in the magic and beauty of the area. Visits to the attractive market towns of Alston, Hexham, Settle and Appleby-in-Westmorland are all in our programme, as are charming Keswick, Grasmere & Hawkshead, situated in the heart of the glorious Lake District National Park. In addition, we visit Hadrian's Wall and take a scenic ride on the world famous Settle-Carlisle Railway. To complete our tour, outward and return

journeys include the award-winning floral towns of Wetherby and Harrogate. The Victorian 4\* **Crown Hotel**, situated by the River Eden, in the picturesque village of Wetheral, is four miles from the city of Carlisle, and is an ideal base for our tour. All tastefully furnished en-suite bedrooms are well equipped, and are located on the ground, first and second floors. Meals are taken in the Conservatory Restaurant and the well-stocked Walton's Bar is perfect for after dinner drinks. The hotel's comprehensive leisure centre boasts a 12m indoor swimming pool. For anyone preferring a day at leisure, pretty Wetheral boasts plenty of country walks, and Carlisle is just a 15 minute train journey from the village station. **Includes:** 4 nights half-board in en-suite bedrooms, portorage, 3 ground floor rooms (no lift), a disabled room, 3 excursions, visit on outward & return journeys. Fare for Settle-Carlisle Railway (Settle to Appleby-in-Westmorland).

**Price per person: £469, Single room supplement: £NIL (5 only)**

## Sunrise Coast & lunch at the Oakland's - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Today's excursion takes us into Norfolk where, once again, we visit the popular Oakland's Hotel, near Norwich, for an enjoyable lunch. After our meal, we spend the remainder of the day in the seaside resort of Lowestoft, the most easterly town in England and the heart of Suffolk's "Sunrise Coast". With its clean sandy beaches and excellent shopping areas, Lowestoft is the perfect place to spend a relaxing afternoon (includes 2-course lunch). **Adult/S.C: £TBA**

## Pashley Manor Dahlia Day - Saturday 8th September 2018

As summer turns to autumn the gardens at Pashley Manor, on the border of Sussex and Kent, are ablaze with the rich colours of over 40 varieties of dahlia. The hundreds of flowers in pink, yellow, white, purple, hot red and orange are complemented by roses, canna lilies, late flowering perennials and other annuals, in the magnificent herbaceous borders, which are at their best at this time of year. In addition, Bloms Bulbs will be in attendance, with a gorgeous display of cut/potted dahlias, giving advice and taking orders. With a café, gift shop, plant sales and exhibitions to enjoy, Pashley's Dalia extravaganza makes a superb day out. We will make a morning refreshment stop at Polhill Garden Centre (includes admission) **Adult/S.C: £TBA**



## 2018 Tour - Devon Delights at the Redcliffe

**Departs Sunday 23rd September 2018 for 5 days, Half-Board**

A charming five-day break, taking in South Devon's many treasures, and based at Paignton's excellent Redcliffe, for many years, one of our most popular hotels. Our tour includes four exciting excursions, encompassing a wide variety of places of interest, with visits to the attractive town of Kingsbridge, the Regency resort of Sidmouth, the colourful ports of Dartmouth & Topsham, picture-postcard Salcombe, Victorian Torquay, and the delightful Donkey Sanctuary. In addition, we spend time in historic Wells and Hardy's Dorchester en-

route, and there will also be the opportunity to travel on the Paignton to Dartmouth Steam Railway.

Our hotel is the elegant **3\* Redcliffe**, superbly situated in the resort of Paignton, in the centre of the "English Riviera". Set in three acres of grounds, with panoramic views across Tor Bay, the hotel, formally a grand private residence, has retained many of its unique features, including a fine carved staircase, elegant lounges, and a beautiful ballroom. Dining in the hotel's stylish Paris Singer Restaurant, with its delicious meals and stunning coastal views, has been likened to dining aboard a luxury liner, but without any of its discomforts! All en-suite bedrooms are well equipped; there is a lift and three ground floor rooms. For the energetic, the leisure complex boasts an indoor swimming pool. **Includes:** 4 nights half-board in en-suite bedrooms, lift, portage & ground floor rooms, leisure centre. 4 excursions & visits on outward & return journeys.

