

Burns Coach Tours 2012



Welcome to our new 2012 Holiday brochure. After over 40 years of operation you can rest assured that the family values on which Burns Coaches have been founded, remain unchanged. Being a small company our emphasis is on Quality. Our drivers are friendly and experienced, our coaches offer luxurious comfort, and our holidays offer you the chance to discover a world of exciting destinations, captivating scenery and carefully chosen hotels!

We have listened to your comments and observations and believe that our brochure for 2012 has some of the best choices of excellent value tours and holidays. We realise that many of you do not actually need to travel too far to enjoy a holiday while for others, the excitement of discovering new and fascinating destinations is still the priority. So whether it is Llandudno to Lille, the Scottish Isles or Spain this new brochure will surely have the answer.

For us your holiday isn't just about destination, it is about the whole of your holiday experience. From start to finish, we pride ourselves on the high standard we offer you.

And so we would like to extend a warm welcome to anyone joining us for the first time and look forward to welcoming our growing family of customers back on board. A holiday with Burns is a holiday with friends!

PICK UP POINTS THROUGHOUT THE NORTH-EAST OF SCOTLAND

AREA ONE

Elgin
Lhanbryde
Mosstodloch
Fochabers
Keith
Huntly
Insch
Inverurie
Kintore
Blackburn

AREA TWO

Buckie
Cullen
Portsoy
Whitehills
Banff
Macduff
Turriff
Fyvie
Oldmeldrum

AREA THREE

Fraserburgh
Mintlaw
Longside
Peterhead
Hatton
Cruden Bay
Ellon
Methlick

AREA FOUR

Ballater
Dinnet
Aboyne
Kincardine
O'Neil
Banchory

AREA FIVE

Aberdeen
Portlethen
Newtonhill
Muchalls
Stonehaven
Inverbervie
St Cyrus
Montrose
Brechin
Forfar
Coupar Angus
Perth

AREA SIX

Alford

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Scottish Borders

6th February

5 days

£245



Scottish Borders

An early season inclusive break to Scotland's delightful Border Region, an area of rich agricultural land with rolling green hills, moors, valleys, rivers and picturesque villages, as well as castles, abbeys and stately homes.



Price Includes

Luxury coach travel * Morning coffee on outward journey * Four nights dinner; bed and breakfast
Welcome Drinks reception * Afternoon Tea every day * Entertainment on three evenings * Glass of wine with evening meal * Entrance to New Lanark * Insurance * Excursions

Deposit Required: £35.00

Single Room Supplement: £46.50

Excursions

A scenic drive following the Tweed taking in St Mary's Loch.

Tour of the Scottish Borders

A visit to the award winning New Lanark World Heritage Site, a beautifully restored 18th century cotton mill village nestled in the spectacular south Lanarkshire valley.

Tinto Hotel, Biggar

Located at Biggar the Tinto Hotel was originally built as a railway hotel and now refurbished to its former glory with features including beautiful stained glass windows and unique period items that adorn the public areas. Facilities include the restaurant and bar; all bedrooms feature TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee tray. No lift but ground floor rooms available.

There will be entertainment on three evenings which will include a dinner dance and Scottish themed evening.

The East Neuk of Fife

2nd March

3 days

£165



The Ancient Kingdom of Fife has some of the most picturesque coastal towns and villages - in particular the East Neuk! Come with us and discover what this often forgotten corner of Scotland has to offer!



The Old Manor Hotel, Lower Largo

This country house hotel offers warm hospitality and friendly accommodation in a picturesque seaside village, overlooking Largo Bay. All the en-suite bedrooms are decorated and furnished to a high standard and most with sea views and balcony. They offer colour tv, tea and coffee making facilities, trouser press and hairdryer.

Deposit Required: £35.00
Single Room Supplement: £70.00

Excursions

Tour around the East Neuk, with its small picturesque fishing villages hugging the coastline, infamous in the past as a paradise for smugglers. Free time in St Andrews.
Heading for home, via Central Fife, Falkland and Dundee.

Price Includes

Luxury coach travel * Morning coffee on outward journey * Two nights dinner, bed and breakfast * Afternoon tea on return * Insurance * Excursions

Blackpool

5th March

5 Days

£215



Welcome to Blackpool, a town full of firsts – taller, faster roller coasters, bigger clubs, world class shows, cosmopolitan restaurants and breathtakingly beautiful scenery on Blackpool's doorstep. To really get away from it all, take a leisurely stroll through leafy Stanley park, Blackpool's award winning horticultural and wildlife treasure. Blackpool is quite simply the most famous and archetypal

of British seaside resorts, boasting a huge range of tourist attractions including the famous Tower and Pleasure Beach Fun Park.



Deposit Required £35.00
Single Room Supplement Nil

Excursions

- Fleetwood & Cleveleys market.
- Tour through the Lake District visiting Kendal and Windermere
- Day at leisure in Blackpool

Price Includes

- Luxury coach travel * Morning coffee on outward journey * Four nights dinner, bed and breakfast * Guided tour * High tea on return journey * Insurance * Excursions * Entertainment

The New President Hotel, Blackpool

Located in an unrivalled position on the north Promenade only a ten minute walk from the town centre with a tram stop outside. Bedrooms are centrally heated with en-suite, telephone, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. The hotel offers a lift to all floors, games room, sauna and pool table. Complimentary leisure facilities are available at a nearby hotel.

Loch Lomond All inclusive

15th March

5 days

£305



Loch Lomond and the Trossachs are set amidst some of the most breathtaking scenery in Scotland, with its backdrop of stunning mountains and spectacular views.



