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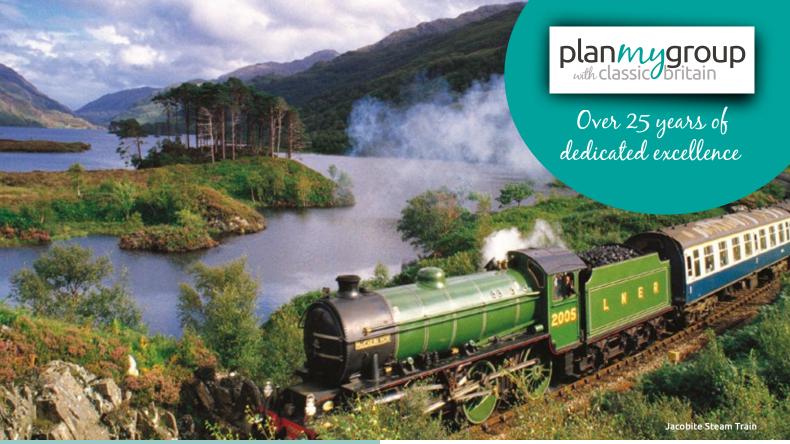
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Island Escapes
Rail Inclusives
Culinary Tours
Themed Breaks
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# EASY TO BOOK TOURS AT THE RIGHT PRICES

Our aim is to dispense with all the unnecessary hurdles and make the whole process of making a booking painless and easy. That's why our terms are so customer friendly.

- Select a tour from the brochure and contact us for dates or bespoke ideas.
- You can book or enquire by phone, email or online.
- We don't ask for any deposits on booking.
- You can sell your tour right up until 30 days before arrival with additional rooms available on request for late bookers. (Subject to hotel)
- Majority of packages offer a free place for your driver over 25 paying pax.
- Prepayment is only required 21 days beforehand, and a proforma will be sent detailing the amount due.

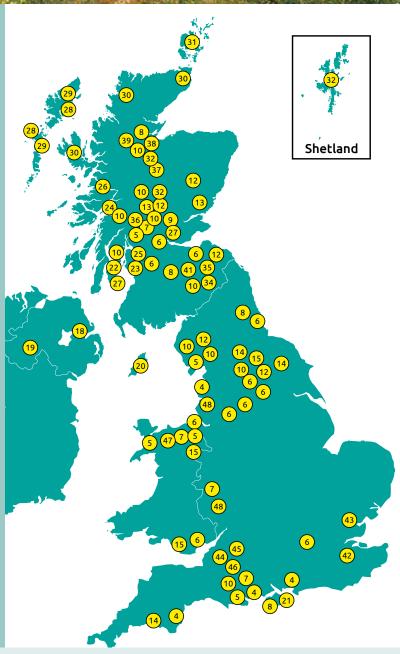
# The majority of tours as standard include:

- Welcoming refreshments on check in.
- 3 course 3 choice dinners plus tea and coffee.
- Full hot breakfasts each morning
- Porterage and Wifi

Individual contracts will confirm.

# We are as keen as you for your tour to be a success and we can off er free marketing support:

- Full access to our royalty free image bank with thousands of high resolution images.
- Looking for copy word doc files are available for each package, which you can modify for your brochure.
- Availability of thousands of real time hotel reviews on www.myhotelbreak.com and soon to be released www.planmygroup.com
- Need extra time to sell, often hotels will provide extra time within 30 days of arrival.



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# MEET THE TEAM

Known for our "excellence" and "professionalism" many of our staff have been with us from the start. With both Myhotelbreak and Planmygroup under the Classic Britain brand the sky is the limit. Year after year our ability to build great relationships is evident, from new hotels to new coach operators we are stronger than ever.



Left to right back: Nathalie, Claire, Stacey, Fiona, Clare
Front Row: Mark, Pauline, Martin

# PRICES, REVIEWS & RATINGS

Here at Planmygroup we do things a little differently from the rest. For instance, this brochure is funded by our hotel partners. This together with our rating and reviewing processes, keeps prices down and quality right.

Our product team regularly visit our hotel portfolio to ensure the right quality, and this together with the thousands of real-time reviews we have collected from our leisure division www.myhotelbreak.com determines the hotels we work with.

Not all hotels reach our minimum entry level, but those which do are either three or four stars. To further assist with your hotel selection, we have graded each hotel into one of three categories:

# **Approved**

At the lower end of their star rating, meeting our minimum level of expectation.

# Commended

Considered average or just above average in all key areas within their star rating.

# 1st Class

Top end in their star rating in all departments.

# **INCOMING & PRIVATE GROUPS**

Planmygroup packages are not only geared for the UK market but also to a growing number of operators from across the world. Our multilingual team can tailor make itineraries and take care of all the ground handling arrangements. The same principle applies for any private groups you may have. Our key objective is to provide you with first class delivery of service right through the whole booking process. Our personal and friendly style of service, where you deal with the same person males the whole procedure quick and hassle free. One of the reasons our clients return year after year.

# SEASIDE SPECIALS

# **REFRESHED**

There really is nothing better than a Great British seaside holiday. We have carefully selected some of the best places to "be beside the seaside" and included plenty of time to spend in resort along with a specially selected local visitor attraction. All the hotels are near the coast giving your customers a great base for their holiday.



- 1 The Beautiful South
- 2 Bournemouth
- 3 Lytham St Anne's
- 4 Blackpool at the Ruskin Hotel
- 5 South Devon

Nestled on the South Coast, Langstone Quays is a luxury 4 star waterfront hotel only a few miles from Portsmouth. We make the most of the area's Maritime history with a harbour cruise, larger groups will be split on two time slots. Spend a day in Brighton or visit nearby Arundel and Chichester to complete the tour.



# THE BEAUTIFUL SOUTH



# LANGSTONE QUAYS 5 days from £264pp

**NEAR PORTSMOUTH** 4\* Approved Reviews 84%

Located in the Chichester Harbour Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Langstone Quays Resort offers a stunning harbour-side setting. With waterside dining and stunning views of Hayling Island, the hotel is a fantastic location for a coastal break.

- Price Includes
- Tea/coffee & biscuits on arrival
- 4 nights DBB
- Harbour Cruise



# **BOURNEMOUTH**

With its vast sandy beaches. Bournemouth is regarded as one of England's finest seaside resorts. Selected is a reliable group friendly 3\* hotel only a short walk from the seafront. On this five-day break as well as spending time exploring the resort, entry to Beaulieu has been included. Set on the edge of the New Forest National park, the multi centre attraction is one of the areas most highly rated days out.

Available Various Months



# **SUNCLIFF HOTEL BOURNEMOUTH**

Traditional & refurbished seaside hotel overlooking the bay in prestigious East Cliff. 5 minutes' walk to beach and town centre. With entertainment and the excellent leisure facilities it is easy to see why this is such a popular hotel.

# 5 days from £256pp

- Price Includes Tea and coffee on arrival
- 4 nights DBB
- 2 night's entertainment
- Entry to Beaulieau



# LYTHAM ST ANNE'S

Located just a short distance from the bright lights of Blackpool and Preston in glorious Lancashire you'll find Lytham St Anne's. This beautiful market town boasts a beautiful oper sandy beach along with a wide choice of tea shops, cafes and stylish restaurants. For a historical touch included is a tour of the town's Hall with a tempting cream tea included.



# DALMENEY RESORT LYTHAM ST ANNE'S

3\* Approved



The Dalmeny Resort Hotel in Lytham St Annes is all about relaxing, eating well, being entertained and making the most of the fantastic facilities available.

# 5 days from £258pp

# Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Tour of Lytham Hall
- Cream Tea



# **BLACKPOOL AT THE RUSKIN HOTEL**

Some might say that Blackpool is the most famous seaside resort in the UK with its enviable attractions and golden sandy beaches. Ideally located for the Lake District and the Yorkshire Dales. The area provides endless possibilities to fill the days. Enjoy a trip to Skipton, "The Gateway to the Dales" with a canal cruise and afternoon tea included. The towns famous market takes place on a Wednesday.



## **RUSKIN HOTEL BLACKPOOL**

3\* Approved



Ruskin Hotel is a 3\* hotel in the heart of Blackpool minutes from Blackpool Tower & Winter Gardens fantastic location to explore the famous attractions of Blackpool.

# 5 days from £275pp Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Nightly Live Entertainment
- Skipton Canal Cruise with afternoon tea



# SOUTH DEVON

Loved for its long sandy beaches. Paignton is a colourful, traditional seaside resort, popular for its mild climate and lively seafront. The bustling pier, genteel buildings and streets, sense of class and style make it an English Riviera favourite for all generations.



# **TORBAY COURT** PAIGNTON

3\* Approved



Torbay Court is a short walk from Paignton's seafront, perfect location to access the many attractions the area has to offer from Dartmouth Steam Railway to Torre Abbey.

Available Various Month Rates & Dates attached

# 5 days from £201pp Price Includes

4 nights DBB

- Entertainment
- Dartmouth River Cruise

# DRINKS INCLUSIVE

Cradled between two lakes at the foot of Snowdon lies The Royal Victoria Hotel, surrounded by wonderful mountain scenery in the middle of the Welsh Highlands. One of the beauties of this particular tour is easy access, being only 15 minutes off the A55 North Wales Expressway. Included is entry into the Welsh Slate Museum. (\*Free bar includes house wines, draught beers and soft drinks.)

Available Jan, Feb, March, November & December



# STIRRING" SNOWDONIA



#### **ROYAL VICTORIA HOTEL LLANBERIS**

3\* Commended Reviews 83%



Quietly set in 30 acres of grounds & surrounded by breath-taking Welsh Mountain scenery. A sure favourite for groups for its friendliness of staff, good quality food and entertainment on two nights.

# 5 days from £234pp Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Selected drinks 7pm-11pm
- Unlimited tea and coffee
- 2 nights entertainment
- Entry to Slate Museum

Our drinks inclusive packages are a great way to attract some out of season business. Fill the days enjoying the crisp weather, admiring landscapes, and exploring historical sights. Warm the cockles at night with a few drinks and some exciting entertainment. From North Wales to our best-selling Trossachs package, there is something for everyone. Packages can be tailored to suit your requirements.



- 1 Stirring Snowdonia
- 2 Chilled in the Trossachs
- 3 Party in the Lakes
- 4 Cheers in Bournemouth
- 5 A Welsh Tipple



# "CHILLED" IN THE TROSSACHS

Without a doubt our most popular and best priced drinks packages and just because it's inexpensive, doesn't mean the quality suffers. The Rob Roy has an accredited a 3\* rating, with a high 92% quest score. Included is entry into the highly acclaimed Stirling Castle. Other recommended days out – Edinburgh & Royal Yacht Britannia as well as Loch Lomond and Inveraray.



# **ROB ROY HOTEL**

#### **ABERFOYLE**

3\* Commended Reviews 92%



Located on the edge of Aberfoyle in the heart of the Trossachs. The Rob Roy is highly reviewed in all departments from its food, service & cleanliness to its spotlessly clean rooms and public areas.

# 5 days from £220pp

- 4 nights DBB
- Glass of wine with dinner
- 3 drinks vouchers per night
- 3 nights entertainment
- Entry Stirling Castle



# PARTY IN THE LAKES

New for 2024 is this fantastic package bursting with inclusions, Based in Grangeover- Sands the Cumbria Grand is perfectly located for exploring the Lakes and its famous towns and villages. We have included a relaxing Lake Windermere cruise for your guests to enjoy the sights of the surrounding mountain scenery.



#### **CUMBRIA GRAND** GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

3\* Approved



The Cumbria Grand Hotel is a beautiful Victorian hotel set within the Lake District National Park. With years of experience it's the perfect spot for a group holiday.

# 5 days from £228pp

# Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- 2 packed lunches
- 2 soup and sandwich lunches
- 3 drinks vouchers per day (max 2 for alcohol)
- 2 nights entertainment
- Windermere Lake Cruise



# CHEERS IN BOURNEMOUTH

Another new addition for 2024, the well-priced package in the ever-popular Bournemouth. Renowned for its seven miles of golden beaches, Bournemouth is without doubt one of Britain's best loved seaside resorts, whatever the season. Included is a day in the New Forrest with entrance to Beaulieu and a cream tea.



# **SUNCLIFF HOTEL BOURNEMOUTH**

3\* Approved





New for 2024, located on Seafront overlooking Bournemouth Bay within walking distance to town centre, gardens, and

# 5 days from £248pp

# 4 nights DBB

- 3 Lunches (2 packed, 1 hot)

Price Includes

- Inclusive bar 6-9pm (house
- 2 nights entertainment (min 30 pax)
- Entry to Beaulieu



# A WELSH "TIPPLE"

Another sell out tour for 2023, we are repeating the programme for 2024. Staying in a popular 3-star hotel, entertainment on 3 nights and plenty of drinks to go round. One of our best hotels that consistently provides a warm Welsh welcome.



#### **BEAUFORT PARK** HOTEL **MOLD**

3\* Commended Reviews 79%



Peacefully positioned on the Welsh Border, an ideal base to explore North Wales, Snowdonia, and Cheshire, Very much geared for groups with plenty entertainment included. 106 bedrooms.

Available between January and March Rates & Dates attached Single supplement Nil (max 5)

# 5 days from £192pp Price Includes

## 4 nights DBB

- 4 drinks vouchers per day
- 3 nights Entertainment
- Entry Welsh Slate Museum
- Entertainment subject to 25 minimum pax

Without a doubt the UK has some top destinations for a city break, we have included a variety of exciting locations around the county for you customers to enjoy. Each package includes entrance to a local visitor attraction which can be amended to suit your requirements.



- 1 Newcastle
- 2 Cardiff
- 3 Harrogate
- 4 Edinburgh
- 5 Leeds

A prestigious city with the best of both historical and modern attractions, Newcastle-upon-Tyne is one of the largest cities in the UK and is packed full of things to see. From renowned landmarks including the Tyne & Millennium Bridges, museums, and cathedrals. A local expert guide will join your coach for a half day tour of the city.

Available Various Months

inty Hotel Allocation



# **NEWCASTLE**



HOLIDAY INN
- JESMOND
NEWCASTLE

3\* Approved

**ANGEL HOTEL** 

CARDIFF

3\*Commended

Reviews 88%

**CEDAR COURT** 

**HARROGATE** 

3\* Approved

The contemporary 4-star Holiday Inn Newcastle Jesmond is conveniently just 2 minutes by Metro from Newcastle's City Centre. The Open Lobby at Holiday Inn Jesmond welcomes guests and community members into a stylish family and friends lounge.

# 5 days from £265pp Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Half day guided tour of Newcastle



# **CARDIFF**

Visit the delightful Welsh Capital staying in the heart of the city a perfect location to explore everything it has to offer. Enjoy entry to Cardiff Castle along with a tour of the house. Board a cruise from Mermaid Quay and have a first-hand view of the newly regenerated Cardiff Bay.



Cardiff Castle.

The Angel Hotel is a beautiful Victorian style building located in the heart of Cardiff between the Millennium stadium and

Available Various Months
Rates & Dates attached

# 5 days from £288pp

# Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Entry to Cardiff Castle &
- Cardiff Bay Cruise



# **HARROGATE**

Visit the Victorian spa town of Harrogate, well known for its tea rooms and Turkish baths. Harrogate provides the perfect base to explore the Yorkshire area. Included is a sumptuous afternoon tea at the world-famous Betty's tea rooms.



Cedar Court is a 4-star hotel situated in the heart of historic Harrogate surrounded by the 200 acre Stray parkland with all local amenities within easy reach.

> Available Various Months Allocation Available at The Majestic Rates & Dates attached

# 4 days from £262pp

# Price Includes

- Welcome tea & coffee on arrival
- 3 nights DBB
- Afternoon Tea at Bettys



# **EDINBURGH**

Edinburgh is one of the world's most popular cities and it's easy to see why. From its medieval Old Town to its elegant Georgian New Town, the city is full of character. Shop until you drop on Princes Street and wander up the Royal Mile to the cities famous castle with entrance included.



BRAID HILLS EDINBURGH 3\* 1st Class

Reviews 79%

The Best Western Braid Hills Hotel in Edinburgh is magnificently situated in its own grounds. Built in 1866 this Victorian building is only a couple of miles from Edinburgh city centre making the location ideal for Edinburgh city breaks.

Available Various Months
Rates & Dates attached

# 4 days from £254pp Price Includes

- 3/4 nights DBB
- Entry to Edinburgh Castle
- Entry to Royal Yacht Britannia



**LEEDS** 

Leeds is a vibrant and popular city with Victorian arcades and Edwardian markets. Explore the cultural heritage of the city, visit one of the many museums and stately homes. We have included entry to Harewood House, a member of the Treasure Houses of England.



DOUBLETREE BY HILTON LEEDS

\* Commended Reviews 95%

The Doubletree by Hilton Leeds City Centre offers a beautiful Canal-side setting in Granary Wharf in the heart of the bustling city, with Leeds main attractions close by.

Available Various Months Allocation at Cornmill Leeds Available Rates & Dates attached

# 4 days from £263pp Price Includes

3 nights DBB

Entry to Harewood House

Cream Tea

**SENSATIONS** 

London time after time proves itself as the UK's capital. with famous landmarks like Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, and Westminster Abbey there is an array of cultural attractions. We have included a Champagne Lunch onboard a Windsor River Cruise. Travel South and eniov a visit to one of Kent's many castles or stately homes.

Available Various Months



# LONDON

# NOVOTEL LONDON CANARY WHARF LONDON

3\* Approved

**6822** 

Novotel Canary Wharf is a modern and stylish 39 storey hotel. Located in the world-famous financial district it offers panoramic views of the city and the Thames. A perfect base for visiting London.

# 4 days from £300pp Price Includes

- 3 nights Bed & Breakfast
- Windsor River Cruise with Champagne Lunch

The UK has some top destinations for a city break, we have included a variety of exciting locations around the county for your customers to enjoy. Each package includes entrance to a local visitor attraction which can be amended to suit your requirements.



**BURN HALL HOTEL** 

YORK

3\* Commended

Reviews 80%

INDIGO

LIVERPOOL

3\* Commended

- 1 London
- 2 **York**
- 3 Liverpool
- 4 Stirling
- 5 Manchester



**YORK** 

York is a medieval walled city full of history with its quaint cobbled streets and shambles market. Bursting with history included is a visit to the famous Minster followed by a cruise on River Ouse with afternoon tea included. Enjoy a day away from York at one of the many surrounding market



Nestling in the glorious Yorkshire Countryside, this Victorian manor house is packed full of personality, with 94 wellfurnished bedrooms. Only a short journey into York itself.

# 4 days from £202pp

- 4 nights DBB
- Entry to York Minster
- City Cruise with afternoon



LIVERPOOL

Liverpool is a truly outstanding city steeped in heritage, history and culture. With a strong musical and maritime background, the docklands are a hub of activity. Enjoy the iconic sights of this popular sights of the city onboard an iconic River Mersey cruise.



**6 8 8** The Hotel Indigo is situated just steps away from the popular Albert Dock the central location is perfect to explore Liverpool

famous Beatles Story, Royal Liver Building just to name a few.



