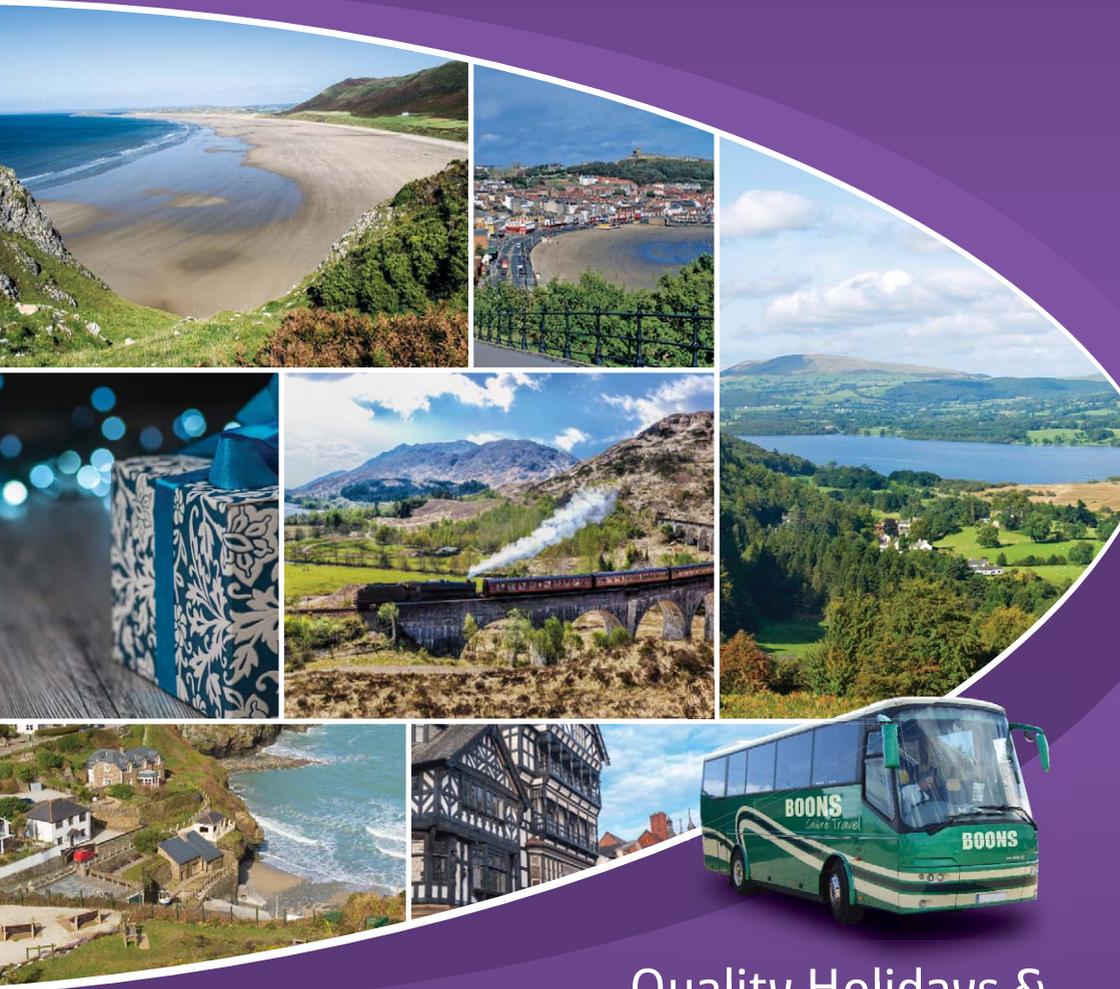


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- ⊗ Accommodation of 3 star standard or above, unless stated otherwise
- ⊗ En-suite bedrooms
- ⊗ Breakfast & evening meal\*
- ⊗ All listed excursions
- ⊗ Local boarding points
- ⊗ No feeder coaches
- ⊗ No interchanges

\* unless stated otherwise in the tour description

# Shows & Concerts 2017

Unless otherwise stated, we require a non-refundable £10 per person deposit on booking, with the balance due by the date specified in the excursion description (see page 8 for other terms)

## Nine to Five... the Musical (includes lunch)



### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May

9 to 5...the Musical is a hilarious musical comedy, based on the hit movie starring Dolly Parton, which centres on three office workers, who turn the tables on their sexist boss. Outrageous,

thought provoking and even a little romantic, 9 to 5...the Musical features original numbers from Dolly Parton's award-nominated score, including Backwoods Barbie, Shine like the Sun and the hit song 9 to 5. This show is performed by the LTC, a long established amateur theatre company, whose former members include Lee Mead & Gemma Craven (includes ticket & 2-course lunch). The Palace Theatre, Westcliff-on-Sea. 2.30pm performance. Balance due 13th March.

**Adult/S.C.: £52**

## Strictly Fever... Kevin & Karen Clifton - the Live Tour

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Strictly sweethearts, Kevin & Karen Clifton, tour the UK for the first time with their sensational live show - a sultry, hip-swinging journey through the Waltz, Cha Cha, Fox Trot, Tango & Salsa. They dazzle the audience as they weave their own spellbinding style of ballroom magic with a high-energy performance, filled with sassy tunes, heart-pounding choreography & sparkling costumes.

Backed by a cast of dancers and a live 12-piece show band, Kevin & Karen's most famous, edge-of-your-seat routines are brought to the stage propelled by passion. Cliffs Pavilion, Southend-on-Sea. 3pm performance (includes ticket for show). Balance due 4th April.

**Adults/S.C.: £65**

## Thursford Christmas Spectacular

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November

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. Advisory age for children, 8 yrs and above. Includes top price, centre raised seats. Balance due 1st September.

**Adults/S.C.: £76.95**

**(Not B & S)**

## Snape Maltings Christmas Spectacular

### December

Following two successful visits to Snape Maltings Concert Hall in Suffolk, we again take our seats for the Co-op Juniors Theatre Company's Christmas Spectacular. 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. As well as the concert hall, Snape Maltings boasts a range of independent craft & gift shops, tea room and restaurant (includes lunch & ticket for show). Date, price & terms available March. \*See below for advance booking information.

**Adult/S.C.: £TBA**

**(Not B & S)**

## Thursford Christmas Spectacular



### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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. Advisory age for children, 8 yrs and above. Includes top price, centre raised seats. Balance due 1st September.

**Adults/S.C.: £74.95**

**(Not B & S)**

## New Years Eve Viennese Gala Concert

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December

Join us, for the tenth year in succession, for a spectacular night out at London's Barbican Concert Hall. Herald the New Year with a sumptuous evening of traditional Viennese favourites. With music from the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and dancers in traditional 19th century Viennese costume, this glittering concert is one way to ensure a fabulous end to the year. 7.30pm performance (includes ticket for concert). Price & terms available June/July. \*See below for advance booking information.

**Adult/S.C.: £TBA**

Please refer to page 11 for details of our Thursford 2-day mini breaks

*\*For 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*

# Day Excursions 2017/18

Unless otherwise stated, we require a non-refundable £10 per person deposit on booking, with the balance 6 weeks prior to travel (see page 8 for other terms)

## Spring Tour & lunch at Bosworths

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April

Our circular spring tour takes us through Chipping Ongar, Fyfield, the Rodings, Great Dunmow and Medieval Thaxted, with its 15th Century Guildhall and restored windmill, 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 (now owned by Wilkins of Tiptree), we return home via Steeple Bumpstead, Baythorne End, Great Yeldham, Sible Hedingham, Halstead & Earls Colne, stopping at Mill Race, one of the largest garden centres in Essex, with its restaurant and multitude of gifts & items for the home (includes carvery lunch, main course only, with tea/coffee). Note: desserts are extra.

**Adults/SC: £39.95**

**(Not B & S)**

## Pashley Manor Tulip Festival



### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April

In late spring, on the border of Sussex & Kent, Pashley Manor Gardens hosts a wonderful Tulip Festival, comprising over 30,000 tulips, creating a stunning spectacle of colour. Over one hundred varieties of

tulip are planted in colour themed garden 'rooms' with every shade imaginable on display. In addition, there are cut tulips in the award-winning Bloms Bulb marquee, where advice is available and bulb orders can be taken. With a café, gift shop, plant sales and exhibitions to enjoy, Pashley's Tulip Festival makes a superb day out. We will make a morning refreshment stop at Polhill Garden Centre (includes ticket to Tulip Festival)

**Adults/SC: £43.50**

## Regency Brighton & a Historic Spectacle

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May



Today we visit the popular Polhill Garden Centre and shopping village before continuing on to the Regency resort of Brighton, a bustling seaside town with a stunning Royal Pavilion –

the seaside palace of the Prince Regent George IV, extensive shopping areas-including the chic "Lanes", a pier, the Brighton Wheel and a busy marina. In addition, today sees the annual London to Brighton Historic Commercial Vehicle Run; all the brightly coloured lorries, vans, buses & coaches from yesteryear will be parked along the seafront. View vehicles from the promenade (free); admission to the vehicle enclosure £3 (extra).