Winnock Hotel, Drymen

The Winnock Hotel surrounds the pretty village-green and is nestled in the centre of Drymen, on the east side of Loch Lomond. It is superbly situated for everyone to enjoy exploring the byways, lochs and beautiful rustic countryside. A warm and friendly welcome awaits you at the Winnock, which has recently been refurbished and modernised to provide all the amenities and comfort required by visitors whilst still retaining the 18th century character of the original Coaching Inn.

All bedrooms have been sympathetically decorated and individually furnished in pleasing tones and fabrics. Whilst there is no lift at this hotel, all rooms are situated either on the ground or the first floor:

Deposit Required: £35.00
Single Room Supplement: Nil

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Excursions

A relaxing drive around the Dumbartonshire Countryside, through the likes of Bearsden and Milngavie, the starting point of many a hiker on the famous West Highland Way, down to the riverside, taking in lovely views across the Clyde, winding our way along the shores to Dumbarton.

Visit the "bonny, bonny banks of Loch Lomond" with our first stop being the picture postcard, lochs side town of Luss, and the former location of the TV series 'Take the High Road'. This afternoon we will enjoy a boat trip on the loch before returning back to Drymen for soup and Sandwiches.

Day trip to Inveraray, on the shores of Loch Fyne, it is one of Scotland's most beautiful historic towns. In and around the town you will discover many great places to visit: Inveraray Castle - home of the Duke and Duchess of Argyll; Inveraray Maritime Museum: The Bell Tower and of course, Inveraray Jail.

Price Includes

Luxury coach travel * Morning coffee on outward journey * Four nights dinner, bed and breakfast with a packed Lunch * Glass of wine with evening meal * Entertainment each evening * Unlimited House brand drinks between 7.30pm and 10pm * Soup and sandwiches on return from excursions * Afternoon tea on return journey * Boat trip on Loch Lomond Insurance * Excursions

Isle of Skye

9th April

5 days

£270



Isle of Skye

The Isle of Skye is renowned for its history, natural beauty and wildlife. Portree, the capital of the Island is a busy tourist resort built around a natural harbour, where by the waters edge you will see many brightly painted houses. 500 million years of history whispers across the inlets, cliffs, mountains and glens of Skye.

Of all the variety of Highland landforms, the mountain profiles of Skye create the strongest sense of awe, and they have drawn visitors to the Island since the days of Sir Walter Scott and JMW Turner.



Price Includes

Luxury coach travel * Morning coffee on outward journey * Four nights dinner, bed and breakfast * Afternoon tea on return journey * Insurance * Entrance to Dunvegan Castle and Talisker Distillery * Excursions

Deposit Required: £35.00
Single Room Supplement: Nil

Excursions

Morning visit to Portree, thereafter the Trotternish peninsula, with its awe inspiring scenery including the spectacular Old Man of Storr and the Kilt Rock formations.

Visit to Dunvegan Castle, seat of the Clan Macleod, followed by a visit to Talisker Distillery.

The Sleat peninsula locally known as the "Gardens of Skye"! Passing through Isleorinsay with its spectacular views over the Sound of Sleat, before arriving at the Clan Donald Centre at Armadale. Afternoon at leisure.

Kings Arms Hotel, Kyleakin

Located in Kyleakin - 'Gateway to Skye' - the Kings Arms offers panoramic views across the beautiful Kyle of Lochalsh to the mainland. The hotel has a spacious bar, lovely restaurant and all of the bedrooms feature private facilities, television and tea and coffee making facilities.

This hotel has no lift, but first floor rooms are available.

Harrogate

27th April

£270

5 days



Harrogate has fabulous shopping, cafe culture, fine cuisine, glorious gardens, graceful architecture and a glamorous heritage as a European spa town. What better time to visit this beautiful spa town than on the Harrogate Flower Show, which draws visitors from all over the world. The city of York offers a myriad of attractions including the Jorvik centre, York Minster, the National Railway museum and the amazing Castle museum.



Price Includes

Luxury coach travel * Morning coffee on outward journey * Four nights dinner, bed and breakfast * High tea on return journey * Insurance * Excursions

Excursions

Day at leisure in Harrogate to explore this historic town or why not take in the flower show. The North of England Horticultural Society (NEHS) has been organising shows in Harrogate since 1923. The Show grounds, home also of the Great Yorkshire Show in July each year now hosts floral extravaganzas in Spring and Autumn, with 70% under cover, mostly on hard surfaces making it easily accessible whatever the weather.

Visit to York, the north's spiritual capital for over 200 years and central to Britain's colourful history.

Tour around Emmerdale country, through Harewood – near the current film sets, Otley – the setting for Hotten, and Esholt, the original setting for Beckindale. Call into the Woolpack and Stroll around the village.

Cairn Hotel, Harrogate

The hotel, set in 4 acres of private gardens and is located 5 minutes walk from the centre of town. All bedrooms have en-suite facilities, colour television, direct dial telephone, hospitality tray and trouser press. A list serves all floors.