# 5 days from £335pp

# Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Entry to Maritime
- Mersey Ferry Cruise



STIRLING

Often referred to as "Gateway to the Highlands", Stirling sets the scene of many famous battles and bloodshed. Hear tales of Robert the Bruce at Stirling Castle with entry included. Sample the locally produced gin at Stirling Distillery with a tour and tasting.



# STIRLING HIGHLAND **HOTEL**

**STIRLING** 

3\* Commended Reviews 74%



The Stirling Highland hotel is just a stone's throw away from Stirling Castle with beautiful views of the Wallace Monument and countryside.

# 4 days from £177pp

Price Includes

- 3/4 nights DBB
- Entry to Stirling Castle
- Stirling Distillery Gin Experience



**MANCHESTER** 

Diverse, energetic, and bursting with character; Manchester is one of the most exciting places to visit in the UK. As the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution, we have included a 60-minute cruise with commentary on the history of the ship canal and the sights along the wav.



NOVOTEL MANCHESTER WEST **MANCHESTER** 3\* Approved

Based in the historic village of Worsley on the outskirts of Manchester with spacious, airy rooms throughout,

Available Various Months Rates & Dates attached

# 4 days from £211pp Price Includes

3/4 nights DBB

Entry to Quarry Bank Cotton Mill

River Cruise

# **SINGLES GALORE**

# REFRESHED

Classic's solo holidays are extremely popular with the demand for single rooms continuing to rise. All our singles-based tours are fully packaged, well priced and are not just available in the quietest of months. To get the party started you can add a drinks reception to some hotels.



- 1 North Wales
- 2 Aberfoyle
- 3 Blackpool
- 4 Northumbria
- 5 Bournemouth

Sit back, relax, and admire the rugged mountains and the sweeping coastline of North Wales. This tour is ideally located for access to both the Snowdonia National Park and neighbouring England. A visit to the national slate museum has been included and will give insight into one of the area's most famous exports.



BEAUFORT PARK HOTEL **MOLD** 

NORTH WALES

3\* Commended Reviews 79%

This privately owned hotel specialises in the group market and does the job very well. Tasty Welsh fayre, good friendly service & varying entertainment. Hotel has 106 bedrooms, on the fringe of Mold.

# 5 days from £202pp Price Includes

- Tea /coffee on arrival
- Porterage Included
- 4 nights DBB
- 2 nights Entertainment
- (min 25) Entry to Welsh Slate Museum
- Allocation 35 singles, 4 twins/double



**ABERFOYLE** 

Without a doubt one of our most popular hotels offering competitive rates. Just because it's inexpensive, doesn't mean the quality suffers. New to the package for 2024 is the Stirling Distillery offering a welcome drink and tastings of their gin or whisky. Afterwards explore everything historical Stirling has to offer.

Available February & October



# **ROB ROY HOTEL**

**ABERFOYLE** 

3\* Approved Reviews 92%



Located on the edge of Aberfoyle in the heart of the Trossachs. The Rob Roy is highly reviewed in all departments from its food, service & cleanliness to its spotlessly clean rooms and public areas.

# 5 days from £255pp

# Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- 2 nights Entertainment
- Tasting at Stirling distillery
- Allocation 35 singles, 5 twin/doubles
- Bucks Fizz reception



**BLACKPOOL** 

Enjoy a premium location at the 4\* star Imperial Hotel. Perfectly located for exploring Blackpool's famous landmarks; Blackpool Tower, Winter Gardens and it's Ballroom to name a few. With great access to the surrounding areas. Included is a Skipton Canal Cruise with afternoon tea.



**IMPERIAL HOTEL BLACKPOOL** 

3\* Commended

The Imperial Hotel is a 4 \* star an iconic Victorian building positioned on Blackpool's seafront with a warm welcome and comfortable environment offering easy access to Blackpool Tower & Winter Gardens.

# 4/5 days from **£248**pp

# Price Includes

- Tea coffee on arrival
- 3/4 nights DBB
- Skipton Canal Cruise &
- Allocation 35 singles,



NORTHUMBRIA

Get the best of both worlds. Based in the proud and friendly city of Newcastle, with free time to explore. Complimented with an array of interesting days out sampling the areas ancient traditions and illustrious history. Included is a half day tour with one of the best guides in the area.



CALEDONIAN HOTEL **NEWCASTLE** 

3\* Commended Reviews 81%

1 mile from city centre in leafy suburb of Jesmond. Highly rated hotel with groups. Major refurb. completed, so assured good quality throughout.

# 5 days from 244pp

# Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- 2 nights entertainment 1
- 1/2 Day guided tour of
- Allocation 35 Single 5 Twin



**BOURNEMOUTH** 

Based at the ever-popular resort of Bournemouth, renowned for its seven miles of golden beaches. This holiday is perfect for seaside lovers. Take a trip North to the New Forest with entrance to Beaulieu included. Tour the South coast with suggested visits to Portsmouth or the Isle of Wight.



**OCEAN BEACH** & SPA HOTEL **BOURNEMOUTH** 

3\* Approved

The 3\* star Ocean Beach & Spa Hotel located on Bournemouth seafront perfect place to stay to explore Bournemouth.

Available January & March
Rates & Dates attached

# 4 days from £237pp

# Price Includes

- Tea Coffee on arrival
- 3/4 nights DBB
- 1 night Entertainment
- Entry to Beaulieu Allocation 35 Singles

# **THEMED BREAKS**

This quirky new package on the Isle of Wight will have you cruising the world without the ship. Enjoy various themed nights for each destination. By day enjoy free time along with a day entry to Osborne House included. We are happy to recommend some other great days out, just ask



# AROUND THE WORLD IN THE ISLE OF WIGHT



CHANNEL VIEW HOTEL 5 days from £291pp **ISLE OF WIGHT** 

3\* Approved

Situated in a prime cliff top location overlooking Sandown Bay, the Ocean View Hotel offer guests spectacular views, warm and friendly services with sourced from local suppliers and comfortable rooms.

# Price Includes

- Arrival Hot Drinks & Bubbles
- 4nts DBB
- Day & Night Entertainment
- Entry to Osborne House
- Return Ferries
- Allocation 20t/d + 5s

Add an extra dimension to your tour programme with some distinctive themed ideas. Coastal Breaks to Blackpool & Bournemouth along with Tatton Park, one of England's top RHS Flower Shows. New for this year is the Isle of Wight Virtual Cruise, Blackpool Comedy and celebrate Burns night with traditional Scottish entertainment.



- 1 Around the World in the Isle of Wight
- 2 Laughs and Lakes in Lancashire
- 3 Tatton Flower Show
- 4 Burns in the Borders
- 5 Pie and Panto



LAUGHS AND LAKES IN **LANCASHIRE** 

This comedy themed break provides a wide variety of laughs & giggles at the 3\*Ruskin Hotel in the heart of Blackpool minutes from the Tower & Winter Gardens. A day away from Blackpool is included with a cruise on Lake Windermere



Ruskin Hotel is a 3\* star hotel in the heart of Blackpool minutes from the Blackpool Tower & Winter Gardens fantastic location to explore the famous attractions of Blackpool.



- 4 nights DBB
- Live Nightly Entertainment
- Lake Windermere Cruise
- Allocation 12 Twin, 12 Double, 2 Single



**TATTON FLOWER SHOW** 

Set in a 15th century historic estate with Tudor mansion and a 1.000-acre deer park, Tatton Flower Show has something for everyone. A fabulous day out bursting with colourful gardening inspiration, "have a go" workshops and boutique shopping. Enjoy a summer themed menu and refreshing ice cream on arrival at your Georgian Mansion themed



MERCURE HAYDOCK HOTEL

**HAYDOCK** 4\*Commended Reviews 81%

888

Within easy access of the M6 the Mercure Haydock is a hidden gem. Its luxurious décor and fantastic service make the hotel an ideal option for groups.

# 4 days from £230pp

Price Includes

- 3 nights DBB
- Summer themed menu
- Entrance to Tatton Park
- Free use of leisure



**BURNS IN THE BORDERS** 

This tour celebrates the best of Robert Burns, Enjoy a delicious Burns supper with traditional Scottish entertainment. Enjoy a visit to Robert Burns Birthplace in Alloway. Visit the cottage and see where the inspiration came from for his famous poetry. Tea/ coffee and shortbread are



**BARONY CASTLE HOTEL PEEBLES** 

4\* Approved Reviews 85%



A lot of work has been done to Barony. All 77 bedrooms have been upgraded. The public areas are smart and have a castle feel. The hotel is set in 25 acres of gardens & woodland and has full leisure facilities. Peebles 3 miles. 2nd coach at Tontine Hotel

# 5 days from £299pp Price Includes

- Tea/Coffee on arrival
- 4 nights DBB
- Burns Supper
- 1 evening Scottish entertainment
- Entry to Burns Birthplace
- Tea/Coffee and shortbread
- Allocation 20t/d+ 6s



PIE AND PANTO

Get into the Christmas spirit with this winter warmer. The Moorings in Motherwell is only a stone's throw from the concert hall that plays host to the towns yearly pantomime. It will be "he's behind you" and "oh yes he is" with a ticket to the production included. Enjoy a choice of warming pies before the show. With both Edinburgh and Glasgow close by, enjoy a visit to their famous markets or some shopping.



**MOORINGS HOTEL** MOTHERWELL

> 3\* Commended Reviews 94%

The Best Western Moorings Hotel in Motherwell was built in 1891 as the private home for a member of a famous Scottish steel dynasty. Now a beautiful traditional 3-star hotel, the surroundings are undeniably chic but the vibe is unpretentious, verging on homely.

Available November December

Rates & Dates attached

# 4 days from £195pp Price Includes

## Mulled wine on arrival

- 3 nights DBB
- Pantomime ticket
- Pie themed menu

Christmas is a time for gifting and our festive packages just keep giving. Based in some of our most popular hotels they include Turkey Tinsel, Christmas and New Year Packages all full of fantastic festive inclusions to get your customers in the spirit. From Yorkshire and the Lakes to Speyside and Oban the locations are perfect for a boxing day jaunt or a spot of Christmas shopping.



- 1 Grange Over Sands Turkey & Tinsel
- 2 The Lakes Christmas and
- Count Down to Christmas in The Highlands
- 4 Sparkling Speyside
- 5 Christmas in Yorkshire

Based in Grange-over-Sands, the Cumbria Grand provides a warming and cosy base for a break in the run un to Christmas. Being less than forty minutes from Lake Windermere and only ninety minutes from Manchester opens this tour up to an array of possibilities. From cruising the Lakes to browsing the Christmas Markets, there really is something for everyone. Enjoy festive food and nightly entertainment to bring on the festive feels.

Available mber & December



# **GRANGE OVER SANDS TURKEY & TINSEL**



**CUMBRIA GRAND** GRANGE OVE SANDS

3\* Approved



4\* Commended

Reviews 85%

**AB B B** 

**RFN WYVIS** 

**STRATHPEFFER** 

3\* Approved

The Cumbria Grand Hotel is a beautiful Victorian property set within the Lake District National Park With years of experience it's the perfect spot for a group holiday.

# 5 days from £250pp Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Pre-dinner glass of Bubbly or Sherry
- Festive Themed Meals
- Nightly Entertainment



# THE LAKES CHRISTMAS **& NEW YEAR**

Enjoy a truly special package in the Lakes, from a welcomin drinks reception on the first evening to a sumptuous Christmas lunch with all the trimmings. As well as being within the Lake District National Park, Bassenthwaite has special protection as a National Nature Reserve so the location is perfect for a winter walk to blow away the cobwebs or you may prefer a more relaxing Lake Windermere cruise.



Set overlooking some of England's highest fells and Bassenthwaite Lake. The hotel is in a beautiful location, just 8 miles from Keswick and ideally situated for those wishing to explore Bassenthwaite, Keswick and the Lake District.

#### CASTLE INN 5 days from £344pp **BASSENTHWAITE**

- 4 nights DBB
- Traditional Christmas Day Lunch

Price Includes

- Tea coffee on arrival
- Welcome Drinks reception 2 Afternoon tea & cake
- Christmas Carols by a
- local Choir
- Kings Speech Ent on two nights



# 5 days from £208pp Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Festive Themed Meals
- Nightly Entertainment



# **COUNT DOWN TO CHRISTMAS IN THE** HIGHLANDS

with a pre-Christmas break in the beautiful spa town of Strathpeffer. A warm welcome awaits at Ben Wyvis Hotel with nightly entertainment and festive themed food. Suggested days out include Christmas shopping in Inverness or a warming whisky tasting in

Kick off the festive season



Placed in the heart of the stunning Victorian spa town of Strathpeffer, the Ben Wyvis Hotel has an imposing façade yet indoors a warm and friendly welcome awaits you.



# SPARKLING SPEYSIDE

Set in the pretty village of Nethybridge the hotel offers the perfect pre-Christmas break before the festive rush begins. With entertainment included on a minimum of two nights getting into the spirit will not be a problem. Get that alpine feeling with a visit to Aviemore for the day and even a ride on the newly opened funicular railway or a day Christmas shopping in Inverness.
If the quiet life is more your thing, sit back relax and enjoy some warm Scottish hospitality in the



## **NETHYBRIDGE SPEYSIDE**

3\* Approved



The Nethybridge Hotel hotel is a splendid Victorian building nestled in the Cairngorm Mountains. All rooms have en suite bathrooms hairdryer, television, telephone and tea and coffee making facilities.

# 5 days from £256pp Price Includes

# 4 nights DBB

- Festive Themed
- Entertainment



CHRISTMAS IN YORKSHIRE

The Yorkshire Dales are surrounded with beautiful scenery steeped in history and tradition. There's nothing better than a warming mulled wine on check to get you in the festive mood after a long journey. With a 5 course Christmas Eve banquet planned perhaps Christmas morning will be spent enjoying the Yorkshire fresh air or perhaps dozing by the open fire may sound more relaxing Nearby Skipton is suggested for a boxing day drive, lovingly know as he Gateway to the Dales the perfect place to blow away the cobwebs



# **ILKLEY**

3\* Commended

Reviews 86%



Set in 6 acres of beautiful, landscaped grounds and woodland, the Craiglands hotel is just a short walk to the historic spa town of Ilkley and the famous Ilkley Moor.

# CRAIGLANDS HOTEL 5 days from £360pp

# Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Mulled wine & mince pies on arrival
- Christmas day lunch with all the trimmings

Enjoying afternoon tea overlooking Oban Bay is just one of the ways you can spend your time on the great value pre-Christmas break. Get into the Christmas mood with a welcoming drinks reception on the first evening and indulge on a Scottish Malt and canapes on another. Enjoy free time in Oban, Fort William or make the journey to Inveraray. Hug the shoreline of Loch Fyne before arriving for some light Christmas shopping in some of its independent local



# DRAMS & DANCES IN OBAN



#### **ROYAL HOTEL OBAN**

3\* Approved

**A A B B B** 

The Royal Hotel stands in the centre of town close to the harbour and ferry terminal and has a busy high street full of local shops and cafes to enjoy. Offering en-suite rooms, free WiFi and tea and coffee making facilities.

# 5 days from £232pp Price Includes

- Welcome drinks reception
- 4 nights DBB
- Canapes served with Scottish Malt
- 1 Afternoon Tea
- Scottish themed entertainment including Ceilidh and Piper





- 6 Drams & Dances in Oban
- 7 Turkey & Tinto
- 8 Tinsel & Turkey on the Isle of Bute
- 9 Tinsel & Turkey in Stirling
- 10 Baubles & Beaches in



# **TURKEY & TINTO**

Set in the countryside a short drive from Biggar and Peebles lies the Tinto Hotel, a small country house hotel full of warmth and character. With festive themed meals and three nights entertainment means getting in the festive spirit will be very easy. Being located less than an hour from both Edinburgh and Glasgow Christmas shopping won't be a problem, both hosting their own Christmas markets each year.



Sitting at the foot of Tinto Hill, the hotel boasts 39 on-suite rooms. Many rooms display beautiful views of the Lanarkshire countryside and newly refurbished for 2024.



Reviews 84%

Small glass of wine with dinner each night

4 nights DBB

on arrival



# TINSEL & TURKEY ON THE ISLE OF BUTE

of the typical run up to Christmas with a relaxing pre festive island getaway. Enjoy free time in the local town before enjoying the hotel entertainment on selected evenings. A tour of the island makes for a relaxing afternoon, although small there's still plenty to see. Additional ferries can be booked for a trip to Inveraray along the banks of Loch Fyne

Escape the hustle and bustle



#### **GLENBURN HOTEL ROTHESAY**

3\* Commended

Reviews 87%

The Glenburn Hotel is an impressive Victorian building set in a prime position with stunning views overlooking Rothesay Bay and the Cowal Peninsula.

# Festive themed meals

Tea, coffee and biscuits

5 days from £194pp

Entertainment most



5 days from £242pp

- Mulled wine on arrival
- 4 nights DBB
- Festive themed meals
- Entertainment selected evenings



# **TINSEL & TURKEY** IN STIRLING

Set on the site of a famous battle, the King Robert hotel in Bannockburn knows all about Scottish hospitality. As one of our top-rated hotels your group will be well looked after here. From a castle visit to Christmas shopping in Stirling or Edinburgh to a relaxing Loch Katrine cruise, you will be spoilt for choice on this tour.



# KING ROBERT **STIRLING**

3\* Approved Reviews 94%

The King Robert Hotel is well reviewed for its excellent value peacefully situated on the site of the historic Battle of Bannockburn located 2 miles from Stirling.

# 5 days from £208pp Price Includes

# 4 nights DBB

- Festive themed meals
- Entertainment on selected
- evenings



# **BAUBLES & BEACHES** IN BOURNEMOUTH

Enjoy a pre-Christmas break in Bournemouth, one of Britain's most loved seaside resorts. Whatever the weather or the season there isn't anything like being by the seaside. Perfectly located a short walk from the seafront and close to the local shopping area, the Suncliff proves perfect for a pre-Christmas break. With entertainment included and festive themed dinners your guests will be full of Christmas spirit on departure.



# SUNCLIFF HOTEL **BOURNEMOUTH**

3\* Approved



New for 2024, located on Seafront overlooking Bournemouth Bay within walking distance to town centre, gardens, and beaches.

# 4/5 days from **£194**pp

# Price Includes

- Tea/Coffee on arrival
- 3/4 nights DBB
- **Entertainment Nightly**

# ALL OF THE LIGHTS

# **NEW**

After the yearly success of the Enchanted Forest we have brought together a selection of the UK's best light themed spectacles for 2024. Some of the country's most iconic buildings are brought to life the magic of projection and music. Explore forest trails in Pitlochry and Harrogate or marvel at the architecture in Liverpool's Cathedral.