**Adult/SC: £33.50**

## Corn Craft & lunch at the Lavenham Swan

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Today's tour takes us across country, via Great Horkeley, 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 have the opportunity to explore this historic, half-timbered, former wool town, before making our way to Monks Eleigh, one of Suffolk's prettiest villages, where we visit Bridge Farm Barns, a collection of unique retail outlets, including Corn Craft Corn Dollies, and a tea room (includes two-course lunch)

**Adult/S.C: £45.95**

**(Not B & S)**

## Morgan Sports Car Factory Tour with lunch

### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June

A fascinating trip for everyone... not just the car enthusiast. Today, we head for the Worcestershire town of Great Malvern, famous for its waters and for production of the unique Morgan sports car, which has been hand-built there for over 100 years. Our visit includes a tour of the Morgan factory to watch the vehicles being expertly hand-crafted from quality materials, using a multitude of traditional skills, including: woodwork, metalwork & upholstery. The site also includes a small museum, café & shop (includes tour and a light lunch: homemade soup, filled bread roll, homemade cake & tea/coffee)

**Adult/S.C: £69.95**

## Suffolk Villages & lunch at the Four Horseshoes

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June

Today we travel to the pretty village of Thornham Magna where we visit, 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. After lunch, we make our way, via a scenic route, to the ancient market town of Woodbridge, attractively located on the Deben Estuary. Once a busy seaport, Woodbridge is considered one of East Suffolk's most desirable locations (includes 2-course meal, tea/coffee)

**Adult/S.C: £44.95**

**(Not B & S)**

## Exploring the North Norfolk Coast

### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July

Our day commences with a coffee stop at Cherry Lane Garden Centre, before continuing on to the cliff-top resort of Cromer, famous for its crabs, with small independent shops & cafes, fine sandy beaches and a traditional pier. We drop off here, before taking the remainder of the party to Sheringham, "jewel of the north Norfolk coast", an attractive seaside town, home of the North Norfolk Heritage Railway, with its interesting shops & tea rooms, long promenade and open-air market. Ample time to explore, before we return home, picking up in Cromer en-route.

**Adult/S.C: £35.95**

**(Not B & S)**

## Hartley Park Lavender & a Cream Tea

### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July

Today's tour takes us to Hartley Park, a small, family-run, lavender farm in Hampshire, where we enjoy a guided tour of the farm and oil distillery, a leisurely stroll through the lavender and wild flower field, followed by a traditional cream tea. There will also be the opportunity to purchase fragrant toiletries, gifts and lavender plants from the on-site shop. We will make a morning coffee stop en-route at the Polhill Garden Centre, Badgers Mount (includes tour & cream tea).

**Adult/S.C: £47.50**

## Jewel of the Weald & lunch at the Pilot



### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July

We begin our day with a refreshment stop at Dobbies Garden Centre, before making our way to the famous Pilot Inn, situated a stones throw from the sea, in the heart of the

breathhtaking Dungeness National Nature Reserve; the UK's only desert. We enjoy a traditional fish & chip lunch, in surroundings that hark back to the smuggling days of Romney Marsh, before continuing on to the delightful town of Tenterden, Jewel of the Weald, with its attractive tree-lined High Street, and wealth of specialist shops & tearooms (includes Seniors Cod, chips & peas, bread & butter, tea/coffee).

**Adult/S.C: £45.95 (£4 supp. for medium cod)**

## Wroxham & lunch at the Oaklands

### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August

Today's excursion takes us into Norfolk where, once again, we visit the popular Oakland's Hotel for an enjoyable carvery lunch. After our meal, we spend the remainder of the day in Wroxham & Hoveton St John, connected villages sitting astride the River Bure. Collectively known as Wroxham "capital of the Norfolk Broads", the two villages boast a multitude of attractions, including the famous Roy's department store (includes 2-course lunch).

**Adult/S.C: £43.95 (Not B & S)**

## Scottsdale's & St Ives on Market Day

### Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August

Today's delightful tour takes us to the wonderful Cambridgeshire town of St Ives, beautifully situated on the banks of the Great Ouse. Former home of Oliver Cromwell, St Ives other claim to fame is its splendid 15th century arched bridge and chapel over the river, one of only three such surviving bridges in England. Time to explore the town, with its large open-air market, and take lunch, before we make our way home. We will make a morning refreshment stop at the welcoming Scottsdale's Garden Centre, Great Shelford.

**Adult/S.C: £31.95 (Not B & S)**

## Kentish Treasures... Smugglers & a Cinque Port



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### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Our lovely Kentish Treasures excursion takes us to the medieval town of Sandwich, home of the Secret Garden and the first of the Cinque Ports, encircled by its old stone

city walls. After lunch, we make our way to the unspoilt, former smugglers haunt of Deal, a traditional seaside resort, with an attractive promenade, two castles, a pier, beautiful pebble beaches and a small fishing fleet working from its shores. We shall make a morning refreshment stop at Notcutts Garden Centre, Newnham Court.

**Adult/S.C: £35.50**

## Chiddingstone Village & the Standen Estate

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September

On this new excursion we visit NT Chiddingstone, one of the prettiest villages in Kent, possibly England, which is a beautiful example of a Tudor one-street village, with many buildings over 200 years old. We have time to explore, and take refreshment, before continuing on to Standen House & Garden, with its idyllic location and views across the Sussex countryside. The house, which is dressed for a weekend stay in 1925, is one of the finest examples of Arts and Crafts workmanship, with Morris & Co interiors creating a warm & welcoming atmosphere. The hillside garden showcases year-round seasonal highlights & an award-winning plant collection (includes admission).

**Adult/S.C: £42.95 (NT members: £32.95)**

## Elegant Aldeburgh & lunch at Dunwich



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### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September

Today's tour, takes us through rolling expanses of broom and heather, to 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. This afternoon, we travel via the fantasy mock Tudor village of Thorpeness (famous for its House in the Clouds), along the sea shore, past Maggi Hambling's controversial Scallop sculpture, to the traditional seaside resort of Aldeburgh, with its charming high street, lined with small independent shops, and pebble beach, where fisherman sell their daily catch (includes two-course lunch, tea/coffee). Our morning coffee stop is at the welcoming Notcutts Garden Centre in Woodbridge.

**Adult/S.C: £43.95**

**(Not B & S)**

## Macknade Fine Foods & Historic Canterbury



**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
October**

Today, we travel to the beautiful, historic city of Canterbury, with its magnificent cathedral, abbey ruins, award-winning museums and charming medieval centre. Ample time to sightsee, shop & take lunch before we return home, stopping for afternoon refreshments and shopping at family run

Macknade, the South-East's leading purveyor of fine food and drink, as well as quality kitchenware.

**Adult/S.C: £32.95**

## William Morris & lunch at Grim's Dyke

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

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: £45.95**

**(Not B & S)**

## Autumn Tints & lunch at the Grasshopper



**Wednesday  
25<sup>th</sup> October**

On our lovely autumn tints excursion we visit the Grasshopper Inn Hotel, a beautiful, Tudor building, set in idyllic Kent countryside nr Westerham in

Kent. Following an enjoyable lunch, we take a scenic tour via Edenbridge, Frant, Wadhurst, Ticehurst, Flimwell & Hawkhurst to the delightful town of Tenterden "Jewel of the Weald", with its attractive tree-lined High Street, before we return home via Sissinghurst & Goudhurst (includes two-course lunch, tea/coffee).

**Adult/S.C: £46.95**

## Mill Race & lunch at the Bull

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

Today's tour takes us via Bures and Sudbury, to the attractive village of Long Melford, with its magnificent broad High Street, lined with a variety of timber framed and Georgian brick houses. We enjoy lunch at the well-respected Bull Hotel, before making scenic return journey via Cavendish, Clare, Great Yeldham, Sible Hedingham, Halstead & Earls Colne, stopping at Mill Race, one of the largest garden centres in Essex, with its restaurant and multitude of gifts & items for the home (includes two-course lunch)

**Adult/S.C: £41**

**(Not B & S)**

## Ely Cathedral Christmas Gift & Food Fair

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

Our excursion today, 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). We will make a morning refreshment stop at Polhill Coton Orchard Garden Centre.