Wiltshire and the White Horse Trail

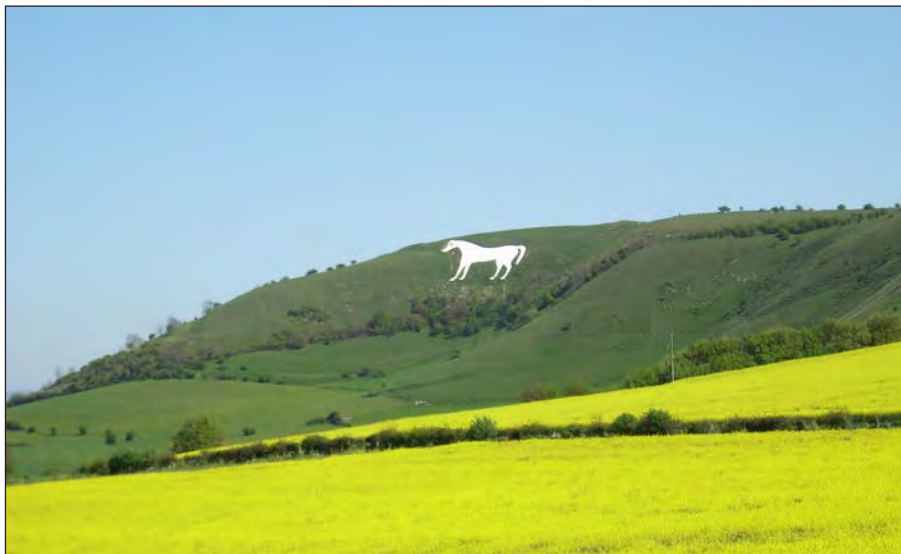
27th June

8 days

£480



The 90 miles of the White Horse Trail of Wiltshire takes in all eight existing white horses cut into the chalk hillsides, surrounded by quiet and peaceful countryside steeped in history and mysticism, much of it designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. We take a vintage steam train ride on the Swindon & Cricklade Railway, tour the Wilton Carpet Factory and taste the local tipple.



Excursions

Excursion to the city of Bath with its wealth of magnificent Georgian architecture which has been designated by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site.

Ride on the Swindon & Cricklade Railway.

Tour and tasting at A Beckett's Vineyard, and a visit to the Wilton Carpet Factory

Marriot Hotel, Swindon****

This excellent four star hotel is set in mature woodlands on the outskirts of Swindon. It offers a full range of facilities including a large indoor pool, steam room, sauna, spa bath and tennis courts. All the en-suite bedrooms feature satellite television, mini bar, safe, hairdryer and tea/coffee tray. Lifts to all floors. Our overnight hotel will be the brand new Preston International Hotel.

Deposit Required £35.00

Single Room Supplement £129.00

Price Includes

Luxury Coach Travel * Morning coffee on outward journey * Seven nights dinner, bed and breakfast * Swindon & Cricklade Railway * Tour and tasting at A Beckett's Vineyard * High Tea on return journey * Visit to the Wilton Carpet factory * Insurance * Excursions

Taste of Leicestershire

1st July

7 Days

£450



Leicestershire is a county of enormous diversity. From the buzz of the city to the peaceful English countryside, there is much to see and explore. Leicester itself is vibrant and energetic, brimming with great shops, restaurants, bars, museums and entertainment. From award-winning attractions to some of the best curry houses in the UK, discover a dynamic mix of style and culture. But just a few minutes away lies a very different world. Beautiful rolling fields, winding waterways, ancient woodland, historic country towns and picturesque villages provide the ultimate rural retreat.



Price Includes

Luxury Coach Travel * Breakfast on outward journey * Six nights dinner, bed and breakfast * Five nights entertainment * High Tea on return journey * Insurance * Excursions * Entrance/tasting to Melton Cheese shop, Dickenson & Morris Pies, Belvoir Brewery * Cream tea at Stapleford Park

Excursions

Visit to Melton Mowbray, well known for Pork pies and Stilton Cheese. With this in mind we have arranged a visit and tasting to the Melton Cheese shop and the famous Dickenson & Morris pie shop followed by an afternoon visit to the Belvoir Brewery for a tour and tasting.

Admire beautiful scenery and discover the old world charm of Stamford, a beautifully preserved Georgian stone town where many of the buildings are constructed from old Lincolnshire limestone followed by cream tea at Stapleford park.

Visit to the vibrant city of Leicester; one of the oldest towns in the country.

Visit to the elegant town of Royal Leamington Spa full of Georgian and Victorian architecture, tree-lined avenues and squares, stunning parks and gardens.

Bosworth Hall – Market Bosworth

Bosworth Hall & Spa, a Grade 2 listed mansion building, set amongst eleven acres of stunning scenery and landscaped gardens. Facilities include- Restaurants, Courtyard Bar; Spindles Health & Leisure Club including sauna, steam room, whirlpool, gym & heated indoor swimming pool. All 192 bedrooms are ensuite and offer colour TV, Telephone, & Tea/ Coffee making facilities. There is a Lift.

Canary islands & Madeira Cruise

18th July

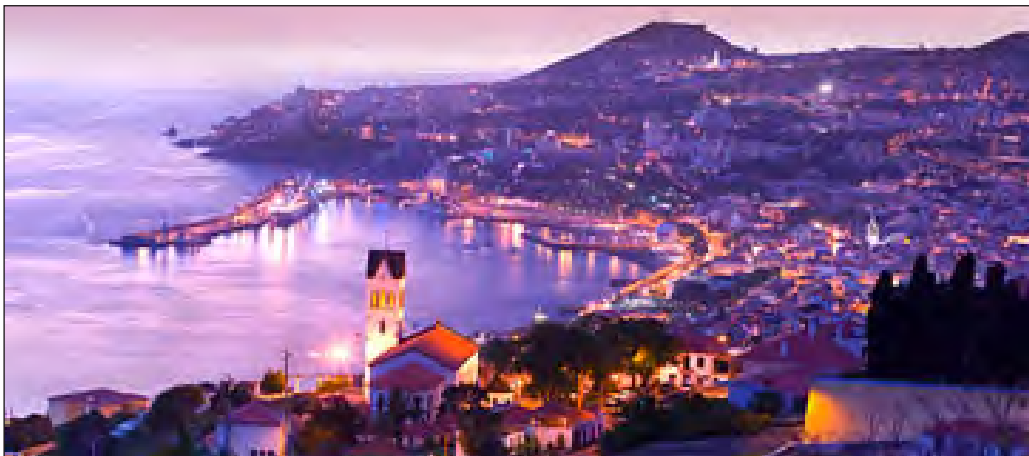
14 days

From £1255



After the Success of our Fjordland Splendour tour in 2011 we set sail again on this wonderful summertime cruise a classic voyage 'south to the sun'. You'll have plenty of time to enjoy life on board the OceanCountess, as well as calls in the 'Fortunate Isles' and the glorious 'Garden Isle', some 400 miles off the coast of Africa in the warm blue waters of the Atlantic Ocean.