- 1 Harrogate
- 2 Edinburgh
- 3 Liverpool
- 4 Enchanted Forest
- 5 Dumfries

New for 2024 is this fantastic package bursting with inclusions. The Majestic Hotel is perfectly located for exploring the Harrogate and its market towns. Enjoy afternoon tea at the famous Bettys Tea Room by day then a thrilling journey though Harlow Carr's winter illuminations by night.

gle Supplement from



# **HARROGATE**



# MAJESTIC HOTEL

**HARROGATE** 4\* Commended

Reviews 80%

Majestic Hotel is a 4-star stately Victorian Hotel situated on 8 acres of landscaped gardens in the heart of the elegant spa town of Harrogate. The hotel is an opulent base from which to discover the town's many fine buildings, excellent shops and beautiful parks.

# 3 days from £223pp Price Includes

- 2 nights DBB
- Entry to Harlow Carr Winter Illuminations
- Afternoon Tea at Betty's



# **EDINBURGH**

Based in Edinburgh at the Braid Hills, the hotel location is perfect for exploring Edinburgh and its famous landmarks. We have included an afternoon tea and an evening spent enjoying the Castle of Light at Edinburgh Castle. See it come to life with magnificent projections and light display telling stories through the various themes.



# **BRAID HILLS HOTEL**

**EDINBURGH** 

3\* Commended Reviews 73%



Braid Hill is a 3-star hotel on the outskirts of Edinburgh with beautiful views over Edinburgh City and Castle.

# 3 days from £170pp

# Price Includes

- 1 night DBB 1 night BB
- Entry to Edinburgh Castle of Light
- Afternoon Tea



# ENCHANTED FOREST

The celebration of autumn comes to life at the multi award winning Enchanted Forest, a dazzling display using the forest as a natural backdrop. The autumn theme continues with a visit to one of Scotland's grandest castles, finishing with the warm glow of some whisky tasting. One of our most popular tours year after year. Suitable footwear and warm clothing recommended. All pathways are lit, walking grading easy. Unsuitable for those without walking difficulties.



# **ANGUS HOTEL BLAIRGOWRIE**

3\* Commended Reviews 82%



Group friendly hotel, only 20 miles from Pitlochry the hotel has full leisure facilities. Comfortable rooms and a welcoming bar makes the hotel perfect for groups.

# 5 days from £314pp

- 4 nights DBB
- Entry to Enchanted Forest and Light Show
- Entry to Glamis Castle
- Whiskey tour and tasting



# LIVERPOOL

This new package based in the centre of the city is perfect for exploring Liverpool famous landmarks Royal Albert Docks , Anfield and The Beatles Story just to name a few. Enjoy some Christmas shopping before a magical show at Liverpool's Cathedral. See the Cathedral come to life with music and lights with a wonderful festive



# LEONARDO

4\* Approved



The bright, modern bedrooms at Jurys Inn Liverpool feature a Dream bed with crisp white linens, large flat-screen TVs and spacious bathrooms with spa toiletries.



- 2 nights DBB
- Ticket to Light Before Christmas
- Afternoon Tea



# **DUMFRIES HOUSE** BY CANDLELIGHT

Dumfries House is one of Britain's most beautiful stately homes and best kept heritage secrets, with sumptuous interiors and magnificent furnishings. You will have a private guided tour with the house dressed for Christmas. Afterwards enjoy one of their speciality afternoon teas. Venture to Edinburgh or Glasgow for their famous Christmas Markets.



# **EGLINTON ARMS** HOTEL **GLASGOW**

3\* Commended Reviews 91%

Eglinton Arms Hotel in Eaglesham is a modern boutique hotel yet still retains some of its former coaching inn features. The contemporary Scottish theme throughout, with feature fireplaces, and soft furnishings ensure that this 3-star hotel near Glasgow offers the cosy atmosphere to be expected in a country-style location.

# 4 days from £202pp Price Includes

3 nights DBB which includes 1 night with festive menu

- Mulled Wine & Mince Pies on arrival
- Entry to Dumfries House with Afternoon Tea



# A FEAST OF THE EAST

Various arrival days

Launched in 2021 the feedback from this tour has been exceptional. Featuring a new hotel for 2024, it's still packed full of culinary experiences whilst enjoying some of Scotland's loveliest landscapes. With whisky, gin, chocolate and more it will be sure to tickle your tastebuds.

# Day 2 Smokie Trail

On the trail of the famous "Smokie" starts with a coastal drive visiting the famous golf town of Carnoustie. Onwards to Arbroath - steeped in maritime history and famed for the production of the nations favourite smoked fish. Back to discover Dundee stopping for an afternoon tea along the way.

# Day 3 St Andrews

Not only is St Andrews famous for golf but also for its whisky. Kingsbarns distillery offers the perfect introduction to Scotland's amber nectar with a

tour and tasting. Afterwards, enjoy free time in beautiful St Andrews finishing with a Fish and Chip dinner at one of the towns best chippies.

# Day 4 Gin and Chocolate

Follow the River Tay to Glamis, not only home of the castle but also to the Gin Bothy. Sample the seasonal flavours and hear the story behind this quirky building. Afterwards, free time in Pitlochry before touring deep into Perthshire for a visit to the Highland chocolatier for a guided tasting. Iain Burnett's chocolates are hailed by Michelin star chefs worldwide.

# Highlights: • Willow Tearooms • Nardini's Largs • Glasgow Guide • Loch Lomond • Whisky Tasting • Haggis Making Demo

# **GLESGA GRUB**

Various arrival days

This brand-new tour for 2024 samples some of Scotland's most famous exports whilst taking in the area's diverse landscapes. From the cityscapes of Glasgow, to the "Bonnie Banks" of Loch Lomond and the weaving Ayrshire coastline this tour has a bit of everything.

# Day 2 Doon the Water

In the mid 90's The River Clyde was at the core of the Glaswegian summer Holiday. Start the day in one of Glasgow's newest distilleries for a fascinating tour and tasting on the edge of the river. Afterwards follow the Clyde's trail "Doon the Water" to Ayrshire ending the afternoon in Largs for fish and chips at the town's iconic Nardini's café.

# Day 3 The Great City

A local guide joins you for a half day tour of the Glasgow. Hear tales of tenement times and the

city's deep design history. The day culminates with a visit to Mackintosh and the Willow tearooms. Enjoy sumptuous afternoon tea surrounded by the décor based on designs by the great Charles Rennie Mackintosh.

# Day 4 Address Tae a Haggis

Travel into Scotland's newest national park on a 1 hour Loch Cruise and hear the tales of the depths with live commentary. The true highlight of the day is the chance to hear the history of haggis, learn the real recipe and enjoy a generous tasting.

# NEW HOTEL

# EASTERN SCOTLAND

# 5 days from £370pp

# Price Includes

- 3 nights DBB, 1 night BB
- 1 Fish & Chips Dinner
- Gin Bothy visit and tasting
- Gourmet chocolate tasting
- Themed afternoon Tea
- Whisky tour and tasting

# **QUEENS HOTEL DUNDEE**



3\* Commended Reviews 89%

Best Western Queens enjoys an enviable location in the heart of Dundee's West

End. Convenient motorway access leaves you so very close to several of Scotland's major cities - including St Andrews and Perth.

Also available in 4\* Landmark Dundee



# **NEW**

# CENTRAL SCOTLAND

# 5 days from £388<sub>PP</sub>

# Price Includes

- 3 nights DBB, 1 night BB
- Afternoon Te
- Half Day Glasgow Guide
- Haggis demo and tasting
- Loch Lomond Cruise
- Distillery tour and tasting
- Chippie Dinner

# **GARFIELD HOTEL STEPPS**



3\* Commended Reviews 89%

The award-winning Garfield House Hotel holds an excellent setting in the

quiet, peaceful village of Stepps. With the bustling Glasgow city centre just a short drive away.



# **YORKSHIRE**

# 5 days from £310<sub>PP</sub>

# Price Includes

- 3 nights DBB, 1 night BB
- Black Sheep Brewery tour & tasting
- Wensleydale Creamery
- York Chocolate House
- Yorkshire afternoon tea
- Single train journey Pickering to Whitby
- Fish tea in Whitby

# **BURN HALL HOTEL HUBY**



3\* Commended Reviews 80%

Nestling in glorious Yorkshire countryside, this Victorian manor house is packed full

of personality, with 94 well furnished bedrooms. Hotel is less than 30 minute drive into York.



4 Nights in one Hotel

SOUTHWEST

**ENGLAND** 

# **NEW**

# 5 days from £371<sub>pp</sub>

# Price Includes

- 3 nights DBB, 1 night BB
- Vineyard Tour and Lunch
- Gin Distillery Tour
- Chippie Tea
- Ice Cream
- Cream Tea Cruise

# DUKE OF CORNWALL PLYMOUTH



3\* Commended Reviews 88%

When looking for accommodation in Plymouth the Duke of Cornwall has

a choice of 72 uniquely decorated bedrooms including single, double and twin rooms, so there's an option to suit every need.



4 Nights in one Hotel



Highlights: •York•Yorkshire Dales•Train Journey•Whitby•Brewery Visit •Wensleydale Creamery•Afternoon Tea•Chocolate Tasting•Fish & Chips

# YUMMY YORKSHIRE

Various Arrival Days

The people of Yorkshire are immensely proud of their county and especially of their food and drink. Today some of the best meat, cheese, beer, and baked goods can be found in Yorkshire and there's no better way to enjoy them than on this culinary adventure based in York.

#### Day 2 Beer and Cheese

Travel to Ripon the Black Sheep Brewery. First opened in 1992 the tour will tell you the tales of how the brewery started to the present day, visit the Brewhouse and sample a range of the delicious beers. Next up Journey into the heart of the Yorkshire Dales to Wensleydale Creamery. The centre takes you on the journey of the art of cheese making through the years. Travel back through Settle and Skipton; "The Gateway to the Dales".

# Day 3 Chocolate and York

From Rowntrees to Terry's some of the most famous names in confectionary were founded in York. York Chocolate House, established in 2011 tells the story of York chocolate and what it has become today. Have a go at making the sweet stuff yourself and enjoy the all-important taste test. Afterwards, afternoon tea will showcase some of Yorkshire's best produce before free time to explore (groups may be split for afternoon tea and chocolate)

# Day 4 Day at the Coast

First stop is Pickering before hopping aboard the Yorkshire Moors Railways for a relaxing journey to Whitby. Overlooking the North Sea, the ruined gothic Whitby Abbey was Bram Stoker's inspiration for "Dracula". No visit to Whitby would be complete without trying its famous fish and chips. Return to York via Robin Hood's Bay with a stop off in Scarborough to complete the Yorkshire Coaster.



# **DELICIOUS DEVON & CORNWALL**

Various Arrival Days

New for 2024 this tour samples the delights of Devon. The area is bursting with unique food and drinks experiences and the scenery isn't too bad either. Sample local wines and cheeses at Alder Vineyard and relax on a leisurely river cruise with a Devon cream tea. Don't worry about the calories on this tour.

# Day 2 Exmouth and Paignton

Head East to Exmouth and enjoy a ninety minute cream tea cruise. Sail along the calm and protected waters of the nationally renowned River Exe, whilst enjoying a delicious Devon Cream Tea, with oodles of cream and lashings of strawberry jam. Free time in Paignton before enjoying traditional fish and chips to top of a day by the coast.

# Day 3 Vineyard Tour

Travel through the heart of the of the Dartmoor National Park to Alder Vineyard. Discover the mud, sweat and laughter that goes into growing grapes at the foot of Dartmoor. Enjoy a tour of

the vineyard, tastings and the winemakers platter with delicious Devon cheese and locally cured meats. Afterward head to the coast stopping in historic Liskeard and onto Looe to finish the day with a delicious ice cream.

## Day 4 Plymouth

Enjoy a leisurely morning exploring Plymouth with its narrow-cobbled streets and historic harbour. Dating back to 1400s is Black Friars. One of the oldest buildings in Plymouth is now home to Plymouth's very own gin distillery. Enjoy a tour of the distillery along with a tutored tasting for the final taste of delicious Devon.

Highlights: • Welsh Valleys • Cheese Tasting • Gin Tasting • Cardiff Chocolate Tasting Afternoon Tea Rhondda Valley South Wales Coast

# **MOUTH-WATERING SOUTH WALES**

Arrive Monday & Depart Friday

Returning for 2024 we say Yaki Dah to some of Wales's finest culinary treats. From gin tasting in a grand castle and a chocolate masterclass in the former coal mining district. A visit to the national coal mining museum provides some history along with a full day taste of Wales experience at the Blaenavon Cheese Company. The tour is topped off with free time in the Welsh capital to enjoy a traditional afternoon tea.

Day 2 Venture into to the Valleys for a day of cheese and Welsh charm. Established in 2006 is the Blaenavon Cheddar Company. The only company in the world to produce cheddar 30ft below the ground in an ex-coal mine. Enjoy tea and Welsh cakes on arrival before hearing the story of the cheese production before a delicious tasting. Enjoy a three-course taste of Wales lunch in the Lion Hotel.

**Day 3** The Rhondda Valley was another famous coal mining hub, and it plays host to the heritage centre that tells the story of Wales's most famous export. A tour has been arranged along with entry to the interactive exhibition, no longer producing coal, the centre has its very own chocolate house. Enjoy sampling the produce and discover the origins of chocolate as part of a 40minute guided tasting session.

Day 4 Wales doesn't just produce mouthwatering food; it makes a not too bad gin too. Hensol Castle is South Wales's first full scale gin distillery and visitor experience. A tour and tasting has been arranged. Take the coastal route back to Cardiff passing through Barry Island and Penarth with its vintage pier. Enjoy a traditional afternoon tea before exploring the city's Victoria arcades bustling with character and Welsh charm.

# NEW

# 5 days from £372<sub>pp</sub>

# Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Cheese and Gin tasting
- Chocolate tasting
- Afternoon tea
- Entry to Welsh Coal Mining Museum

# **ANGEL HOTEL CARDIFF**



3\* Commended Reviews 89% **8086** 

The Angel Hotel Cardiff is a beautiful Victorian style building, which occupies a

fantastic location between the awe-inspiring Millennium stadium and the magnificent Cardiff Castle.



4 Nights in one Hotel

# **NEW**

# **NORTH**

# 5 days from £339<sub>PP</sub>

# Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Sea Salt tour
- Gin tasting
- 2 cruises
- Afternoon tea

# **TEMPTING NORTH WALES & CHESTER**

Chester • Llandudno • Anglesey • Llandudno

Various Arrival Davs

Gin tasting Afternoon Tea Cruise

GIN

A new offering for 2024 showcasing the culinary treats of North Wales and Chester. Enjoy exclusive gin tasting at a unique and quirky Cheshire distillery. Explore the North Wales coastline with the option to stop at some of the areas most loved seaside towns. Discover the secret to making the perfect sea salt on a dedicated tour and talk at Halen Mon.

Three Wrens Distillery

Highlights: •

After meeting at university, a young couple started looking for ways that they could continue to live and work in the area of outstanding natural beauty that is Anglesey. After various other projects they left a saucepan of seawater to boil on the Aga in their family kitchen and as the salt crystals started to form, they knew they had struck culinary gold. Enjoy entry to the Halen Mon visitor centre to discover the full story. Afterwards board the cruiser to Puffin Island home to many species of birds and wildlife.

# **Day 3 North Wales Coast**

Enjoy a leisurely morning before a day on the North Wales coast. Take your pick of seaside resorts such

as Prestatyn and Rhyl. Continue west passing sandy beaches & coastal villages like Conwy & its castle. Spend the afternoon in Llandudno strolling its famous promenade or explore the towns Victorian pier. Enjoy the perfect end to a day at the seaside with a delicious dinner of fish and chips at one of Llandudno's many chippies.

# Day 4 Chester Gin and the River Dee

Founded in 2019 by owner Nick, the Three Wrens Distillery is Cheshire's number one gin experience. Enjoy a guided tour and tasting with the creator himself. Finish the day with a leisurely River Dee cruise accompanied by afternoon tea. See Chester's unique architecture whilst sipping tea and eating delicious cakes and sandwiches.

# **BEAUFORT PARK HOTEL MOLD**



3\* commended Reviews 79% 

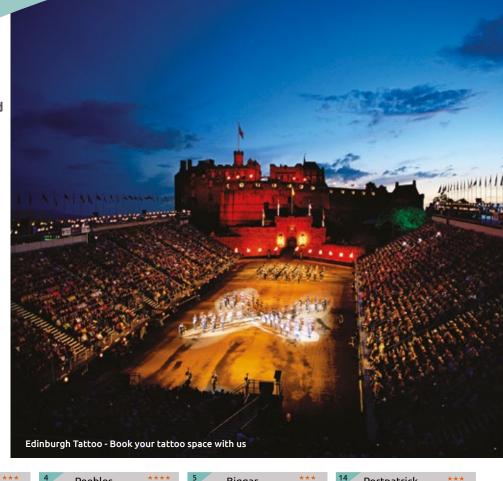
This privately owned hotel specialises in the group market and does the job

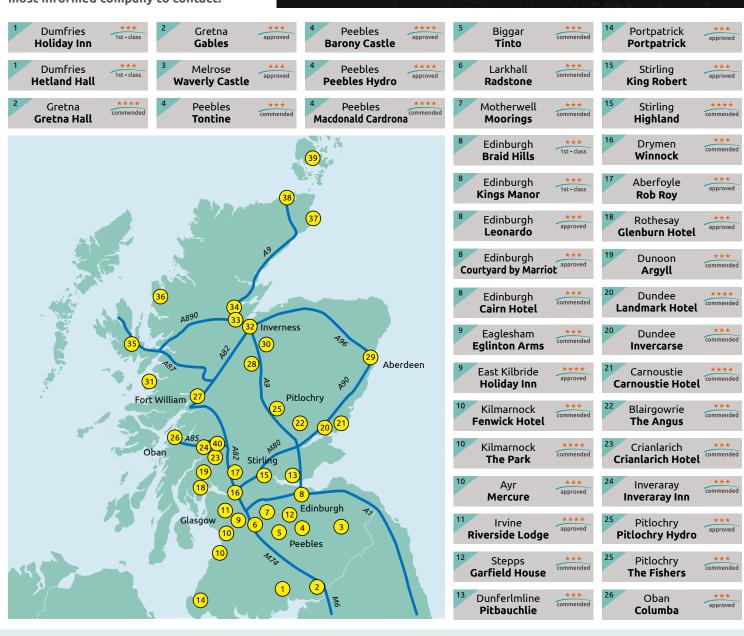
very well. Tasty Welsh fayre, good friendly service & varying entertainment.

