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A very warm welcome to our exciting brochure for 2016; packed full with a wonderful selection of holidays, short breaks and day excursions.

Our aim, as ever, is to give you the best coach travel experience possible, and our itineraries have been carefully planned with your pleasure and enjoyment in mind.

As usual, we have included some new tours, alongside the familiar favourites, and feel confident that you will find something of interest.

For all of our holidays and short breaks, all excursions are included in the tour price, and for most destinations, visits to places of interest en-route are possible; making travelling days enjoyable, rather than days to be endured.

In order to maintain and improve our service, we positively encourage you to give us feedback on your experiences. We appreciate all of your comments, so please keep writing, emailing and telephoning; we love to hear from you.

We are greatly looking forward to the pleasure of your company during 2016 and wish you all a happy and healthy year ahead.

Don't miss out...call us now on **01245 382397**

The difference is... we care...

Methods of Payment

We accept payment via cheque, bank transfer, cash, credit card and debit card.



Please refer to page 24 for further details

Gift Vouchers



Stuck for ideas for Christmas, birthdays or any other special occasion?

Our gift vouchers make a popular and much appreciated present for friends and family. Vouchers can be issued for any amount and are redeemable for both day excursions and holidays.

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About Us

The Boon's name has been associated with the travel industry for over 70 years.



Hector Boon and his restored 1950 Bedford, which was operated alongside the modern fleet during the 80's

In 1993, Suzanne Evans established Boon's Calibre Travel alongside the well respected Boreham coach hire business, Boon's Coaches, to specialise in the provision of quality coach tours and day excursions.

Today, Suzanne, who was born in Boreham, runs the business from the neighbouring village of Hatfield Peverel, using vehicles supplied by Kings Coaches, an established family firm of more than 60 years standing. She is married to Alan and they have two sons, Matthew and David.

Boon's Calibre Travel is committed to promoting quality tours and excursions to the exacting standards expected from a company bearing the Boon's name, while still retaining the caring family ethos, which is so important, and yet, is sadly lacking in today's world.

The company's success in local, regional and national industry awards, in particular for excellent customer service, is indicative of Suzanne's commitment to the business and her clients.



The boys, summer 2015

A message from the proprietor

We hope that after reading through our brochure, you will be inspired to travel with us. We have put on paper the facts concerning each holiday, short break and day excursion, however, the "family" atmosphere that prevails on our tours cannot be expressed in black and white, so we invite you to join our many regular customers (indeed friends) to experience for yourselves what we have to offer.

We very much look forward to meeting you soon.

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All holidays & short breaks feature...

- ② Accommodation of 3 star standard or above, unless stated otherwise
- ② En-suite bedrooms
- ② Breakfast & evening meal*
- ② All listed excursions
- ② Local boarding points
- ② No feeder coaches
- ② No interchanges

* unless stated otherwise in the tour description

Day Excursions 2016

A selection of carefully planned Day Excursions for your pleasure & enjoyment

Unless otherwise stated, we require a non-refundable £10 per person deposit on booking, with the balance 6 weeks prior to travel (see page 7 for other terms).

Spring Tour with lunch at Bosworths

Wednesday 6th April

Our circular spring tour takes us through Chipping Ongar, Fyfield, the Rodings, Great Dunmow and Medieval Thaxted to beautiful Finchingfield, renowned for its picture-postcard village green, duck pond and post mill. After a lovely carvery lunch in Bosworth's Tea Rooms, we return home via Steeple Bumpstead, Baythorne End, Great Yeldham, Sible Hedingham, Halstead & Earls Colne, stopping en-route at Poplar Nurseries, a leading independent garden centre selling gifts and items for the home, with a restaurant & a well stocked farm shop (includes carvery main course & tea/coffee – sweets are extra, payable on the day).

Adults/SC: £38.95 (Not B & S)

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Tuesday 19th April



With a host of stars from stage & screen, the fabulous, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang lands at the Cliffs Pavilion. One of the world's favourite musicals, the adventures of the loveable but whacky inventor, Caractacus Potts, along with his two children and the gorgeous Truly Scrumptious will have audiences of all ages flying high with its mixture of madness, intrigue and exuberance, as they strive to outwit the bombastic Baron Bomburst and the evil Child Catcher.

Cliffs Pavilion, Southend. Top price seats. 7.30pm perf.

Adults: £56.95, S.C.: £54.95, U16: £49.95

William Morris Gallery & lunch at the Grim's Dyke Hotel Thursday 28th April



This excursion takes us to the William Morris Gallery, where we learn about Britain's most revolutionary Victorian designer, who took inspiration for his textiles, furniture and ceramics from nature; using birds, plants & animals in his unique designs. Our afternoon will be spent at the Grade II listed 4* Grim's Dyke Hotel, the magnificent former country residence of Sir William Gilbert (Gilbert & Sullivan), where we take lunch in Gilberts, the AA rosette restaurant, and stroll in the peaceful gardens & woodlands (includes 2-course lunch & admission to gallery)

Adult/S.C.: £44.95

The Thursford Collection & behind-the-scenes tour Tuesday 17th May

In addition to the Christmas Spectacular, there is much to see and do at Thursford at other times of the year. See the world's largest collection of steam engines and organs, hear Robert Wolfe on the mighty Wurlitzer, ride on fairground carousels, enjoy refreshments in the Barn Restaurant and shop in the olde worlde village. We have also included an enjoyable 'Behind-the-Scenes' guided tour to see the huge wardrobe of exquisite costumes and flamboyant head-dresses worn in the Christmas Spectacular, along with the decorations which transform the museum into a winter wonderland (includes admission & tour).

Adult/S.C.: £43.95 (Not B & S)

High Weald & lunch at the Bendenden Bull

Wednesday 25th May

Today we visit the High Weald of Kent, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Our scenic route takes us through the Weald villages of Frant, Wadhurst, Ticehurst, Flimwell and Hawkhurst to the idyllic village of Benenden, home of the Bull PH. We enjoy a lovely lunch, before making our way through Tenterden, Headcorn, Borough Green & Seal to the Polhill Garden Centre, where we have time for refreshments & shopping. (Includes 2-course lunch, tea/coffee)

Adult/S.C.: £46.95

The Shuttleworth Collection & Swiss Garden

Thursday 16th June

Our first stop today is fabulous Van Hage's, with its treasure-trove of gifts and items for the home & garden. Continuing on, we arrive at the magnificent Shuttleworth Collection, a traditional glass aerodrome housing a world-famous collection of aircraft dating from 1909 to 1942, plus vintage cars, motorcycles and horse-drawn vehicles. Alongside is the recently restored, Regency Swiss Garden, a charming early 19th century landscape garden, with plants from all over the world, ponds, bridges, rose arbours, miniature buildings, a grotto and fernery, and a tiny, thatched Swiss Cottage (includes admissions)

Adult/S.C.: £45.95

Des O'Connor & Jimmy Tarbuck Sunday 26th June



Des O'Connor joins Jimmy Tarbuck, live on stage, for this one off appearance. Two legends of television, show-business and the Royal Variety Performance come together, accompanied by music and video, to

reminisce and entertain for one night only. Don't miss this chance to see Des and Jimmy together, in what will also be a night of theatrical history, brought to Southend, following their sell-out show at the London Palladium. Cliffs Pavilion, Southend. Top price seats. 7.30pm perf. **Balance due: 26/4/16**
Adults/S.C./Child: £49.95

Blooms of Bressingham & lunch at the Oaklands

Tuesday 28th June

On leaving our local boarding points we make our way to Diss, where we stop for coffee at Blooms of Bressingham, with its wide array of plants, garden products and gifts for the home. Continuing on, we arrive at the welcoming, family owned Oaklands hotel, situated in beautiful gardens, overlooking the Yare Valley, on the outskirts of the city of Norwich. We enjoy a lovely carvery lunch before returning home (includes 2-course carvery lunch)

Adults/S.C: £39.95 (Not B & S)

Musical - Chicago

Thursday 30th June



The international award winning musical, Chicago, is based on events in the roaring 1920s; nightclub singer Roxie Hart shoots her lover and, along with Cell Block rival, double-murderess Velma Kelly, they fight to keep from death row with the help of smooth talking lawyer, Billy Flynn. Starring John Partridge (Eastenders) as Billy Flynn, Hayley Tamaddon (Coronation Street) as Roxie Hart, and Sam Bailey (X Factor) as Matron 'Mama' Morton!! Cliffs Pavilion, Southend. Top price seats. 8pm perf.

Adults: £54.50, S.C: £52, U16: £37

The Royal Hospital Chelsea (Chelsea Pensioners)

Friday 8th July

Today we visit the Royal Hospital Chelsea in the heart of London, the 300-year-old home to the iconic Chelsea Pensioners. The Royal Hospital is a Grade I and II listed site, a beautiful architectural legacy left to the nation by Charles II and Sir Christopher Wren. We take a guided walking tour, led by a resident Chelsea Pensioner, and discover the history behind this unique national institution and hear the

captivating stories of the inhabitants - both past and present - we also learn what life is like for today's veterans (includes guided tour).

Adults/S.C: £42.50

Historic Hitchin & the Lavender Fields

Tuesday 19th July

Historic Hitchin in Hertfordshire has been a vibrant market town for over 1000 years and boasts one of the largest open air traditional markets in the country. Time to browse amongst the many stalls, before we pay an afternoon visit to nearby Hitchin Lavender, where we take a guided tour through the lavender rows and pick our own fresh flowers. A beautiful 17th century barn sells refreshments, lavender products and plants (includes guided tour & tea/coffee)

Adults/S.C: £39.95

Sleepy Southwold & lunch in Delightful Dunwich

Thursday 28th July.

Today's ever popular tour commences with a coffee stop at the welcoming Notcuts Garden Centre in Woodbridge. Continuing on, through rolling expanses of broom and heather, we reach the former Roman and Medieval port of Dunwich, where we enjoy lunch at Flora Tearooms, reputedly the best fish and chip restaurant in East Anglia. We spend the afternoon in the quiet, unspoilt, seaside resort of Southwold, with its picturesque greens, pretty cottages, 19th century lighthouse, pier and colourful beach huts (includes 2-course fish & chip lunch with tea/coffee - salads are available).

Adults/S.C: £43.95 (Not B & S)

Elegant Richmond & a tour of the Poppy Factory

Wednesday 17th August



Today we visit elegant Richmond upon Thames, a favourite retreat of Royalty, the rich & the famous, with its beautiful parks and open spaces, many eateries

and fine shopping areas. The afternoon will be spent at the nearby Poppy Factory, where we will be greeted with tea & biscuits, prior to an informative guided tour, which includes a talk, video presentation and a walk round the factory floor to see the poppies and wreaths being made. Afterwards there will be the opportunity to purchase souvenirs from the gift shop (includes tour & refreshments) Note: Numbers are limited to 34.

Adults/S.C: £31.50

Suffolk Villages & lunch at the Four Horseshoes

Thursday 1st September

Today we make our way to the pretty village of Thornham Magna where we take lunch at reputedly the oldest pub in Suffolk, the Four Horseshoes; a family run 12th century thatched Inn, as lovely on the inside, as it is strikingly beautiful on the outside. Our return journey takes us via the pretty villages of Eye & Debenham to Stonham Barns, where we have time to visit the shops and Carters of Suffolk, makers of collectable & novelty tea pots for almost 40 yrs (includes 2-course meal, tea/coffee)

Adults/S.C: £44.95 (Not B & S)

The Buckinghamshire Chilterns, Henley & Marlow

Saturday 10th September



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 Nottcuts Garden Centre nr St Albans, 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 19th Century suspension bridge crossing the Thames. We return via Beaconsfield, Amersham, with its collection of thatched cottages, Chesham & Bovington.

Adults/S.C: £34.50

Jane McDonald

Thursday 15th September

Singer and TV star, Jane McDonald, one of the nation's favourite entertainers, returns to the Cliffs Pavilion with her brand new show. An exciting and emotionally charged evening of music and laughter, featuring many best loved songs from her incredible career.

Together with fantastic musicians and backing singers, Jane brings the audience to their feet with this ultimate feel-good show. This is one night you won't want to miss!

Cliffs Pavilion, Southend. Top price seats. 8pm perf. **Balance due: 15/7/16**

Adults: £55.95, S.C: £54.45

Chas & Dave

Saturday 17th September

The cockney duo, Chas & Dave, really know how to give their audience a good time, and continue to sell out theatres all over the UK. Over the past two years they have headlined The Royal Variety Show, sold out The Royal Albert Hall, performed an arena tour with Status Quo and performed at the VE Day Concert. So due to public demand, performing all the hits that made them famous, they are here in Southend once more.

Cliffs Pavilion, Southend. Top price seats. 8pm perf. **Balance due: 17/7/16**

Adults/S.C: £49.95

Historic Dedham & lunch at the Lavenham Swan

Monday 3rd October

Today's tour takes us across country, via Great Horkesley, Nayland and Lavenheath, to beautiful Lavenham, the finest medieval village in England, where we take lunch at the stunning 15th century, 4 * Swan Hotel, with its award-winning restaurant. After lunch, we make our way via picturesque Monk Leigh and ancient Hadleigh to the attractive village of Dedham, in the heart of Constable Country, with its main street lined with Georgian-fronted houses, old inns, tearooms and a large art/crafts centre (includes two-course lunch)

Adults/S.C: £44.50 (Not B & S)

Norwich & the Van Dal Shoe Factory Tour

Thursday 13th October

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 (includes tour). Note: Numbers are limited to 34.