The greatest pleasure of a cruise holiday is the knowledge that as each day dawns, there'll be a new adventure to enjoy, a new experience to savour.



Price Includes

A wide choice of comfortable cabin accommodation * A wide range of leisure facilities * Superb programme of daytime and evening entertainment * Delicious selection of UK & international cuisine with dining options * Afternoon teas and late night snacks * First rate service from attentive crew * Innovative & exciting itineraries with interesting ports of call (excursions charged individually by the cruise liner) * Dedicated Burns CoachTours contact throughout booking process * Transfers to/from Greenock included in prices shown

Deposit Required: £175.00

Gratuities and Insurance Extra – Insurance can be organised through South Quay Travel Cruises in Association with South Quay Cruises ABTA No V9945

Itinerary

Ports Of Call

- Day One** - Depart Greenock, UK 1800hrs
- Day Four** - Leixoes, Portugal
- Day Six** - Funchal, Madeira
- Day Seven** - Santa Cruz, La Palma
- Day Eight** - Tenerife, Canary Islands
- Day 11** - Vigo, Spain
- Day 14** - Arrive Greenock, UK 0700hrs

Llandudno & Welsh Wonders

21st July

7 Days

£407



North Wales is not just a place to visit, it's a place to explore, discover and re-visit time and time again. A holiday area, attracting lovers of coast and countryside with its sandy beaches, craggy mountains, towering headlands and deep valleys. With its unique combination of Victorian style and Edwardian elegance, Llandudno is the largest holiday resort in North Wales. Dubbed the "Queen



of Welsh Resorts", Llandudno is an exciting place that is both lively and beautiful with two sandy beaches sitting beneath the towering limestone headland of the Great Orme countryside Park. Llandudno is also a main retail centre, with famous high street stores under the pretty Victorian canopies.

We will enjoy a trip on a narrow boat along Llangollen canal and across the "Stream in the Sky"- Thomas Telfords famous aqueduct, 126 feet above the valley floor.

Excursions

Llanberis – home to the Snowdon Mountain Railway and the national slate museum.

Stream in the Sky narrow boat trip

Daytrip to Chester

Caernarfon / Portmadog

Day at leisure in Llandudno

Horse shoe pass and Llangollen

Price Includes

Luxury Coach Travel * Morning coffee on outward journey * Six nights dinner, bed and breakfast * Narrow Boat trip * Two nights entertainment * High Tea on return journey * Insurance * Excursions

Kensington Hotel, Llandudno

Located in a quiet area of Llandudno's seafront promenade, the Kensington enjoys fabulous views across the bay. All bedrooms offer tea/coffee making facilities and television..

Let Carlow Entertain You

29th July

7 days

£518



Let Carlow Entertain You

Carlow stands at the confluence of the Irish Barrow and Burren rivers. Tradition has it that the junction of the two rivers once formed four lakes. The name 'Carlow' means Four Lakes. While the river remains an important focus for the town, with a long established Rowing Club and annual regatta, other influences include a thriving arts and craft community, a long and lively tradition of Irish language use and culture. It's just a quickstep to Carlow in Ireland's precious heartland where you're well served with excellent day tours and a programme of music and dance.



Price Includes

Luxury Coach Travel * Breakfast on outward journey * Six nights dinner, bed and breakfast * Entrance to Altamont Gardens * Guided tour of Dublin * Three nights entertainment * Return ferry crossing Cairnryan/Larne * High Tea on return journey * Insurance * Excursions

Deposit Required £50.00
Single Room Supplement £106.00
Currency Required - Euro

Excursions

Altamont Garden is known as the most romantic garden in Ireland, Altamont is an enchanting blend of formal and informal gardens located on a 100 acre estate. Whilst still little known, it ranks in the top ten of Irish gardens and is often referred to as 'the jewel in Ireland's gardening crown'.

A Guided Tour of Dublin followed by free time exploring Ireland's Capital.

An optional visit to the Irish National Stud & Japanese Gardens together with a scenic drive through the Blessington Lakes region.

Free time in Belfast. Belfast is the proud home of Titanic and 2012 is the 100th anniversary of the sinking of this maritime legend, which will be commemorated proudly throughout the year.

Seven Oaks Hotel - Carlow

The Seven Oaks Hotel in the centre of Carlow is a magnificent property retaining its old world character. All rooms are en-suite with TV, telephone, Tea/Coffee facilities, hairdryer, Full Leisure Facilities including Sauna, Steam Room, Jacuzzi and Gymnasium. Our overnight hotels are the Four seasons hotel in Monaghan and the Stormont Hotel in Belfast.

Ayr
3rd August

4 days

£272



This beautiful corner of Scotland offers everything you want in a holiday or short break, with stunning views, a dramatic coastline and a wonderful history. The countryside consists of soft rolling hills and winding lanes warmed by the tail end of the Gulf Stream



and on the coast you will find everything from quiet marina's full of luxury yachts, the neoclassical splendour of Culzean Castle and the wild cliffs of south Ayrshire. What better time to visit than at Flower Show time? This spectacular event is Scotland's answer to Chelsea Flower Show.