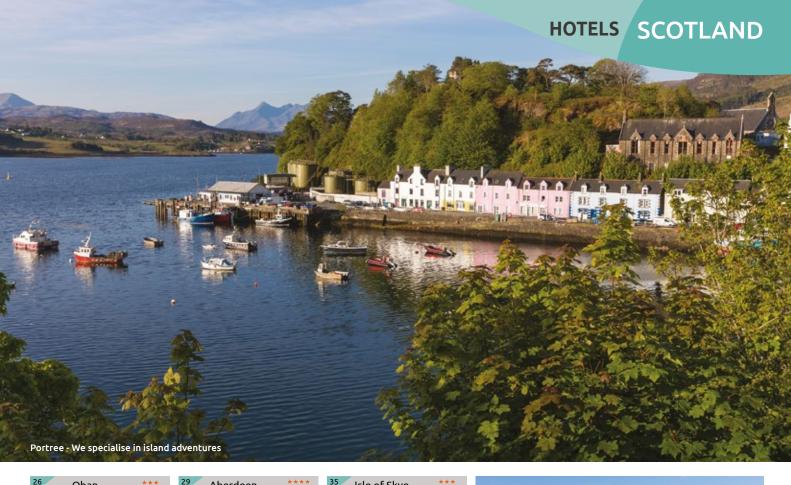


# SCOTLAND HOTELS

Scotland needs no introduction, it really does have a sprinkling of everything. World class scenery, bustling cities, charming villages, top attractions and a history like no other. With 6160 miles of dramatic coastline, and 94 inhabited islands, the choice of where to go and what to see can be mind boggling. Here is where we can help. For over 30 years Classic's focus & passion has been Scotland. We can offer you more product and hotels than anyone else and our depth of knowledge is second to none. Our carefully designed packages take in all the best parts of Scotland and they are so easy to book. Furthermore, our multi lingual team will be delighted to advise and help plan any tailor made programmes with you. Whether it be for a series of dates for overnights, then Planmygroup by Classic Britain is the most informed company to contact.













# NORTHERN NEW **IRELAND**

"The team at Classic Britain always happy to help and answer our questions" - UK Tour Operator



# 5 days POA

# Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB Entry to the St Patrick Centre
- Single on County Down Railway
- Entry to the Titanic
  Experience
  Afternoon tea
  Hilden brewery tour
  Distillery tour and tasting
  Return ferry to Belfast

The iceberg that the Titanic collided with is speculated to have been anywhere from 50 to 100 feet above water.

# **RAMADA BY WYNDHAM**





Ramada by Wyndham Belfast is in the heart of town in the Cathedral Quarter of Belfast's city centre. All rooms at the Ramada by Wyndham Belfast have a private bathroom with power shower, tea/coffee making facilities and 40-inch flat-screen television.

Hotel Symbols on Back Cover.

Available April - October

**HOTEL INFO** www.myhotelbreak.com



# RAILS, ALES & SUNKEN SAILS

**Arrive Mondays Depart Fridays** 

Brand new for 2024 and our first tour to Ireland for several years, this package offers an insight into some of Ireland's biggest icons along with some of its tastiest tipples. A tour and tasting at Hilden Brewery are included along with entry to the mesmerising Titanic experience. Hear the story of Saint Patrick and visit his resting place before enjoying a relaxing train ride whilst admiring the beautiful Irish scenery. Ireland is back, bigger and better than ever.

## Day 2

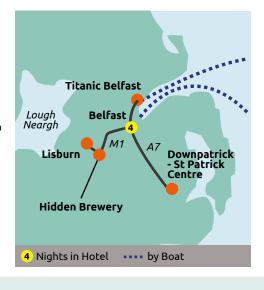
Famed for being Ireland's most Easterly county, Downpatrick is only a short journey from Belfast. The Saint Patrick Centre is the only permanent exhibition in the world about Ireland's Patron Saint. The History of Ireland starts here in Patrick's words, which guides you through the amazing multimedia exhibition. Down Cathedral and Saint Patrick's Grave are located on Cathedral Hill, beside the Saint Patrick Centre flanked by a massive granite stone, to protect the grave from pilgrims looting soil. Nearby is Downpatrick and Country Down Railway, visit the museum and carriage gallery before boarding the train to Inch Abbey with beautiful views of Mourne Mountains. Time to explore the Abbey, which featured in Game of Thrones (some walking involved).

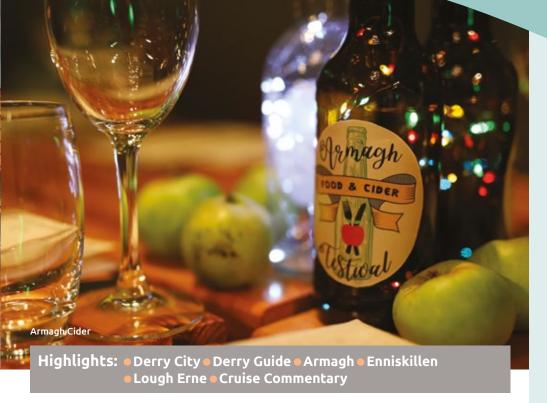
# Day 3

First opened in 2012, the Titanic Experience is a monument to Belfast's maritime heritage on the site of the former Harland & Wolff shipyard in the city's Titanic Quarter where the RMS Titanic was built. This fantastic visitor centre is immersive, informative and tells a host of ghost stories of shipyard workers, passengers, and the crew. Hours can be spent exploring the exhibition with so much to discover and experience so many emotions walking between the galleries. Enjoy a taste of the Titanic with afternoon tea included. Afterwards, tour a Titanic distillers, walk in the footsteps of the dock workers as you journey through the history of The Pumphouse, and explore the site where Titanic last rested on dry ground before her maiden voyage. Enjoy a sensory tasting experience of premium Irish Whiskey and award-winning Vodka.

## Day 4

Enjoy a leisurely morning before a midday tour at Hilden Brewery in Lisburn, the oldest of its kind in Ireland. Learn about Hilden House, visit the brewhouse and bottling plant before sampling the produce itself with a flight of three beers. Visitors are served a bowl of Irish stout stew and wheaten bread, the perfect way to set you up for the rest of the day. Spend the remainder of the day with free time in Belfast City, hop aboard an open top tour bus or a famous black cab tour. Admire the architecture of City Hall and visit the galleries of the Cathedral guarter with their boundary pushing artwork.





# LADIES, LOUGHS & LOCAL LIQUOR

**Arrive Mondays Depart Fridays** 

Based in a stunning Lakeside Hotel in Enniskillen this tour has a great mix of things to do. Sample some of the areas tastiest gin before a relaxing cruise on Lough Erne to admire the local historical sights. Discover exactly what goes into a pint of the apple nectar followed by a hearty Irish lunch. The package is topped off with a tour of Derry with an expert local guide telling the story of the "Real Derry Girls" followed by a themed afternoon tea.

# Day 2 The Real Derry Girls

Only an hour from Enniskillen lies Londonderry. Informally named Derry. The city lies on the river Foyle and is best known for its intact 17th century walls with seven gates. Derry has recently received a lot of coverage due to the hit Channel four show Derry Girls. Over the years Derry has produced many influential women, some may call the "Real Derry Girls". After free time, your expert local guide will join your coach to help discover the women with connections to the city who have made their mark. Finish the day with a Derry Girls themed afternoon tea at the Everglades hotel.

**Day 3 Orchard Tour** 

Another of Ireland's famous exports is its cider. Some of the finest apples are grown in Country Armagh and since 1898 the Troughton family have been growing them in Ballinteggart. Enjoy a welcome drink in the Orchard before embarking on the Blossom to Bottle tour. The visit culminates with a warming lunch of soup and traditional wheaten bread followed by the orchards signature apple tart. Spend the rest of the afternoon in Armagh itself.

# Day 4 Gin Tour and Boat Trip

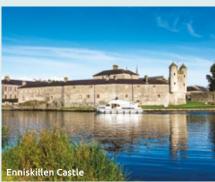
Along the banks of Lough Earne lies the Boatyard Gin Distillery, the first of its kind in County Fermanagh since 1890. Taking its name from the disused boatyard that it's built on; many visitors choose to arrive by water as opposed to road. Enjoy an arrival gin and tonic reception followed by an in-depth tour. After lunch, board MK Kestral waterbus for a cruise on Lough Erne. Relax and enjoy the panoramic views as your Boat Master delivers a live and entertaining commentary. Your cruise will take you along beautiful unspoilt waterways passing alongside historic landmarks such as Enniskillen Castle, Portora Royal School, Boat Club and Old Portora Castle. Enjoy a stop at Devenish Island with its round tower, Augustinian Abbey, and church ruins.



# NEW NORTHERN IRELAND

"Classic offers a very varied programme with new ideas every year, keep up the good work"

- UK Coach operator



# 5 days POA

# Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Return ferry crossing
- Themed tour of Derry
- Themed afternoon tea
- Cider Tour with Lunch
- Gin tour and tasting

Lough Erne cruise

It takes ten to fifteen apples to make a full pint of cider.

# **KILLYHEVLIN LAKESIDE HOTEL**

**ENNISKILLEN** 





On the shores of picturesque Lough Erne, the 4-star Killyhevlin Lakeside Hotel & Lodges has a gym, a spa, and an indoor pool. Each room at Killyhevlin is spacious, with modern décor and tea and coffee making facilities.

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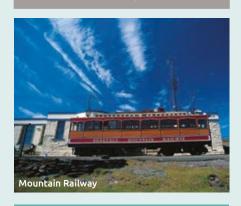
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- UK Tour Operator



# 5 days from £379pp

# Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Train to Snaefell Peak
- Single steam train journey
- Entry to Cregneash

# **RAMSEY PARK HOTEL**

RAMSEY

4\* Commended



Commanding stunning views over Mooragh Lake and the Isle of Man coast is the Ramsey Park Hotel. This modern stylish



hotel is home to a variety of individually designed to a very high standard hotel accommodation and it's very own Bistro serving seasonal food using fresh local Manx produce.

# **RUTLAND HOTEL**

**DOUGLAS** 

3\* Commended





One of the top rated hotels in Douglas with a stunning sea view location. 67 bedrooms with a restaurant and bar overlooking



the bay (not suitable for wheelchair access due to the design of the building).

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# **MAGICAL ISLE OF MAN**

**Arrive Mondays Depart Fridays** 

Steeped in myth and legend and fiercely proud of its diverse culture, the "Kingdom of Man" has an enchanting story to tell. Shrouded by mystery we visit the oldest parliament in the world! See how the crofters once lived at Cragneash Village keeping our eyes peeled for cats with no tails along the countryside trails. Two rail journeys showcase the best of the island as you sit back, relax and take in the beautiful coastal scenery. The tour is based at two of the Island's most group friendly hotels.



# Day 1 Isle of Man Sailing

Board the Isle of Man ferry from Heysham for the 3 ¾ hrs sailing to Douglas.

# Day 2 Laxey & Snaefell Mountain Railway

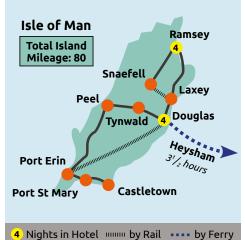
To the north lies the historic village of Laxey, home to the worlds' largest working waterwheel called "Isabella". Board the mountain railway at the "Cottage" up to Snaefell Peak, with time to take in the sweeping views of the island. Onto Ramsey, the island's 2nd largest town, with free time. Returning along part of the famous TT course passing landmarks of Kates Cottage, Keppel Gate and Windy Corner. (34 miles).

# Day 3 Free Day in Douglas

Douglas is a thriving coastal resort with plenty to see and do. The hotel is centrally located to enjoy the islands capital with a newly refurbished promenade and it's Victorian Pier.

# Day 4 Steam train, Cregneash & Peel

Hop on the IOM steam railway, with its original locos and carriages, for a 16 mile journey meandering through rolling countryside to Port Erin, where your coach will be waiting to take you to Cregneash. The first open air folk museum in the British Isles. A walk around reveals indigenous animal breeds and traditional farming practices. Afterwards, a scenic coastal drive visiting Port St Mary & Port Erin, before proceeding up the west coast to Peel, famous for its kippers, castle & sandy beach. Returning to Douglas along the TT circuit over Tynwald Hill passing the 1000 year old Manx Parliament, which is the oldest parliament in the world. (44 miles).





# THE SIGHTS ON WIGHT

**Arrive Mondays Depart Fridays** 

A brand-new tour for 2024 showcases the best of the Isle of Wight. Known for its beaches and seafront promenades such as Shanklin and South facing Ventnor, the island may be small, but it offers everything needed for the perfect holiday. Everything from a needles boat trip to a journey on the island's nostalgic railway. The icing on the cake is entry to Osborne House, the much-loved historical holiday home of the Royal family.



# Day 2 Steam train and Bembridge

One of the best kept secrets on the Isle of Wight is its steam railway. The beautifully preserved railway creates the perfect backdrop for a special day out. Riding the majestic steam train is the most convenient way to explore the island's countryside. Enjoy a private tour of Havenstreet station to discover its history along with the secrets to preserving the carriages themselves. Spend the afternoon in Bembridge, situated on the most Easterly part of the Island. With its stunning beaches and beautiful buildings, its no wonder its home to some of the wealthiest residents on the Isle of Wight.

# Day 3 Ventnor Gardens and Needles

Only a short trip from the hotel lies Ventnor Botanic Gardens, situated in the remarkable microclimate at the heart of the famous 'Undercliff.' This unique garden is protected from the cold northerly winds by chalk down and is unrivalled for its collections of subtropical plants grown unprotected out on doors. Enjoy a leisurely morning exploring the gardens before hugging the coast to Alum Bay. From East to West across West Wight runs a chalk downland ridge that ends at the Needles, a row of three chalk stacks off the Isle of Wight's most westerly point. Rising 30 m (98 ft) out of the English Channel. Board the short boat trip to enjoy panoramic

views of Alum Bay, hear of shipwrecks in the area and discover the origins of the needles with the informative live commentary.

# Day 4 Osborne House

Undoubtedly one of the most famous historical homes is on the Isle of Wight. Famous for being the holiday home of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. Osborne house is cemented in history as one of the UK'S most opulent royal residences, Albert designed the house himself, in the style of an Italian Renaissance palazzo. Inside the house get an intimate glimpse into royal life as you explore private apartments and grand reception rooms lined with furnishings and artworks from the Royal Collection. Finish the day off in Newport, the island's largest town which was recently voted in the top ten places to live in the UK.



# **NEW**

# ISLAND ESCAPES

"This is the first time we have used Classic & everyone had a great time. Hotel was good and days out well thought out & enjoyed by all."

- Group Organiser



# 5 days from £326pp

# Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Return ferry to Isle of Wight
- Entry to Osborne House
- Open ticket Isle of Wight Steam rail
- Guided tour Havenstreet station
- Entry to Ventnor Botanic Gardens
- Needles boat tour

# CHANNEL VIEW HOTEL SHANKLIN

3\* Approved





Situated in a prime cliff top location overlooking Sandown Bay, the Ocean View Hotel offer guests spectacular views, warm and friendly services with sourced from local suppliers and comfortable rooms.

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# **NEW**

"Classic are innovative with products putting together and producing exciting tour programmes year after year"

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# 5 days from £607pp

# Price Includes

- 4nts DBB
- Porterage on arrival and
- Return ferries
- Distillery tour and tasting with tea and scones
- Entry to Brodick Castle and Gardens
- Entry to the Arran Heritage
- 90-minute 4x4 experience

Arran is the largest of the islands in the Firth of Clyde and the seventh largest Scottish island.

# KINLOCH HOTEL **BLACKWATERFOOT** 3\* Commended Reviews 88%



Highly rated hotel, right on the seafront with open views of sea and countryside. Restaurant and lounge have superb views, and the food is all freshly prepared. A real favourite amongst groups. Total refurb completed 2019.

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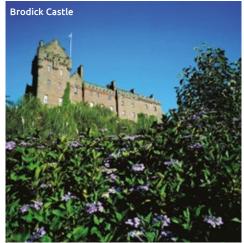


Brodick Castle & Gardens Arran Heritage Centre 4x4 guided tour

# ARRAN'S FINEST

**Arrive Mondays Depart Fridays** 

Clear green seas, sandy beaches, mountains and lochs, Arran is a true Scottish gem. Influenced by the Gulf Stream the climate is mild, a place where you will see palm trees around its 56 miles of coastline. Spend four leisurely days on the island exploring its natural beauty and discovering its history and heritage. If you're brave enough go off the beaten track on the amazing Mogabout 4x4 tour.



Catch the afternoon ferry from Ardrossan to the island's capital Brodick, before making the short journey to the Kinloch Hotel.

# Day 2 Distillery and Coastal Drive

Start the day off in Southern Arran with a visit to Lagg Distillery. One half of the group can enjoy refreshments whilst the others have a 60-minute tour and tasting of some of the Island's best malts. Pass through coastal villages including Whiting Bay & Lamlash. Stop for photos of impressive Paddy's Milestone (Ailsa Craig) at Kildonan. Time free in Brodick, the islands capital, with a visit to Arran Aromatics before returning over the tops to your hotel.

# Day 3 Brodick Castle and Gardens

Enjoy a leisurely morning; take in the sea air, use the leisure facilities or appreciate the fabulous views from the hotel lounge. Later, we drive to

Brodick Castle & Gardens, beautifully positioned overlooking the Firth. The castle is packed full of treasures, period furniture, paintings & silverware. The landscaped gardens, dating back to 1710, include water features, wildlife ponds, a collection of rhododendrons, Bavarian Summer House, walled garden, and woodland walks towards the seashore.

# Day 4 4x4 Adventure and Arran Heritage Centre

New for 2024 is a 90 minute 4x4 adventure with Mogabout. Take in beaches and forests and look out for some of the big five. The other half of the group will visit the Arran Heritage Centre before swapping over. (max 16 each safari). Enjoy a relaxing afternoon before the journey home.

Day 5 Ferry Brodick to Ardrossan



# View of Arran From Turnbery Highlights: • Isle of Bute • Isle of Arran • Brodick Castle and Gardens • Mount Stuart • Turnberry • Alloway

# **AYRSHIRE ISLAND DUET**

**Arrive Mondays Depart Fridays** 

Based in the coastal town of Irvine this well-priced holiday combines beautiful coastal drives along the Ayrshire coastline, with full days out exploring the Isle of Arran, Scotland's 7th largest island with entry into Brodick Castle & Gardens and then onto Bute where a visit to the opulent Mount Stuart awaits. Enjoy the coastal views with a visit to Alloway the birthplace of Robert Burns and onto Turnberry home of the famous golf course and its luxury resort.



# Day 2 Isle of Bute & Mount Stuart

The morning drive along the Firth of Clyde takes you to Wemys Bay, where you join the ferry over to Rothesay, with time free to roam around, on what used to be, a fashionable Victorian resort, with its gardens, shoreline walks and pleasant eateries. Later, the day continues with a tour of the island, which is 15 miles long and 4 miles wide, passing Ettrick Bay with 1 mile golden sand, Scalpsie Bay and finally entry into what is probably the most flamboyant great house in the UK - Mount Stuart. Time to stroll the labyrinth of rooms as well as taking in the fine scenery from the well laid out & expansive gardens which cover over 300 acres.

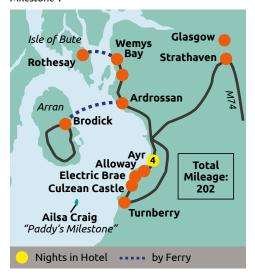
# **Wednesday Ayrshire Coastal Drive**

Morning free to explore around the local area. Afternoon tour visiting Ayr before heading to the pretty village of Alloway with time to roam the home of Scotland's most famous poet – Rabbie Burns. Heading south along the coast, take in the

sea views across the Firth to Arran. Experience the mysterious Electric Brae as you pass Culzean Castle. 5 miles south, stop for photos at the famous Trump Turnberry Hotel & Ailsa Craig Island.