Adults/S.C: £31.50 (Not B & S)

Ely Cathedral Christmas Gift & Food Fair

Fri 18th or Sat 19th Nov

Today's excursion takes us to beautiful, historic Ely, where we experience the hugely successful Christmas Gift and Food Fair, held in the city's fine cathedral, one of the most magnificent in England. Ample time to find that perfect gift or unique festive decoration, before we head for home (includes admission)

Date & price available March. (NOT B & S)
See below for advance booking information*

Musical - Sister Act (with lunch)

Saturday 26th November

Sister Act, based on the smash hit movie starring Whoopi Goldberg, and directed by Strictly's Craig Revel Horwood, is the funniest musical comedy around. Deloris Van Cartier, a disco diva, witnesses a murder. Under protective custody she is hidden in the one place she won't be found - a Convent! Disguised as a nun, Deloris helps her fellow sisters find their voices, as she unexpectedly rediscovers her own, with hilarious consequences.

Cliffs Pavilion, Southend. Top price seats. 2.30pm perf. 2-course lunch included

Adults: £71.50, S.C: £69.50, U16: £66.50

Thursford Christmas Spectacular



November/December

Join us for the matinee performance of this ever-popular Christmas extravaganza...as we walk through the doors we are greeted by a spectacle of colour, Christmas decorations adorn the theatre as we sit down ready to be thrilled by the lights, music and nostalgia of this wonderful show. (Thursford ticket

included). Sorry no children under 8 yrs. Dates & prices available March.

Balance due: 22/8/16 (Not B & S)

See below for advance booking information*

For Thursford 2-day breaks, see p.21

Snape Maltings Christmas Spectacular December



Following last years successful visit to Snape Maltings Concert Hall in Suffolk, we again take our seats for the Co-op Juniors Theatre Company's Christmas Spectacular; The Snow Queen...a frozen musical. The Co-op Juniors are the largest amateur theatre group in the UK and were established during WW2. The cast includes performers of all ages, from children through to adults, and they have an excellent reputation for their work. Snape Maltings also boasts a range of independent craft and gift shops, tea room and a restaurant. Date & price available March. **(Not B & S)**

See below for advance booking information*

New Years Eve Viennese Gala Concert

Saturday 31st December

Back by popular demand...for the ninth year running...a spectacular night out at London's Barbican Concert Hall. Herald the New Year with a sumptuous evening of traditional Viennese favourites with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra led from the violin by John Georgiadis (performance commences at 7.30pm and finishes approx 10pm). Price available June/July.

See below for advance booking information*

***For Thursford, Ely, Snape & New Years Eve, please call to add your name to our advance booking list, no commitment, but you will be the first to be contacted when we are notified of dates, ticket prices & booking terms.**

(Not B & S) = No Shenfield & Brentwood pickups

How to book your Day Excursion

Day Excursion Boarding Points

Additional boarding points are available for holidays & short breaks, see pages 27 & 28

- ⑤ Colchester
- ⑤ Stanway, Kings Coaches depot & Tollgate Centre*
- ⑤ Marks Tey, Feering & Kelvedon
- ⑤ Witham (Old Post Office, Town Hall, Bridge Hosp)
- ⑤ Hatfield Peverel & Boreham
- ⑤ Springfield, A12 services
- ⑤ North Springfield
- ⑤ Chelmer Village Way (ASDA & Henniker Gate)
- ⑤ Springfield Rd (Plough, Lionmede & Balmoral Ct)
- ⑤ Chelmsford, Victoria Road
- ⑤ Chelmsford, New London Road
- ⑤ Chelmsford, Waterhouse Lane
- ⑤ Chelmsford, Wood Street
- ⑤ Chelmsford, Gloucester Avenue
- ⑤ Gt Baddow & Galleywood
- ⑤ Stock & Margaretting
- ⑤ Ingatestone & Mountnessing
- ⑤ Shenfield & Brentwood**
- ⑤ Maldon/Heybridge/Langford

Please note:

* There is limited car parking at Kings Coaches depot in Stanway;

**** Brentwood and Shenfield not available for departures marked (Not B&S)**

All of the boarding points listed above are available at the time of booking, should they be required, however, due to natural demand only a selection will be utilised for any one particular excursion. If you book within 14 days of departure only those boarding points already selected will be available to you.

Terms & Conditions

(Day Excursions, Theatres & Concerts)

1a For direct bookings, either full payment, or the specified deposit, must be made on booking. Where a deposit is paid, the balance must be forwarded by the balance due date (either 6 weeks prior to departure, or the date specified in the excursion description) otherwise ticket(s) will be offered for resale and the deposit forfeited. For some excursions involving theatre or concert tickets, there may be other payment terms, however, this will be made clear in the excursion description.

1b If booking through an agent, full payment must be made on booking.

2a Cancellation/transfer of direct bookings: once tickets are purchased (or deposits paid) refunds will be made, minus the value of the deposit, up until the balance due date. After this date, no refunds will be made, but if you are unable to travel you may pass your ticket to a substitute. If you ask us to re-sell tickets we will endeavour to do so, however, there will be an administrative charge equivalent to either 20% of the full ticket value or to the value of the deposit (whichever is greater) if we are successful. You may transfer your booking to another departure (within the current season), up until the balance due date, after this date full cancellation charges apply. For some excursions involving theatre or concert tickets, there may be other cancellation/transfer terms, however, this will be made clear in the excursion description.

2b Cancellation/transfer of agent bookings: no refunds will be made unless we are able to re-sell tickets, in which case, we will deal directly with the customer & make a 30% charge to cover administration & agent's commission. You may transfer your booking to a substitute or it may be possible to transfer to another departure, subject to the terms in 2a.

3 Please refer to pages 25 and 28 for our policy on infectious & contagious diseases, which applies to all departures.

4 Coaches are designated non-smoking; we reserve the right to terminate the journey of anyone who does not comply with this ruling.

5 No alcoholic drinks are to be consumed on coaches

6 No animals are to be transported on coaches.

7 We reserve the right to cancel any trip that is financially unviable due to a low number of people booked, in which case all monies will be refunded. No further liability is accepted. We also reserve the right to cancel, at any time, due to the unforeseen circumstances described in item 9.

8 We reserve the unconditional right to curtail the journey of (a) anyone likely to cause the spread of infectious/ contagious diseases (b) anyone causing distress to others through unreasonable conduct. No refunds will be given & we will not be held responsible for any expense incurred.

9 We cannot be held liable for any late arrivals due to circumstances beyond our control. For example delays due to: road works, road traffic accidents, other traffic incidents, and acts of terrorism such as bomb scares, medical incidents concerning passengers, freak weather conditions, fire, industrial disputes and other similar events beyond our control. We accept no liability for any expense incurred due to unforeseen occurrences such as cancellation of shows, concerts and events.

10 If you have an unresolved complaint during your day excursion, please refer to pages 25 & 26 for our complaints procedure, which applies to all departures.

How to book your Day Excursion

- 1** Call Suzanne on **01245 382 397** to check availability and place a provisional booking. You may also email your requirements to: boons-holidays@talktalk.net
- 2** Read our Terms and Conditions and forward your payment, along with your name, address, telephone number, excursion title, excursion date and boarding point. Please mention any special needs; dietary, mobility etc. On booking, please pay* either (a) full amount or (b) the specified deposit, with the balance by the specified due date. If you pay by card or bank transfer, booking information can be given verbally or by email.
- 3** We do not issue written confirmations for excursion payments. Your tickets, along with your boarding time, will be forwarded by post, at least 7 days prior to the excursion departure date.

** If you require a receipt for your payment prior to the tickets being issued please enclose a SAE. Alternatively, please supply your email address and we will email a receipt for your payment(s)*

- ⑤ Children under 3 yrs of age travel free of charge on day excursions, reduced rates for older children are available on some departures, please call for details.
- ⑤ Group reductions apply for groups of 7 fare paying passengers & above (see page 24 for details).
- ⑤ Please make all cheques payable to: Boon's Calibre Travel.

Alternatively, you may wish to book through one of our appointed agents:

- ⑤ First Bus Chelmsford
- ⑤ First Bus Colchester
- ⑤ Witham Visitor Information Centre
- ⑤ Maldon Tourist Information Centre
- ⑤ Gallivant Travel (Ingatestone)

Group discounts cannot be applied if booking via an agent.

All excursions must be paid for in full if booking via an agent.

Easter Weekend...

Charming Cheshire & the Mersey Beat

Friday 25th March 2016

4 Days **£335**
per person



Join us for Easter weekend in the beautiful county of Cheshire and the thriving city of Liverpool. On Saturday, a tour guide will board our coach to bring alive the history of Liverpool and remind us of its massive contribution to the world of entertainment and music. On Sunday, we visit Macclesfield's Treacle Market and then Daresbury Church, where we learn about the village's most famous son, Lewis Carroll. In addition, we spend time in the literary city of Lichfield and historic Worcester en-route.

YOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: We depart from our local boarding points, and after a break for refreshments, make a lunchtime visit to historic Lichfield, a city famous for its stunning cathedral and as the birthplace of Samuel Johnson, one of the greatest literary figures of the 18th century. Continuing on, we arrive at our hotel in good time for dinner.

Day 2: Following breakfast today, we explore the fascinating city of Liverpool, renowned for its maritime history and world-beating musical heritage. On arrival, we will be joined by our guide, who will board the coach and accompany us on an entertaining "musical history tour", taking in the sounds and sights of a city that has provided the world with a wealth of talent. We spend the lunchtime period at the revitalised waterfront area with its many shops and attractions, including the Merseyside Maritime

Museum, the Tate Liverpool and the award-winning Beatles Story. This afternoon, either explore the city and dockside at leisure, or take a "Ferry 'cross the Mersey" and enjoy breathtaking views with a full commentary (admissions for attractions and fare for cruise extra).

Day 3: After breakfast this morning, we take a scenic route across Cheshire, home of the rich and famous, to the former silk manufacturing town of Macclesfield, known as "Treacle town", situated on edge of the Peak District. Many years ago, a horse drawn wagon overturned, spilling its cargo of treacle onto the town's cobbles and every month the accident is remembered when the town hosts a "Treacle Market", consisting of a multitude of stalls selling a variety of goods. After lunch, we visit the village of Daresbury, birthplace of Lewis Carroll. Carroll's life and work is celebrated at the Lewis

SUPPLEMENTS

Twin/double room for single occupancy:

£30 (first 12, £45 thereafter)

Carroll Centre and in All Saints Church, where there is an "Alice in Wonderland" stained glass window. We enjoy a fascinating talk with refreshments, before returning to our hotel.

Day 4: After breakfast, we make our way home, stopping en-route at the historic city of Worcester, famous for Royal Worcester porcelain and its magnificent Norman cathedral. Continuing on, we travel through the mellow villages of the Cotswolds and arrive back in Essex early evening.

HOTEL

Park Royal ★★★★★

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. All beautifully designed en-suite 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 and there is a leisure centre with indoor swimming pool.

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights half-board in en-suite bedrooms • portage
- lift • ground floor rooms
- leisure centre • Easter egg
- 2 excursions • visits on outward & return journeys
- guided tour of Liverpool
- Lewis Carroll talk with refreshments

The Cream of Cornwall in Springtime



Spring arrives early in Cornwall and is usually considered to have “sprung” when the Magnolias burst into flower around mid-March. Whilst the county is a delight to visit at any time of the year, springtime is generally considered the best time to visit, when the famous gardens are a riot of bloom and the countryside is awash with colour. Our tour takes in two of the Great Gardens of Cornwall along with the pretty villages of St Mawes, Port Isaac & St Agnes. We also visit the beautiful Lizard & Roseland Peninsulas.

YOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: We depart from our local boarding points and head for the Southwest, stopping en-route for refreshments and lunch.

Day 2: After breakfast, we make our way to the Roseland Peninsula, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, with pretty villages and unrivalled coastal scenery. The Roseland's principal village, St Mawes, situated at its southern end, has a picturesque harbour, with whitewashed houses, guarded by Henry VIII's clover-leaf shaped castle. This afternoon, we visit Trewithen, a magical garden, at its best in spring and regarded as one of the best in England, home to a wealth of exciting, rare and beautiful plants and trees, including magnificent camellias, magnolias, rhododendrons and azaleas.

Day 3: This morning, we visit the pretty fishing village of Port Isaac, a popular film and TV location, most recently transformed into fictional Port Wenn,

for the comedy drama Doc Martin. Returning to St Agnes, we spend the remainder of the day at leisure, either relaxing in our hotel or exploring the village, with its fascinating museum, beautiful beaches & breathtaking scenery. Look out for Stippy Stappy, the row of pretty sea captains cottages which tumble down the hillside, the remains of the stone built engine houses, a reminder of the village's mining past, or perhaps take a walk to the beautiful Trevaunance Cove.