**Price per person: £469, Single Supplement: £NIL (10 only)**

## 2018 tour - A Welsh Panorama...Magical Mid-Wales

**Sunday 30th September 2018 for 5 days, half-board**

Our wonderful tour is based at the excellent **4\* Metropole Hotel** (above left), centrally located in the spa town of Llandrindod Wells. Our interesting and varied itinerary includes stunning mountain scenery, historic towns, magnificent reservoirs & beautiful gardens. We visit the majestic NT Powis Castle & Garden, Welsh Royal Crystal, Rhayader, and Victorian Aberystwyth. In addition, we take a ride on the historic Vale of Rheidol Railway, tour the Elan Valley Reservoirs and admire the breathtaking Red Kites. On our travelling days we enjoy the beautiful Cotswolds, pretty Witney, Western's Cider Works & elegant Royal Leamington Spa. *This is truly a tour not to be missed.*



The beautiful 'Heart of Wales' provides a tranquil setting for the welcoming **4 star Metropole Hotel**. Centrally located in the historic spa town of Llandrindod Wells, the Victorian Metropole has been owned by the Baird-Murray family for over 100 years. All tastefully decorated en-suite bedrooms are furnished to a high standard and are equipped with colour TV, telephone, tea/coffee tray etc. There are lifts to all floors and two bedrooms are adapted for the disabled. The Metropole Spa, located in a Victorian-style conservatory, boasts a magnificent 18m heated swimming pool. **Includes:** 4 nights half-board in en-suite bedrooms, portage, lift, leisure centre with swimming pool. 3 included excursions with visits on outward & return journeys. Fare for train. **Cost per person: £469 Single supplement: £40 (6 only)**

## 2018 Tour - The Cream of Cornwall

**Departs Thursday 1st November 2018 for 5 days, half-board**

Once again we join our friends at the Rosemundy House Hotel, in the picturesque Cornish village of St Agnes, with its beautiful beaches & breathtaking scenery. Look out for Stippy Stappy, the row of pretty sea captains cottages, which tumble down the hillside, and also the remains of the stone built engine houses, a reminder of the village's mining past. Our tour includes three lovely excursions, with visits to the pretty Roseland Peninsula & St Mawes, the picturesque ports of Padstow & Charlestown, the cathedral city of Truro, the charming resort of St Ives, the fascinating National Lobster Hatchery and Cornwall Gold &



Pearl, with its stunning array of jewellery.

Our hotel is the welcoming, family run **3\* Rosemundy House**, an elegant Queen Anne residence dating back to the 1780's, beautifully situated amongst secluded gardens & woodlands, where we are assured of a warm welcome and excellent cuisine. The Rosemundy is ideally situated to explore the county of Cornwall and is also a comfortable home-from-home when at leisure. All well appointed en-suite bedrooms are on either the ground or first floor; for relaxation, there are two comfortable lounges. Meals are waitress served in the attractive restaurant.

**Includes:** 4 nights half-board in en-suite bedrooms, portage, ground floor rooms, disabled rooms, entertainment, 3 excursions, visits on outward & return journeys. Entrance to Lobster Hatchery. Note: no lift

**£419 per person, Single Supplement: £NIL (5 single rooms only)**

**Supplement for a double room for sole occupancy: £TBA (subject to availability)**

## Neasden Temple & RAF Hendon – Thursday 26th July 2018

This fascinating excursion takes us to the breathtaking BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir (Neasden Hindu Temple), a masterpiece of exquisite Indian design and workmanship, set amongst beautiful gardens, in the heart of London; a haven of beauty, peace & discovery. During our visit we learn about the world's oldest living faith and take a tour of the temple, with its amazing, intricate marble and wooden carvings. Our afternoon will be spent at the Royal Air Force Museum at Hendon, a popular attraction for all ages, with attractions, exhibitions & aircraft on display (includes temple tour & admission to RAF Hendon) **Adult/S.C: £TBA**

## Neasden Temple & Brent Cross shopping – Thursday 26th July 2018

As above, except, instead of RAF Hendon, spend the afternoon at the Brent Cross Shopping Centre, with its multitude of shops and eating places (includes temple tour). **Adult/S.C: £TBA**



## 2018 Tour - Magnificent Castle Howard at Christmas

**Departs Sunday 18th November 2018 for 2 days, half-board**

This festive break takes us to one of Britain's finest historic estates, Castle Howard, home to the Howard family for over 300 years. In the lead up to Christmas, this magnificent 18th century residence, set within the breathtaking landscape of the Howardian Hills, is beautifully decorated, with no less than thirteen of its exquisite rooms open to the public. For 2017, the theme for the glorious floral creations and inspired decorations is "Angels on High", created by Charlotte Lloyd-Webber and Brette Gerecke; details of the 2018 extravaganza will be announced shortly.