# Thursday Isle of Arran & Brodick Castle

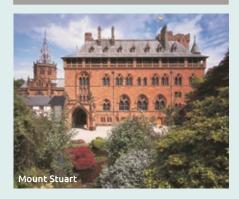
Board the morning ferry with your coach for the 3/4 hour crossing to Arran known as "Scotland in Miniature". First stop is Baronial Brodick Castle & Gardens, dating back to the 13th century. The Castle is packed full of treasures, impressive gardens overlooking the Firth of Clyde, and has recently re-opened after a £1.5m restoration. Free time in Brodick before a scenic tour around the island taking in the sea views over to Kintyre and south towards Ailsa Craig or "Paddy's Milestone".



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- UK Tour Operator



# 5 days from £283pp

# Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Return ferry to Arran with your coach
- Entry to Brodick Castle & Gardens
- Return Ferry to Bute with your coach
- Entry to Mount Stuart Mansion & Gardens

Robert Burns is widely regarded as Scotland's National Poet and Lyricist.

# **RIVERSIDE LODGE**

**IRVINE** 

4\* Commended Reviews ?????????





Located in its own grounds of the outskirts of the town and within 1 mile of the sea. The hotel has been totally transformed into a high quality 4\* hotel. A real firm favourite with our groups.

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"Our Oban tour was enjoyed by all, the peace & serenity of Iona was everywhere, the white sandy beaches, narrow lanes, romantic ruins and of course the Abbey"

- US Tour Guide



# 5 days from £303pp

# Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Return ferry Oban to Mull
- Return ferry Mull to Iona
- Entry to Iona Abbey
- Distillery entry and tasting

The Scottish Gaelic name for Oban is An t-Òban, which means The Little Bay.

# **COLUMBA HOTEL**

**OBAN** 

3\* Commended Reviews 82%





We believe the Columba to be the best hotel in central Oban for groups. It's central harbour side location means everything is close by and 47 of its 49 rooms has either a sea or town view. Inside the hotel is in good shape with constant improvements being made, yet retaining many of its traditional Victorian features.

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# OBAN & THE ENCHANTING ISLES

**Arrive Mondays Depart Fridays** 

Based in the bustling seaside town of Oban, each day is distinctly different. Explore the enchanting Hebridean Islands of Mull & ancient Iona. Be absorbed in some of the most stunning scenery in the UK travelling along lochside roads with mountains towering above. Visit one of the world's smallest distilleries and sample their amber nectar. A scenic drive to Fort William showcases the very best of the Highland scenery in one day. A true highlands taster tour.



# Day 2 Isles of Mull and Iona

Board the ferry with your coach for the 55 minute crossing to the enchanting Isle of Mull. The island excursion takes you south, passing imposing Duart Castle to Fionnphort. Then hop on the short ferry crossing, as foot passengers, to the sacred Isle of Iona. Wander round the island at leisure, with its white sandy beach and pathways. Iona is an island of pilgrimage and recognised as the birthplace of Christianity in the UK. Entry is included into the famous Abbey, the final resting place of over 100 Scottish Kings.

## Wednesday Oban

Free time in Oban. Enjoy everything the town has to offer in your own time from quirky boutique stores to homely tea rooms. Founded in 1794, the local distillery is the heart of the town. Famed for being one of the smallest distilleries in the world you can enjoy an intimate tour and tasting.

\*Please note visits may be staggered depending on aroup size.

# Thursday Fort William & Lovely Lochaber

Hugging the shoreline of the loch all the way, you arrive in Fort William, for sightseeing. The afternoon is spent seeing the best of Lochaber. Nearby, is Neptunes Staircase, where you can see boats of all shapes and sizes navigating the 8 locks of the Caledonian Canal. The tour continues to Gairlochy, along the side of this well-known canal, with photo opportunities to take in the terrific views of Ben Nevis and the Great Glen at the famed Commando Monument, Spean Bridge. (116 miles).



# HOP THE INNER HEBRIDES

**Arrive Mondays Depart Fridays** 

Join seven memorable days of Island Adventure as the holiday criss-crosses three of the best Inner Hebridean Isles, each one with its unique character and culture. From Arran in the south, then westwards over to Islay, famous for its whisky and where island life has little changed in generations. Finishing with perhaps the most well-known of the Scottish islands – The romantic Isle of Skye, with its incredible coastline and unspoilt scenery.

# Day 1 Ayrshire Overnight

# Day 2 Isle of Arran

Board the morning ferry to Arran. Time to explore the island's capital Brodick, before a tour of the island, visiting Lamlash, Whiting Bay & Blackwaterfoot. Free time at sense of Arran and Arran Cheese (they are next to each other). Board the late afternoon ferry from Lochranza to the Mull of Kintyre, with a drive along Loch Fyne to your hotel.

## Day 3 Isle of Islay

Embark with your coach on the three hour sailing to the Queen of the Hebrides - Islay. The tour visits Bowmore, the islands capital, with its round church, where spirits have nowhere to hide! Followed by a more tasty spirit - a tour & tasting at a whisky distillery. Afterwards, spend time at the "Big Strand" on Laggan Bay with 6 miles of unspoilt sandy beach, before travelling across the island to catch the Port Askaig ferry back to the mainland. (Breakfast or dinner served on ferry dependant on ferry schedule)

# Day 4 Oban

Depart hotel, with a loch side drive to Inveraray and then Loch Awe with time free in Oban; "Gateway to the Isles", before passing through Fort William. The road to the Isles is recognised as one of the best drives in the UK, stopping off at Glenfinnan, where you have every chance of seeing the Harry Potter train. Arrive in Mallaig for the next two nights.

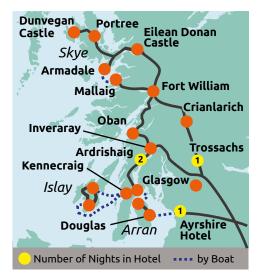
# Day 5 Isle of Skye

Board the morning ferry to Skye with its wealth of history from Jacobite battles to feuding clans with evidence of the Highland clearances still

very much in evidence. The island is abundant in wildlife and the scenery ever changing from the patchwork of velvet moors to jagged mountains and towering sea cliffs. Today's tour makes the most of the island visiting Portree the islands capital & Dunvegan Castle – home of the Macleod Clan for over 800 years, sweeping back round the west coast with clear coastal views of the Cullins.

# Day 6 Great Glen, Glencoe & Loch Lomond

Enjoy a leisurely journey south arriving at the Nevis Gondola, the only one of its kind in the UK. Afterwards enjoy free time in Fort William, Scotland's outdoor capital. Finally journey through Glencoe and the shoreline of Loch Lomond checking into your hotel for your final night's stay.

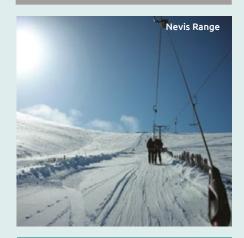


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# ISLAND **ESCAPES**

"The feedback was really good, the itinerary worked well and the hotels could not be faulted"

- UK Coach Operator



# 7 days POA

# Price Includes

- 6nts DBB
- All ferry crossings included
- Nevis Gondola
- Entry to Dunvegan Castle

# **GREY GULL HOTEL ARDRISHAIG**

3\* Approved

Family owned and managed 25-bedroom hotel has a superb loch side setting. Emphasis on good food and personal service.



Please note hotel has 3 floors with no lift.

## MORAR HOTEL

**MORAR** 

3\* Approved

Offers an excellent location just 3 miles from Mallaig, the southern Gateway to the Isle of Skve. making it the



perfect base for exploring the beautiful Scottish Highlands.

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BEST SELLER

"I have worked with Classic for over 15years they have always been very professional, friendly and accommodating"

- UK Coach Operator



# 5 days from £373<sub>PP</sub>

# Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Return Ferry Oban-Mull
- Single rail Fort William to Mallaig
- Single ferry Mallaig to Skye
- Entrance to Duart Castle, tea and scones
- Lunch on Isle of Skye
- Mountain cable car ride

Fort William was the first town in Britain to light up its streets using hydro electricity in 1896.

# **ONICH HOTEL**

**NEAR FORT WILLIAM** 

3\* Commended Reviews 85%





This 26 bedroom hotel will is scheduled to have been completely refurbished by 2024. Located on the edge of Glencoe, 7 miles south of Fort William. The hotel has the most amazing uninterrupted loch & mountain views.

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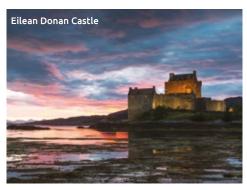
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# **SCOTCH ON THE ROCKS**

**Arrive Mondays Depart Fridays** 

Sparkling like jewels in crystal clear waters, Scotland's 750 islands are an added blessing to Scotland's coastline. Based in a loch side hotel the holiday is planned to take advantage of the island's beauty. To sample the culture, learn about their traditions and take in the most spectacular of scenery. Two of the main islands are selected, each one unique and each one magical. Mull with 300 miles of coastline and finally Skye steeped in bloody feuds and romance.



# Dav 2 Oban and Mull

Leisurely lochside drive to Oban, Scotland's "Gateway to the Isles" to catch the forty-minute crossing to Isle of Mull. Look out for Eilean Musdale Lighthouse and the imposing Duart Castle which will be our first port of call. Enjoy a welcome talk from the head guide on the property's history and free time to soak up the beauty of the castle rooms followed by tea and scones. Afterwards head to the island's capital Tobermoray well known for its colourful houses and shop fronts. Enjoy lunch in one of the tea rooms or sample the local cheese and chocolate made on the island.

Day 3 Lovely Lochaber & Mountain Cable Car Time free in Fort William before a short tour explores the Fort William area. Watch boats navigating the eight locks of Neptunes Staircase in Banavie, then to Spean Bridge taking in the best views of Ben Nevis. Stop for photos at The Commando Monument. Completing the day with a cable car ride 2200ft into the mountains adjacent to Ben Nevis for a birds-eye view of Fort William and its lochs. There is a cafe and easy graded walks available.

# Day 4 West Highland Line train & Isle of Skye Circular

Board the train in Fort William on the most scenic railway journey in Britain as it meanders through glens, along loch sides and over the breath-taking twenty one arched Glenfinnan Viaduct. Arriving in Mallaig your coach awaits to board the ferry "Over the sea to Skye". Take in the rugged scenery of southern Skye, including the Cuillin Mountains before stopping for lunch (included). After lunch, continue on Skye before heading over the bridge at Kyle, stopping at Famous Eilean Donan Castle, Scotland's second most photographed castle. As the road climbs steadily through Glen Shiel the Five Sisters of Kintail come into sight.



# SPECTACULAR PALACES OF SCOTLAND

Edinburgh Castle Dunoon

3 nights Bute and 2 nights Dunfermline

This fresh tour gives an insight into some of Scotland's most magical royal residences. No other country in the world does a castle quite like Scotland. The first 3 nights of the tour is spent staying on the Isle of Bute before heading east to Stirling. With entry to four of Scotland's most opulent castles and palaces this tour is a right royal delight, taking in in some of Scotland's best scenery along the way.

# Day 2 Rothesay and Mount Stuart

Morning free to explore the charming Victorian seaside town of Rothesay. Afternoon tour of the island before spending time at the extravagant Gothic Palace, known as Mount Stuart. A lavish Palace and arguably one of the best in the UK, with sumptuous rich rooms, including a marble staircase and a 300 acre labyrinth of impressive gardens. Returning to Rothesay in time for dinner.

# Day 3 Inveraray and Dunoon

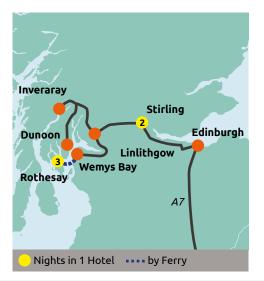
Today head North and take the ferry at Colintraive and along the banks of Loch Fyne to the ancient maritime port of Inveraray. Entry is included to the castle, still home to the Duke of Argyll himself after playing an important role in the shaping of Scotland through the ages. The garden covers sixteen acres and the remainder being park and woodland extending to 180 hectares forming one of the most important designed landscapes in Scotland. Return to along Loch Eck with free time in Dunoon before catching the ferry back to Bute, (Book Benmore Gardens for an additional cost).

# Day 4 Stirling via Loch Lomond

Depart Bute taking the ferry back to Wemyss Bay. Head along the west coast via Greenock before arriving at another of Scotland's famous Lochs. Enjoy time at Lomond Shores on the "Bonny banks" before travelling to Stirling for entry to the Castle. Likened to 'a huge brooch clasping Highlands and Lowlands together' the structure guarded the lowest crossing point of the River Forth for centuries. Afterward arrive at the King Robert Hotel for the next two nights.

# Day 5 Edinburgh

Travel to Edinburgh over one of the famous bridges across the Forth for free time in Scotland's capital before as visit to Scotland's most spectacular palace of all; Edinburgh Castle. The focal point of the city it has a rich history as royal residence, military garrison, prison and fortress, it is alive with many exciting tales. Discover the tales with entry included. The best has been saved until last with a sumptuous afternoon tea being served in the castle tea rooms, a right royal delight.

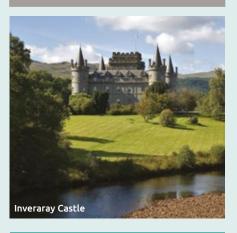


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# 6 days from £370pp

# Price Includes

- 5nts DBB
- All Ferries
- Entry to Mount Stuart
- Entry to Inveraray Castle
- Entry to Stirling Castle
- Entry to Edinburgh Castle
- Afternoon Tea at Edinburgh Castle

# **GLENBURN HOTEL**

**ROTHESAY** 

3\* Commended Reviews 79%



A grand & elegant hotel, surrounded by delightful, terraced gardens and commanding fabulous views over Rothesay and its bay.



Constructed in 1892 as a hydrotherapy retreat.

# KING ROBERT HOTEL

STIRLING

3\* Approved Reviews 92%



The King Robert Hotel has 52 well-appointed en suite bedrooms, each is comfortable and has all the mod cons.



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"Many thanks for your helpful arranging our successful holiday in the Hebrides"

- UK Coach Operator

# 7 days from £645<sub>pp</sub>

# Price Includes

- 6 nights DBB
- All ferry crossings as shown
- Services of a local and experienced guide for full day tour of Lewis
- Entrance into the Black Houses & Museum
- Tasting at Harris Distillery.

# **Drivers Day off Option**

On day 4. We can arrange a local coach & driver for approx £550.

# **DUNOLLIE HOTEL**

**ISLE OF SKYE** 

3\* Approved Reviews 76%



The main hotel on Skye for groups. Waterside location in Broadford. Hotel has been significantly refurbished in last few years.



# **DARK ISLAND HOTEL**

**BENBECULA** 

3\* Approved



A friendly and welcoming hotel, with the emphasis on fresh food from around the isles.



## **CABARFEIDH HOTEL**

**STORNOWAY** 

4\* Commended



Best hotel in the Hebrides, Located one mile from Stornoway.



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Available April - October

**HOTEL INFO** www.myhotelbreak.com



# HEBRIDEAN ODDYSEY

1 overnight, 1 night Skye, 1 night Uist, 2 nights Stornoway. 1 overnight

A truly exceptional holiday roaming the Highlands & Skye before embarking on the glorious sailing to the Hebrides, set 30 miles off Scotland's west coast. Nowhere will you find such unspoilt beauty, mile upon mile of unspoilt beaches, lochs galore, tiny island communities, ancient historical sites and abundance of wildlife. Featuring a tour of Lewis with one of our long-standing experienced guides.



# Day 1 Travel to overnight hotel Day 2 Fort William & Isle of Skye

On entering Glencoe the views suddenly become much more dramatic. Then you'll know you are in the West Highlands. Time free in Fort William,

before touring through the Great Glen, with time for photos at Eilean Donan Castle. Overnight on or near Skye.

# Day 3 The Uists

Scenic drive across Skye to catch the sailing to Uist – a necklace of islands and islets, often more water than land, linked together by causeways and bridges. Afternoon spent exploring the islands with their impressive beaches and coastline. Overnight Benbecula.

# Day 4 Isle of Harris

Take the morning sea crossing to Harris, a rugged and mountainous island with moorlands, deep lochs and glorious coastline. On route stop at Harris Distillery for a tasting of one of their local spirits. Opened in 2015 the distillery had just ten employees with the ambition of doubling their staff. Now boasting a team of thirty, they are the true heart of Harris. Continue along the spine of the island and to Lewis with its history dating back five thousand years. Two nights Stornoway, the island's capital.

# **Day 5 Guided Tour of Lewis**

Be immersed in the folklore and history of the Isles as your local island guide takes you to see the impressive five thousand year old standing stones of Callanish (Scotland's Stonehenge, but older). Ancient thatched "Blackhouses", typical of crofting settlements, with entry included, and the imposing Carloway Broch, a fortified tower dating back over two thousand years.

# Day 6 Highland Landscapes & Spey Valley

Board the ferry for the 2 ½ hour sailing to Ullapool. Followed by a scenic drive across the sweep of the Highlands, with time free in the Highlandcapital, Inverness (where ferry timings permit). Proceed south through "bonny" Speyside and your final night's stay.



# **HEBRIDEAN ADVENTURE**

1 night Morar, 1 night Benbecula, 3 nights Stornoway, 1 night Perthshire Area

Our leisurely new Hebridean tour is based in Stornoway, providing plenty time to take in the unique island lifestyle and culture, as well as discovering many memorable and amazing untouched areas which can only be found in the Outer Hebrides. This wonderful sightseeing adventure takes in the spectacular scenery of the West Highland coastline. Once explored you'll appreciate why this area is so well renowned for its true unspoilt beauty. This tour really gives a true taste of the Hebrides.

**Day 1 Scottish Borders, Loch Lomond & Glencoe**Let the adventure begin. Journey north through the Scottish Borders through Glencoe & into the Scottish Highlands, checking into Mallaig for the night.

## Day 2 Mallaig and Uist

Enjoy a leisurely morning admiring Morar's famous silver sands beaches before a visit to Mallaig, the West coast's busiest fishing port and the terminus of the West Highland line. Spot the Harry Potter train rolling in or visit the heritage centre to hear about life old and new. Catch the afternoon sailing to South Uist arriving in time for dinner.

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## **Day 4 Guided Tour of Lewis**

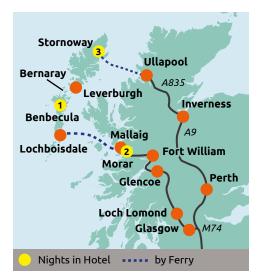
A local & experienced guide will join the coach for an amazing day excursion around the Hebrides. This unforgettable trip takes in a landscape of pretty moorlands, sheer cliffs and sandy bays and incorporates a stop at the Standing Stones of Callanish, an antiquity of the Bronze Age, as well as visiting the "Blackhouses" and plenty other areas of interest.