Day 4: Today, we explore the Lizard Peninsula, the most southerly part of the British mainland and the site of Marconi's first radio signal in 1901. The Lizard's mild climate and unique geology has produced an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, with the cliffs at Lizard Point being noted for their sinister-sounding "Serpentine", a dark green rock, veined in red and white, which lends itself to being carved and polished. Continuing on, we take a scenic route, round Mounts

Monday 11th April 2016

5 Days £429
per person

SUPPLEMENTS

Single supplement:

£NIL (5 only)

Supplement for double/twin room for sole occupancy: **£40**

Bay, past the magical St Michaels Mount, to NT Trengwainton, a sheltered garden bursting with exotic trees and shrubs, where spring always arrives early. Ample time to explore the Kitchen Garden and admire the Walled Gardens, crammed full with plants from around the world, before we return to St Agnes. (Entrance to Trengwainton extra, free for NT Members).

Day 5: After breakfast, we commence our return journey, making suitable stops en-route for refreshments & lunch.

HOTEL

Rosemundy House Hotel ★★

Once again, we join our friends at the welcoming, family run 3* Rosemundy House Hotel, an elegant Queen Anne residence dating back to the 1780's, beautifully situated amongst secluded gardens and woodlands in the picturesque coastal Cornish village of St Agnes. All well appointed en-suite bedrooms are on either the ground or first floor and there are comfortable lounges to relax in. Excellent cuisine is served in the attractive restaurant and there is entertainment on some evenings.

INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights half-board in en-suite bedrooms • porterage • ground floor rooms • disabled rooms
- evening entertainment
- 3 excursions • entrance to Trewithen House & Garden.

NOTE: no lift at hotel.

Hardy's Delightful Dorset

Monday 2nd May 2016

5 Days **£429**
per person



Join us for a relaxing break based in the South Coast's premier resort, Bournemouth; a perfect location from which to explore the delightful county of Dorset, an area immortalised by one of its most famous residents, the Victorian novelist & poet, Thomas Hardy. Our three included excursions offer plenty of variety; with visits to historic towns, traditional seaside resorts and the stunning Athelhampton House & Gardens. In addition, there will be the opportunity to travel on the Swanage Steam Railway and to explore the cathedral city of Chichester and historic, Royal Windsor en-route.

YOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: We depart from our local boarding points, and make our way southward, stopping en-route at the Polhill Garden Centre and the historic city of Chichester, with its magnificent 12th century cathedral and fine Georgian shopping area. Our journey continues through the beautiful New Forest and on to our hotel.

Day 2: After breakfast this morning, we depart for an excursion into rural Dorset. Our route takes us along tree-lined country roads, to historic Shaftesbury, the "Shaston" of Thomas Hardy's novels, and one of the oldest and highest towns in England. Steeped in history and tradition, Shaftesbury boasts breathtaking views of the surrounding countryside and Gold Hill, made famous by the Hovis Bread advertisement, with its steep cobbles and picturesque cottages. On then to Sherborne, without doubt, one of the most beautiful towns in England, boasting an abundance of medieval buildings, a superb abbey and two castles, as well as a delightful, traditional shopping area.

Day 3: Today, we visit the Isle of Purbeck, where we board the Swanage Steam Railway for a nostalgic journey past the striking ruins of Corfe Castle, through the countryside to the Victorian seaside resort of Swanage, at the eastern edge of the world famous Jurassic Coast. Ample opportunity to explore the town with its pier, level promenade and sweeping, sandy bay, before returning to Bournemouth for some time at leisure.

Day 4: A full day excursion incorporating two of Dorset's many treasures, both with connections to Thomas Hardy and his family. Elegant Weymouth is a classic English seaside resort set on a beautiful Georgian bay, with a level promenade, colourful harbour, busy marina and excellent pedestrianised shopping centre. Athelhampton House & Gardens is a stunning 15th century house, bursting with fascinating history, surrounded by tranquil formal gardens and bounded by the River Piddle.

Day 5: On leaving our hotel, we make our way home, stopping for morning refreshments in the castle town of

SUPPLEMENTS

Single supplement:

£NIL (6 rooms only)

Supplement for a double room for single occupancy:

£60 (4 rooms only)

Sea view supplement: **£80** per person (double & twin rooms only)

Guildford, with its magnificent 20th century cathedral, Continuing on, we reach Royal Windsor, a wonderfully historic town, with a multitude of attractions, dominated by its magnificent castle. Ample opportunity to sightsee and take lunch, before we complete our journey homeward.

HOTEL

Cumberland ★★★

Our hotel is the award-winning, 3* Cumberland, one of Bournemouth's leading hotels. Although fully refurbished for today's traveller, the hotel has retained its original art deco styling and boasts well appointed en-suite bedrooms and spacious, comfortable public areas. The Cumberland is situated on Bournemouth's prestigious East Cliff with many of the bedrooms boasting a sea view. The award-winning beaches, gardens and vibrant city centre are just a 10 minute walk away. There is a lift to all floors.

INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights half-board in en-suite bedrooms • porterage • lift
- 3 excursions • visits on outward & return journeys
- fare for Swanage Railway
- entrance to Athelhampton
- leisure facilities and evening entertainment at neighbouring sister hotels

Colonial Elegance on the English Riviera



A charming five-day break exploring South Devon, based at Paignton's welcoming Redcliffe, one of our most popular hotels. Our tour includes four exciting excursions, encompassing a variety of places of interest, with visits to atmospheric Dartmoor, historic Totnes, the picture-postcard resorts of Babbacombe & Salcombe, Victorian Torquay, maritime Plymouth and the delightful NT Saltram House. In addition, we also spend time in charming Bradford-upon-Avon and Georgian Weymouth en-route.

YOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: We depart from our local boarding points and head for the Southwest, stopping en-route in the charming Wilshire town of Bradford-upon-Avon, with its delightful, narrow streets, lined with attractive shops and cafes.

Day 2: Today, we make our way into the heart of rugged Dartmoor, where we visit the beautiful village of Widecome-in-the-Moor, of Uncle Tom Copley & Widecome Fair fame; equally famous is its 14th century church of St Pancras, "the Cathedral of the Moor". On leaving Widecome, we take a tour of the atmospheric National Park, with its landscape of stunning views, awe inspiring granite tors, deep wooded valleys with fast flowing rivers, rugged wide open spaces and freely roaming Dartmoor ponies.

Day 3: After breakfast, we spend time at leisure in the delightful resort of Paignton, with its golden beaches, promenade, gardens, picturesque harbour and the Dartmouth Steam Railway. Alternatively, join our morning

excursion to the historic, market town of Totnes, beautifully situated at the head of the Dart Estuary, with its narrow streets, Norman castle and wealth of listed buildings. This afternoon we visit the neighbouring resorts of Torquay & Babbacombe, dropping off first in Victorian Torquay, with its magnificent bay, elegant villas, iconic palm tress, busy harbour and extensive shopping areas. We take the remainder of the party to smaller Babbacombe, "Torquay's Jewel in the Crown", boasting stunning coastal views across Lyme Bay, sandy beaches, a promenade, a model village and a funicular cliff railway.

Day 4: Today we head to Devon's picturesque South Hams Region, where we visit picture-postcard Salcombe, a vibrant coastal resort with an attractive harbour and a smuggling past. On then to maritime Plymouth, "Britain's Ocean City", with its great naval history - dating back to the days of Sir Frances Drake, the green-lawned expanse of its famous Hoe and one of the most perfect natural harbours in the world.

Sunday 5th June 2016

5 Days £449
per person

SUPPLEMENTS

Single supplement:
£NIL (10 only)

Alternatively, visit nearby NT Saltram, a magnificent Georgian mansion with a tranquil garden, lying at the heart of historic parkland. Setting for the filming of *Sense & Sensibility*, the house boasts Robert Adam interiors and an exceptional collection of paintings (admission extra, free for NT)

Day 5: We depart from our hotel and make our way home, stopping en-route in the traditional seaside resort of Weymouth, set on a breathtaking Georgian bay, with a level promenade, colourful harbour, sandy beaches and a compact town centre.

HOTEL

Redcliffe ★★

Our hotel is the elegant 3* Redcliffe, superbly situated in the resort of Paignton on 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 restaurant, with its delicious meals and stunning coastal views, has been likened to dining aboard a luxury liner. All en-suite bedrooms are well equipped, there is a lift, three ground floor rooms and a leisure complex with indoor swimming pool.

INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights half-board in en-suite bedrooms • lift • porterage
- ground floor rooms
- 4 excursions • visits on outward & return journeys
- leisure centre

A Scottish Panorama...

Isle of Arran, Argyll, Stirling & the Trossachs

Monday 20th June 2016

5 Days **£439**
per person

SUPPLEMENTS

Supplement for single occupancy of a double/twin room: **£NIL** (first 4 only, **£60** thereafter)



A breathtaking Scottish break based at an award-winning four star hotel in Irvine. Our fabulous excursions take us to the fascinating Isle of Arran “Scotland in Miniature”, where we enjoy a guided coach tour of the island. We travel alongside stunning Loch Lomond and through the beautiful Argyll Forest Park to the historic, white painted town of Inveraray, and, in addition, we visit the ancient city of Stirling and explore the glorious forested hills, mountains & lochs of the Trossachs, where the Scottish hero, Rob Roy Macgregor roamed. ***A tour not to be missed.***

YOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: On leaving our local boarding points we make our way northward, stopping en-route for refreshments and lunch. On arrival in Scotland, we are greeted with tea and biscuits.

Day 2: Our route today takes us along the western shore of stunning Loch Lomond, via the villages of Tarbet & Arrochar – at the tip of Loch Long, through Glen Croe and the “Rest and be thankful” pass, to the distinctive white painted town of Inveraray, on the shore of Loch Fyne, with its majestic castle, maritime museum and famous old jail. We return alongside Loch Eck and through the beautiful Argyll Forest Park to the resort of Dunoon, from where we take the short sea crossing to Gourock and back to our hotel.

Day 3: Today, we will be joined by a local guide for an enjoyable coach tour of the beautiful island of Arran, affectionately known as “Scotland in Miniature”, with its mountainous scenery, stunning seascapes, picturesque towns, historic castles, beautiful gardens, mystical standing stones & unspoilt beaches. Brodick, the island capital, & home to its main ferry port, has a great selection of speciality shops and local food producers offering a range of tempting products and delicious treats. At Lochranza we can have a taste of Arran at the local distillery & visitor centre. After a wonderful day, we return to our hotel.

Day 4: After breakfast, we travel to the ancient town of Stirling, considered the best small city in Scotland, with its Old

Town and historic castle, overlooking the site of ‘Braveheart’ Sir William Wallace’s greatest victory. Continuing on, we head for the forested hills, mountains & lochs of the Trossachs, where the Scottish hero, Rob Roy Macgregor roamed. Our journey taking us via the town of Callander, of Dr Finlay’s Casebook fame, past Loch Venachar, via Brig o’Turk, though the Queen Elizabeth Forest Park, and the attractive village of Aberfoyle.

Day 5: We depart soon after breakfast for our journey home, making suitable stops en-route for refreshments & lunch.

HOTEL

Irvine Hotel★★★★

Be assured of a warm welcome from the award-winning 4* Irvine Hotel, situated on the outskirts of the town of Irvine, on the Ayrshire coast, one of Scotland’s most beautiful areas. The hotel offers a superb range of facilities, comfortable, modern en-suite bedrooms, a contemporary Brasserie restaurant and a spacious lounge. There is no lift; however, there are many ground floor rooms, including one equipped for the disabled.

INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights half-board in en-suite bedrooms
- porterage
- ground floor rooms
- disabled room
- welcome reception
- 3 excursions
- ferry crossings
- Arran Guide

Monday 11th July 2016

5 Days £425
per person

SUPPLEMENTS

Single supplement:

£NIL (6 only)

Double or twin room for single occupancy: **£44**



A feature-packed break to glorious Yorkshire, a truly diverse region, with dramatic coastal scenery, rugged moors, gentle rolling hills, magnificent stately homes, and an abundance of pretty villages & historic towns. Our tour takes us to stunning Bilsdale in the North York Moors, Captain Cooks Whitby, historic Helmsley, the magnificent Sledmere House and Gardens and the fascinating Scarborough Fair Collection. We discover the delights of the John Bull factory, have time at leisure in Scarborough and, in addition, visit beautiful NT Clumber Park & the historic city of York en-route.

YOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: On leaving our local boarding points, we make our way northward, stopping en-route at NT Clumber Park, an area of picturesque parkland and gardens, with a magnificent lake.

Day 2: After breakfast today, we head westward, via pretty Thornton-le-Dale, to the charming town of Helmsley, with its mellow stone buildings, medieval castle and attractive market square. Our journey continues, past the ruined Rievaulx Abbey and across the glorious North York Moors, via beautiful Bilsdale "Little Switzerland", to the village of Great Ayton, childhood home of celebrated seafarer, Captain Cook. We spend the remainder of the day in the delightful fishing town of Whitby, from where Cook first set sail, famous for Jet, the gleaming black gemstones so beloved by the Victorians, its ruined Abbey (the inspiration for Bram Stokers Gothic novel, Count Dracula) and St Mary's Church, perched high above the harbour.