Excursions

Free time in Ayr or visit the Ayr Flower show(optional)
Excursion around the Ayrshire Coastline and a visit to Largs
Culzean Castle

****(AA) Menzies Hotel Irvine

Located just outside Irvine, Ayrshire, the newly refurbished Menzies Irvine is perfectly placed. The comfortable, modern bedrooms are all en-suite. The hotel boasts a spacious lounge and 9-hole junior golf course.

Deposit Required £35.00
Single Room Supplement £45.00

Price Includes

Luxury Coach Travel * Morning coffee on outward journey * Three nights dinner, bed and breakfast * Culzean Castle * Afternoon tea on return journey * Insurance * Excursions

Goslar and the Fairytale Road

11th August

£745



9 days

We are based in the German town of Goslar which is a former mining town with World Heritage Status for not only the old town with the impressive Imperial Palace, but also the Rammelsberg mines. Half timbered houses with intricate carvings and steeply gabled rooftops surround the town itself. Running from Bremen, south to Hanau, this tourist route is dotted with the inspirational settings for some of the most renowned children's stories - castles, towers and picturesque town squares.



Price Includes

Luxury coach travel * Morning coffee on outward journey * Return ferry crossings Hull – Rotterdam * Eight nights dinner, bed and breakfast * High tea on return * Tour guide for Fairytale road excursion * Insurance * Excursions * Wernigerode Narrow Gauge Railway * Welcome drink * Harzer regional Buffet Dinner * Happy hour at the Bar one evening 8 -10pm * Free use of swimming pool & sauna

Deposit Required: £50.00
Single Room Supplement: £146.00
Currency Required - Euro

Excursions

A scenic tour around the Hartz Mountain range

Visit to Clausthal-Zellerfeld, famous for one of the largest wooden churches in Europe.

Discover Germany's Fairytale road, with a guided tour around the towns made famous by the Brothers Grimm. Visiting Kassel and Hamelin, made famous by the Pied Piper.

Discover the stunning scenery, picturesque villages and lush green valleys on this scenic tour of the area, Germany's northernmost mountain range. The tranquillity and relaxing air are highlighted on an unforgettable narrow-gauge railway journey from Wernigerode to Elend, where you can sit back, relax and admire the wonderful views.

Free time in Goslar.

Ramada Hotel, Baeren

The Ramada Hotel Baeren Goslar has 165 comfortable rooms, which are equipped with a variety of facilities that assures an enjoyable stay.

This hotel in Goslar invites you to enjoy amenities like the winter garden, the daytime bar Stoppenzieher; the terrace, and the Allegro dance bar. Relax in the indoor pool, the sauna, the steam bath, and the solarium.

Warners Gunton Hall, Suffolk

12th August



Gunton Hall, Suffolk

The beaches stretch for miles here on the stunning Suffolk coast, and you can wander over to them from Gunton Hall. Sea, sand and a sociable friendly atmosphere are what set this friendly, traditional resort apart.

Set in mature landscaped gardens with a beautiful lake and Victorian walled garden. This is the perfect location for a relaxing break. Your accommodation is en-suite chalet style, with TV and tea/coffee making facilities.

There really is so much to do at this coastal resort, and the many outdoor activities available include pitch and putt, boules, archery, croquet, putting green and tennis.

If you prefer to stay indoors, activities available include live nightly entertainment in the Pavilion cabaret room, Lakeview bar, coffee shop, indoor bowls, heated pool with sauna, steam room, snooker, table tennis, there really is something for everyone!

Our overnight hotel will be the Holiday Inn Leeds – Wakefield

Deposit Required: £35.00
Single Room Supplement: Nil

£710



10 days

Warner Breaks are a complete adults only holiday package, including dinner, bed and breakfast, live entertainment and leisure activities. By day you can just relax, enjoy one of our excursions or take part in the many activities including dancing, games and quizzes. Warner Breaks offer a range of activities such as archery, tennis, and croquet. Have a swim in the heated swimming pool, relax in the spa pool, steam room and sauna or enjoy a beauty treatment. Whats more every hotel and resort has something special up its sleeve like golf, shooting or fishing. By night you can experience the spectacular shows with big stars and their highly skilled in-house entertainers!

Excursions

Trip to Aylsham where you will board the Bure Valley Railway, Norfolk's longest narrow gauge heritage railway, for a journey through 9 miles of unspoilt countryside to Wroxham. After some free time in Wroxham for lunch, we join a relaxing Boat trip through the Norfolk Broads which is Britain's largest protected wetlands and it enjoys status equivalent to a National Park.

Take a circular tour of the Suffolk countryside including Sudbury, where the painter Thomas Gainsborough was born. Lavenham, described as the 'finest medieval town in England', and where you might like to enjoy a drink in the historic Old Bar of The Swan.

Free time in Resort.

Excursion to Norwich

Excursion to Great Yarmouth

Price Includes

Luxury coach travel * Morning coffee on outward journey * Nine nights dinner, bed and breakfast * High tea on return * Insurance * Excursions * Bure Valley Train and Broads Boat trip

Tall Ships Grand Finale – Dublin 2012

22nd August

6 days

£482



Stillorgan Park Hotel, Dublin

Only a few minutes drive from Dublin city centre, the stylish Stillorgan Park Hotel is ideally situated for exploring the vibrant Irish capital. Set in spacious grounds, its facilities include restaurant, Turf Club Bar, Whitepebble Spa and guest gym. All en-suite bedrooms are air-conditioned, with satellite TV with video channels, radio, telephone, hairdryer, trouser press and tea/coffee making facilities. Lift.

Deposit Required £50.00
Single Room Supplement £102.00
Currency Required - Euro

Dublin's 'fair city' certainly lives up to its name, with a fine mix of history and modern attractions, there's something for everyone. Grand Georgian architecture in imposing squares, combined with a shopping experience second to none on O'Connell and Grafton Streets. This is the place to enjoy the famous Irish hospitality, and of course, the locally brewed Guinness.