# Day 5 Free time to explore Stornoway

A day at leisure to relax & sightsee around Stornoway, where Gaelic traditions and language are still thriving. There are some lovely easily graded walks round Lews Castle grounds & harbour side. Both are near the hotel. There are plenty shops and attractions to browse on the seafront, and a selection of wildlife boat trips are also available.

## Day 6 Ullapool, Inverness & Spey Valley

Board the ferry for the sailing back to the Scottish mainland. From Ullapool travel through majestic Highland scenery across the Northern Highlands, much of it on the acclaimed Route five hundred arriving in Inverness, with free time (if ferry sailings allow). Then, turn south through the spectacular scenery of the Spey Valley arriving at your final hotel in Perthshire or Central Belt areas, to suit your homewards journey on Sunday.



**REFRESHED** 

# ISLAND ESCAPES

"Classic Britain is our first choice because of the efficiency of their booking team"

- UK Coach Operator

# 7 days POA

# Price Includes

- 6 nights DBB
- Ferry Mallaig to Lochboisdale
- Ferry Berneray to Leverburgh
- Full Day Guide on Lewis
- Entry Blackhouses & Museum
- Entry Callanish Standing Stones
- Ferry Stornoway Ullapool
- Gin Tasting

# **MORAR HOTEL**

**MORAR** 

3\* Approved

Offers an excellent location just 3 miles from Mallaig, the southern Gateway to the Isle of Skye, making it the perfect base for exploring the beautiful Scottish Highlands.



# **DARK ISLAND HOTEL**

**BENBECULA** 

3\* Approved

A friendly and welcoming hotel, with the emphasis on fresh food from around the isles.



# CALADH INN STORNOWAY

3\* Commended Reviews 81%

Positioned 100 yards from the seafront and harbour, the Caladh Inn is the perfect hotel for groups staying in Stornoway. All shops,



scenic seafront walks and attractions are all very close by. The hotel has been substantially refurbished, with all 68 bedrooms redone with a Highland twist theme.

Hotel Symbols on Back Cover.

Available April - October

HOTEL INFO www.myhotelbreak.com

"I have the utmost respect for Classic's team and have nothing but praise for the work they do"

- UK Coach Operator



# 7 days from £556<sub>PP</sub>

# Price Includes

- 6 nights DBB
- Lunch Smoo Cave Hotel
- Orkneys Cruise from John O'Groats
- Entry to Italian Chapel
- Entry to Skara Brae
- Full day private coach with driver/guide on Orkneys
- Dunrobin Castle

#### **KINGS ARMS**

**KYLEAKIN (ISLE OF SKYE)** 



The hotel is in Kyleakin village with delightful Panoramic views across the Kyle of Lochalsh.



# **ROYAL HOTEL**

ULLAPOOL

3\* Commended Reviews 85%



Main hotel in town, cracking lochside position, most rooms have views. Only 5 minute walk into the town centre.



# STATION HOTEL

**THURSO** 

4\* Commended



Groups either stay in the Station or neighbouring 3\* St Clair Hotel. Both are similarly styled and are centrally located.

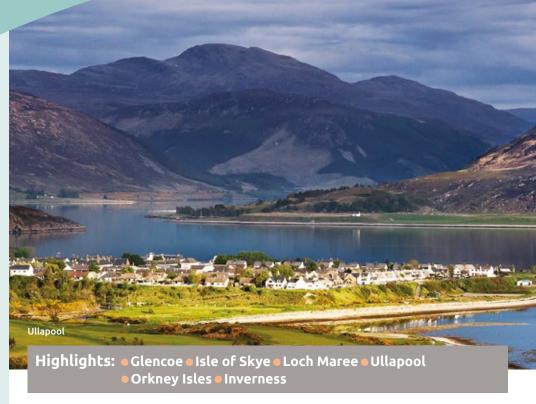


Each with 35 bedrooms. Privately owned and managed by North Hotels.

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# SCOTLAND'S NORTH COAST 500

1 night Central, 1 night Skye, 1 night Ullapool, 2 night Thurso, 1 night Perthshire

Regarded as a trip of a lifetime. Discover Route 500 - Scotland's Route 66 – a jaw dropping journey skirting the very top of the UK's Northwest coastline passing deserted beaches and ancient castles. 430 miles of some of the most unspoilt and picturesque scenery in Europe, with its diverse array of wildlife and a culture which has little changed in generations. To top it all with a wonderful, guided day tour of the Orkneys. Coach hire can be arranged for the transfer to the ferry.

# Day 1 Overnight in desired area Day 2 West Highlands & to Skye

Along the shores of Loch Lomond, "The Queen of Lochs". Then Glencoe "The Weeping Glen". Free time in Fort William. After lunch, along the Great Glen with loch & mountain scenery all the way. Stop for photos at Eilean Donan Castle, one of Scotland's most photographed castles, before reaching your Skye hotel for 1 night.

# Day 3 Isle of Skye, Loch Maree & Ullapool

This morning we tour Skye, stopping in Portree, the island's colourful capital, before turning northwards into the vast region of Wester Ross. Along the shores of Loch Maree, regarded as one of Scotland's bonniest lochs. Time free to take in the Highland air in Gairloch with its pretty harbour. From here the drive snakes its way along the coastline, dotted with islands, inlets, beaches and cliffs before descending into the picture-perfect harbour town of Ullapool.

Day 4 Caithness & Sutherland on Route 500 today's tour makes up a large part of the North Coast 500 and will leave a lasting memory too. Mile upon mile of crumbling cliffs, sheer rocky headlands, picturesque lochs, sheltered bays & deserted perfect white beaches to rival those abroad. It is here you will feel Scotland in an entirely different way – it's not all about tartan and bagpipes! Included is lunch at Smoo Cave Hotel, Durness. Arrive at Thurso for 2 nights.

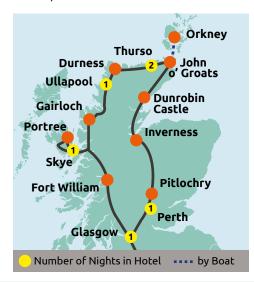
# Day 5 The Orkney Isles

At John O' Groats, board the 40-minute crossing across the Pentland Firth, a graveyard for many a ship. On arrival, a private coach and experienced driver/guide awaits to commence a magical day

on the Orkneys crossing the Churchill Barriers, visiting 2000 year old Scara Brae, Ring of Brodgar, The Italian Chapel and Kirkwall with its 12th century cathedral. Returning to John O'Groats and your hotel.

# Day 7 Inverness & Pitlochry

The coastal road between Wick and Inverness passes many interesting places - historical Helmsdale, white sands at Brora and fairytale Dunrobin Castle. Time free in the Highland capital Inverness, before continuing through the Spey Valley then over the Drumochter Pass and into Perthshire for your final nights' stay (if a suitable location).



# Scapa Flow Highlights: • Guided Tour of the Orkneys Loch Nes Great Glen Spey Valley Northern Highlands

# **DISCOVER ORKNEY**

1 night Loch Lomond area, 1 night Thurso, 2 nights Orkneys, 1 night Perthshire

First inhabited some 6000 years ago. The Orkneys offers an unspoilt experience blending history old and new with 570 miles of dramatic coastline. Located off Scotland's North coast lies the ancient cluster of seventy islands brimming with history, with raw and dramatic coastlines. With the services of a local guide discover ancient civilisations, world famous archaeology and bountiful wildlife from our base in the Island capital Kirkwall. Only a one-hour ferry crossing lies between the mainland and a hub of historic delight.



# **Day 1 Overnight Desired Area**

# Day 2 Glencoe, Loch Ness & Northern Highlands

From the comfort of your coach, this great Highland drive takes you through mountainous Glencoe, with time free in Fort William before continuing along the total length of Loch Ness (23 miles). The loch contains more freshwater than all lakes in England and Wales combined! Time free in Inverness, the Highland capital. Depart mid-afternoon along the coastline passing Dornoch, Dunrobin Castle, silver sands at Brora & Wick. Overnight in Thurso.

# **Monday The Orkneys**

Board the early afternoon ferry with your coach across the Pentland Firth - a graveyard to sunken ships, arriving in St Margaret's hope one hour later. The day concludes with a drive along the shoreline of Scapa Flow – famous as the naval refuge during both world wars. Next two nights in the capital - Kirkwall, with its 12th century St Magnus Cathedral.

# Tuesday Guided Tour of the Orkney Isles

Your local guide joins your coach for a memorable day out. As the day unfolds, the islands Neolithic ancestry is evident as many ancient monuments,

stone circles, settlements and tombs are visited - a testament to its UNESCO World Heritage status. The tour includes a scenic circular tour of the island visiting most of the main sites including 5000-year-old Skara Brae, Churchill Barriers, Ring of Brodgar, Stennes Standing Stones & Italian chapel. Along the way, listen to the tales of Viking intruders, wartime exploits and immerse yourself in Orkney's rich maritime heritage.

# Wednesday Spey Valley & Perthshire

Catch the morning ferry back to the mainland, southwards bound on the coastal drive to Inverness. Time free in Aviemore, before your final night's stay, suited for your onward journey home the next day.



# **ISLAND ESCAPES**

"Booking multi-centre holidays with several inclusions is quick and simple with Classic"

Overseas Tour Operator



# 6 days from £554pp

# Price Includes

- 3 nights mainland DBB
- 2 nights Orkneys DBB
- Return Orkney Ferry Full day island tour with local
- Entry to Skara Brae and Italian Chapel

# **STATION HOTEL**

3\* Commended



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bedrooms. Privately owned and managed by North Hotels.

# KIRKWALL HOTEL

**ORKNEYS** 



Perfectly situated in the town centre on the picturesque harbour front. This family owned and operated hotel



assures guests a proper island welcome, good food in the harbour side restaurant & cosy accommodation in 36 bedrooms.

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Available April - October

**HOTEL INFO** www.myhotelbreak.com

"Thanks for the outstanding guide you arranged for our Shetland stay. She was brilliant – really knew her stuff & presented it perfectly"

- UK Coach Driver



# 6 days POA

# Price Includes

- Overnight Return SailingsDBB Aber/Lerw
- 2 nts DBB in Shetland Hotel
- 3 days Shetland Guide
- Entry to all attractions as shown in itinerary
- 1 x Shetland Light Lunch
- Entry Victoria & Albert Museum, Dundee
- 1 x homeward overnight

With almost 1700 miles of coastline, the water around the 100 islands of Shetland is the seafood industry is worth millions of pounds a year.

# SHETLAND HOTEL

LERWICK 3\* Commended





Situated across from the ferry terminal with commanding views overlooking the bay, the hotel is only a few minutes' walk from the town centre. There are 65 modern bedrooms & has highly rated reviews about the food. A lift serves most floors.

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# SHETLAND – THE ISLAND OF THE VIKINGS

**Arrive Various Days** 

On the edge of the Arctic Circle, 130 miles north of the Scottish mainland lies the Shetland Isles. An archipelago of 100 islands with 5000 years of history and Viking influenced culture. With a mild climate and up to 19 hours day light, be enchanted by the rugged beauty & serene seclusion. A wonderful island experience, where along with your experienced guide, you will see landscapes like no other, visiting international acclaimed sites. The convenient overnight sailing in a comfy cabin makes the journey a breeze.

## Day 1 Cruise Aberdeen - Shetland

Overnight sailing to Lerwick. Dinner on board. Comfortable en-suite twin berth cabins provided. On arrival in Lerwick you will be closer to Arctic Circle than Manchester.

# Day 2 Northern Isles (Yell & Unst)

After breakfast meet your local experienced guide for a tour of the Northern Isles - Yell & Unst. Photo stop at the vast Sullom Voe Oil Terminal, then the short ferry crossing to Yell, with entry into the Old Haa Museum, Cullivoe - full of unusual artefacts from the lives of islanders. Board the short ferry to Unst, with many beautiful beaches and home to the RAF for decades. Light lunch included. See Muckle Flugga - the most northern tip of the UK, then Skidbladner - a replica Viking Long Ship. Check into Shetland Hotel c1800hrs.

## Day 3 South & West Mainland

Coastal tour towards Sumburgh Head RSPB, stopping at probably the best beach on Shetland - St. Ninians. View cliff scenery, golden beaches & seabird colonies. Afterwards to Viking Jarlsof archaeological site – one of Europe's largest and most complex sites spanning over 5000 years. Entry included into the Croft House Museum. After lunch we have a photo stop of Shetland Ponies in the Tingwall Valley before arriving in Scalloway, the former capital of The Shetland, with its 15th century castle dominating the skyline. Entry into the museum displaying local island exhibitions, history & folklore.

Day 4 North Mainland & Cruise Lerwick - Aberdeen To Voe & Brae & the "Drongs" - a spectacular series of sea stacks. After lunch guided tour of Shetland Jewellery Nordic Workshop. Free time in Lerwick via Wormadale Viewpoint, before boarding your ship for the overnight sailing to Aberdeen with dinner on board.

## Day 5 Angus & Fife

After breakfast disembark ship, taking the coastal road passing sandy St Cyrus Beach, Montrose, Arbroath – famous for its "Smokies". Time free in Dundee, with entry into the new V&A Museum. Over the Tay Bridge and into Fife, with a short stop at the golf and University town of St Andrews, before continuing along the coast through the fishing villages of Crail and St Monans and your hotel in Dunfermline, near the 3 Forth Bridges, crossing the new bridge on Monday morning. (132 miles)

Day 6 Home



# The Jacobite Steam Train Highlights: Sir Walter Scott • Stirling • Riverside Museum • Aviemore • Strathspey Railway • Jacobite Steam Train

# STEAMIN IN SCOTLAND

2 nights Central, 3 nights Newtonmore

This tour celebrates the best of Scottish steam transport. After it's repairs over the last few years the Sir Walter Scott has been lovingly restored. Head North to enjoy two of Scotland's best steam rail journeys taking in some of the country's most spectacular scenery. From lochs and rivers to mountains and valleys it's a true showcase of Scotland by steam. Two of our best hotels feature making this a standout tour for 2024.

## Glasgow

Glasgow's river Clyde was a hub for steamships and even to this day the famous Waverly can be seen sailing "doon the water". Enjoy a private meet and greet at the Riverside museum in Glasgow giving a brief but informative insight into the hundreds of pieces of unique transport housed there; a true Scottish treasure. Nearby is one of Scotland's newest distilleries. The owner's ambition was to return the distilling of single malt to the city. In 2021 he succeeded along with restoring the dock his great grandfather built. Hearing the story about the love that has gone into the restoration will mean the whisky tasting won't be the only thing warming the heart that day.

# Day 3 Loch Katrine and The Highlands

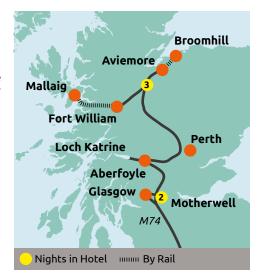
Gliding through the Trossachs take your seat on the SS Walter Scott, one of the oldest steamships in the world. Cruise the beautiful waters of Loch Katrine whilst listening to the tales & legends of the loch narrated by a crew member. We continue through Rob Roy MacGregor country to Callander After lunch head deep into the Highlands to Newtonmore for the next three nights.

# **Day 4 Strathspey Railway**

Time free in Aviemore, before boarding the Strathspey Railway for the 45 minute journey through spectacular Speyside mountainous scenery. Brought back to life in 1978 by a group of volunteers experience the golden age of steam whilst aboard. After lunch travel North through Grantown on Spey to a local whisky distillery for a tour and tasting. Will the train be the only steaming part of the day?

# Day 5 Fort William and Jacobite Steam Train

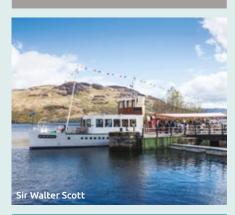
Join the Jacobite Steam Train in Fort William on the two hour journey to Mallaig, absorbing beautiful views of lochs, mountains, Glenfinnan Viaduct and the small Isles of Eigg, Muck and Rum. After enjoying time in Mallaig the road journey back in your coach is very different with a stop off in Glenfinnan to see Bonnie Prince Charlie's monument, the massive viaduct & Loch Shiel. (To make the most of the day passengers travel one leg by train and one leg by coach.) \* Jacobite fully payable in advance, ask about terms.



# SCOTLAND NEW HOTEL

"We have worked together for many years with great success due to new and innovative packages that Classic offers"

- UK Coach Operator



# 6 days from £400pp

# Price Includes

- 5 nights DBB
- Cruise on Loch Katrine
- Glasgow Riverside Museum
- Single on Strathspey Railway
- Single on the Jacobite Steam
   Train
- 2 distillery visits

# MOORINGS HOTEL MOTHERWELL

3\* Commended Reviews 94%



The Best Western Moorings Hotel in Motherwell was built in 1891 as the private home for a member of a famous Scottish steel dynasty.



Now a beautiful traditional 3-star hotel, the surroundings are undeniably chic but the vibe is unpretentious, verging on homely.

# HIGHLANDER HOTEL NEWTONMORE

3\* Approved Reviews 88%

Operators book this hotel year after year. Testament to the consistent high standards. A lot of refurbishment has taken place in recent years.



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# **SCOTLAND**

"Classic is a fantastic generator of group ideas over the many years we have been working with them"

- UK UK DMC



# 5 days from £257pp

# Price Includes

- Welcoming Tea & Shortbread
- 4 nights DBB
- 3 nights entertainment, 1 Scottish themed
- Glass of with dinner each night
- Cream tea
- Guided Tour Dumfries House with lunch
- Entry Rosslyn Chapel

Rosslyn Chapel famously featured in scenes in the adaption of Dan Brown's Da Vinci Code.

# TINTO HOUSE HOTEL

SYMINGTON

3\* Commended Reviews 81% 



Sitting at the foot of Tinto Hill, the hotel boasts 39 on-suite rooms. On arrival you'll receive the warmest of welcomes from the friendly staff, who are always on hand to provide exceptional service. Many rooms display beautiful views of the Lanarkshire countryside.

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Ayr Loch Lomond

# **DUMFRIES HOUSE** & THE DA VINCI CODE

**Arrive Mondays Depart Fridays** 

Newly refurbished for 2024, Tinto is a cosy 3\* countryside hotel positioned on the edge of a village not far from Peebles. A perfect base to explore many of the area's top spots – Ayrshire, Edinburgh, Loch Lomond and the Borders. With good food, bags of entertainment and wine included, it is easy to see why this is one of Classic's most popular tours. From Dumfries House the famous Paladian Property once saved from closure by Prince Charles and time spent on the "Bonny Banks" of Loch Lomond.



# Tuesday Edinburgh & Rosslyn Chapel

First stop is the 15th Century Rosslyn Chapel, a truly compelling & unique building surviving the turbulent times of the Reformation, immortalised in Dan Brown's film "The da Vinci Code" starring Tom Hanks. It is one of the most famous chapels in the world surrounded by myths & legends of the "Holy Grail". Afternoon free to explore the sights of Edinburgh. (65 miles).