**Adults/S.C: £34.95**

## 2018 - Ely Cathedral Flower Festival



**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June  
2018**

Join us at Ely Cathedral's eagerly awaited Flower Festival, which returns in 2018, and promises to be one of the most spectacular events in East Anglia. Attractions

include eye-catching displays, musical recitals, floral demonstrations, restaurants and gift & craft marquee. We will make a morning refreshment stop at the welcoming Scottsdale's Garden Centre, Great Shelford (includes ticket for Flower Festival).

**Adult/S.C: £42.50**

## 2018 - Highclere Castle (Downton Abbey) & Egyptian Exhibition

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

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

**Adult/S.C: £56.50**

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# How to book your Day Excursion

## Day Excursion Boarding Points

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

- ④ Colchester
- ④ Stanway, Kings Coaches depot & Tollgate Centre\*
- ④ Marks Tey, Feering & Kelvedon
- ④ Witham (Old Post Office, Town Hall, Bridge Hosp)
- ④ Hatfield Peverel & Boreham
- ④ Springfield, A12 services
- ④ North Springfield
- ④ Chelmer Village Way (ASDA & Henniker Gate)
- ④ Springfield Rd (Plough, Lionmede & Balmoral, Ct)
- ④ Chelmsford, Victoria Road
- ④ Chelmsford, New London Road
- ④ Chelmsford, Waterhouse Lane
- ④ Chelmsford, Wood Street
- ④ Chelmsford, Gloucester Avenue
- ④ Gt Baddow & Galleywood
- ④ Stock & Margaretting
- ④ Ingatestone & Mountnessing
- ④ Shenfield & Brentwood\*\*
- ④ 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](mailto:boons-holidays@talktalk.net)
- 2 Read our Terms & 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)

- ④ 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.
- ④ Group reductions apply for groups of 7 fare paying passengers & above (see page 24 for details).
- ④ Please make all cheques payable to: Boon's Calibre Travel.

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

- ④ First Bus Chelmsford
- ④ First Bus Colchester
- ④ Witham Visitor Information Centre
- ④ Maldon Tourist Information Centre
- ④ 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.



## Jacobite Steam Railway, the Highlands & the Isle of Skye

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017 | 7 Days £699 per person

Supplements: Single Supplement: £96 (9 singles only)

Join us on an exciting Scottish tour to the popular resort of Fort William, situated at the southern end of the Great Glen and at the foot of Ben Nevis, Britain's highest mountain. Our three included excursions take us to the most beautiful locations in the area and include a breathtaking return journey on the Jacobite Steam Railway, a magnificent journey by road to the magical Isle of Skye "the Misty Isle" and a visit to the bustling, harbour town of Oban, crowned by McCaig's Tower, with its views across Oban bay.

### YOUR ITINERARY

**Day 1:** We depart from our local boarding points and head north to our overnight hotel, the 3\* Gilsland Hall near Carlisle. All en-suite bedrooms are well equipped; there is a lift, however, there may be a few steps to negotiate to some rooms.

**Day 2:** Our journey today, takes us alongside the western shore of stunning Loch Lomond, via Crianlarich, through Glen Coe to the Alexandra Hotel in Fort William, a popular resort on the edge of Loch Linnhe.

**Day 3:** Today, we visit the magical Isle of Skye. After a photo opportunity at the Commando Memorial, we travel alongside Loch Lochy, via Invergarry, and through breathtaking Glen Shiel. We then wind our way past the magnificent Five Sisters of Kintail to

majestic Eilean Donan, probably the most photographed castle in Scotland. After a brief stop, we cross the beautiful arched bridge that carries us from the Kyle of Lochalsh to the Isle of Skye "the Misty Isle".

**Day 4:** For today's excursion, we join the Jacobite Steam Train for a magnificent return journey between Fort William and the fishing village of Mallaig; described as one of the "greatest railway journeys in the world". Our breathtaking route follows the "Road to the Isles" and takes us past some of the most spectacular scenery on the west coast, boasting unforgettable views of glens, lochs & sandy beaches, the highlight being the famous 21-arched Glenfinnan Viaduct (as seen in the Harry Potter movies).

**Day 5:** After breakfast, we travel along

the shore of Loch Linnhe to the picturesque Highland resort of Oban, "Gateway to the Isles", crowned by McCaig's Tower. We have time to explore the fine shops and restaurants, whisky distillery and bustling harbour, with spectacular views across the Sound of Mull, before returning for free time in Fort William.

**Day 6:** On leaving Fort William, we pass through the forested hills, mountains & lochs of the Trossachs, where the Scottish hero Rob Roy Macgregor roamed, and via the town of Callander, of Dr Finlay's Casebook fame, to our overnight hotel, the 3\* Holiday Inn Gosforth Park near Newcastle, which boasts well equipped en-suite bedrooms arranged over two floors (ground & first - no lift).

**Day 7:** We depart after breakfast and commence our return journey, stopping en-route in the fascinating, walled city of York, renowned for its exquisite architecture, tangle of quaint cobbled streets and the iconic York Minster.

### HOTEL

#### Alexandra, Fort William ★★★

Our main hotel is Fort William's 3\* Alexandra, a centrally located Victorian hotel, offering traditional Scottish hospitality, with cosy public areas and comfortable rooms. Bedrooms are all en-suite and are well equipped; there is a lift, however, there may be a few steps to negotiate to some rooms. Entertainment is provided on some evenings.

### INCLUSIONS

- 6 nights half-board in en-suite bedrooms
- porterage
- 3 excursions & visits to places of interest en-route
- Return fare for Jacobite Railway



## Royal Norfolk... Coast & Country

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017 | 4 Days £385 per person**

**Supplements:** twin/double room for single occupancy: £45 (first 6 only, £60 thereafter – max 6)

This splendid four-day break takes us into the county of Norfolk, a region that deserves to be explored in depth; and on this lovely tour, we hope to achieve just that. For your delight, we have included two excursions around the area, taking in the coastal resorts of Cromer & Sheringham, the historic town of Holt, the heritage railway known as the “Poppy Line”, the magnificent estate of Blickling and the popular village of Wroxham. To further enhance your enjoyment, we visit the Royal Estate of Sandringham and the fine city of Norwich en-route.

### YOUR ITINERARY

**Day 1:** On leaving our local boarding points we head into Norfolk. On arrival we visit the medieval city of Norwich, with its historic streets, magnificent cathedral and extensive shopping areas. We have the opportunity to spend the remainder of the day in Norwich, or alternatively, the afternoon can be spent relaxing and enjoying our lovely hotel and grounds.

**Day 2:** Today, we make our way to historic, Georgian Holt, with its many cafes, boutiques, galleries, bookshops and antique shops, tucked away in alleyways and courtyards. From Holt we take the North Norfolk Railway (fare included), known locally as ‘The Poppy Line’, for a 5 mile journey through the

countryside to Sheringham, “jewel of the north Norfolk coast”, where there will be time to take lunch and to explore the quaint town and seafont.

**Day 3:** This morning, we have the choice to visit either Wroxham Barns, an award-winning craft centre with cafes and specialist shopping outlets, or Wroxham village “capital of the Norfolk Broads”, which sits astride the River Bure and boasts the famous Roy’s department store. Continuing on, we reach the 16th century NT Blickling Estate, dominated by its breathtaking red-brick mansion, surrounded by ancient yew hedges, sat within magnificent gardens and parkland in the beautiful Bure meadows (NT members free entrance, otherwise entrance extra). As an alternative to

Blickling, we take a drive to Cromer, a North Norfolk seaside resort, boasting a string of Victorian & Edwardian seafont hotels and a magnificent pier. The town is famous for the fresh brown Cromer crab which is caught locally and sold in the many eateries.

**Day 4:** On leaving our hotel, we head for home, stopping en-route at the Sandringham Estate (admission included), the Queen’s much loved country retreat. The magnificent house, built in 1870, has been passed down through four generations of British Monarchs and is surrounded by 60 acres of beautiful gardens. Also in the grounds is the medieval Sandringham Church, where the Royal family worship, and a museum, which houses many items of interest, including the Royal vintage motor vehicles – its prize exhibits.