Day 3: Today we have the opportunity to spend some time at leisure in our

resort of Scarborough, with its two majestic bays, ruined cliff-top castle and busy harbour. Bounded by the dramatic North York Moors and the pastures of the North Wolds, Scarborough boasts acres of gardens, tree-lined walks, a pleasant promenade, sandy beaches and many other attractions. This afternoon, we visit the Scarborough Fair Collection, a magnificent working collection of Vintage Cars, Steam Engines, Vintage Fairground Rides and Mechanical Organs topped off with a 'Mighty' Wurlitzer Organ (admission extra).

Day 4: This morning we head across the Wolds to visit John Bull, quality confectioners since 1911, who produce irresistible Belgian chocolates & mouth-watering Yorkshire biscuits, in addition to their famous rock & seaside novelties. We discover the history of the brand and enjoy an interesting factory tour, before making our way to Sledmere House & Gardens. The charm of Sledmere has captivated visitors for over 200 years; however, in 1911 the house was

almost completely destroyed by fire. Fortunately, the majority of the exquisite furnishings were rescued and the building, set in a beautiful Capability Brown inspired landscape, has been restored to its former glory. The delightful grounds contain formal gardens (including a beautiful Walled Rose Garden), a Wagoner's Museum, stables, an art gallery, farm shop & restaurant.

Day 5: We leave Scarborough and make our way home, stopping en-route in the fascinating, walled city of York, renowned for its exquisite architecture, tangle of quaint cobbled streets, including the famous Shambles, and the iconic York Minster.

HOTEL

Esplanade ★★★

Our hotel, the 3* Esplanade, 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.

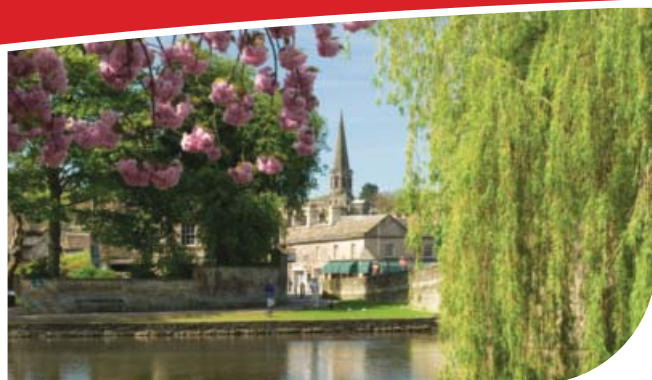
INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights half-board in en-suite bedrooms • porterage • lift
- 3 included excursions • visits on outward & return journeys
- evening entertainment
- entrance to Sledmere
- John Bull factory tour

5 Days **£429**
per person

SUPPLEMENTS

Supplement for double room for single occupancy: **£48** (first 3 only, **£60** thereafter)



This superb tour boasts three carefully planned excursions, with something for everyone, radiating from our excellent hotel. We have included a variety of visits, including the fascinating National Brewery Centre, the newly re-developed World of Wedgwood, the historic market towns of Ashbourne & Bakewell, the award-winning Trentham Estate and the magnificent Chatsworth House & Gardens. In addition, we visit beautiful Ely, Harper's Fine Foods & the tranquil National Memorial Arboretum en-route.

YOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: We depart from our local boarding points, and make our way to the beautiful, historic city of Ely, with its popular open-air Thursday market and one of the most magnificent cathedrals in England. Continuing on, past the vast expanse of Rutland Water, we arrive at our hotel in good time for dinner.

Day 2: After breakfast, we enter the glorious Peak District National Park via the spa town of Matlock Bath, "Little Switzerland", nestled in the steep gorge of the River Derwent. Our tour continues to the attractive market town of Bakewell, beautifully situated on the River Wye, and world renowned for its Bakewell Pudding. We spend the remainder of the day at magnificent Chatsworth House and Gardens, home of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire and a popular location for TV & film. Ample opportunity to explore the "Palace of the Peaks" and its grounds, generally regarded as the finest palatial home in England, before returning to our hotel.

Day 3: Today we depart for an interesting visit to the National Brewery Centre, a unique visitor experience, where we take a guided tour of the museum, learn about the legendary Bass family and see how shire horses, steam engines and vintage vehicles played a part in the brewing industry of years ago. Continuing on, we reach Ashbourne, one of Derbyshire's finest old market towns, famous for its historic annual Shrovetide football match. Ashbourne's cobbled market place, hidden alleys and yards are a delight to explore, and the wide and elegant Church Street is considered to be the finest street of Georgian buildings in Derbyshire.

Day 4: Following another tasty breakfast, we head for the newly re-developed World of Wedgwood, with its flagship store, jam packed with gift ideas and items for the home (shopping & refreshment stop only). We then make our way to the nearby Trentham Estate, a unique and award-winning attraction incorporating a

shopping village & garden centre alongside fabulous gardens, described by Alan Titchmarsh as "one of the UK's must-see gardens". Italian Gardens, a Capability Brown designed lake, show gardens, the fairy trail and much more make Trentham well worth a visit.

Day 5: On leaving our hotel, we visit the National Memorial Arboretum, a place of tranquillity and reflection, acknowledging the personal sacrifices made by our country's armed forces. We then make our way to family run, Harper's, purveyors of fine food and wine, before completing our journey home.

HOTEL

Mickleover Court ★★★★★

A warm Derbyshire welcome awaits at the 4* Mickleover Court, a modern hotel, with a superb range of facilities, located on the outskirts of Derby. All contemporary en-suite bedrooms are well equipped and the atmospheric Brasserie Restaurant serves inspirational menus made from the finest ingredients and seasonal produce. The comprehensive leisure centre boasts an indoor swimming pool and there is a lift to all floors.

INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights half-board in en-suite bedrooms • porterage • lift
- 3 excursions • visits on outward & return journeys
- entrances to National Brewery Centre, Chatsworth and the Trentham Estate

Lakeland Treasures, Dales Delights & the Lancashire Rose



This exciting tour, based at the centrally located 4* Leyland Hotel, allows us the opportunity to explore no less than three neighbouring counties; Lancashire, Cumbria & Yorkshire. Our carefully planned excursions take us to the Victorian coastal resorts of Southport & Lytham St Annes, the Yorkshire market towns of Grassington & Skipton and the historic village of Cartmel (of Sticky Toffee pudding fame). We also visit Cumbria's magnificent Holker Hall & Gardens, the Pendle Heritage Centre and take a short tour into "Calender Girls Country". In addition, we spend time at the Trentham Shopping Village & the city of Coventry en-route.

YOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: On leaving our local boarding points, we make our way north, stopping en-route at the popular Trentham Estate, where we have the opportunity to explore the shopping village, with its selection of eateries, and the garden centre, with its extensive range of goods for home & garden.

Day 2: After breakfast today, we head into Yorkshire, stopping en-route at the interesting Pendle Heritage Centre, with its museum, walled garden and gallery. Continuing on, we reach the castle town of Skipton "Gateway to the Yorkshire Dales", with its bustling street market and award-winning High Street. We finish the day with a short tour into Calender Girls Country, our route taking us via Rylstone (the home of the original WI) and Burstall (location for the village fete in the film); we make a brief stop in the attractive Dales market town of Grassington, with its charming cobbled square.

Day 3: This morning, we visit the elegant, coastal town of Southport, famed for its Victorian town centre, in particular, Lord Street, characterised by its beautiful period wrought iron canopies, which cover the shop fronts, and its stunning landscaped gardens. We spend the afternoon in Lytham St Annes, two neighbouring towns that have grown together to form one delightful seaside resort, nestled along a picturesque stretch of coastline, with well tended lawns, pretty parks, sandy beaches, a Victorian pier, historic windmill, a 'royal' golf course & stylish independent shops.

Day 4: Our excursion today takes us into Cumbria, where we visit the historic village of Cartmel, winner of numerous awards for its floral displays and home of the Sticky Toffee Pudding. We continue on to Holker Hall, one of the best loved stately homes in Britain, and home of Lord & Lady Cavendish. Holker Hall is magnificently framed by the Lakeland Hills with magical

Sunday 31st July 2016

5 Days £419
per person

SUPPLEMENTS

Supplement for single occupancy of a double/twin room: **£48** (7 only, **£68** thereafter)

gardens, boasting all-year interest, that merge into the surrounding parkland. We return via Newby Bridge and alongside the eastern shore of stunning Lake Windermere.

Day 5: On leaving our hotel we make our way homeward, stopping en-route at the cathedral city of Coventry, where we have the opportunity to visit the Transport Museum (free entry) or to explore the town centre.

HOTEL

Best Western Premier Leyland ★★★★★

Our hotel is the award-winning 4* Best Western Premier Leyland, a modern, luxurious hotel, located just outside the Lancashire town of Leyland, and ideally situated for our tour. All bedrooms are well equipped and offer en-suite facilities; there is no lift, however, many ground floor rooms are available, including two with walk-in shower. Meals are taken in the Four Seasons Restaurant and a relaxing drink may be taken in the J28 Lounge Bar. The leisure club boasts an indoor swimming pool.

INCLUSIONS

• 4 nights half-board in en-suite bedrooms • porterage • ground floor bedrooms • disabled bedrooms • three excursions • visits on outward & return journeys • admissions to Holker Hall & Pendle Heritage Centre

The Splendours of Snowdonia & North Wales

Sunday 4th September 2016

5 Days **£415**
per person

SUPPLEMENTS

Supplement for double/twin room for single occupancy: **£35** (8 only)



This spectacular tour is based in Beddgelert, one of Snowdonia's loveliest mountain villages, surrounded by the finest scenery in North Wales. Our exciting excursions take us to the fantasy village of Portmeirion, Victorian Llandudno and beautiful Bodnant Garden. We also explore the Snowdonia National Park and the Isle of Anglesey. In addition, we visit the cathedral city of Lichfield & historic Shrewsbury en-route and there will be the opportunity to ride on the nostalgic Ffestiniog and Welsh Highland Railways.

YOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: We depart from our local boarding points and commence our journey to Beddgelert, stopping en-route in the historic city of Lichfield.

Day 2: Today, we have the opportunity to explore beautiful Beddgelert, with its pretty stone built houses and young tumbling rivers, that meet beneath an ancient arched bridge. Alternatively, take a ride on the Welsh Highland Railway, which has a station in the village, and runs past the foot of Snowdon and through the stunning Aberglaslyn Pass, on its 25 mile journey between Caernarfon & Porthmadog. Or join our excursion to the Italianate fantasy village of Portmeirion and the Ffestiniog Railway. Portmeirion is a unique architectural attraction, set amongst beautiful mature gardens, with glorious views across the Dwyryd estuary, it is home to Portmeirion Pottery and the setting for the cult 60's TV series "The Prisoner". The Ffestiniog Railway

travels 13½ miles from Porthmadog harbour to the slate-quarrying town of Blaenau Ffestiniog, climbing over 700ft and travelling through magnificent forests, past lakes & waterfalls and round horseshoe bends, clinging to the side of the mountain and even tunnelling through it (train fares & admissions extra).

Day 3: After breakfast, we take a scenic route, via Capel Curig and the Vale of Conwy, to the Victorian resort of Llandudno, a beautiful seaside town, with a promenade, pier, superb beaches and panoramic views from the Great Orme, at the summit of its striking headland. On leaving Llandudno, we visit world renowned NT Bodnant, an 80-acre garden, set above the River Conwy. Considered to be one of the great gardens of the world, the magnificent flowering plants and shrubs, impressive views and abundant running water make a visit well worthwhile.

Day 4: This morning, we head into the

heart of the Snowdonia National Park, via the Pass of Llanberis, to the attractive village of the same name, beautifully situated at the foot of Mount Snowdon, with its glorious scenery and many attractions. Continuing on, to the beautiful Isle of Anglesey, we visit the Victorian coastal town of Beaumaris, with its magnificent views across the Straits to the mainland, splendid harbour, and fine moated castle. We return, via Bethesda and the popular village of Betws-y-Coed, to Beddgelert.

Day 5: We leave our hotel soon after breakfast and make our way home, stopping en-route in Shrewsbury, a historic town nestling in a great loop of the River Severn.

HOTEL

Royal Goat Hotel ★★

The welcoming 3* Royal Goat Hotel is always a popular choice with our clients and is perfect for a relaxing holiday. An impressive building, steeped in history, it has attractive, comfortable public areas and an excellent reputation for good food and wine. The tastefully furnished en-suite bedrooms are well equipped and accessed via a lift. Entertainment will be provided on some evenings.

INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights half-board in en-suite bedrooms • lift • portage
- 3 included coach excursions with visits on outward & return journeys • evening entertainment • entrance to Bodnant Gardens

Genteel, Victorian Southsea & the Charms of the South Coast



A relaxing tour to Victorian Southsea, an elegant south coast resort in the county of Hampshire. Our three carefully planned excursions include Mottisfont Abbey & Gardens, pretty Lymington and two National Parks - the majestic New Forest & the beautiful South Downs. We also explore Southampton's SeaCity Museum, Georgian Chichester, the waterside city of Portsmouth and beautiful West Dean Gardens. In addition, we visit the elegant resort of Eastbourne, historic Guildford & Royal Windsor en-route.

YOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: On leaving our local boarding points, we head for Southsea, stopping at the popular Polhill Garden Centre and the seaside town of Eastbourne, with its level promenade, pier, beautiful gardens and extensive shopping centre, en-route.