# Wednesday Loch Lomond & The Trossachs

Recognised as an area of outstanding beauty, its only takes ninety minutes to reach the glorious Trossachs. Time free in the main villages of Callander, Aberfoyle and Drymen before driving to the southern shoreline of Loch Lomond, with a visit to Lomond Shores for retail therapy &

to take in the views of the Loch. Returning via Glasgow. (140 miles).

# **Thursday Ayrshire & Dumfries House**

Take in the sea air as we stop in Ayr, on our way to nearby Dumfries House, one of Britain's most beautiful stately homes and best kept heritage secrets, with sumptuous interiors and magnificent furnishings, all set in two thousand acres of land. It is regarded as an 18th century time-capsule since the principal rooms and their contents have remained virtually unchanged for 250 years. Enjoy lunch and a private guided tour.



# SCOTLAND

"When looking for new tours, we always look towards Classic for ideas, & they haven't disappointed us yet"

- UK Coach Operator



# 5 days from £339<sub>PP</sub>

# Price Includes

- Tea/coffee on arrival
- Porterage on arrival and departure
- 4 nights DBB
- Entry Thirlestane Castle
- Entry Traquair House
- Entry Rosslyn Chapel

The Borders' textile industry supplies wool and cashmere to the world's most iconic fashion houses including Chanel and Dior.

# **BARONY CASTLE HOTEL**

**PEEBLES** 

4\* Approved Reviews 85%



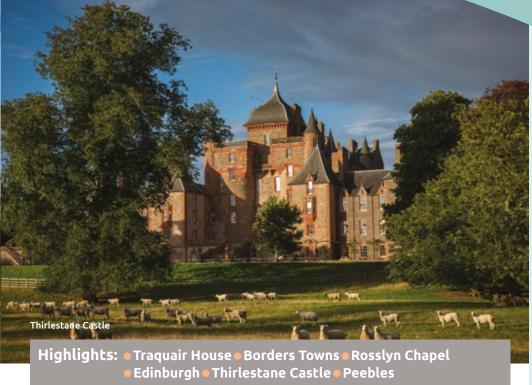


A lot of work has been done to Barony. All 77 bedrooms have been upgraded. The public areas are smart and have a castle feel. The hotel is set in 25 acres of gardens & woodland and has full leisure facilities.

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# BEAUTIFUL "BLOODY" BORDERS & EDINBURGH

**Arrive Mondays Depart Fridays** 

Live like a Laird in a 4\* Scottish castle, based in beautiful Borders countryside near to Peebles. An area which belies a turbulent past of romantic heroes, religious feuds and marauding outlaws. Our tour visits a feast of historical places from a romantic castle, to the oldest inhabited "keep" in Scotland finishing with the myths & legends of Rosslyn Chapel. This tour showcases the many small border town's offerings and personality from tweed to whisky.



# Day 2 Traquair House & Border Towns

First stop entry to Traquair House dating back to 1107 - a refuge for Catholic priests during many centuries of terror and then a hunting lodge for Kings and Queens. Traquair is a unique piece of living history and one of the highlights of the holiday. The Scottish Borders is exceptionally rich in cultural heritage. The afternoon is spent travelling through rolling hills and gentle valleys exploring the main riverside towns, with their 13th century abbey ruins, in Selkirk, Hawick, Jedburgh & Kelso. It's an area which inspired Sir Walter Scott, with a photo stop at Scott's Hilltop lookout above the river and valley.

# Day 3 Rosslyn Chapel & Edinburgh

On the way towards Edinburgh, entry is included in what must be the most compelling of all chapels. 15th century Rosslyn Chapel is unique, It survived destruction during the Reformation. It has the most majestic stonework and has a history as far back as the Holy Grail as depicted in the Tom Hanks Film The Da Vinci Code. Continue on to Edinburgh for free time to explore the fabulous city.

# Day 4 Peebles & Thirlestane Castle

Morning free to explore The Ancient and Royal Burgh of Peebles. A tranquil town, with boutique shops and eateries, on the banks of the River Tweed. In the afternoon take the short and scenic drive to Thirlestane Castle. This magnificent 16th-century castle is one of the oldest and finest inhabited castles in Scotland. See the collection of weapons dating back to 1745 and the Grand Bedchamber where Bonnie Prince Charlie stayed as well as impressive furnishings, pictures & treasures.



# **SCOTLAND**

"Well done to your team. They all do a great job and it is a pleasure to work with them"

- Hotel Partner



# 5 days from £209pp

# Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Cruise on Loch Katrine
- Entry Falkirk Wheel & Boat Lift
- Three Bridges Cruise
- 2 nights entertainment

The Kelpies are 30-metrehigh horse-head sculptures depicting kelpies, located between Falkirk and Grangemouth.

# **ROB ROY HOTEL**

**ABERFOYLE** 

4\* Approved Reviews 85%





One of our most popular and well-run hotels for groups, surrounded by scenery, on the edge of the village, with bags of entertainment.

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# **SCOTLAND'S BONNY WATERWAYS**

**Arrive Mondays Depart Fridays** 

Scotland isn't short of famous historical places, none more so than the Firths of Forth and Clyde. An area which undoubtedly shaped Britain's heritage and played a significant role in the development of the modern world. This tour offers some true treasures, from being hoisted t hirty five metres by the Falkirk Wheel to admiring the amazing engineering work of the three bridges on a Forth River cruise. After years of repair 2023 may even see the return of the steamship Sir Walter Scott if you are lucky.

# The Kelpies

# **Tuesday Loch Katrine and The Trossachs**

Journey through the glorious Trossachs and hop aboard for a cruise on Loch Katrine. Sit back, relax and listen to the tales & legends of the loch narrated by a crew member. The day continues through Rob Roy MacGregor country to Callander and finally historical Stirling with its famous

# Wednesday The Kelpies, Falkirk Wheel and Three Bridges Cruise

This morning we visit two of Scotland's top attractions - The Kelpies, and the nearby award winning Falkirk Wheel, where you board a boat to be hoisted 35 metres on the world's only rotating boatlift. Afterwards, the tour heads towards Edinburgh for a wonderful cruise under the three famous Bridges, spanning nearly 140 years of Scottish engineering. The latest bridge opened in 2017 and is the longest three-tower cable-stayed bridge in the world.

# Thursday Five Highland Lochs

A magnificent day of sightseeing awaits - Loch Lomond, then across towards the Arrochar Alps and Loch Long. Over the "Rest & Be Thankful" with free time in the ancient town of Inveraray, on Loch Fyne, with it's castle dominating the skyline. After lunch, turning north the scenery changes as you enter the Highlands. Photo stop at Kilchurn Castle, Loch Awe before turning south into Perthshire & along the shoreline of Loch Earn, stopping in the characterful town



#### **SCOTLAND**

"Without doubt our most successful Scottish holiday. Everyone just loved the steam train and the fantastic scenery"

- UK Coach Operator



### ROMANTIC HIGHLAND RAILWAYS

Highlights: • West Highland Line • Kyle Line • Strathspey Railway

Isle of Skye Fort William

**Arrive Various Days** 

By far classic's most popular and successful package. Sit back, relax and immerse yourself in dramatic Highland scenery as we take you on three famous railway journeys. The West Highland line featuring the Glenfinnan Viaduct made famous by the Harry Potter movies. A short but sweet steam train journey from Aviemore on a lovingly restored locomotive one of the Cairngorms little gems. Finally take the thrilling journey on the Kyle line between Skye and Dingwall to appreciate the dramatic scenery. A true showcase of Scotland's bets rail journeys.

### Full Day Highland Folk Museum & Strathspey Railways

Kyle Line

Make the short trip to the Highland Folk Museum. As Britain's first open air museum, it holds collections of local, national and international importance reflecting on life in Scotland from the 1700s up to the mid-1900s. Enjoy free time in Aviemore before enjoying a journey on the Strathspey Railway. Based in the heart of the Highland's the premier heritage railway welcomes you aboard vintage carriages hauled by lovingly restored locomotive whilst admiring the rugged scenery.

#### Full Day Kyle Line & Isle of Skye

All aboard "one of the most beautiful rail journeys in Europe" according to Michael Palin. Depart Dingwall to Kyle where your coach collects you for the short journey on to the Isle of Skye with time for sightseeing. Returning to your hotel by coach through wonderful Highland grandeur. (Please note above may be reversed).

#### **Full Day West Highland Line**

Described as the greatest railway journey in the world, partly due to the 46 miles of spellbinding scenery and for the major part it took part in the Harry Potter productions. Glide past beautiful views of lochs, mountains, famous Glenfinnan Viaduct and the Isles of Eigg, Muck and Rum. In Mallaig free time to explore this Highland fishing

town and have lunch. The road journey back in your coach is very different to the rail journey with a stop at Glenfinnan to see Bonnie Prince Charlie's monument at the head of Loch Shiel & the massive viaduct. Finally, Neptunes Staircase in Banavie, a series of eight lock gates on the Caledonian Canal.

(To make the most of the day passengers travel one leg by train and one leg by coach).



### 5 days from £276pp

#### Price Includes

- 4 Nights DBB
- Single Rail Journey Dingwall to Kyle
- Single Steam Train Aviemore to Broomhill
- Single Scotrail Journey Fort William to Mallaig (Jacobite separate conditions)
- Entry to The Highland Folk Museum

#### **DUKE OF GORDON**

KINGUSSIE

3\* Commended Reviews 81%

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A high quality coach orientated hotel with lots of character with a Highland twist.



#### HIGHLANDER HOTEL

**NEWTONMORE** 

3\* Commended Reviews 84%

Operators book this hotel year after year. Testament to the consistent high standards. A lot of refurbishment has taken place in recent years.



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#### **SCOTLAND**

"Classic offers new, fresh & exciting ideas to meet the demands of the modern day customer"

- UK Coach Driver



### 5 days from £329pp

#### Price Includes

- 4 nts DBB
- Cruise on Loch Ness
- Single Rail Golspie Thurso (1 ½ hours)
- Distillery Tour and tasting
- Single Rail Dingwall Skye' (2 ¾ hours)
- Light lunch Dunollie Hotel, Skye

John O Groats takes its name from Jan de Groot, a 15th century Dutchman who once plied a ferry from the Scottish mainland to Orkney.

### HIGHLAND HOTEL STRATHPEFFER

2\* Commended Reviews 78%



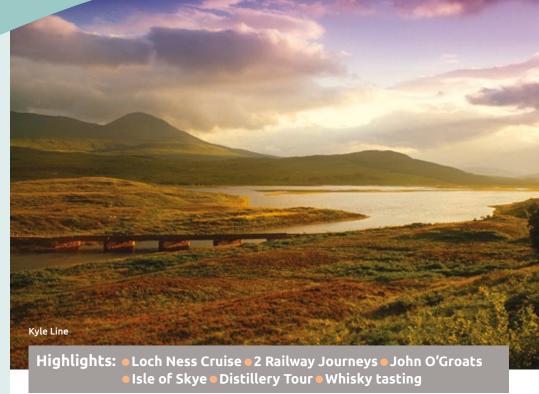


The Highland Hotel in Strathpeffer can be found nestled in a peaceful glen just to the north of the Cairngorms National Park. With 131 en-suite bedrooms the hotel still holds it's character with beautiful beamed ceilings and wood panelling.

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# **BOATS & TRAINS OF THE HIGHLANDS & ISLANDS**

**Arrive Mondays Depart Fridays** 

A varied tour, based in Strathpeffer, within easy reach of Inverness, surrounded by magnificent Highland landscapes. A holiday designed to capture all the great things that make this area so popular. Take a cruise on a famous loch with a photo stop at Urquhart Castle. Journey on two of Europe's most scenic railway lines as well as sampling some of some of the areas finest Whisky in Thurso.



#### **Tuesday Loch Ness**

Time free in Inverness, before driving along the shoreline of Loch Ness where we explore and take in its grand scale. Brimming with history, and tales of the world's shyest monster. Board a two hour cruise at the Locks of Dochgarroch onto the loch itself with a photo opportunity of Urquhart Castle. On return from your cruise enjoy a coffee and cake on the banks or purchase some local sweet treats at the An Talla centre.

#### Wednesday Kyle Railway Line & Isle of Skye

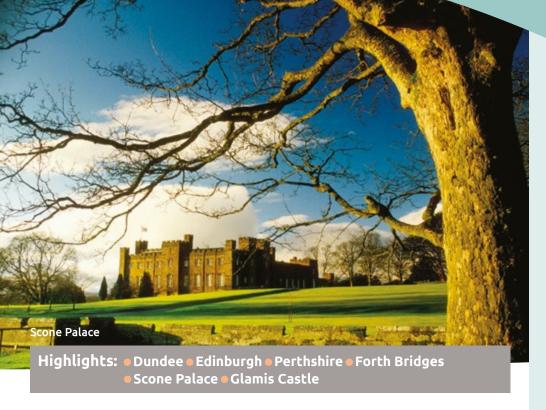
Take your seat on "One of the best railway journeys in the world" according to Michael Palin. In Kyle your coach awaits to take you over the bridge to the Isle of Skye, an island full of mystery and history. Included is a light lunch at the Dunollie Hotel, Broadford. Returning over the bridge, stopping at Eilean Donan Castle for

photos, before crossing The Highlands from the west coast to east coast.

#### **Thursday Northern Line**

Trace the North Sea coastline on this picturesque rail journey passing Fairy-tale Dunrobin Castle and the beautiful beaches around Brora. Experience how remote Scotland can be passing famous salmon rivers & distilleries with miles of moorland before re-joining your coach at Thurso. A tour and tasting has been arranged at Wolfburn Distillery followed by a visit to nearby John O'Groats, the most northerly point on mainland Britain. Returning south by coach stopping at what once used to be the mighty fishing port of Wick, on your return to the hotel.

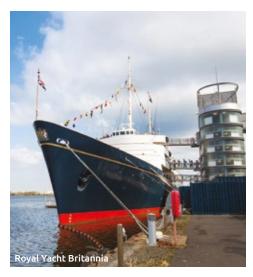




### **ROYAL RETREATS**

**Arrive Mondays Depart Fridays** 

Ancient castles and a famous Royal ship are just some of the highlights on this glorious 5-day break to Dundee and Perthshire. An area steeped in history of clan feuds, battles & Jacobite uprisings. Sample some of the areas best exports at the Gin Bothy along with one of Dundee newest iconic buildings; the V&A museum. From old to new this tour has a right royal touch fit for a king.



#### Day 2

Enjoy free time in Dundee where entry to the iconic V&A museum has been booked. After the multi-million-pound regeneration of the City's waterfront, the Royal's Museum has become an emblem of the project. Nearby is Scone Palace. It is here the "Stone of Scone" was used to crown many Scottish Monarchs over the centuries. It is now referred to as the "Coronation Stone" and was last used in 1953 for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. Outside, over one hundred acres of fabulous Perthshire countryside is waiting to be explored.

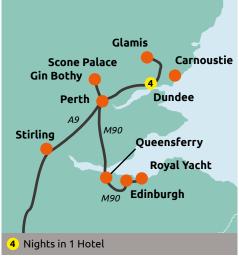
Day 3 Forth Bridges, Edinburgh & Royal Yacht Venture South over the Forth Road Bridge and into Edinburgh. Enjoy fee time to explore both the old and new town, before heading to Leith

and The Royal Yacht Britannia. The yacht was

home to the Royal Family for over 40 years, sailing over 1,000,000 miles on official state visits. Follow in the footsteps of Royalty to discover the heart and soul of this regal ship with a fascinating self-guided tour

#### Day 4 Glamis Castle & The Gin Bothy

Glamis Castle is regarded as Scotland's most beautiful castles. It is the childhood home of the Queen Mother, birthplace of Princess Margaret and the legendary setting of Shakespeare's Macbeth. Explore the castle with its lavish rooms, each telling a different story of it's history. Stroll round the Italian Gardens and pathways throughout the estate. Afterwards enjoy an intimate guided gin tasting in one of Glamis most loved local gin producers. The quaint and quirky Gin Bothy has now become one of Scotland's best kept secrets; the proof is in the pudding.



### **NEW** SCOTLAND

"Classic produces innovative and exciting tours year after year even when you think its all been done before"

- UK Coach Operator



### 5 days from £363<sub>pp</sub>

#### Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Entry to the V&A
- Entry to Scone Palace
- Entry to Royal Yacht Britannia
- Gin Bothy guided tasting
- Entry to Glamis Castle

Britannia was the first
Royal Yacht to be built
with complete ocean-going
capacity and designed as a
Royal residence to entertain
guests around the world.

#### **INVERCARSE HOTEL**

**DUNDEE** 

3\* Commended Reviews 90%





Best Western Invercarse Hotel in Dundee has a great location with outstanding views over the River Tay and its own private grounds. This traditional 3-star hotel is just minutes away from Dundee city centre and offers a comfortable and charming atmosphere.

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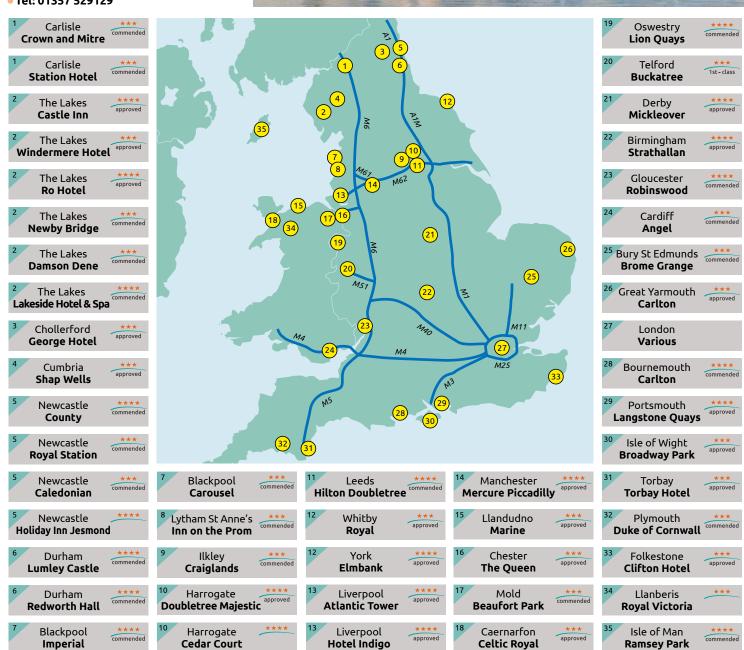
### ENGLAND HOTELS & WALES

Below are some of the hotels we regularly work with. Altogether we have a portfolio of over 330 hotels in England and Wales. There are multiple English & Welsh packages in this brochure which can be booked right away, either by email, phone or online by visiting our soon to be released www.planmygroup.com. Here, you will be able to view hotels and their reviews as well as further packages and special offers, which have been added since brochure production.

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### 5 days from £352pp

#### Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Entry to Harewood House
- Single journey on Wensleydale Railway
- Skipton canal cruise with afternoon tea

#### **MAJESTIC HOTEL**

**HARROGATE** 

4\* Commended Reviews 80%





Majestic Hotel is a 4-star stately Victorian Hotel situated on 8 acres of landscaped gardens in the heart of the elegant spa town of Harrogate.