### HOTEL

#### Dunston Hall ★★★★★

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

### INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights half-board in en-suite bedrooms • Porterage • Lift, ground floor bedrooms & an adapted bedroom • Leisure facilities • Tea/coffee on arrival
- Two excursions & visits on outward & return journeys • Entrance to Sandringham • fare for railway



## The Thursford Christmas Spectacular

**Sunday 3rd December 2017, 7pm performance**  
*Centre Raised Seats (top price) | 2 Days £209 per person*

**Sunday 10th December 2017, 7pm performance**  
*Centre Deluxe Seats (top price) | 2 Days £209 per person*

**Supplements:** Supplement for single-occupancy of a Twin/Double room: £NIL (first 6 only, £15 thereafter)

For the tenth year in succession, join us for a wonderful two-day break in the county of Norfolk, with the highlight of the tour being a visit to the marvellous Thursford Christmas spectacular...a festive extravaganza not to be missed. The show, with its cast of over 100 professional, singers, dancers, musicians and a comedian, gets better each year and never fails to delight its audience. The magical auditorium is beautifully adorned with sparkling decorations at every turn and the shops are full with Christmas gifts. Add to this, the awe inspiring Phil Kelsall, Blackpool Tower's Resident Organist, playing the Mighty Wurlitzer, and you have a recipe for a successful celebration of the festive season that keeps visitors returning year after year.

### *A perfect pre-Christmas treat*

#### **YOUR ITINERARY**

**Day 1:** On leaving our local boarding points, we make our way to Norfolk, stopping en-route at a garden centre, for morning refreshments. On arrival at our hotel, porters take care of the luggage, while we enjoy a delicious three-course lunch. Time to relax, before departing for the evening

performance of the Thursford Christmas Spectacular.

**Day 2:** After a hearty breakfast, we have the option to visit either the medieval city of Norwich, with its numerous attractions and extensive shopping facilities, or the village of Wroxham "Capital of the Broads", with the famous Roy's department store &

smaller shops (we drop off at both places\*). Time for shopping and lunch, before returning home.

\*The party will be divided in two as there will not be time for everyone to visit both Wroxham & Norwich. Those who opt for Norwich will have approximately 1hr longer to shop and take lunch than those who opt for Wroxham. Your coach driver will advise you on exact timings on the day.

#### **HOTEL**

##### **Abacus Best Western PLUS Knights Hill Hotel ★★★★★**

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

#### **INCLUSIONS**

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

Please refer to page 4  
 for details of our Thursford  
 Day Excursions



## Charms of the South Coast & Elegant Eastbourne

Sunday 15th October 2017 | 5 Days £419 per person

**Supplements:** Single Room Supplement: £NIL (9 rooms only)  
Guaranteed sea view supplement: £30 per person

A relaxing break at one of our client's favourite locations and at one of our most popular hotels. Close to home and boasting a fine Victorian seafront, level promenade, pier and a comprehensive shopping centre, the elegant south coast resort of Eastbourne is always a perfect holiday destination. Our tour includes three carefully planned excursions, with visits to the Edwardian seaside town of Bexhill-on-Sea, historic Chichester, the Regency resort of Brighton and Cinque Tenterden, we have allowed for time at leisure in Eastbourne and there will be visits to Royal Windsor and the coastal town of Hastings en-route.

### YOUR ITINERARY

**Day 1:** On leaving our local boarding points, we visit the popular Polhill Garden Centre, before making our way to the coastal town of Hastings, overlooked by the remains of William the Conqueror's first Norman castle and location for the filming of the ITV drama *Foyle's War*. Hastings is home to Europe's largest beach-launched fishing fleet and the UK's steepest funicular cliff railway; in addition, it boasts a picturesque Old Town offering a unique shopping experience. After lunch we complete our journey to Eastbourne.

**Day 2:** Today, we cross the South Downs, the UK's newest National Park, into West Sussex, where we visit one of the best preserved Georgian cities in the country, historic Chichester, which lies between two areas of Outstanding

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 return to Eastbourne.

**Day 3:** Our excursion today, takes us through East Sussex, to Kent's Cinque town of Tenterden, "The Jewel of the Weald", with its attractive tree-lined High Street and a wealth of specialist shops, tearooms, pubs and restaurants. Time for refreshments, before we visit the timeless Edwardian seaside resort of Bexhill-on-Sea, with its elegant architecture, arts centre, museum, picturesque Old Town and level promenade. Renowned as the birthplace of British motor racing, the 8th Earl De La Warr attracted

international attention by hosting Britain's first automobile races in the town in 1902.

**Day 4:** Following breakfast, we take a short drive along the coast to the Regency resort of Brighton, a bustling seaside town with a stunning Royal Pavilion - the seaside palace of the Prince Regent George IV, extensive shopping areas - including the chic "Lanes", a pier, the Brighton Wheel, the new i360 Observation tower and a busy marina. We return to Eastbourne for the afternoon at leisure.

**Day 5:** On leaving our hotel, we head for home, stopping en-route in the castle town of 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.

### HOTEL

#### Best Western Lansdowne ★★

The 3\* Best Western Lansdowne, is a traditional, seafront hotel, enjoying an enviable position, at the quieter end of the promenade, in the elegant, Victorian resort of Eastbourne. All well equipped, attractively furnished bedrooms have en-suite facilities; many have sea views. Public rooms include the attractive Regency Bar, the elegant Devonshire Restaurant, and well-furnished sea-facing lounges. There are two lifts, some rooms have a walk-in shower and two rooms are equipped for the disabled.

### INCLUSIONS

• 4 nights half-board in en-suite bedrooms • lift • portorage • 3 included excursions with visits on outward & return journeys • Evening entertainment • Walk-in showers & disabled rooms



## Christmas at the Belfry

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2017 | 5 Days £599 per person**

**Supplements:** Supplement for a twin/double room for single occupancy: £69 (first 10 only, thereafter £TBA)

Why not let someone else take the strain this Christmas... join us for five days of good company & fine food in a lovely 4\* hotel.

Meet with friends old & new on our ever popular Christmas break, this year based in Nottinghamshire, famous for lace making & the legendary Robin Hood. In addition to the festive package arranged by our hotel, we include excursions into the beautiful Peak District National Park & through the majestic Sherwood Forest, as well as visits to Matlock's Masson Mills & the celebrated city of Nottingham. A great hotel, convivial company and the usual Boon's extras; we're confident our 2017 seasonal celebration will be a winner.

### YOUR ITINERARY

**Day 1:** On leaving our local boarding points, we make our way to Nottingham, stopping en-route for refreshments & lunch. On arrival, we enjoy a welcoming drink, while porters take care of our luggage. Ample time to settle into our rooms, before we sit down to our evening meal, accompanied by live music.

**Day 2:** Following a tasty breakfast, we depart for a short tour of the beautiful Peak District National Park, with a lunchtime stop at Masson Mills, situated on the River Derwent, in picturesque Matlock Bath. This evening, dinner is served in the Lawrence Restaurant, accompanied by live music. After our meal, relax in the bar, or perhaps the

games room, alternatively, a general knowledge quiz will keep us amused. For guests returning from Midnight Mass\*; a glass of mulled wine, tea/coffee & mince pies will be available.

**Day 3: Merry Christmas!!!** A hearty breakfast will be served in the Lawrence Restaurant, setting us up nicely for a relaxed morning or a visit to one of the local churches\*, prior to our traditional Christmas lunch. This afternoon, Santa pays a visit and we all retire to the Oaks Bar to watch the Queens Speech. This evening's dinner will be buffet style and a Christmas Quiz rounds off the evening.

**Day 4:** After breakfast, we take the opportunity to explore historic Nottingham, with its extensive

shopping areas, famous for lace making & the legendary outlaw, Robin Hood. Alternatively, join our short tour through the majestic Sherwood Forest. A light buffet lunch will be served in the Lawrence Restaurant. This afternoon, either relax in the hotel, or visit the local pantomime, Beauty & the Beast, at Nottingham's Theatre Royal (ticket extra\*). This evening we enjoy a Gala Dinner, followed by live entertainment.

**Day 5:** After breakfast, we depart from our hotel and make our way home, stopping en-route for refreshments & lunch.

### HOTEL

#### Nottingham Belfry ★★☆☆

The 4\* Nottingham Belfry, is a modern, yet warmly ambient hotel on the edge of the vibrant city of Nottingham, whose stylish, contemporary interior is complimented by the light that floods in from every angle. The rich colours create a warm, welcoming atmosphere, which is further enhanced by the friendly hotel team. All en-suite bedrooms are spaciouly appointed, well equipped and comfortable; there are two restaurants, offering interesting & satisfying cuisine; and a leisure centre, with indoor swimming pool.