Day 2: Following breakfast today, we visit the fascinating SeaCity Museum, which tells the story of the people of Southampton and their connections with the infamous Titanic & the sea. The main display is dedicated to the sinking of the massive White Star liner in 1912, and its devastating impact on the city; many of the crew being local residents. Continuing on, we travel through the glorious ancient woodlands of the New Forest to the beautiful, Georgian market town of Lymington, situated on its southern edge. A world renowned sailing resort, with two large marinas, the town also boasts a number of interesting independent shops, cafes and the Old Town Quay.

Day 3: After breakfast, we have the opportunity to relax in our hotel or to explore our resort of Southsea, with its two shopping areas, pretty gardens, beach, pier, a castle dating back to King Henry VIII, and various museums and attractions. Alternatively, just a mile away, is the fascinating and unique, maritime city of Portsmouth, with its Old Town, the Gunwharf Quays shopping centre, the Spinnaker Tower (with its panoramic coastal views) and the famous Historic Dockyard. This afternoon, either remain in Portsmouth/Southsea or join our excursion to NT Mottisfont Abbey & Gardens. Mottisfont is a romantic house and gallery, crafted from a medieval priory, set in beautiful riverside gardens. Throughout the year there are beautiful works of art on display and the gardens are stunning in all seasons (admission extra, NT free).

Day 4: Today, we visit one of the best preserved Georgian cities in the country, historic Chichester, which lies between two areas of Outstanding

Mon 19th September 2016

5 Days **£439**
per person

SUPPLEMENTS

Single supplement:
£NIL (10 rooms only)

Natural Beauty – the South Downs and Chichester Harbour. Ample time to explore this fascinating town, with its compact city centre, elaborate market cross and magnificent Norman cathedral, before we make our way to nearby West Dean Gardens. West Dean features a restored Kitchen Garden, a 300-foot long Edwardian Pergola, a Spring Garden, 16 superbly restored Victorian Glasshouses and beautiful parkland walks over the South Downs.

Day 5: On leaving our hotel, we travel home across the rolling South Downs, with visits to the castle town of Guildford, with its splendid 20th century cathedral, and historic Royal Windsor, dominated by its magnificent castle, en-route.

HOTEL

Best Western Royal Beach ★★

Our hotel is the award-winning 3* Best Western Royal Beach, a carefully refurbished Victorian building, located on the seafront in the south coast resort of Southsea, with superb views across the Solent. All well appointed en-suite bedrooms are equipped with the usual facilities, and all floors are accessible by lift. The hotel is ideally situated opposite South Parade Pier, within a short distance of the resort's many attractions.

INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights half-board in en-suite bedrooms • lift & portage
- 3 excursions with visits on outward & return journeys
- entrance to West Dean Gardens & Sea City Museum

5 Days **£439**
per person



This wonderful tour is based in mid-Devon and boasts three included excursions, taking in many of the fine features and attractions of the area. The market town of Bideford, the coastal resorts of Lyme Regis and Lynmouth, Exmoor National Park, the West Somerset Railway, the Dartington Crystal Factory and beautiful Rosemoor Gardens all feature in our program, with the added bonus of visits to historic Wells, Salisbury and Marlborough en-route and an optional horse-drawn canal trip.

YOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: We depart from our local boarding points and head for the Southwest, stopping en-route in the city of Salisbury, with its splendid early English cathedral, crowned by the tallest spire in Britain. We arrive at our hotel in good time for dinner.

Day 2: Following breakfast, we travel into Somerset to board the West Somerset Railway, Britain's longest standard gauge heritage line, for a scenic 20 mile journey from Bishops Lydeard to the resort of Minehead. As the train passes through the Quantock Hills and along the Bristol Channel coastline, a volunteer guide (subject to availability) will point out places of interest and relate the railway's history. Continuing across Exmoor and via Porlock, we arrive in the picturesque harbour village of Lynmouth, "Little Switzerland", which is connected to its twin town, Lynton, by a remarkable 19th century, water

operated cliff railway.

Day 3: After breakfast, we visit Dorset's small, unspoilt fishing port of Lyme Regis, famous for its Cob harbour and the fossils found along its shore. Returning to Tiverton we have the option to explore the town, relax in the comfort of our hotel or take a horsedrawn canal trip on the Great Western Canal. The canal trip lasts for approx. 2½ hours, there is an interesting commentary during the journey and refreshments are available (boat fare extra).

Day 4: Today we travel to the North Devon market town of Bideford, with its ancient 24-arched bridge spanning the River Torridge. Ample opportunity to explore the narrow streets, with their brightly coloured shops, and to visit the historic Butchers Row shops, before making our way to Great Torrington, where we can either visit the famous Dartington Crystal Factory or RHS Rosemoor. RHS Rosemoor is an

SUPPLEMENTS

Supplement for single occupancy of a double room: **£56** (first 5 only, 72 thereafter)

enchanted 65-acre garden, with both formal and informal planting, as well as woodland walks, water features and open spaces. At Dartington we can see and hear the fascinating story of over 40 years of crystal glass production and watch the master craftsmen at work. We will drop off at both places. (Admissions extra, Rosemoor free for RHS members)

Day 5: We depart from our hotel soon after breakfast and make our way homeward, stopping en-route in historic Wells, the smallest city in England, with its beautiful cathedral & moated Bishops Palace, and the attractive market town of Marlborough, with its broad High Street of charming, colonnaded houses & fine old pubs.

HOTEL

Best Western Tiverton ★★

Our hotel is the welcoming, award-winning, 3* standard Best Western Tiverton Hotel, which sits in two and a half acres of mature gardens in the heart of Devon. The spacious, well appointed en-suite accommodation is arranged over two floors, with a large number of ground floor bedrooms available; some are adapted for the disabled. There is no lift. The light and modern Galley Restaurant serves an excellent selection of food with locally sourced menus.

INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights half-board in en-suite bedrooms • porterage • ground floor rooms • disabled rooms
- 3 excursions • train fare
- visits on outward & return journeys

Treasures of the Yorkshire & Lincolnshire Wolds

Boons



A new tour, based in the East Riding of Yorkshire, which explores the rolling hills and attractions of the Lincolnshire Wolds to the south and the Yorkshire Wolds to the north. Our excursions take us to the attractive market towns of Louth & Beverley, we also visit Alford's splendid windmill, stunning Castle Howard and the award-winning Burnby Hall Garden. In addition, we spend time in historic Stamford and the magnificent city of Lincoln en-route.

YOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: On leaving our local boarding points, we make our way north, stopping en-route in the historic city of Lincoln, with its magnificent cathedral, ancient castle and medieval Bishops Palace.

Day 2: After breakfast, we head into the Yorkshire Wolds to visit historic Beverley, with its attractive town centre of cobbled streets and charming courtyards, boasting high street names, intermingled with smaller independent shops. The town is famous for its unspoilt medieval skyline and splendid 13th century Gothic Minster, one of Europe's finest Gothic churches. This afternoon, we take a scenic route to the award-winning Burnby Hall Gardens & Museum. Described as "a jewel in Yorkshire's crown", the gardens boast beautiful lakes, a Rockery, Stumpery, a Victorian Garden, a Secret Garden, formal beds and natural shrubbery. The gardens were the inspiration of world traveller Major Percy Marlborough Stewart and

the Stewart Museum is dedicated to his extraordinary life.

Day 3: Following breakfast, we head for the rolling hills of the Lincolnshire Wolds, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and birthplace of poet, Alfred Lord Tennyson. Our morning refreshment break is Alford's magnificent five-sailed windmill, considered the finest in England, which stands six stories high and still grinds flour today. Tours of the mill are available (cost extra -steps involved). Continuing on, we make our way to the market town of Louth, capital of the Wolds, with its splendid Georgian & Victorian architecture, lively market and abundance of independent shops. We return via Market Rasen, famous for its racecourse, to Brigg, where we stop, time permitting, at Brigg Garden Centre.

Day 4: Today we travel into the heart of the Yorkshire Wolds to visit one of Britain's finest historic estates, Castle Howard, home to the Howard family for over 300 years. A magnificent 18th century residence, set within the

Thursday 6th October 2016

5 Days **£409**
per person

SUPPLEMENTS

Double room for single occupancy: **£NIL** (first 6 only, **£60** thereafter)

breathtaking landscape of the Howardian Hills, it's a haven of peace and tranquillity throughout the year. With world-renowned collections, stunning architecture, idyllic gardens, and woodland & lakeside walks, it's easy to see why the house and beautiful grounds have been a popular choice for period drama producers for many years; most famously, *Brideshead Revisited*.

Day 5: We leave our hotel and head for home, stopping en-route in the Lincolnshire town of Stamford "the finest stone town in England", with its unique blend of niche shopping and stunning architecture.

HOTEL

Hallmark Hotel ★★★★★

Our hotel is East Yorkshire's 4* Hallmark, beautifully situated in 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 & well equipped and there is a contemporary wine bar & restaurant, with panoramic views of the Humber Estuary. The leisure centre boasts a gym, sauna and spa. No lift, but several ground floor bedrooms.

INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights half-board in en-suite bedrooms • porterage • ground floor rooms • welcome reception • 3 excursions • visits on outward & return journeys • entrances to Castle Howard and Burnby Hall

Shades of Gold... Eastbourne & the South Downs

Friday 21st October 2016

4 Days £329
per person

SUPPLEMENTS

Single supplement:

£NIL (9 rooms only)

Double room for sole-
occupancy supplement: **£36**

Guaranteed sea view
supplement: **£20** per person



On this relaxing 4-day break we enjoy the stunning autumn colours of Kent & Sussex, with gentle excursions along country roads, lined with the rich brown and golden tints of the season. Based in the genteel, Victorian south coast town of Eastbourne, we have included an excursion across the rolling South Downs, taking in pretty Steyning and Alfriston, and a nostalgic return journey on the historic Bluebell Railway. In addition, we visit the attractive town of Rye, Polhill Garden Centre & Middle Farm en-route, and spend time at leisure in our resort.

YOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: On leaving our local boarding points, we take a scenic route, via Edenbridge and the Ashdown Forest - an ancient area of open heathland, in the heart of the High Weald, world renowned as the home of Winnie the Pooh - to Middle Farm, situated at the foot of Firle Beacon on the South Downs. Home of the National Collection of Cider & Perry, Middle Farm also boasts two shops, selling a range of fine foods, quality gifts and items for the home, and a restaurant, offering delicious homemade menus. Time for shopping and lunch, before we continue on to our resort of Eastbourne.

Day 2: After breakfast, we travel across the rolling hills of the South Downs, the UK's newest National Park, to Steyning, one of the prettiest Sussex towns, with its fine High Street, lined with historic buildings and an array of independent

retailers, selling a wide variety of goods. We return to Eastbourne via the attractive, half-timbered, market village of Alfriston, situated in the Cuckmere Valley, famous for its Grade I listed, 14th Century, St Andrew's church (known as "the Cathedral of the Downs") and its thatched clergy house

Day 3: Today, we take another scenic tour, however, this time we admire the golden colours of autumn from one of the preserved, heritage trains on the popular Bluebell Railway. After a nostalgic return journey, though the heart of Sussex, we enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure in our resort of Eastbourne, with its level promenade, traditional pier, attractive seafront and fine shopping areas.

Day 4: On leaving our hotel, we visit the attractive, hill-top town of Rye, a former trading port and smugglers haunt, with its timbered houses, specialty shops, tearooms and

restaurants. Our route continues through Sandhurst, Hawkhurst, Flimwell, Ticehurst, Wadhurst and Frant to the popular Polhill Garden Centre and shopping village, where we take break, before completing our journey home.

HOTEL

Best Western Lansdowne ★★

The award-winning 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, and two rooms equipped for the disabled.



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INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights half-board in en-suite bedrooms • lift • portage
- 2 included excursions with visits on outward & return journeys • entertainment on one evening • fare for Bluebell Railway

Magnificent Chatsworth's Christmas Market

© Chatsworth House Trust



Sun 13th Nov 2016

2 Days

PRICE AVAILABLE MARCH.

Please call to add your name to our advance booking list, no commitment, but you will be the first to be contacted when the price becomes available.

The glorious Derbyshire Peak District is beautiful at any time of the year, but as Christmas approaches, the atmosphere becomes even more special. In particular, the stately home of Chatsworth is transformed;

spectacularly adorned with traditional decorations, providing a stunning reminder of Christmas' past. In addition, our tour coincides with Chatsworth's annual Christmas Market, which boasts colourful stalls stocked with seasonal gifts and tasty snacks.

YOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: We depart from our local boarding points, and make our way to Derbyshire, with a stop en-route at Dobbies of Atherstone with its fine restaurant and massive range of garden & gift ideas.

Day 2: Today, we travel via the pretty riverside town of Matlock Bath to the magnificent Chatsworth Estate, situated in the beautiful Peak District National Park. On arrival at the 17th century home of the Dukes of Devonshire, we find the lower floors of the wonderful house have been transformed into a stunning Christmas wonderland. In addition, within the grounds, is a lively, colourful Christmas Market, with musical entertainment and over 100 stalls selling all manner of festive decorations, gifts and delicious food. After a truly magical day, we return home.

HOTEL Mickleover Court ★★★★★

A warm Derbyshire welcome awaits at the 4* Mickleover Court, a modern hotel, boasting a superb range of facilities, located on the outskirts of Derby. All contemporary en-suite bedrooms are well equipped and the atmospheric Brasserie Restaurant serves inspirational menus made from the finest ingredients. The leisure centre has an indoor swimming pool and there is a lift to all floors.