In August 2012, Dublin will be the final host port of the Tall Ships Races. Around 100 ships will be berthed in the harbour, and there will be a large number of special events organised during the huge festival and celebrations.

We will have an overnight stay at the Stormont Hotel, Belfast on the outward journey. Belfast celebrates the centenary of Titanic – we will celebrate the history, passion and pride, behind the timeless legend.

Excursions

Two days in Dublin. The Tall Ships Races are an internationally acclaimed annual competition. Each year around 100 vessels from 15-20 countries, crewed by some 5-6,000 young people take part in this unique event that combines four days of activities in each port with racing or cruising-incompany between ports. Enjoy the local events in the setting of this fine city. The second day can be at your leisure to explore Dublin.

A full day tour takes us through the beautiful mountainous countryside of Wicklow, known as the 'Garden of Ireland'. First we visit Glendalough - the glen of two lakes - an ancient ruined monastery in a serene valley. We will continue on through the wooded Vale Clara to Avoca, the fictional location of the TV series 'Ballykissangel'. Then it's onto the beauty spot of The Meeting of the Waters, returning by the Wicklow coast road, with beautiful sea and mountain views.

Day in Belfast including a Titanic Quarter boat tour

Price Includes

Luxury Coach Travel * Morning coffee on outward journey * Five nights dinner, bed and breakfast * Titanic Quarter boat trip * High Tea on return journey * Insurance * Return Ferry Crossings * Excursions

Edinburgh Tattoo

22nd August

3 days

£228



The Edinburgh Tattoo is famous throughout the World and enjoyed by millions on television. However there is no substitute for being there, and for three weeks in August, the spectacular setting of Edinburgh Castle plays host to the World.



County Hotel, Dalkieth

Privately owned 32 roomed hotel. All bedrooms have private facilities, television, satellite movies, telephone, trouser press, hair dryer and tea/coffee making facilities. The hotel has a lift to all floors.

Deposit Required £35.00
Single Room Supplement £30.00

Excursions

Edinburgh Tattoo as well as free time to explore the city and enjoy the Fringe Festival.

Price Includes

Luxury Coach Travel * Morning coffee on outward journey * Two nights dinner, bed and breakfast * Tattoo ticket * Afternoon Tea on return journey * Insurance * Excursions

Lake District

27th August

5 Days

£310



Cumbria is one of the most beautiful regions in Britain, perfect if you're looking for a tranquil and relaxing break. The hills and mountains provide a glorious backdrop to the area and contrast with the hundreds of Lakes that give the area its Lake District title. Grange-over-Sands is one of the loveliest spots on this stretch of Irish Sea coastline and lies within several miles of Lake Windermere. There are plenty of attractive and individual shops in the town, including gift shops and galleries.



Cumbria Grand Hotel

Set in 20 acres of private gardens and woodland overlooking Morecambe Bay, this charming Victorian hotel is only six miles from Lake Windermere. All 125 bedrooms are comfortably furnished with private bath or shower and wc, tv with satellite channels, direct dial telephone, central heating and tea/coffee making facilities. There is an attractive restaurant and bar and occasional evening entertainment. The lift serves all floors.

Deposit Required: £35.00
Single Room Supplement: £36.00

Excursions

An excursion to Keswick, the North Lakes most popular holiday and day trip destination. Nestling between the Skiddaw Mountains and Derwentwater Lake, the town is situated in an idyllic location in the Lake District National Park.

Visit Bowness-on-Windermere, Cumbria's most popular destination. Here you may wish to take a boat cruise to Ambleside or Lakeside, these spectacular voyages give magnificent views of mountain scenery, secluded bays and the many wooded islands. Or, you may wish to just relax and enjoy the atmosphere of the area and the town's delightful setting.
Excursion to Carlisle

Price Includes

Luxury coach travel * Morning coffee on outward journey * Four nights dinner bed and breakfast * Afternoon tea on return * Insurance * Excursions

Food Trails of South Wales

1st September

8 days

£502



Welsh food and drink is a secret worth sharing, as you will discover when following this very tasty itinerary of the finest produce to be found in Wales, from creamy Caerphilly cheese to potent Welsh vodka! Discover the World Heritage Site and the Cheddar Company in Blaenavon, along with an optional underground tour at the Big Pit Mining Museum. We explore the Brecon Beacons and we also enjoy the sights of the capital city, Cardiff, including a cruise on Cardiff Bay, as well as time for shopping in the historic covered market in Swansea, famous for its local seafood and fresh fish.



Maldron Hotel*** Cardiff

Situated in the centre of Cardiff, this modern hotel is just a few minutes walk from Cardiff Castle, which dates back almost 2000 years. The 216 air-conditioned guest rooms have flat screen tv, tea and coffee making facilities, seating area and luxury bathroom with hair dryer. There is a lift to all floors. Our overnight hotel is the Haydock Thistle.

Deposit Required: £35.00
Single Room Supplement: 147.00

Excursions

Visit, tour and tasting at the Blaenafon Cheddar Company in Blaenavon, a World Heritage Site. Here you will find a selection of hand made Cheddar and goat's cheese made with quality local ingredients - one of which is matured underground at the neighbouring Big Pit Mining Museum. We will also visit the Blaenafon Ironworks and Heritage centre.

A visit, tour and tasting at the Welsh Whisky Company, situated in the small village of Penderyn, within the Brecon Beacons National Park. It's the only distillery left in Wales and one of the smallest in the world.

Visit, tour and tasting at Pemberton's Welsh Chocolate Farm, near St. Clears, where we will see handmade chocolates as they are produced. You will also have the chance to make your own chocolate.