*\*Transport will be provided for the pantomime & for Midnight Mass, but not Christmas morning services.*

*Pantomime – best price ticket: £35.50 per person (includes theatre booking fees). Please confirm when booking. Payment due: 20/8/17.*

*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 • Christmas Day lunch
- Boxing Day lunch • Christmas package • visits on outward & return journeys • two excursions • optional pantomime • Porterage • lift
- leisure centre • adapted bedrooms • walk-in showers • Christmas gift
- Raffle & chocolates on the coach



## Springtime in the Glorious Lake District

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 | 5 Days £459 per person

**Supplements:** twin/double room for single occupancy: £40

Cumbria's glorious Lake District is stunning in any season, with breathtaking scenery at every turn and a wealth of delightful places to visit. Poets and authors have been inspired by the quaint villages, vast expanses of water & towering peaks for centuries; join us on this tour and you'll realise why. The region never fails to impress, and our wonderful 5-day break includes three feature-packed excursions taking in the magic and beauty of the area.

### YOUR ITINERARY

**Day 1:** We depart from our local boarding points and head north, making suitable stops en-route for refreshments and lunch.

**Day 2:** Following breakfast, we visit the vibrant historic village of Cartmel, winner of numerous awards for its floral displays and home of the Sticky Toffee Pudding. Continuing on, we head for the southernmost tip of Lake Windermere, from where we travel along its eastern shore, to the resort of Bowness-on-Windermere, Cumbria's most popular destination. After lunch, our route takes us via the spectacular Kirkstone Pass, and the village of Patterdale, to Glenridding, from where we have the opportunity to enjoy a relaxing cruise on stunning Ullswater, 'England's most beautiful lake' (cruise fare extra).

**Day 3:** We depart after breakfast, and head into the National Park, where we follow the path of the River Greta to the market town of Keswick, beautifully situated at the foot of Skiddaw, and on the shores of Derwent Water. Time to explore, before we take a scenic drive over the magnificent Whinlatter Pass, with its breathtaking views; the eagle-eyed may spot a Red Squirrel, or even a rare Osprey. Returning alongside beautiful Bassenthwaite Lake, the only "Lake" in the Lake District, we pass Thirlmere & Helvellyn, before arriving at the charming village of Grasmere, famous for its Gingerbread Shop and Dove Cottage, former home of poet William Wordsworth.

**Day 4:** Today's tour takes us along the northern tip of Lake Windermere to the quaint medieval village of Hawkshead,

with its traditional Lakeland cottages and narrow streets. We continue alongside Coniston Water, inspiration for the Swallows & Amazons stories and site of Campbell's ill-fated water speed attempt, to the market town of Ulverston, birthplace of Stan Laurel. We have time for lunch, and to explore the traditional open-air market, before visiting the world's only Laurel and Hardy Museum. After an interesting talk, film and tour of the museum we make our way back to our hotel.

**Day 5:** Following breakfast today we commence our return journey, our route taking us through the pretty towns and villages of Yorkshire's beautiful Wensleydale. Suitable stops will be made en-route for refreshments and lunch.

### HOTEL

#### Westmorland ★★★

Our hotel is one our clients favourites, the welcoming 3 star Westmorland; a hidden treasure, in a tranquil setting, surrounded by the Cumbrian Mountains; on the edge of the Lake District and the Yorkshire Dales. Meals are served in the award-winning restaurant, with its views of the surrounding countryside and tempting menus made from local ingredients. All en-suite bedrooms are well appointed and one room is equipped for the disabled. There is lift access to some of the hotel bedrooms and several ground floor rooms are available.

### INCLUSIONS

• 4 nights half-board in en-suite bedrooms • portage • lift to some bedrooms • ground floor rooms • a disabled room • 3 excursions • visit on outward & return journeys • entrance to Laurel and Hardy Museum.



## St Agnes & other Cornish Treasures

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017 | 5 Days £459 per person

**Supplements:** Single Supplement: £NIL (5 only)  
Supplement for a twin/double room for single occupancy: £40

Once again we join our friends at the Rosemundy House Hotel, in the picturesque coastal Cornish village of St Agnes, with its fascinating museum, beautiful beaches & breathtaking scenery. Our tour boasts three lovely excursions taking in the picturesque fishing villages of Mevagissey, Looe and Polperro; the pretty Roseland Peninsula & St Mawes; and NT Trelissick (one of the Great Gardens of Cornwall). We also have the opportunity for time at leisure in St Agnes or to visit the cathedral city of Truro. There will also be an optional visit to the Eden Project.

### YOUR ITINERARY

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

**Day 2:** After breakfast today, we have the opportunity to relax in our hotel, or to explore the pretty coastal village of St Agnes; 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. Alternatively, join our morning excursion to the city of Truro, with its pedestrianised shopping area, historic buildings, parks and magnificent cathedral. This afternoon we visit pretty Mevagissey, a traditional Cornish fishing port with quaint shops and colourful cottages lining the busy harbour.

**Day 3:** Following breakfast, we head for the picturesque fishing ports of Looe and Polperro. Looe is divided into East & West, with the two sides connected by a Victorian seven-arched bridge; it is a popular resort with a bustling, colourful harbour and sandy beaches. Continuing on, we "step back in time" when we visit the picture-postcard, former smugglers haunt of Polperro, where the streets are traffic free and its tiny harbour, so beloved by artists, is lined with pretty cottages clinging to the hillside. Note: we will also be dropping off/picking up at the Eden Project today if anyone wishes to visit (admission extra).

**Day 4:** Today, we travel to the Roseland Peninsula, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, with pretty villages and unrivalled coastal scenery. The

Roseland's principal village, St Mawes, is situated at the southern end of the peninsula; a picturesque harbour with whitewashed houses, guarded by Henry VIII's clover-leaf shaped castle. This afternoon we visit Trelissick, one of Cornwall's finest woodland gardens; an estate of rare tranquil beauty, with glorious panoramic views towards Falmouth and the open sea. In addition to the gardens, which boast all-year-round interest, there is a restaurant, gift shop, plant centre and gallery, with exhibits by local artists. (Admission to garden extra, NT members free)

**Day 5:** After breakfast this morning, we commence our return journey, making suitable stops for refreshments.

### HOTEL

#### Rosemundy House Hotel ★★★

Our hotel is 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, where we are assured of a warm welcome and excellent cuisine. The Rosemundy is ideally situated to explore the county of Cornwall and is also a comfortable home-from-home when at leisure. All well appointed en-suite bedrooms are on either the ground or first floor; for relaxation, there are comfortable lounges; and for the more energetic, croquet, putting and a heated outdoor swimming pool. There is entertainment on some evenings.

### INCLUSIONS

• 4 nights half-board in en-suite bedrooms • portorage • ground floor rooms • disabled rooms • entertainment • 3 excursions. Note: no lift



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## Easter Weekend... Yorkshire's Delights



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2017 | 4 Days £335 per person

**Supplements:** Supplement for twin/double room for single occupancy: £45 (first 12, £54 thereafter)

Our 2017 Easter break explores the picturesque county of Yorkshire with its many and varied attractions and landscapes. These are brought alive on Easter Day, when we are joined, once again, by the popular guide, David Johns, who will take us on a tour of Bronte Country & the Dales. On Easter Saturday, we visit the award-winning floral spa town of Harrogate, with its glorious gardens, graceful architecture and excellent shopping opportunities, and then spend time in the fascinating Saltaire Village, a UNESCO World Heritage Site on the banks of the River Aire. As usual, our outward and return journeys complete the holiday experience, with visits to delightful Melton Mowbray, the glorious Peak District and Frosts Garden Centre at Woburn Sands en-route.

### YOUR ITINERARY

**Day 1:** We depart from our local boarding points, and make our way northward, our route taking us past the vast expanse of Rutland Water, to the attractive Leicestershire town of Melton Mowbray, famous for Stilton cheese and the delicious pork pies that bear its name. On arrival at our hotel, porters take care of our luggage, while we settle into our rooms.

**Day 2:** Today we pay a visit to the award-winning floral spa town of Harrogate, with its glorious gardens, graceful architecture and excellent

shopping opportunities. This afternoon, we spend time in the fascinating Saltaire Village, a UNESCO World Heritage Site on the banks of the River Aire. The Italianate style village, with its enduring beauty and charm, was built by Sir Titus Salt in the 19th Century to house the workers from Salts Textile Mill. Today, the village is lived in but also boasts numerous attractions; such as the Mill, housing galleries, shops & restaurants; the Victorian Hall, with its Wurlitzer Cinema Organ; boat trips; tram rides and guided walking tours (some attractions have admissions/fares – extra).

**Day 3:** Following breakfast, we depart for a tour of Bronte Country and the Yorkshire Dales National Park, accompanied by our popular guide from 2015, David Johns. As usual, David will bring the tour alive with his specialist knowledge of the area.

**Day 4:** On leaving our hotel, we head for home. Our journey starts with a tour of the glorious Peak District National Park, where we will make a morning coffee stop. On then to Frosts Garden Centre at Woburn Sands, with its welcoming restaurant, food hall and treasure-trove of gifts and other items for the home & garden. We arrive home early evening.