INCLUSIONS

- 1 night half-board in en-suite bedrooms
- porterage • lift • entrance to Chatsworth

The Thursford Christmas Spectacular



• Sun 20th Nov 2016

• Sun 4th Dec 2016

2 Days

PRICE AVAILABLE MARCH.

Please call to add your name to our advance booking list, no commitment, but you will be the first to be contacted when the price becomes available.

A wonderful two-day break 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, 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. Add to this, the awe inspiring Phil Kelsall, playing the Mighty Wurlitzer, and you have a recipe for success that keeps visitors returning year after year.

YOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: Morning refreshment stop, 3-course late lunch at hotel, depart for evening performance of Thursford show, return to hotel for overnight.

Day 2: After a hearty breakfast, we commence our journey home. Stopping for lunch & shopping in either Norwich/Wroxham or Bury St Edmunds (dependant on date).

HOTEL Best Western Knights Hill ★★★★★

Our hotel is the 4* Best Western PLUS Knights Hill, 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 and are situated on either the ground or first floor. Meals are taken in either the elegant Garden Restaurant or Knights Barn. The leisure centre boasts an indoor swimming pool. No lift, but many ground floor bedrooms.

Note: Day 1 (above) assumes an evening performance of the show, if we are allocated tickets for the matinee performance the itinerary will be revised accordingly. We have a reserve date of Sunday 11th December should Thursford not be able to accommodate us on one of our preferred dates as listed above.

SEE P6 FOR THURSFORD DAY EXCURSIONS

INCLUSIONS

- 1 night half-board in en-suite bedrooms
- porterage • ground floor bedrooms
- ticket for Thursford Spectacular

Mistletoe & Wine at the Rosemundy

Thurs 24th November 2016

5 Days **£379**
per person



What better location for a pre-Christmas festive tour than the beautifully decorated, welcoming Rosemundy House Hotel, in the picturesque coastal Cornish village of St Agnes. With its thriving, friendly community, beautiful beaches & breathtaking scenery, St Agnes is one of our clients' favourite destinations. 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.

A perfect festive treat.

YOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: We depart from our local boarding points and head for the Southwest, stopping en-route for refreshments & lunch. On arrival in St Agnes, porters take care of our luggage while we settle into our rooms. This evening, we enjoy a welcoming sherry reception prior to dinner in the restaurant.

Day 2: Today we visit the charming resort and fishing village of St Ives, with its splendid beaches, fine views and mild climate. The beauty of St Ives has always attracted artists, and in recent times it has become an important centre of the arts, with museums and galleries adding to its appeal. We then take a scenic route, round Mounts Bay, past the magical St Michaels Mount back to St Agnes, stopping en-route at Healey's Cornish Cyder Farm, the largest Cornish Cider maker in Cornwall, and the only distillers making

Cider Brandy & Fruit spirits. Entertainment this evening.

Day 3: After breakfast, we make our way to Truro, with its pedestrianised shopping area, historic buildings, parks and magnificent cathedral. Ample time to explore, before we travel to the coast, where we visit the pretty old fishing port of Mevagissey, with its quaint shops and colourful cottages lining the busy harbour.

This evening we enjoy a traditional Christmas dinner, with entertainment and a visit from Santa.

Day 4: After a leisurely breakfast, we head for the resort of Falmouth, known as "the Queen of the Cornish Riviera", with its mild sub-tropical climate, a deep natural harbour, a fine shopping centre, and various attractions. After lunch, we return to St Agnes via the Trebah Garden Visitor Centre, where we have the opportunity to visit the café and gift shop, while

SUPPLEMENTS

Single Supplement:

£NIL (7 rooms only)

Supplement for a double/twin room for single occupancy:

£40 (subject to availability)

admiring the 25-acre, sub-tropical, ravine garden from the terrace (we won't be visiting the garden itself). This evening we enjoy a quiz and mince pies in the bar area.

Day 5: After breakfast this morning, we commence our return journey, making suitable stops en-route for refreshments and lunch.

HOTEL

Rosemundy House ★★

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 and 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 and for relaxation, there are comfortable lounges. Meals are waitress served in the attractive restaurant, known as the Tom Noggy Room.

***Note:** Please note that this program is based on the latest information from the hotel and may be subject to change.*

INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights half-board in en-suite bedrooms • porterage • ground floor rooms • disabled rooms
- Evening entertainment
- 3 excursions • sherry reception • visit from Santa

NOTE: no lift at hotel.

Christmas in Shropshire & the Severn Valley



A great hotel, convivial company and the usual Boon's extras; we're confident our 2016 seasonal celebration will be a winner.

Join us for our popular Christmas tour, which this year takes us into the county of Shropshire, a little known corner of England which may be one of the last remaining rural idylls; unspoilt and uncrowded. However, it was here that the world took much of its inspiration; Charles Darwin developed his inquisitive mind in his home town of Shrewsbury, the Industrial Revolution started in Ironbridge (one of Shropshire's two World Heritage Sites) and even the modern Olympics drew their very creation, not from Athens, but from the little market town of Much Wenlock.

YOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: We depart from our local boarding points, and make our way to Shropshire, stopping en-route for lunch. After lunch, we continue on to our hotel, where we are greeted by the hotel staff, who serve refreshments, while porters take care of our luggage. Time to settle into our rooms before we meet again for dinner, followed by a rousing game of bingo.

Day 2: After our full English breakfast, we depart for an included excursion around the area, returning to our hotel mid/late afternoon. This evening we enjoy dinner accompanied by entertainment (such as a table magician). For guests returning from Midnight Mass*, tea/coffee/hot chocolate will be served in the Lounge Bar.

Day 3: Merry Christmas!! Our day commences with a full English breakfast, after which, we are free to relax in the hotel, make use of the leisure facilities or attend morning church services*. We all meet again for a traditional Christmas Day lunch with

all the trimmings. After lunch, we gather together for the Queen's Speech with tea/coffee & cake. This evening a hot & cold buffet supper is served, accompanied by background music. A Christmas Quiz rounds off the day.

Day 4: After another full English breakfast we depart for a morning tour of the area and then there will be the opportunity to see the matinee performance of a local pantomime (see below). Afternoon tea will be served and then we have time to relax before our farewell dinner, followed by live evening entertainment.

Day 5: After breakfast this morning, we make our way home, making suitable stops en-route for refreshments and lunch.

**Transport will be provided for Midnight Mass (subject to driver's hours and sufficient interest) but not Christmas morning services.*

Optional Boxing Day Pantomime: *Cinderella at the Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury. Cost of tickets is extra (stalls seats): Adults: £23, Seniors: £21. Please pay by 1st September 2016.*

Friday 23rd December 2016

5 Days £595
per person

SUPPLEMENTS

Supplement for a twin/double room for single occupancy:
£45 (first 16, **£60** thereafter)

HOTEL

Telford Hotel ★★☆☆

Our tour is based at the 4* Telford Hotel, set in 170 acres within a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with stunning views across the Shropshire countryside & panoramic views of the famous Ironbridge Gorge. All stylish, well equipped, en-suite bedrooms are large, warm and welcoming and the 1779 Restaurant offers a light, contemporary atmosphere, with panoramic views towards the Gorge. Drinks may be taken in the Gorge Bar and for relaxation, the fully equipped leisure centre boasts a 15m indoor swimming pool.

Throughout our stay, the hotel lounge will be available for board games/cards and there will also be games such as guess the weight of the Christmas cake.

Note: *This programme of meals and entertainment is based on the latest information available from the hotel; we reserve the right to make changes, as necessary, should the hotel amend their arrangements.*

INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights half-board in en-suite bedrooms • porterage • lift
- ground floor bedrooms
- leisure centre • adapted bedroom • rooms with walk-in showers • Christmas lunch and Christmas package as specified
- visits on outward & return journeys • two excursions
- optional pantomime • present from Santa, Christmas raffle & chocolates on the coach.

General Information & Group Bookings

BOARDING

We offer a flexible "close to home" pick up service for all holidays and short breaks (see page 27), which, for the majority of our tours, allows visits to places of interest en-route, making travelling days enjoyable, rather than days to be endured. To ensure efficient boarding, some passengers may be transferred to the coach by car or taxi.

DOOR-TO-DOOR SERVICE

For an extra charge, we provide a door-to-door service for locations not on our scheduled boarding list (see page 28). If your area is not listed please call for a quotation (Holidays and short breaks only).

BOARDING EN-ROUTE

Would you like to holiday with friends or relatives from other areas? If you can arrange for your companions to meet the coach at the hotel, or en-route, at one of our comfort stops or our lunch stop, they are very welcome to join you on our tours.

COACH ONLY

Visiting friends or relatives near one of our holiday destinations? If we have space on the coach we would be pleased to offer you a transport only option. Please call for a quotation.

USING YOUR OWN TRANSPORT

You may wish to make your own way to the hotel (by car, train or taxi), and then join the tour on arrival. Alternatively, if you are able to drive a car, but cannot manage the coach at all, it is still possible to holiday at one of our great hotels (subject to availability). Please call for details.

GROUP DISCOUNTS

We offer group discounts for groups of 7 persons and above, so gather your friends and relations together and save some money. (See group discount table below).

COACH HIRE & GROUPS

If you run a group or society, we are able to help you in a number of ways, we can offer you group discounts on our scheduled tours and excursions, we can just provide you with a coach, or we can completely organise your tour or excursion, taking care of hotel bookings, tickets, ferries, coach hire and itinerary planning. Please refer to the table below for group discounts on our scheduled departures. If you would prefer to arrange your own group holiday or day excursion, please call us to discuss your requirements.

WEBSITE

Please check our website for regular updates and new destinations...

www.boons-holidays.co.uk

PAYMENT

We accept payments via cheque, cash, bank transfer, debit card and credit card. If you wish to pay via bank transfer, please call to confirm our account details. Due to the costs involved in processing card payments, the following charges apply:

Personal Debit Card: No charge

Personal Credit Card: 2.5% of transaction value

All Commercial Cards: 2.5% of transaction value

If you wish to pay by cash, please call the office before setting out.

OUR LOCATION

We are 8 miles from Chelmsford, 4 miles from Witham and 4.5 miles from Maldon. Our office at "The Homestead" is located on Ulting Road in Nounsley, a hamlet of Hatfield Peverel, on the corner of Peverel Avenue.

BROCHURES

Our brochures are distributed by post to all recent clients on our mailing list, if you do not receive one, or require additional copies, please telephone or call at our office. Brochures are also stocked by Visitor Information Centres in Witham, Maldon, Colchester & Freeport, and First Bus Travel Shops in Chelmsford & Colchester.

CUSTOMER FEEDBACK

On the last day of your tour the coach driver will distribute our customer satisfaction questionnaires. We do read every single one, so please help us to maintain our service by completing the form. If you would like to add any further comments on your return home, we would love to hear from you, a letter or email detailing what you liked, or disliked, is very valuable to us.

COMPLAINTS

If you have a problem during one of our tours or day excursions, please speak to your coach driver (or hotel reception, if applicable) immediately, since the majority of issues can be easily resolved if we are made aware of them. Should the problem not be resolved to your satisfaction, please ask your coach driver for a complaint report form and complete it immediately; keep a copy for yourself and your driver will ensure that copies are passed to all parties involved. If your complaint remains unresolved, please refer to our Fair Trading Agreement (pages 25 & 26) for further instructions & information.

CUSTOMER CARE & SERVICE POLICY

We have a comprehensive Customer Care & Service Policy which is accessible via our website, www.boons-holidays.co.uk. If you are not yet on-line, we are happy to forward a copy on request.

MOBILITY

Please advise us in writing if you are bringing a walker or wheelchair.

Group Booking Reductions for Holidays, Short Breaks & Excursions

GROUP SIZE	HOLIDAYS & SHORT BREAKS DISCOUNT (on basic cost*)	DAY EXCURSIONS DISCOUNT (on basic cost*)
7 – 11	One 10% reduction	One 20% reduction
12 – 16	One 25% reduction	One 50% reduction
17 – 21	One 50% reduction	One free place
22 – 31	One free place	One free place plus one 50% reduction
32 – 41	One free place plus one 50% reduction	Two free places
42 & above	Two free places	Two free places plus one 50% reduction

- ⊗ The basic cost of the trip excludes single supplements and any extras, such as meals, fares & admissions etc, unless they were included in the advertised price. Children under 3 yrs of age, if travelling free of charge, cannot be included in the group size. To qualify for group reductions, bookings must be made through an organiser who will collect the fares and forward them to Boon's Calibre Travel as a single payment.
- ⊗ Groups who book on our scheduled holidays and day excursions may be eligible to board the coach at their meeting place or housing complex, this is dependant on group size and location of proposed boarding point. Please call us to discuss your requirements.
- ⊗ Don't forget that we also organise bespoke holidays and day excursions for Group Organisers.

PLEASE NOTE that Group Reductions will be repaid to Group Organisers when Travel Tickets are issued and will be based on the final number of travellers.