A scenic cruise around Cardiff Bay and enjoy a cream tea while seeing the sights.

Visit to Swansea

Free time in Cardiff

Price Includes

Luxury Coach Travel * Morning coffee on outward journey * Seven nights dinner, bed and breakfast * High Tea on return journey * Insurance * Excursions * Visit and tasting at Blaenafon Cheddar/Welsh Whisky Company/ Pemberton's Welsh Chocolates * Entry into Blaenafon Ironworks * Visit to the Welsh Heritage Centre * Cardiff Bay Cruise and Cream tea *

Royal Windsor, Hampton Court and the Thames

12th September

7 days

£485



Celebrate the Golden Jubilee year in Style with this regal Tour. Explore Royal Windsor, cruise the Thames & visit Henry VIII's magnificent palace at Hampton Court.

Excursions

A day in Royal Windsor: Take the chance to visit the largest and longest occupied castle in Europe and maybe witness the changing of the guard; or discover Eton School, one of the nation's most famous public schools. After lunch there's a 2-hour scenic cruise along the River Thames

Head off to Henry VIII's enchanting palace at Hampton Court. Feel the heat of the vast Tudor kitchens then an eerie chill as you trace the footsteps of his six wives through the opulent state apartments. Take time to stroll through the beautiful formal gardens and on to the famous maze. Free time in Reading - the Town Hall and Museum are close to the hotel; there is also plenty of shopping and entertainment to be found in the town. Or why not simply spend time relaxing in the hotel and enjoying free use of the leisure facilities.

Price Includes

Luxury Coach Travel * Morning coffee on outward journey * Six nights dinner, bed and breakfast * High Tea on return journey * Insurance * Excursions * Entrance to Hampton Court Palace * Thames River Cruise at Windsor

Novotel, Reading

Novotel Reading Centre hotel is a 4 star hotel, located in Reading town centre. The hotel has 178 modern guest rooms, each with wireless internet and satellite TV as well as a hairdryer and tea/coffee-making facilities. Elements Restaurant and Bar serve international cuisine and a range of drinks and the hotel has an indoor heated pool as well as a fitness room.

On our journey south we will overnight in the Yorkshire Area and on the return we will overnight in the Durham area

Deposit Required: £35.00

Single Room Supplement: £110.00

Roses & The Wild Costa Brava

4th October

12 Days

£730



The fantastic resort of Roses has a lovely setting on the Gulf of Roses and its sweeping 4km stretch of sandy beaches. Roses history dates back to 8th Century BC, when settlers arrived here from ancient Greece, and today the charming old town still lies beneath its medieval fortress walls. In the old town there are plenty of Tapas bars where you can enjoy a glass of wine straight from the barrels. The beach is backed by a glorious promenade and there's no shortage of shops of restaurants to enjoy.



Deposit Required £50.00
Single Room Supplement £161.00
Currency Required - Euro

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Excursions

Afternoon visit to the pretty whitewashed village of Cadaqués
Daytrip to the lovely inland town of Besalu, followed by a visit to the city of Gerona

Excursion to the pleasant country town of Figueres to experience a feel for real local life and culture.

A full day excursion to Barcelona including a guided tour
Free day in Roses

Price Includes

Luxury Coach travel * Breakfast on first day * 11 nights DBB * Return Ferry crossings Hull/Zeebrugge * Welcome drink at main Hotel * Wine and water served with dinner * Three Themed dinners * Live music every evening * Unlimited tea/coffee, wine, beer & soft drinks 8pm-10pm daily * High tea on return journey * Excursions * Insurance

Goya Park Hotel, Roses

A short stroll from the beach and set in lush gardens, this hotel has a lovely swimming pool and terrace, where activities include table tennis, mini-golf and pentanque. Inside there's a spacious bar/lounge to relax in and enjoy the evening entertainment. All bedrooms are simply furnished with balcony, fan and satellite tv. The hotel's restaurant serves a wide variety of regional and international cuisine.

Overnight Hotel: Kyriad Dijon Gare

Cheshire Alvaston Hall Warners Break

15th October

5 Days

£375



Alvaston Hall Hotel is a Grade II-listed Victorian gem among the leafy lanes of Cheshire. Included in your stay is use of the 9-hole golf course, driving range, outdoor bowls, archery, table tennis, air-rifle shooting, quizzes and games. For your use there is also an indoor heated swimming pool & bubble pool, sauna, steam room, fully equipped fitness studio, tropicarium and aqua fit sessions. The hotel offers a memorable cabaret dining experience - enjoy your meal then stay in your seats as the evening's entertainment unfolds

on the stage right in front of you. Whatever your fancy, relaxation in the manner of late Victorian polite society, excursions to local places of interest or anything between, it's there in abundance for you at Alvaston Hall. Enjoy excursions to Chester - undoubtedly one of the UK's most beautiful cities with history dating back more than 2,000 years and Liverpool - known for its architecture, literature and music.



Price Includes

Luxury Coach Travel * Morning coffee on outward journey * Four nights dinner, bed and breakfast * High Tea on return journey * Insurance * Excursions

Deposit Required £35.00
Single Room Supplement Nil

Excursions

Day at leisure to appreciate Alvaston Hall's facilities
Visit to Chester
Visit to Liverpool

Alvaston Hall Hotel, Cheshire

Alvaston is a half-timbered Victorian country house five minutes from the old Cheshire riverside town of Nantwich. Rooms provide good quality and comfortable accommodation for your stay. The décor is crisp and clean creating a "home from home" ambiance. Each room includes comfortable beds, ensuite bathroom, LCD TV, lounge chairs, tea and coffee making facilities, telephone, hairdryer, iron and ironing board

Blackpool Illuminations

22nd October

5 Days

£275



Welcome to Blackpool, a town full of firsts – taller, faster roller coasters, bigger clubs, world class shows, cosmopolitan restaurants and breathtakingly beautiful scenery on Blackpool's doorstep. To really get away from it all, take a leisurely stroll through leafy Stanley park, Blackpool's award winning horticultural and wildlife treasure. Blackpool is quite simply the most famous and archetypal of British seaside resorts, boasting a huge range of tourist attractions including the famous Tower and Pleasure Beach Fun Park.