### HOTEL

#### Tankersley Manor ★★★★★

Our hotel is the 4\* Tankersley Manor situated high on the South Yorkshire moors, with views over the countryside. Built around a former 17th century residence, Tankersley has retained many of its original features, including exposed wooden beams and Yorkshire stone windowsills. A modern edge has been created with the addition of a contemporary bedroom wing and a magnificent health club & spa. The hotel has a bar and brasserie which has old beams and open fires. There are ground floor bedrooms and two adapted bedrooms. A lift serves some bedrooms.

*Please note that to avoid stairs, some bedrooms can only be accessed by crossing the courtyard.*

### INCLUSIONS

• 3 nights half-board in en-suite bedrooms • Porterage • Lift access to some bedrooms • ground floor bedrooms & two adapted bedrooms • Use of leisure facilities • Easter Egg • Full day guided tour • Two excursions & visits on outward & return journeys.



## Tinsel & Turkey in Delightful Dorset

Friday 24th November 2017 | 4 Days £329 per person

**Supplements:** Single supplement: £NIL (7 rooms only)  
 Supplement for single occupancy of a double/twin room:  
 £45 (4 only). Sea view supplement on application

Why wait for Christmas to arrive, start the festivities early on our wonderful pre-Christmas break, based in the South Coast's premier resort of Bournemouth. This feature-packed weekend boasts two excursions, interesting visits during the outward & return journeys, and, in addition, a full programme of evening entertainment, with extra "goodies" such as welcome receptions, a glass of fizz and afternoon tea, provided by our lovely hotel.

### YOUR ITINERARY

**Day 1:** On leaving our local boarding points, we make our way to Bournemouth, stopping en-route in Winchester, "the perfect English city", with its magnificent Gothic cathedral, boasting the longest nave in Europe. On arrival at our hotel, we enjoy tea & mince pies, while porters take care of our luggage. The evening commences with a sherry reception, followed by a candlelit dinner and entertainment.

**Day 2:** Today we travel across the Purbeck Downs to Gould's Garden Centre, where we stop for coffee, before making our way, alongside Chessil Beach, to the Isle of Portland, home of the famous Portland Stone

and a mecca for bird watchers. On reaching the southernmost tip of the Island, we make a brief stop to view the lighthouse and Pulpit Rock, before returning to the traditional seaside town of Weymouth, set on a breathtaking Georgian bay, with its level promenade, fascinating harbour, sandy beaches and the usual shopping areas. This evening we enjoy a candlelit traditional Christmas dinner, followed by entertainment.

**Day 3:** On leaving our hotel this morning, we visit the nearby port of Poole, with its historic town centre, large natural harbour, bustling quayside and the famous Poole Pottery. The Georgian and Art Deco style High

Street, with its multitude of small shops and cafes, stretches up from the stunning harbour, with its medieval buildings, to the modern Dolphin Shopping Centre, housing the usual big stores. This afternoon, we return to our hotel to relax and to enjoy tea & scones. Dinner is followed by music and dancing, with a glass of fizz to get us into the party spirit.

**Day 4:** We depart after breakfast and commence our return journey. We spend time in historic Chichester (one of the best preserved Georgian cities in the country) with its compact centre, excellent range of shops, elaborate market cross and magnificent Norman cathedral, before visiting Polhill Garden Centre, for refreshments and last minute shopping.

### HOTEL

#### Ocean Beach Hotel ★★★

Located on the prestigious East Cliff, overlooking the bay, Bournemouth's Ocean Beach Hotel is just a short stroll from the beach and the vibrant town centre. Decorated in a modern, rustic beach style with onsite Spa and Italian Café, this 3-star rated hotel is an ideal base for our tour. The en-suite bedrooms are comfortable, with modern décor, and many have stunning sea views. There is a lift, ground floor rooms, two adapted rooms and some rooms with walk-in shower. An indoor swimming pool is available at the neighbouring sister hotel, the Suncliff.

### INCLUSIONS

• 3 nights half-board in en-suite bedrooms • lift • portage • ground floor rooms • adapted rooms • leisure facilities at sister hotel • 2 excursions & visits to places of interest en-route • evening entertainment • afternoon tea • welcome receptions



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## Heritage, Hats & Cheshire's Charms

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017 | 5 Days £439 per person

**Supplements:** twin/double room for single occupancy: £56 (first 6 only)

Join us for a fascinating tour, based in the beautiful county of Cheshire "home of the rich & famous". Our three carefully planned excursions include two award-winning attractions, beautiful Ness Botanic Gardens & the unique Hat Works Museum, as well as the walled city of Chester & the thriving city of Liverpool. We spend time in the Victorian coastal resort of Southport "jewel of the north west" & admire the unique Anderton Boat Lift. In addition, we visit the tranquil National Memorial Arboretum & the crooked-spired town of Chesterfield.

### YOUR ITINERARY

**Day 1:** On leaving our local boarding points, we make our way north, stopping en-route at the National Memorial Arboretum, a place of tranquillity and reflection, featuring 30,000 trees and a vast collection of memorials, forming a living, growing tribute to those who have served our country.

**Day 2:** Following breakfast today, we explore the fascinating city of Liverpool, renowned for its maritime history and world-beating musical heritage, where we spend the morning at the revitalised waterfront. There will be the opportunity to take a "Ferry 'cross the Mersey" and enjoy breathtaking views and a full commentary on the history of the area. This afternoon, we visit the elegant coastal resort of Southport

"jewel of the north west", famed for its Victorian town centre, characterised by the beautiful period wrought iron canopies over its shop fronts, magnificent pier (the second longest in the country), stunning gardens and beautiful lakes.

**Day 3:** Today, we make our way to the award-winning Hat Works, the UK's only museum dedicated to hatting, hats and headwear, where we take a guided tour and learn about the history of the industry. The museum is home to a recreated hat factory with fully restored working Victorian-style machines and a collection hats from around the world. We then take a scenic journey across the Cheshire countryside, to the Anderton Boat Lift, which sits on the banks of the river like a giant iron spider. From the visitor centre we

admire the 19th century hydraulically operated lift, as it elevates boats 50 feet from the River Weaver to the Trent & Mersey Canal above.

**Day 4:** After breakfast this morning, we visit the historic city of Chester, situated on the river Dee, with its majestic cathedral, the distinctive medieval "Rows" and the magnificent Eastgate Clock, which commemorated Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee. Our afternoon is spent at award-winning Ness Botanic Gardens, a Cheshire Garden of Distinction, on the Wirral Peninsular, overlooking the Dee Estuary.

**Day 5:** On leaving our hotel, we make our way home via the beautiful scenery of the Peak District National Park, stopping en-route in the historic town of Chesterfield, famous for its bustling open-air market and the crooked-spired church of St Mary.

### 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 as a vicarage to the nearby St Matthew's Church. All beautifully designed bedrooms are contemporary, well furnished and attractively coordinated. There are some bedrooms on the ground floor and the remainder are accessed via a lift. Meals are taken in the stylish restaurant, Topiary in the Park. There is a leisure centre with indoor swimming pool.

### INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights in en-suite bedrooms with dinner & breakfast • lift • ground floor rooms • indoor pool • 3 excursions • visits on outward & return journeys
- portage • Entrance to gardens and tour of Hat Works



## Splendours of Northumberland

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2017 | 5 Days £435 per person

**Supplements:** single occupancy of a double room: £48 (8 only)

An exciting tour which explores the splendours Northumberland, an area boasting a wealth of beautiful scenery, historic buildings and a stunning coastline. Highlights of our three carefully planned excursions include: the magnificent Keilder Forest with a boat trip on Keilder Water, magnificent Alnwick, Otterburn Mill, the magical Holy Island, Earl Grey's Howick Hall Gardens and Grace Darling's Bamburgh. In addition, we visit the historic cities of Lincoln and York en-route. A tour not to be missed!

### YOUR ITINERARY

**Day 1:** We leave our local boarding points and head north. Our lunch stop is the historic, university city of Lincoln, with its magnificent cathedral, ancient castle, medieval Bishops Palace and extensive shopping areas.

**Day 2:** Following breakfast today we head northward, through the colourful fishing village of Seahouses, and along the coast road to Bamburgh, former home to heroine Grace Darling; a coastal resort boasting award-winning beaches, an imposing castle and views across to the Farne Islands. Continuing on, we reach the Holy Island of Lindisfarne, birthplace of Christianity in Northumbria, accessible only at low tide via a causeway. Time to explore this unique settlement, with its castle, priory, harbour, and other attractions, before returning to our hotel.