Holiday & Short Break Fair Trading Agreement 2016

YOUR CONTRACT WITH US

1 You pay a deposit

When you make your booking, you must complete a booking form, accepting on behalf of your party, the terms of this Fair Trading Agreement, and also pay a deposit of £50 per person per holiday for UK mainland tours and £60 per person per holiday for all other destinations. Please refer to page 31 for Travel Insurance information.

2 You pay the balance

The balance payment of the holiday must be paid via the office at which you made your booking at least 6 weeks before the holiday departure date (at least 9 weeks for Thursford Spectacular short breaks) If you book within the applicable balance due period you must pay the full holiday cost at the time of booking. If the balance is not paid in time we reserve the right to cancel your holiday, retain your deposit, and apply cancellation charges set out in paragraph 4 - "If you cancel your holiday".

3 If you change your booking

If, after our confirmation has been issued, you wish to change to another of our holidays, or change departure date, we will do our utmost to make the changes, provided that written notification is received at our office from the person who signed the booking form, not later than the date on which the original holiday balance was due for payment. This must be accompanied by a payment of £10 to cover administration costs. Any alteration made by you later than the original balance date will be treated as a cancellation of the original booking and will be subject to the cancellation charges set out below. You may only transfer to another tour departing within the current year. If you wish to make a transfer, it has to be to a completely new departure, you may not simply transfer the funds to another existing booking

Other alterations such as the addition of requests or a change of boarding point that require reconfirmation to be issued must be notified and accompanied by a payment of £5 to cover administration costs.

Other alterations such as the addition of requests or a change of boarding point received less than 15 days before departure must be notified and accompanied by a payment of £5 to cover administration costs.

4 If you cancel/curtail your holiday

You, or any members of your party may cancel your holiday at any time provided that the cancellation is made by the person signing the booking form and is communicated to us in writing via the office at which you made your booking. As this incurs administration costs we will retain your deposit and, in addition, apply the cancellation charges shown below:

NOTIFICATION RECEIVED IN WRITING:

Before balance due date*: **DEPOSIT ONLY**

On, or after balance due date:

100% OF TOTAL HOLIDAY COST

*The balance due date will be clearly stated on your invoice.

If the reason for cancellation is covered under the terms of your travel insurance policy, you may be able to reclaim these charges.

If you are prevented from travelling you may transfer your booking to another person (substitute), however, as this incurs administration costs a nominal charge of £5 will be charged. Both

you and your substitute will be equally responsible to pay any balance due and your substitute will be required to purchase the appropriate travel insurance. If you curtail your holiday, 100% cancellation charges apply.

5 If you have a complaint

If you have a complaint during your holiday, please inform BOTH the supplier (e.g. Hotel) AND your driver/courier immediately who will do his/her utmost to resolve the problem. If the matter cannot be put right on the spot, you must complete a complaint report form which can be obtained from your driver/courier and follow up the matter in writing within 14 days of the completion of your holiday. Details of your complaint must be sent to The Tour Manager, Boon's Calibre Travel, The Homestead, Ulting Road, Hatfield Peverel, Chelmsford, Essex, CM3 2LY quoting your booking reference, holiday destination and departure date. It is therefore a condition of this contract that you communicate any problem to the supplier of the service in question AND to the driver/courier whilst in the resort and complete a written report form. Failure to establish your complaint, in writing, immediately in accordance with the above procedure will mean that we cannot accept responsibility since we have been deprived of the opportunity to investigate and rectify the problem. Claims made after completion of the tour for which the supplier and driver/courier have not been informed and a complaint form has not been completed will not be entertained since no prior notice of the problem has been given and thus the opportunity to investigate/rectify the problem has not been given. (see page 26, item 5).

Note: The "Client Satisfaction & Comment Forms" that we distribute at the end of your tour are feedback forms, NOT complaint report forms.

6 Statutory Authorities

Our brochures/leaflets are issued subject to applicable Acts of Parliament and Government Regulations and the company reserves the right to modify itineraries to conform with requests from the competent authorities in the United Kingdom and any other sovereign state through which the tours run.

7 Conditions of Carriage

When you travel on an aircraft, train or ship, the conditions of carriage of that carrier apply and are subject to National and International conditions which may limit or exclude liability. Your contract made under the terms of this Fair Trading Agreement is subject to English (Scottish) law and jurisdiction. Should any coach journeys be operated by vehicles other than owned by our preferred Coach operator the specification may be different to that detailed in our brochures/leaflets. The Public Service Vehicles (Conduct of Drivers, Conductors and Passengers) Regulations as amended 1990, apply to all coaches throughout any holiday in the UK.

8 Other Terms

a) In consideration to other travellers, on a holiday you may not: (i) Bring a pet or other animal (except guide dogs in UK and Eire, by prior arrangement), (ii) Play a radio or similar item on a coach, (iii) Smoke while on a coach (iv) Take calls from mobile telephones while on a coach, unless in an emergency (v) Make calls from mobile telephones while on a coach, unless absolutely necessary and it can be done without annoyance to others.

b) You are responsible for ensuring that you are at the correct departure point at the correct time, we

cannot be liable for any loss or expense suffered by clients because of their late arrival at any departure point.

c) All listed excursions are included in the price of all holidays unless stated otherwise, refunds cannot be made to passengers not wishing to take part in included excursions.

d) Admission fees and fares for attractions are not included in the price of the holiday unless otherwise stated in the tour description.

e) Hold luggage must consist of no more than one medium sized suitcase per person (max size: 20" x 28", max weight: 20 kilos), correctly labelled with a Boon's Calibre Travel label. The desire to take additional items, such as collapsible wheelchairs, should be notified to the Boon's Calibre Travel office in writing. Your driver will load your luggage on to the coach but it is your responsibility to ensure that it is actually loaded. We will only accept responsibility for loss or damage to luggage if it is as a direct result of improper handling by one of our staff. Please do not leave luggage or personal belongings on unattended coaches overnight, we cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage to items left in this way.

9 Rights of Refusal

Boon's Calibre Travel reserves the unconditional right to refuse a booking, or terminate a clients holiday in the event of unreasonable conduct which in Boon's Calibre Travels opinion is likely to cause damage, distress, danger, or annoyance to other clients, employees, property, or to any third party. If you are prevented from travelling or continuing your holiday by such a termination, Boon's Calibre Travels responsibility for your holiday ceases. Full cancellation charges will apply and Boon's Calibre Travel will be under no obligation for any refund, compensation, or loss, which you may incur.

10 Infectious or Contagious Diseases

For the health and safety of our clients and staff, we cannot accommodate travellers who have an infectious or contagious medical condition. If you have had such a condition within 14 days prior to travel please let us know and supply a doctor's confirmation to indicate that your condition is no longer contagious. Should you fall ill during your holiday please advise your coach driver and the hotel reception immediately. Infectious or contagious diseases can be passed on very quickly; in order to protect others we reserve the right to request that you and your party leave, or be confined to your room, if we believe that your condition makes this necessary. You will not be able to return home on the coach if you are still infectious/contagious on the final day of your holiday. Should you knowingly travel while infectious/contagious you may be held responsible for any resulting illness, expense or inconvenience caused to our clients, staff and/or any third party. If you are refused travel or asked to leave, full cancellation/curtailment charges will apply and we will not be held responsible for any expense you may incur. If you are confined to your room, no refunds will be made.

11 Holiday Insurance

We strongly recommend that you take out adequate insurance to cover you for cancellation, illness, personal injury, or death during the course of your holiday and take no responsibility for any expense incurred as a result of you having insufficient, or no, insurance protection. Please refer to page 31 for additional information.

Holiday & Short Break Fair Trading Agreement 2016

12 People with special needs

We accept bookings from people with special needs, however, any disability must be highlighted by forwarding a letter with all details to the Boon's Calibre Travel office, please ensure that the letter is acknowledged. We stress that we cannot guarantee any requests that are made, but we normally find that most hotels respond favourably in such circumstances. If we are not informed in this way we cannot be held responsible for any inconvenience or costs incurred by the client and this may include our refusal to take you on holiday or to complete your holiday arrangements. Please note that 100% cancellation charges would apply in these circumstances. You should be aware that although many hotels cater for wheelchairs there still might be steps or stairs to contend with (this will also apply to places visited on excursions). We would strongly recommend that people with special needs do not travel alone unless they are totally self-sufficient. Our coach drivers will gladly give assistance when required, however, it is not possible for the coach driver, or fellow passengers, to become full-time carers for the duration of the tour. We regret that we are unable to accept bookings from customers whose special needs make them heavily dependant on others, unless they are accompanied by a dedicated travelling companion who will assist them throughout the tour. Should the decision to refuse a booking be disputed by the customer, a Doctors 'Certificate of Fitness to Travel Unaccompanied' will be required (at customers own expense).

13 Accommodation and Special Requirements

Please provide written notification when booking of any special requirements (e.g. special diets). We will note these requirements on your booking confirmation and do our utmost to satisfy them, however, we cannot guarantee that they will be met and hence their provision is not a condition of this contract. Nevertheless, hotels are usually sympathetic to requests relating to medical matters. Requests for double rooms are honoured wherever possible, however, since many modern hotels have a majority of twin rooms this cannot be guaranteed. All rooms have private facilities and this is deemed to have been affected by the provision of either a bath and WC or a shower and WC, requests for one or the other can only be treated as requests. Single rooms will be sold to you at the supplement (if any) specified in the tour description. Additional single rooms over and above our original allocation, which is usually 4-8 rooms, may attract a surcharge levied by the hotel.

14 Passports and Visas

For all Continental holidays you will require a full 10-year British Passport. If you have any doubts about your status as a resident British subject, or you do not hold a full British Passport, you must check with the Embassies or Consulates of the countries to be visited to confirm the passport or visa requirements needed in your particular circumstances. We cannot accept responsibility if passengers are not in possession of the correct travel documents.

15 Health

Under normal circumstances, most Western European Countries do not require visitors to be vaccinated. However, we will indicate any known vaccination or other health requirements where possible for each country to be visited. If you are unsure of the health requirements of the country you are visiting, you are advised to check with your doctor before travelling.

OUR PROMISE TO YOU

1 We reserve your Holiday

When you or your travel agent has provisionally confirmed that we have space on the holiday of your choice, a confirmation/invoice will be forwarded to you normally within 14 days of receipt of your signed booking form and deposit. The contract is held between us when you receive this confirmation. Provisional bookings will only be held for 14 days.

2 Your Holiday Price

Holiday prices include all coach travel, hotel accommodation, and meals, as specified in the holiday description, and VAT where applicable. Morning coffee, afternoon tea, and other refreshments taken at establishments en-route are not included. Some hotels may make a small charge for portage and tea/coffee served after dinner. Gratuities to hotel staff and driver/couriers are discretionary. Unless specifically indicated in the tour itinerary or description, entrance fees and guide fees are not included in the holiday cost. Extras at hotels (such as newspapers, telephone calls, and room service etc), midday meals and other refreshments taken during the tour, all admissions to attractions and places of interest, fares for boat trips (other than those which are a necessary part of the journey), and fares for train rides, are NOT included in the holiday cost unless otherwise stated.

The price of your holiday is subject to surcharges resulting from the following: fuel increases, government action, including additional bonding or licensing requirements, VAT, taxes, or levies by the UK (or overseas) government or government agencies. In all cases we reserve the right to pass on these amounts in full. However, for other increases such as those resulting from currency fluctuations, and increases in scheduled fares, we will absorb an amount equivalent to 2% of the holiday price which excludes insurance premiums and any amendment charges. Only amounts in excess of this 2% will be surcharged, but where a surcharge is payable there will be an administration charge of £1 per person together with an amount to cover agents commission. If this means paying more than 10% on the holiday price, you will be entitled to cancel your holiday with a full refund of all money paid except for any premium paid to us for holiday insurance and amendment charges. Should you decide to cancel because of this, you must exercise your right to do so within 14 days from the issue date printed on the invoice. Surcharges will not be imposed within 30 days of departure date.

3 If we change your holiday

The arrangements for holidays in our brochures/leaflets are made many months in advance and changes are sometimes unavoidable. However, most of these changes are very minor, but where they are significant we will notify you as soon as reasonably possible before your departure date.

A "significant change" is one that involves changing your departure date; resort area or reducing the quality of your main hotel. Changing the location of a single overnight hotel does not constitute a significant change nor do minor changes between original and final itineraries. In the event of a "significant change" you may decide to: [a] continue with your holiday as amended; [b] accept an alternative holiday, which we may offer you (with price adjustment as appropriate); or [c] cancel your booking. If you cancel your booking we will refund all monies paid by you. No other claims

for compensation or expenses will be considered.

4 If we cancel your holiday

We reserve the right to cancel your holiday, if for example, there is insufficient demand, and if this should occur we would return to you all the monies you have paid to us or offer you a suitable alternative holiday. However, we will not normally cancel your holiday within 3 weeks of departure unless (a) you have not paid for your holiday in full or (b) your holiday is influenced by, war or threat of war, adverse weather conditions risks, civil strife, terrorist activity, industrial disputes, natural or nuclear disasters, fire, epidemic or health risk, technical problems to transport, closure or congestion of ports, or similar events beyond our control. If we have to cancel your holiday, we are liable only for monies you have paid to us.