Price Includes

Luxury coach travel * Morning coffee on outward journey * Four nights dinner, bed and breakfast * Moorland & Valley guided tour * High tea on return journey * Insurance * Excursions

Deposit Required £35.00
Single Room Supplement Nil

Excursions

Fleetwood & Cleveleys market.
Visit to Oswaldtwistle Mills with a guided tour
Day at leisure in Blackpool
Evening tour of the illuminations

The New President Hotel, Blackpool

Located in an unrivalled position on the north Promenade only a ten minute walk from the town centre with a tram stop outside. Bedrooms are centrally heated with en-suite, telephone, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. The hotel offers a lift to all floors and complimentary leisure facilities, available at a nearby hotel.

Blairgowrie Turkey and Tinsel

5th November

5 Days

£245



The rolling hills of Perthshire are the beautiful backdrop to this festive break in the small market town of Blairgowrie. A picturesque country town, nestled at the foot of the Sidlaw hills and gateway to the glens. With breath-taking Glenshee to the north and the romance and legend of Breamar and Royal Deeside beyond, Blairgowrie is ideally positioned.



Price Includes

Luxury Coach Travel * Morning coffee on outward journey * Four nights dinner, bed and breakfast * Afternoon Tea on return journey * Insurance * Excursions * Turkey and Tinsel Package * Entrance to Glamis Castle

Deposit Required £35.00
Single Room Supplement £40.00

Excursions

Journey through the Sma' Glen to Crieff

A visit to Dunkeld and onto Pitlochry for lunch. Weather permitting we will visit the Queens View!

A visit to Glamis Castle, the childhood home of the late Her Majesty the Queen Mother. We have a guided tour and then time for coffee.

Return to Aberdeen via Royal Deeside

Angus Hotel, Blairgowrie

Our base for the tour is The Angus Hotel, an excellent family owned hotel overlooking the town square in the centre of Blairgowrie. The restaurant has a reputation for good food and there is a ballroom with entertainment most nights including a festive programme featuring Christmas Day, Boxing Day and Hogmanay celebrations. The hotel has a large bar area, a lounge and leisure club with indoor pool. All bedrooms are comfortably furnished with en-suite bathrooms, direct dial telephone, radio and courtesy tea trays. There is a lift.

Lille Xmas Markets

22nd November

6 days

£395



The Lille Christmas market is one of the most popular in Europe, and the largest in Northern France, and is held every year in the Place Rihour, just a short walk from our hotel. Join us as we indulge in Christmas spirit, visiting three outstanding xmas markets in Lille, Arras and Brugge.



Novotel Lille Centre Gares

This hotel is ideally located for both the xmas market and the many sights of Lille, including the Euralille Mall, home to over 100 shops and a full size Hypermarket, all indoors! The rooms have a TV, air conditioning, telephone, hair dryer and complimentary Tea/Coffee facilities.

Deposit Required £50.00
Single Room Supplement £72.00
Currency Required - Euro

Excursions

Full day in Lille to explore the Xmas markets or the city itself. Visit to the Xmas markets in Arras - the Grand Place of this charming town is covered with over 60 stalls selling delicacies and handicrafts from throughout the world.

We will also pay a visit to Brugge where you can take in the canals and bridges and of course, Christmas markets of the pretty Belgian city.

Price Includes

Luxury Coach Travel * Breakfast on outward journey * Five nights dinner, bed and breakfast * High Tea on return journey * Return ferry crossings Hull to Zeebrugge * Insurance * Excursions

Durham Xmas Festival

29th November

5 days

£300



Durham's award-winning annual Christmas Festival is set in and around the World Heritage Site of the Cathedral and the Castle, with a huge craft and gift marquee on Palace Green. The festival typically includes over 200 traders operating throughout the city, plus entertainment on Palace Green and Carol services in the cathedral. Christmas festivities at the famous Beamish Living Museum see the Town and Pit Village taking on a festive feel with period decorations from the early 1900s



Price Includes

Luxury coach travel * Morning coffee on outward journey * Four nights dinner, bed and breakfast * Welcome Drink on arrival * Afternoon Quiz with mince pies * Entrance into Beamish Museum * High tea on return journey * Excursions * Insurance

Deposit Required £35.00
Single Room Supplement £60.00

Excursions Include

Explore all that the Christmas Festival has to offer, plus the magnificent castle and cathedral. The marquee on Palace Green features over 160 stalls and there is a Food Market in the Cathedral Cloisters plus a range of entertainment.

We head to Beamish Open Air Museum where life in the North is vividly recreated in the early 1800s and 1900s. See the Town and Pit Village take on a festive feel with period decorations, plus traditional entertainment, Father Christmas in his cosy fireside grotto and a real outdoor ice rink

Visit to the Metro centre.

Radisson Blu Hotel, Durham

The four star Radisson Blu Hotel situated in the heart of Durham city, prides itself on its innovative menu and breathtaking views over the River Wear and Durham Cathedral! All rooms are en suite, comfortably furnished with tea/ coffee making facilities, TV, iron and hairdryer.

Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, gymnasium, steam room, sauna and Jacuzzi. The hotel has a lift to all floors.