**Day 3:** Today our excursion takes us to the Northumberland National Park and into the magnificent Keilder Forest, an area of stunning beauty & serenity, which encompasses Keilder Water Reservoir. We take refreshments at the visitor centre, before boarding the "Osprey" for a wonderful cruise around Northern Europe's largest man made lake. On our return journey we visit Otterburn Mill, makers of the famous Otterburn Pram Rug, first produced by Royal appointment.

**Day 4:** Today's tour takes us to Northumberland's medieval town of Alnwick, with its cobbled streets and traditional shops & pubs. The centrepiece is Alnwick Castle, reputedly one of the finest in England, and often referred to as the "Windsor of the North" On leaving Alnwick we visit Howick Hall Gardens & Arboretum,

the Grey family seat and home to Charles, 2nd Earl Grey, a former Prime Minister, also known for the famous Earl Grey tea. The delightful gardens offer a stunning variety of unusual plants throughout the seasons and are included in BBC Gardeners' World magazine list of the top five coastal gardens in the country. In summer, the formal borders, terraces and Bog Garden are at their best and the keen-eyed may even spot one of the resident red squirrels.

**Day 5:** We depart after breakfast and commence our return journey to Essex, 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, the largest Gothic cathedral in northern Europe.

### HOTEL

#### Holiday Inn Gosforth Park ★★★

Our base for this tour is the 3\* Holiday Inn Gosforth Park, a modern hotel set in 16 acres of grounds, conveniently located at Seaton Burn, just north of Newcastle. Each stylish bedroom boasts en-suite bathroom and is fully equipped with all the usual facilities. Accommodation is arranged over two floors, with many ground floor rooms and two bedrooms adapted for the disabled. Meals may be taken in the chic Blagdon Brasserie and a relaxing drink in the Mercury bar. For the energetic, there is a gym and indoor swimming pool.

### INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights half-board in en-suite bedrooms • ground floor rooms
- portage • leisure facilities • 3 excursions & visits to places of interest en-route • Fare for boat trip & entrance to Howick Hall Gardens



## Elegant Paignton & the Cream of South Devon

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2017 | 5 Days £459 per person

**Supplements:** Single Supplement: £NIL (10 only)  
Double rooms for single occupancy: £TBA (on request)

A charming break, taking in South Devon's many treasures, and based at Paignton's welcoming Redcliffe, for many years one of our most popular hotels. Our carefully planned excursions include visits to the atmospheric Dartmoor National Park, the historic towns of Tavistock & Totnes, the colourful ports of Dartmouth & Brixham, the picture-postcard resort of Babbacombe, Victorian Torquay, the serene Buckfast Abbey and the interesting House of Marbles. In addition, we spend time in charming Bradford-upon-Avon & the resort of Bournemouth.

### YOUR ITINERARY

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

**Day 2:** Today's excursion takes us to Buckfastleigh, and the peace and serenity of Buckfast Abbey, situated in a wooded valley in the edge of the Dartmoor National Park. Time to enjoy the magnificent Abbey Church, herb gardens, shops & café, before we make our way to historic Totnes, with its Norman castle, a wealth of listed buildings, Tuesday market and a multitude of independent shops. Finally, we visit the colourful fishing port of Brixham, home to a full size replica of Drake's ship, the Golden Hind.

**Day 3:** Today, we make our way to the charming town of Tavistock, situated on the edge of Dartmoor, and astride the River Tavy. Voted the "best market town in Britain", Tavistock boasts a lively town centre, with a busy Pannier Market and a wealth of shops & restaurants. Continuing on, we head into the rugged Dartmoor National Park, with its stunning views, awe inspiring granite tors, deep wooded valleys with fast flowing rivers, rugged, wide open spaces and freely roaming Dartmoor ponies. We return via the House of Marbles, a working glass and games factory, set in a historic pottery.

**Day 4:** After breakfast, we have the opportunity to relax in the delightful resort of Paignton, with its golden beaches, promenade, gardens and picturesque harbour. The more adventurous may wish to take a ride

on the spectacular Paignton to Dartmouth Steam Railway. Alternatively, join our morning excursion to the resorts of Torquay & Babbacombe. We drop off in Victorian Torquay, with its magnificent bay, elegant villas, iconic palm trees, busy harbour and extensive shopping areas, and then take the remainder of the party to Babbacombe, "Torbay's Jewel in the Crown", boasting stunning coastal views, sandy beaches, a promenade, a model village and a funicular cliff railway. This afternoon we visit historic Dartmouth, situated on the beautiful Dart estuary; an attractive town, with ancient narrow streets, famous for its seafaring history, and often used as a film set.

**Day 5:** On leaving our hotel, we make our way homeward, stopping en-route in the popular seaside resort of Bournemouth.

### 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 Paris Singer Restaurant, with its 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 an indoor swimming pool.

### INCLUSIONS

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



## Gloucestershire Gold... Beauty & Heritage

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017 | 5 Days £449 per person

**Supplements:** Supplement for single occupancy of a twin or double room: £69 (first 6 only)

A wonderful 5-day break, taking in the beauty & heritage of quintessential England... explore the medieval black & white towns of Ledbury & Tewkesbury, admire beautiful Hidcote Manor Garden and the majestic Forest of Dean, marvel at the unique Mechanical Music Museum and tour the picturesque, honey-coloured towns & villages of the Gloucestershire Cotswolds. In addition, visit the blanket making town of Witney, Regency Cheltenham and the beautiful cathedral city of Gloucester. A tour not to be missed.

### YOUR ITINERARY

**Day 1:** We depart from our local boarding points, and make our way westward, stopping en-route in pretty Witney, the largest town in the Oxfordshire Cotswolds. Famous worldwide for its blankets and woollens, Witney's centrepiece is its attractive market square, with a medieval Buttercross, built in 1683.

**Day 2:** This morning, we visit one of Britain's Great Gardens, NT Hidcote, an Arts and Crafts garden, beautifully situated in the north Cotswolds, created by the talented American horticulturist, Major Lawrence Johnston. Its colourful and intricately designed outdoor 'rooms', filled with specimens collected from Johnston's many plant hunting trips, change with the seasons and are always full of surprises. We spend the afternoon in delightful Cheltenham Spa, one of the most complete Regency

towns in England, with its handsome architecture, broad avenues, fine parks and excellent shopping (admission to Hidcote extra; free for NT members).

**Day 3:** Today's excursion takes us to the medieval riverside town of Tewkesbury, with its historic centre and magnificent abbey. Time to explore the network of alleyways in the old town, and to wander along the fine high street, perhaps try some of the world famous Tewkesbury Mustard, before we visit Ledbury, one of the finest black & white towns in the country. Ledbury has a wealth of timber-framed buildings, including the much photographed 17th century Market House, which dominates the town centre. We make a scenic return journey through the majestic Royal Forest of Dean, beautifully situated between the Rivers Wye and Severn.

**Day 4:** After breakfast today, we depart for a circular tour of the glorious

Cotswold towns & villages. We commence with a visit to the Mechanical Music Museum, where an extraordinary collection of working, self-playing, musical instruments are on display. Here we enjoy a unique tour, in the form of live entertainment, where the exhibits are introduced and played by knowledgeable guides. Continuing on, we travel via the medieval riverside town of Burford, the market towns of Chipping Norton & Morton-in-Marsh, and historic Stow-on-the-Wold to the beautiful village of Bourton-on-the-Water "little Venice", with its stone bridges criss-crossing the pretty River Windrush.

**Day 5:** On leaving our hotel, we visit the beautiful city of Gloucester, with its magnificent, medieval cathedral, Beatrix Potter Museum and revitalised Victorian Docks. After time for sightseeing, we cross the Cotswolds and complete our journey home.

### HOTEL

#### Cheltenham Chase ★★★★★

Our hotel is the welcoming 4\* Cheltenham Chase, set in landscaped grounds, on the edge of the Gloucestershire Cotswolds, ideally located for exploring the countryside, as well as the spa town of Cheltenham and the chic city of Gloucester. The spacious en-suite bedrooms are all tastefully decorated in rich, warm colours and are well equipped with the usual facilities. Hardy's Restaurant provides a great dining experience and boasts stunning views over the Cotswold Hills. The hotel has many ground floor bedrooms and also a lift. There is an indoor swimming pool.

### INCLUSIONS

• 4 nights half-board in en-suite bedrooms • porterage • lift • ground floor rooms • adapted bedrooms • leisure centre • 3 excursions with visits on outward & return journeys • Admission to Musical Museum.