5 What happens to complaints?

All complaints that are received are thoroughly investigated and customers kept informed at each stage of the investigation, however, sometimes these investigations can take time awaiting response from our suppliers. We can normally agree an amicable settlement of the few serious complaints that we receive if the complaint is found to be genuine. For complaints made as a result of component parts of your holiday as advertised in our brochures/leaflets not being supplied to you to a reasonable standard we will pay you a reasonable compensation provided that the complaint is genuine and the correct complaints procedure has been followed. However, our overall liability is limited by the exclusions below and our liability to each claimant is limited to the total cost of the holiday per person. (Please refer to "Your contract with us" item 5 for complaints procedure and "Our Promise to You" items 6, 7, 8 and 9 which refer to liability, hotel amenities, brochure/leaflet accuracy, and running times).

6 Liability

We accept no responsibility for and shall not be liable in respect of the non-provision of advertised component parts of your holiday, or any loss, damage or additional expense incurred due to circumstances which we could not predict and which were beyond our control, such as adverse weather, road or traffic conditions, or the matters referred to in paragraph 4 (b) above.

7 Hotel amenities

We will not be liable for the unavailability of the following hotel amenities: amenities (e.g. hotel lifts and swimming pools etc) that require servicing, repair and cleaning and may not therefore be available at all times, services that may be affected by weather conditions and their availability is entirely at the discretion of the provider of the service, entertainment provided by hotels which is often subject to demand and its nature and/or frequency may be varied if there is a lack of demand or insufficient numbers staying at the hotel.

8 Accuracy of brochures/leaflets

In all cases all descriptions of hotels, resorts, places of interest etc are published in good faith and are believed to be correct at the time of printing.

9 Published Running Times

The published running times of services are estimates only and we will not be liable for any loss (howsoever caused) arising from delay or failure to operate services in accordance with published timings.

How to book your Holiday or Short Break

- 1 Call Suzanne on **01245 382 397** to check availability and place a provisional booking (or email boons-holidays@talktalk.net with your enquiry)
- 2 Read our Holiday Fair Trading Agreement thoroughly, and then forward your completed booking form and your deposit within two weeks of booking to the address on the rear of this brochure. Please refer to page 31 for travel insurance information. Payment can be made via the following methods: cheque, cash, bank transfer, credit card or debit card.
- 3 Holiday bookings will receive confirmation and date for final balance payment* within two weeks of receipt of deposit.
*It is not our policy to send out receipts for final balance payments prior to issuing your final travel documents, however, if you require a receipt please include a SAE with your balance payment or supply your email address.

Please make all cheques payable to: **Boon's Calibre Travel**

DEPOSIT for UK mainland tours: £50 per person

DEPOSIT for Continental & Channel Island tours: £60 per person

NOTES: (1) All accommodation is on a half-board (dinner, bed and breakfast) basis unless otherwise stated. All bedrooms have en-suite facilities.

(2) Price includes: All coach travel, hotel accommodation and meals (as described in the tour description see note (1) above), all listed excursions, and 'extras', fares and admissions as specified. (3) Price does not include: extras at hotels such as telephone calls, newspapers etc, admissions and fares for attractions, lunches and any other refreshments taken (unless otherwise stated). (4) We do not operate the "feeder coach and interchange" system of boarding, therefore you will remain on the coach that collected you from your local boarding point for the duration of the tour. However, cars and/or taxis may be used, where deemed necessary, in order to reduce boarding times.

Boarding Points for Holidays & Short Breaks

SCHEDULED BOARDING POINTS

(Other boarding points may be available on request. For special arrangements for groups, see page 24, for additional boarding points for holidays & short breaks please see page 28).

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| ➤ Colchester, Tollgate & Stanway* | ➤ Writtle |
| ➤ Marks Tey, Feering & Kelvedon | ➤ Chelmsford, Victoria Road (rail stn coach bays) |
| ➤ Maldon, Heybridge & Langford | ➤ Chelmsford, Waterhouse Lane |
| ➤ Witham (Old Post Office, Town Hall, Bridge Hosp) | ➤ Chelmsford, New London Road |
| ➤ Hatfield Peverel | ➤ Chelmsford, Wood Street |
| ➤ Boreham | ➤ Chelmsford, Gloucester Avenue |
| ➤ Chelmer Village (Henniker Gate & ASDA) | ➤ Gt Baddow, Baddow Rd, Vineyards & Readers Cnr |
| ➤ Springfield (Pump Ln, Lawn Ln, New Bowers etc) | ➤ Galleywood & Margaretting |
| ➤ Springfield Rd (Plough, Lionmede, Balmoral Ct) | ➤ Ingatestone & Mountnessing |
| ➤ Broomfield Rd, The Parade | ➤ Stock & Billericay |
| ➤ Chelmsford, Melbourne & Chignal | ➤ Hutton, Shenfield & Brentwood |
- ***Car Parking:** There is limited free car parking at Kings Coaches depot in Stanway nr Colchester (must be pre-booked).
- All of the boarding points listed above are available at the time of booking should they be required, however, due to natural demand only a selection will be utilised for any one particular tour. Therefore, if you book within 14 days of departure, only those boarding points already selected will be available to you (unless the additional boarding point can be added without re-arrangement of the planned boarding route).
- At the discretion of the management, cars and/or taxis may be used to reduce boarding times for holidays and short breaks.

Additional Boarding Points for Holidays & Short Breaks

We can now accommodate travellers in the following areas for an additional supplement, this supplement will contribute to the cost of a taxi/car from home to one of our listed boarding points and vice versa:

✧ Bicknacre	✧ Danbury	✧ Great Leighs	✧ Pleshey
✧ Braintree	✧ Dunmow	✧ Great Waltham	✧ Wickham Bishops
✧ Broomfield	✧ Ford End	✧ Little Baddow	✧ South Woodham Ferrers
✧ Coggeshall	✧ Great Totham	✧ Little Waltham	

- ✧ Please note that there is a limit to our resources for this service, and places will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. We are only able to guarantee home pickups that are booked at the time of making your holiday reservation. Retrospective requests are subject to availability.
- ✧ For areas not covered by the above list or our scheduled boarding list, please call for supplement; we will do our utmost to accommodate travellers, however, it may not be practical to cover your area.
- ✧ Please note that you may have to share your car/taxi with other passengers.
- ✧ We are also able to accommodate passengers (such as friends or relatives) who live outside Essex provided it does not add to the journey. Service stations en-route or scheduled lunch or comfort stops would be suitable places for them to board.

Additional Booking Information

YOUR FINANCIAL SECURITY

All money received in respect of holidays in our brochures/leaflets will be deposited in a separate bank account, which is protected in the event of the insolvency of Boon's Calibre Travel. All monies placed in this account will remain there until such time as: [a] the tour to which the monies refer has been fully performed, [b] the company has repaid the money to the passenger, or [c] the passenger has, upon cancellation, forfeited the money paid.

REPATRIATION

We have a repatriation agreement in force with our coach supplier, which means that in the unlikely event of the financial failure of Boon's Calibre Travel during your holiday you will be returned home.

COMPUTERISED CUSTOMER RECORDS

When you place a booking or make an enquiry your name, address and telephone number will be entered onto our own computerised customer records and will be used to facilitate the booking of your day excursion or holiday and for the distribution of our own promotional material. Your details will not be passed to a third party. If you do not wish us to record your details, please indicate when making your initial enquiry/ booking. If you require us to remove existing details

from our records please contact us and we will gladly do so.

VEHICLES

Boon's Calibre Travel holidays and day excursions will use vehicles supplied by Kings Coaches of Stanway near Colchester, except in circumstances beyond our control, in which case, vehicles of comparable standard and specification will be used.

ITINERARIES

Due to the fact that this brochure has been prepared many months in advance of the departure date of our 2016 tours there may be slight differences between initial and final itineraries. Any changes will be made in the best interest of our clients and will be of a minor nature.

TRAVELLING ABROAD

If travelling abroad please ensure that you have a valid 10-year passport. You will also need a European Health Insurance Card (forms available from the Post Office), this will enable you to reclaim medical expenses incurred in certain European countries. See Fair Trading Agreement for more information.



SPECIAL NEEDS

We endeavour to provide holidays and short breaks which may be enjoyed by all of our customers, and are happy to accommodate frames & folding

wheelchairs etc on the coach.

However, we request that you advise us of any special needs, and that you notify us if you intend to bring a mobility aid. We are then able to advise you on the suitability of the tour, and can also notify all parties concerned. Please refer to our Fair Trading Agreement, Your Contract with Us, Item 12 for further details & conditions.

INFECTIOUS OR CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

For all departures: For the health and Safety of our clients and staff, we cannot accommodate travellers who have an infectious or contagious medical condition (eg. Norovirus). If you have had such a condition within 14 days prior to travel please let us know and supply a doctor's confirmation to indicate that your condition is no longer contagious.

For holidays & short breaks: Should you fall ill during your holiday or short break, please advise your coach driver and the hotel reception immediately. Infectious or contagious diseases can be passed on very quickly; in order to protect others we reserve the right to request that you and your party leave, or be confined to your room, if we believe that your condition makes this necessary.

Boon's Calibre Travel Holiday & Short Break Booking Form

(Please complete both sides, detach, and return with your payment)

Please include full contact details for all passengers (attach a separate sheet if necessary)

BCT

Name	Name
Address	Address
Telephone	Telephone
E-mail	E-mail
Cheques payable to: Boon's Calibre Travel Holiday and Short Break deposit: £50 per person per holiday for UK tours £60 per person per holiday for Continental & Channel Island tours Travel insurance, please refer to page 31	I/We* have read, and agree to abide by, the Trading Terms & Conditions of Boon's Calibre Travel. Signed: Date:

I/We* enclose the sum of £.....

(*delete as appropriate)

☐ Cheque enclosed

Already paid via: ☐ Card

☐ Bank transfer

comprising:

Deposit/Full payment* £.....

Single supplement £.....

Other supplement £.....

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(Please complete both sides, detach, and return with your payment)

Destination:			
Departure Date:			
Seat Number(s)			
Boarding Point:			
Special Request(s) (Mobility, diet etc)			
Preferred Room Type: (For single or triple rooms please confirm availability before booking)	Single _____ Double _____ Twin _____ Triple _____ (Requests for double rooms cannot be guaranteed since many modern hotels have a majority of twin bedded rooms)		
Next of Kin <small>(for emergency use only)</small>	For office use only:	Payment Date:	
Tel:	Amount: £	Cheque/Cash/Card/Bank	

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Coach Holiday Travel Insurance

We strongly recommend that you are adequately insured when you travel on any of our holidays. Prior to departure, we will request that you provide us with details of your insurers, your policy number and the emergency number stated on your policy.

From the 1st January 2009, the sale of travel insurance connected to holiday or related travel was regulated by the Financial Services Authority, and as a result, from this date, we were no longer able to offer you travel insurance, or advise you on travel insurance related matters.

We will enclose a leaflet from Towergate Chapman Stevens, our preferred Insurance Brokers, with your booking confirmation, which will give you information on how to purchase Travel Insurance from them. Towergate Chapman Stevens are travel insurance specialists in the coaching industry.

Although we strongly recommend that you are adequately insured when you travel on any of our holidays, it is not a condition of travel for our UK mainland tours that you have insurance cover. However, for all other tours (Continental, Channel Isles etc) insurance cover is compulsory. Please remember that Travel Insurance covers you for cancellation charges and other losses, not just medical treatment. Please refer to our cancellation terms on page 25 of our brochure.

Coach Seating Plans



34 SEAT EXECUTIVE COACH (all non-smoking, seatbelts must be worn)

Drivers side front								Drivers side rear	
1E (4)	2E (8)	3E (12)	4E (16)	5E (20)	6E (24)	7E (28)	8E (32)	WC	
1D (3)	2D (7)	3D (11)	4D (15)	5D (19)	6D (23)	7D (27)	8D (31)	WC	
								SERVERY	
1B (2)	2B (6)	3B (10)	4B (14)	5B (18)	6B (22)	7B (26)	8B (30)	9B (34)	SERVERY
1A (1)	2A (5)	3A (9)	4A (13)	5A (17)	6A (21)	7A (25)	8A (29)	9A (33)	SERVERY
Kerbside front								Kerbside rear	

*53 SEAT EXECUTIVE COACH (all non-smoking, seatbelts must be worn)

Drivers side front								Drivers side rear							
1E (4)	2E (8)	3E (12)	4E (16)	5E (20)	8E (32)	WC		9E (36)	10E (40)	11E (44)	12E (48)	13E (52)	14E (56)		
1D (3)	2D (7)	3D (11)	4D (15)	5D (19)	8D (31)	SERVERY		9D (35)	10D (39)	11D (43)	12D (47)	13D (51)	14D (55)		
														14C (55)	
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Kerbside front								Kerbside rear							

SEAT ALLOCATION: You may choose your coach seat from those available and then the allocated seat is yours for the duration of the holiday or excursion. The plans above are the most commonly used seating arrangements, however, occasionally coaches with a different layout are used, necessitating reallocation of some seats. In this case your new seat will be allocated as close to the original as possible.

***Note:** some 53 seater coaches have an alternative layout and seats 31 & 32 are behind the WC & servery (not in front, as shown above).

Gift Vouchers

Stuck for ideas for Christmas, birthdays or any other special occasion?

Our gift vouchers make a popular and much appreciated present for friends and family. Vouchers can be issued for any amount and are redeemable for both day excursions and holidays.



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