In addition to the magnificent decorations, there will be a cosy indoor Christmas Market, with hand-picked stalls, packed with exceptional gifts and treats: from sweet and savoury confectionery, to unusual kitchen utensils; table settings, from candles to crackers; diffusers and scents of Christmas; beauty products and toys. The House & Courtyard Gift Shops, Farm Shop & Garden Shop will also be open. Hands-on activities include, practical workshops, with opportunities to make unusual Christmas gifts and decorations. Not forgetting the all important refreshments...there are many food outlets, including the Christmas marquee attached to the main House.

Our hotel is East Yorkshire's modern **4\* Hallmark**, beautifully situated within 17 acres of landscaped grounds, with stunning views of the famous Humber Bridge, once the longest single-span suspension bridge on earth. All stylish en-suite bedrooms are tastefully furnished and well equipped; there is a contemporary wine bar and restaurant, with panoramic views of the Humber Estuary. The leisure centre boasts a gym, sauna and spa. No lift, but several ground floor bedrooms.

**Includes:** 1 night half-board in en-suite bedrooms, portorage, disabled rooms, ground floor rooms, entrance to Castle Howard. Please note: The hotel restaurant is accessed via 7 steps (there is a handrail); those with mobility issues will be given the option to eat in the lounge area if they wish. This itinerary has been based on the latest information available from Castle Howard; it will be updated as soon as they publish their 2018 Christmas programme.

**Price per person: £159 Double room for single occupancy supplement: £10**



## 2018 Tour - The Thursford Christmas Spectacular

**Sun 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018 for 2 days**

**Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018 for 2 days**

For the eleventh year in succession, join us for a wonderful two-day break in the county of Norfolk, with the highlight of the tour being a visit to the marvellous Thursford Christmas spectacular...a festive extravaganza not to be missed. The show, with its cast of over 100 professional, singers, dancers, musicians and a comedian, gets better each year and never fails to delight its audience. The

magical auditorium is beautifully adorned with sparkling decorations at every turn and the shops are full with Christmas gifts. At to this, the awe inspiring Phil Kelsall, Blackpool Tower's Resident Organist, playing the Mighty Wurlitzer, and you have a recipe for a successful celebration of the festive season that keeps visitors returning year after year.

**A perfect pre-Christmas treat.**

Our hotel is the superb **Abacus 4\* Best Western PLUS Knights Hill Hotel**, a restored farm complex, set in 11 acres of parkland and garden, on the outskirts of Kings Lynn. All smartly decorated en-suite bedrooms are equipped with the usual facilities; the majority are situated on the ground and first floor of the main hotel, while the remainder are in a separate building. Meals are taken in either the elegant Garden Restaurant or Knights Barn, and for relaxation, there is an indoor swimming pool. The hotel has no lift, however there are many ground floor rooms available.

**Includes:** 1 night half-board in en-suite bedrooms, disabled bedroom, portorage, ground floor bedrooms, ticket for Thursford Spectacular, visits on outward & return journeys

**Cost per person: £TBA, Supplement for single-occupancy of a Twin/Double room: £TBA**



## Boon's Calibre Travel - Christmas 2018

**Departs Sunday 23rd December 2018 for 5 days, half/full-board**

Let someone else take the strain this year...join us for five days of good company and fine food, with friends old and new, on our popular Christmas break, this year based at the welcoming Hallmark Preston Leyland. Our hotel has arranged a lovely package of food and entertainment, with no less than three included lunches, two afternoon teas, welcome

refreshments and nibbles after midnight mass. As usual, we take you on two excursions, and provide transport to the Boxing Day pantomime and the Christmas Eve Church Service. On the coach, there will be our traditional free raffle, plenty of chocolates and, of course, we'll ensure Santa has presents for all. **A great hotel, convivial company and the usual Boon's extras; we're confident our 2018 seasonal celebration will be a winner.**

Our hotel is the **4\* Hallmark Preston Leyland**, a modern, luxurious hotel, located in the heart of Lancashire, a diverse county of traditional seaside resorts, industrial heritage & Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Famous for the War of the Roses, Hotpot and the unfortunate "Pendle Witches", Lancashire is a land of legends and traditions. All hotel bedrooms are well equipped and offer en-suite facilities; there is no lift, however, ground floor rooms are available. Meals are taken in the Four Seasons Restaurant and a relaxing drink in the J28 Lounge Bar. The leisure centre boasts an indoor swimming pool.

**Includes:** 4 nights half-board in en-suite bedrooms, Christmas Day lunch, Christmas Eve lunch, Boxing Day lunch & Christmas package as described, visits on outward & return journeys, two excursions, optional pantomime. Portorage, leisure centre, adapted bedroom. Christmas Gift. Raffle & chocolates on the coach.

**Cost per person: £585**

**Supplement for double/twin room for single occupancy: £40 (first 10 only, £60 thereafter – subject to availability)**