## Glorious Pembrokeshire & the Gower

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017 | 5 Days £439 per person

**Supplements:** Double room for single-occupancy £48 (first 8 rooms, £96 thereafter)

This lovely tour takes us to a delightful corner of Wales and has something for everyone...coastal scenery, beautiful gardens, hills, mountains & traditional market towns. From our historic hotel in Carmarthen, we enjoy the stunning coastline of the Pembrokeshire National Park, with visits to the tiny city of St David's, the port of Fishguard, and the charming seaside town of Tenby. We also explore the beautiful Gower Peninsular and there will be the opportunity to admire Aberglasney, one of Wales' finest gardens. In addition, we visit St Fagan's open-air National History Museum & the castle town of Chepstow.

### YOUR ITINERARY

**Day 1:** We depart from our local boarding points and head for the west, stopping en-route in the historic, walled, market town of Chepstow, situated on the River Wye and overlooked by its Norman stone castle.

**Day 2:** Today's excursion begins with a visit to beautiful St David's, a small village, yet due to the presence of its magnificent cathedral, the smallest city in Britain. Surrounded by some of the finest coastline in Europe, St David's is truly unique. Continuing along the coast, we reach the port of Fishguard, with its spectacular coastal views. The picturesque lower town, boasts a cluster of quayside cottages and old harbour, and the main town, is home to a colourful, award-winning "Last

Invasion Tapestry" (said to rival that of Bayeux) housed in the Town Hall. We return alongside the Preseli Mountains.

**Day 3:** Today, we make our way, via Kidwelly, to the Gower Peninsular, the UK's first designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, where we visit picture-postcard Mumbles, an attractive seaside resort, with spectacular views across the great sweep of Swansea Bay. Continuing on, we arrive at the Gower Heritage Centre, located in a 12th century water-powered mill, where a guide will join us for a coach tour through the beautiful, unspoilt scenery and the magnificent coastline. We return to the Heritage Centre for refreshments.

**Day 4:** After breakfast today, we travel via the castle town of Laugharne, former home of poet Dylan Thomas, and past

the vast expanse of Pendine Sands, scene of many land-speed record attempts, to the delightful, walled town of Tenby, an iconic seaside resort with a colourful harbour, beautiful sandy beaches, medieval streets and magnificent views of Caldey Island. On leaving Tenby, we return to our hotel for time at leisure. Alternatively, join our afternoon excursion to one of Wales' finest gardens, Aberglasney, spectacularly set in the beautiful Tywi valley. The BBC series "A Garden Lost in Time" followed the restoration of the 10 acres of gardens and grade II listed mansion which were "lost", but have been restored to their former glory (admission extra).

**Day 5:** On leaving our hotel, we visit St Fagan's National History Museum, one of Europe's foremost open-air museums, which stands in the grounds of the magnificent St Fagan's Castle.

### HOTEL

#### Ivy Bush Royal ★★★

Our hotel is the family run 3\* Ivy Bush Royal, centrally located in the market town of Carmarthen. This historic hotel, once a favoured retreat of Lord Nelson & Lady Hamilton, has been sympathetically modernised to blend its old world charm with modern facilities. The air-conditioned restaurant serves a varied selection of carefully prepared meals, while the lounge and outdoor patio are perfect for relaxing after a busy day. All en-suite bedrooms are comfortably furnished and well equipped, there is also a lift.

### INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights half-board in en-suite bedrooms • portage • lift
- three excursions • visits on outward & return journeys • Guided tour & cream tea



## Majestic Scarborough & Glorious North Yorkshire

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2017 | 5 Days £439 per person

**Supplements:** Single Supplement: £NIL (5 only). Supplement for a twin/double room for single occupancy: £36 (5 only)

Join us on a feature-packed tour into glorious Yorkshire, a truly diverse region of dramatic coastal scenery, rugged moors, gentle rolling hills, magnificent stately homes and an abundance of pretty villages and historic towns. Our included excursions take us to the stunning North York Moors, the coastal towns of Saltburn-by-the-Sea and Whitby, the picture-postcard villages of Thornton-le-Dale and Hutton-le-Hole and the magnificent Burton Agnes Hall & Gardens. We discover the delights of the Ryedale Folk Museum, Yorkshire Lavender and Bretton Farm Visitor Centre, have time at leisure in Scarborough, and visit the floral town of Harrogate & the castle town of Newark-on-Trent.

### YOUR ITINERARY

**Day 1:** On leaving our local boarding points, we make our way northward, stopping en-route in the picturesque, town of Newark-on-Trent, with its imposing riverside castle and Georgian market square.

**Day 2:** Today, we have the opportunity to spend time at leisure in 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 and sandy beaches. Alternatively, join our morning visit to the Bretton Farm Visitor Centre, with its café, Honey Bee Centre and shops and/or our afternoon visit to Elizabethan Burton Agnes Hall

and its award-winning gardens. The Hall has been described as “the perfect English house” and the magnificent grounds boast a walled garden, herbaceous borders, the national collection of campanulas, ponds and a maze (admission extra).

**Day 3:** Our excursion today, takes us to the much photographed village of Thornton-le-Dale, with its small motor museum, cafes and specialist shops. Continuing on, we reach one of Yorkshire’s most popular destinations, picturesque Hutton-le-Hole, a small settlement nestling on the edge of the North York Moors, with tea rooms, craft shops and a chocolate factory. We enjoy a visit to the Ryedale Folk Museum, which celebrates the rich heritage of the region, before returning

through the charming town of Helmsley, and across the Howardian Hills, making a brief stop at award-winning Yorkshire Lavender.

**Day 4:** Today’s tour takes us via the coast road to the Victorian seaside resort of Saltburn-by-the-Sea, with its colourful Italian gardens, sandy beaches, the last remaining pier in Yorkshire and its most famous attribute, its water-balanced cliff tramway, the oldest in Britain still in operation. We spend the remainder of the day in the delightful fishing town of Whitby, famous as the location from where Captain Cook first set sail and for the gleaming black “Jet” gemstones. Time to explore the town, with its ruined Abbey, the inspiration for Bram Stokers Gothic novel, “Count Dracula”, and St Mary’s Church, perched high above the harbour, before we return across the rugged North York Moors.

**Day 5:** On leaving our hotel, we commence our return journey, stopping en-route at the award-winning floral spa town of Harrogate, with its glorious gardens and graceful architecture.

### HOTEL

#### Esplanade ★★★

Our hotel, the 3\* Esplanade, is one of our favourites, and 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 • 4 included excursions • visits on outward & return journeys • evening entertainment • entrance to Ryedale Folk Museum

# 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](http://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](http://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 then 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.

## 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.

## 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 made 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 riots, 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](mailto: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).**

- ⊗ Colchester, Tollgate & Stanway\*
- ⊗ Marks Tey, Feering & Kelvedon
- ⊗ Maldon, Heybridge & Langford
- ⊗ Witham (Old Post Office, Town Hall, Bridge Hosp)
- ⊗ Hatfield Peverel
- ⊗ Boreham
- ⊗ Chelmer Village (Henniker Gate & ASDA)
- ⊗ Springfield (Pump Ln, Lawn Ln, New Bowers etc)
- ⊗ Springfield Rd (Plough, Lionmede, Balmoral Ct)
- ⊗ Broomfield Rd, The Parade
- ⊗ Chelmsford, Melbourne & Chignal
- ⊗ Writtle
- ⊗ Chelmsford, Victoria Road (rail stn coach bays)
- ⊗ Chelmsford, Waterhouse Lane
- ⊗ Chelmsford, New London Road
- ⊗ Chelmsford, Wood Street
- ⊗ Chelmsford, Gloucester Avenue
- ⊗ Gt Baddow, Baddow Rd, Vineyards & Readers Cnr
- ⊗ Galleywood & Margaretting
- ⊗ Ingatestone & Mountnessing
- ⊗ Stock & Billericay
- ⊗ 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 2017 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)



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

I/We\* enclose the sum of £..... comprising:

(\*delete as appropriate)

Cheque enclosed

Already paid via:  Card

Bank transfer

Deposit/Full payment\* £.....

Single supplement £.....

Other supplement £.....

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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

Boon's Calibre Travel Homestead, Ulting Road, Hatfield Peverel, Chelmsford, CM3 2LY. Tel: (01245) 382 397



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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 (57)	
1D (3)	2D (7)	3D (11)	4D (15)	5D (19)	8D (31)	SERVERY	9D (35)	10D (39)	11D (43)	12D (47)	13D (51)	14D (56)	
							14C (55)						
1B (2)	2B (6)	3B (10)	4B (14)	5B (18)	6B (22)	7B (26)	8B (30)	9B (34)	10B (38)	11B (42)	12B (46)	13B (50)	14B (54)
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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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