#### **CRAIGLANDS HOTEL**

**ILKELY** 

3\* Commended Reviews 86%







Set in 6 acres of beautiful, landscaped grounds and woodland, the Craiglands hotel is just a short walk to the historic spa town of Ilkley and the famous Ilkley Moor.

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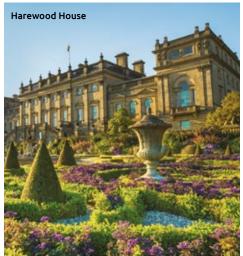
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### THE YORKSHIRE **EXPLORER**

**Arrive Sundays Depart Thursdays** 

Yorkshire is home to the UK's largest National Park. Explore the diversity of the county from its ancient cities to breath-taking dales scenery, pretty villages, high fells & ancient ruins. The tour includes a nostalgic train ride and relaxing canal cruise with afternoon tea. A visit to the famous Yorkshire coast can also be added as an alternative.



at Leyburn for 14 miles of glorious scenery to Leeming Bar, before returning to your hotel via Masham and Rinon

#### Wednesday Skipton & Bronte Country

Lovingly known as the "Gateway to the Dales" Skipton is a beautiful market town full of Yorkshire character. From it's castle, it's canal, and its traditional cobbled streets it has plenty to offer any visitor. After free time exploring, enjoy a relaxing cruise on the Leeds and Liverpool canal accompanied by a sumptuous afternoon tea. Afterwards travel to Howarth, home to the Bronte family and where the Bronte's wrote most of their famous works including "Wuthering Heights" and "Jane Eyre".

### Tuesday Harrogate & Harewood House

Morning Free to explore Harrogate, with its Valley Gardens, tree lined avenues, parks, Victorian arcades and myriad of boutiques and tearooms. Nearby is magnificent Harewood House "The Jewel in Yorkshire's Crown", with entrance to both the house, majestic staterooms and the 100 acres of glorious gardens.

#### Wednesday Yorkshire Dales and Steam Train

Enjoy a scenic tour through the heart of the Yorkshire Dales, passing picturesque villages such as Grassington and Kettlewell, castles, waterfalls with "wall to wall" scenery all the way. Enjoy a stop at Aysgarth Falls, before boarding the remarkable Wensleydale steam railway



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"We are regular bookers with Classic & time after time find the service extremely efficient and simple"

- UK Coach Operator



### 5 days from £366pp

#### Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Entry Leeds Castle & Gardens
- Entry Sissinghurst Gardens
- Guided Wine Tasting
- Entry to Chatham Dockyard

#### **BRIDGEWOOD MANOR**

CHATHAM

4\* Commended





Top quality hotel with excellent amenities, this privately owned 100-bedroom hotel is perfectly located for our Kent programme. Free use of extensive leisure.

#### **DOUBLETREE BY HILTON**

**DARTFORD BRIDGE** 

4\*Approved Reviews 92%



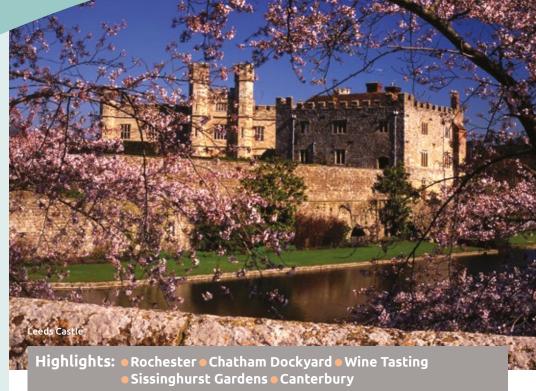


With 180 guest bedrooms at the DoubleTree by Hilton Dartford Bridge hotel offers accommodation to suit all requirements. Each room features contemporary decor and modern amenities to help you feel at home.

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### KENTS CASTLES, VINES & MARITIMES

**Arrive Sundays Depart Thursdays** 

Discover fine gardens, historical towns, imposing castles and rolling meadows based in the "Garden of England". A packed tour with a visit to what is reported to be the "loveliest castle in the world" and historic Chatham Dockyards is washed down with lashings of fine English wine. Some of the UK'S most popular wine and champagne is produced in Kent. Enjoy everything the area has to offer whilst staying in some of the area's best hotels.



#### Day 1 Canterbury & Leeds Castle

Morning free to sightsee in the cathedral city of Canterbury, dating back to 597AD, with its Roman walls encircling its medieval centre of cobbled streets and timber-framed houses. Nearby, is 900 year old Leeds Castle described as the "loveliest castle in the world". The afternoon provides time to explore the castle with its labyrinth of rooms and 500 acres of parkland and formal gardens. Daily activities, special events and falconry display are available each day.

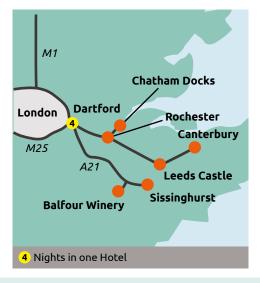
#### Wednesday Rochester & Chatham Historic Dockyard

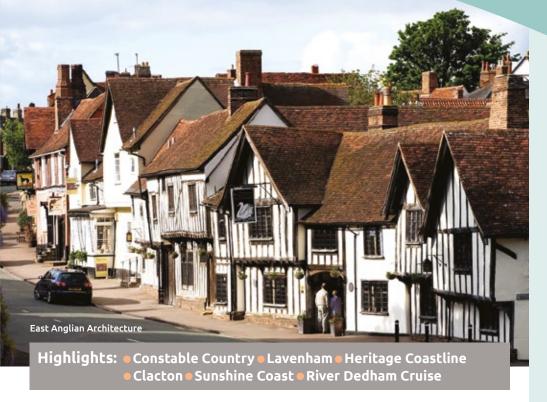
First stop is the attractive town of Rochester with its Norman castle & ancient cathedral, with curling lanes of old buildings leading to the Medway. The afternoon is spent at the most complete Dockyard of the Age of Sail in the world - a leading maritime heritage attraction, set in eighty acres with three historic warships, a working Victorian ropery, historic lifeboat collection, dockyard railway, interactive theatre, plus magnificent collections from two national museums. The historical role

of Chatham Dockyard spans 400 years until its closure in 1984.

#### Thursday Sissinghurst Gardens & Wine Tasting

Todays' first stop is Sissinghurst - one of the most famous & extensive English gardens arranged into ten areas. As you walk through each distinctly different "room" another area of the garden is discovered. Main areas include the Rose Garden, Lime Walk, White Garden and the colourful Cottage Garden. After lunch we make our way to the award winning Hush Heath Winery, with 400 acres of manicured vineyards and apple orchards. Included is a guided tasting.





## THE LAND OF CONSTABLE & SUFFOLK'S SUNSHINE COAST

**Arrive Mondays Depart Fridays** 

Suffolk is one of the oldest and most celebrated counties in England and blessed with some of the country's best stately homes. On this well priced tour staying in a 3\* hotel, see for yourself the historical importance of this formidable county – quintessentially preserved villages, ancient manor houses, lined with 50 miles of heritage coastline. This year we feature the Brome Grange hotel, a country retreat set in four acres of private grounds, recently restored to bring back some of its original character.



# Day 2 Constable Country & The Sunshine Coast Passing patchwork fields and woodlands arrive in Dedham, where John Constable attended school. Nearby is 16th century Bridge Cottage, housing an exhibition of the life and work of this 17th century painter. The afternoon is spent on "The Sunshine Coast" with time in Clacton-on-Sea with its large sandy beach, pier and seafront walks and then to nearby Walton on the Naze, surrounded on three sides by the sea and is home to the 2nd longest pier in the country.

### Day 3 Bury St Edmonds Market, The Harry Potter Village & Gainsborough

Enjoy the morning in historic Bury St Edmunds, where on Wednesday there is an open-air market in the town square. Visit the ancient Abbey dating back to the Magna Carta, or pop into the Angel Hotel of Dickens & Mrs Pickwick fame. Next stop is Lavenham – considered to be the UK's best preserved medieval villages, dating back to Saxon times. The main street was filmed in scenes of Harry Potter's Deathly Hollows. Then on to the ancient market town of Sudbury, home to one of England's best known artists Robert Gainsborough.

#### Thursday Suffolk Heritage coastline & River Dedham Cruise

On the coast, one hour from Bury St Edmunds, is the time capsule of Aldeburgh, home to the well-known composer Benjamin Britten. Little has changed here for generations with pastel coloured 19th century villas and a large pebble beach. Enjoy a tranquil river Dedham Cruise where a sumptuous cream tea shall be served. The tidal Dedham Estuary is a Special Protection Area and within the Suffolk Coast and Heaths are of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The on-board commentary will tell of its rich wildlife and history.



"As a group organiser I felt completely confident, that everything would run smoothly for our groups".

- UK Tour Operator



### 5 days from £262pp

#### Price Includes

- Welcome tea & biscuits on check in
- 4 nights DBB
- River Dedham Cruise
- Cream Tea

The Artist Constable is famous for his landscapes, which are mostly of the Suffolk countryside, where he was born and lived.

### PRIORY HOTEL BURY ST EDMUNDS 3\* Commended Reviews 88%



The Priory Hotel in Bury St Edmunds has a great reputation as a quality 3 star hotel in East Anglia. This grade 2 listed hotel makes an ideal base for visiting this area of England. The team pride themselves on their customer service and staff are encouraged to look after your every need.

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Available April - October

"I have worked with Classic Britain for over 25 years, their knowledge and passion gets better every year that passes"

- UK Coach Operator



### 5 days from £358pp

#### Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Clifton Bridge Tour
- Entry to Aerospace Bristol
- Single Journey on the GWSR

Blackbeard the Pirate was born in Bristol in the late 1600s and called the city his home.

#### **MERCURE BRISTOL NORTH GRANGE**

BRISTOL

4\* Commended





19th-century manor set in 18 acres of pristine grounds, enjoy the calm of the country eight miles from central Bristol.

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### **BRISTOL'S BOATS, TRAINS & AEROPLANES**

**Arrive Mondays Depart Fridays** 

From its vibrant atmosphere to its awe-inspiring architecture, the list of reasons to visit Bristol could go on and on. Take a tour takes a tour of the city's famous Clifton Suspension bridge towering over the Avon, before before cruising the harbour admiring the array of unique and quirky buildings. Enjoy a relaxing train ride to Cheltenham, home of the famous racecourse along with entry and a guided tour at Bristol Aerospace.

#### Day 2 Aerospace

Of many of the industries Bristol is famous for its role in aeronautical engineering is one of its most celebrated. First opened in 2017 Aerospace Bristol celebrates all things air travel, it tells the story of the city's aeronautical achievements. Enjoy a guided tour about the earliest air travel to today's cutting-edge technology. The icing on the cake is stepping aboard the iconic Concorde, the world's fastest passenger jet. Glimpse into the cockpit and walk through the passenger cabin to discover how they travelled in style. Plus, enjoy an amazing show projected on to the outside of the aeroplane.

#### Day 3

The imposing Clifton suspension bridge is an icon of Bristol. Designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel and built in 1831, it marks a turning point in the history of engineering and has come to symbolise a city of original thinkers and independent spirit. Join a knowledgeable guide to go through the history, construction, and maintenance of the iconic structure. After lunch return to ground level for a relaxing cruise. Sail through the harbor and on to beautiful rural stretches of the river Avon, the entertaining and informative commentary is the perfect introduction to Bristol's rich maritime history and the origins of the city.

Today leave the hustle and bustle of Bristol behind and head North to the tip of the Cotswolds. Arriving at Broadway train station to ride the Gloucester and Warwickshire heritage railway to Cheltenham. The route

itself uses part of the route of the former Great Western Railway's main line from Birmingham to Cheltenham which used to run via Stratfordupon-Avon. The journey will immerse you in some of the most spectacular scenery in the Cotswolds. Enjoy views of sleepy hamlets and villages with outstanding outlooks across the Malvern Hills and beyond before arriving in Cheltenham. Most famous for its racecourse, the former spa town is a wonderful mix of old and new, enjoy free time to admire its striking regency architecture and vibrant streets awash with cultural delights.



### **BATH BUBBLES** & BLENHEIM

Highlights: • Salisbury • Bath • Oxford • Wine Tasting

**Blenheim Palace** 

**Arrive Sundays Depart Thursdays** 

Brand new for 2024 is a tour for those who enjoy the finer things in life. Built for pleasure and relaxation, beautiful Bath has been a wellbeing destination since Roman times. Based close by in Swindon, the tour is perfectly located for time in Bath itself with a visit to the famous Roman baths included. No bath would be the same without some bubbles at a local winery with lunch included. Finally the icing on the cake is a visit to Blenheim Palace; the UK's only non-royal country house in England with palace status.

#### Day 2 Bath

As the UK's only city designated UNESCO World Heritage Site, the waters of Bath are still as big a draw today than they were in Roman times. Stroll round the baths themselves and witness how settlers liked to unwind back in the day. Enjoy free time to wander through the pages of one of Austen's classic novels as you stroll past mellow architectural masterpieces like the Royal Crescent and the Circus.

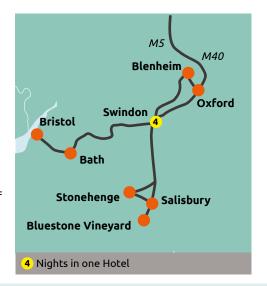
#### Day 3 Bubbles

Enjoy a leisurely morning before travelling South though the North Wessex countryside via Aylesbury where you may catch a glimpse of Stonehenge before arriving in Salisbury. Bluestone Vineyard, once a rare breed's farm goes back many years. In the 2000's an educational archaeological dig took place which subsequently resulted in soil samples being analysed and the result shared with a wine expert. After marvelling at the results Bluestone began producing its very own sparkling wine. Enjoy a vineyard tour, tasting and charcuterie board lunch on site and perhaps take some bubbles home. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon in the medieval cathedral city of Salisbury itself. Steeped in ancient history there are thousands of years of ancient sites to see.

#### Day 5 Blenheim

Today the best is saved until last. A masterpiece of Baroque architecture, Blenheim Palace provides an awe-inspiring experience. Home to

the 12th Duke of Marlborough and his family and the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill, Blenheim Palace boasts a long and colourful history. Enter the Palace and explore the gilded State rooms and priceless collections set again the striking stonework and experience the beauty and magnificence of the Grade 1 listed building. Spend the rest of the day in the famous University city of Oxford. With over 38 colleges its lovingly known as the "City of Dreaming Spires".



### NEW

**ENGLAND** 

"From start to finish the team have been amazing, answering all of my questions and queries"
- Private Group Organiser



### 5 days from £364<sub>PP</sub>

#### Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Entry to Blenheim Palace
- Entry to the Roman Baths
- Winery tour and tasting with lunch

#### **DELTA HOTELS BY MARRIOT**

SWINDON
4\* Commended

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Quaintly sitting on the outskirts of historical Old Town, 4-star Swindon Marriott Hotel boast a reputation for outgoing service and unmatched amenities.

#### DOUBLETREE BY HILTON

SWINDON

4\* Approved Reviews 91%





Enjoy your stay at the DoubleTree by Hilton Swindon from a choice of 171 contemporary guest rooms. Rooms are available with queen, king or twin beds.

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"Classic's tours are a breath of fresh air offering something different and exciting".

- UK Coach Operator



### 5 days from £343pp

#### Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Entry into Sudeley Castle & Gardens
- Single Steam Train Journey
- 1940's Afternoon Tea
- River Avon Cruise

#### **MERCURE BOWDEN HALL**

**NEAR GLOUCESTER** 

4\* Commended Reviews 82%







Contemporary 4\* hotel with full leisure facilities with a superb location set on the edge of the Cotswolds and only just 2 miles from Gloucester city centre.

#### WHITEHOUSE HOTEL

WORCESTER

4\* Approved Reviews 90%







The Whitehouse Hotel Worcester is a wonderful centrally located hotel that offers impeccable standards and quintessential English charm throughout.

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**Available** May - October

**HOTEL INFO** www.myhotelbreak.com



### **CREAM OF THE COTSWOLDS**

**Arrive Sundays Depart Thursdays** 

Classic's Cotswolds tour delivers a contrasting excursion programme exuding an English prettiness through rolling honeyed beauty of the Cotswolds countryside. Included is a steam train journey visiting what is regarded as the Cotswold's most beautiful castle. A day is spent exploring Stratford upon Avon the home of William Shakespeare. Famed for its distinctive architecture the Cotswolds will transport you back in time to the Tudor revival. Featuring a new hotel for 2024 ideally located for taking in the sights.



#### Tuesday Leisurely tour of the Cotswolds

Sit back and enjoy the views - passing rolling hills and grasslands harbouring thatched medieval "honey-suckled" villages & stately homes. Free time in Moreton-in-Marsh, where on Tuesday there is a large open farmers market. Other visits are included to quaint villages such as Bourton-on-the-Water, the highest village in the Cotswolds, Stow-in-the-Wold, where the last skirmish of the English Civil War took place in 1646, Broadway & the lush meadows and orchards of Vale of Evesham.

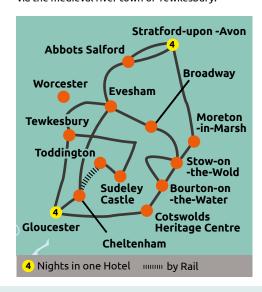
#### Wednesday Shakespeare Country

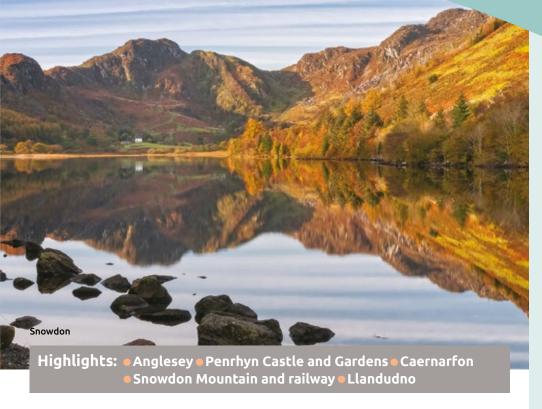
The morning is spent in Stratford-Upon-Avon, Shakespeare's birthplace, with its many sights, shops, boutiques, and eateries. A leisurely river cruise has been arranged giving unparalleled views of the Theatre and Holy Trinity (Shakespeare's resting place). Enjoy a 1940's afternoon tea in a local quirky establishment. Pass Shakespeare's wife Anne Hathaway's cottage on route to the hotel.

#### **Thursday Southern Cotswolds & Sudeley** Castle & Gardens

First stop Cheltenham to Board the Glos. &

Warcs. Steam Railway in for the forty minute journey through serene Cotswold countryside to Toddington. Re-join your coach to nearby Sudeley Castle & Gardens, with Royal connections stretching back over 1000 years. There are many fascinating treasures to see, including the award winning 1,200-acre estate and gardens. Sudeley is the only private castle in England to have a Queen buried within its grounds – Katherine Parr, the last of Henry VIII's six wives lies entombed in the beautiful 15th century church. We return via the medieval river town of Tewkesbury.





### **WELSH HIGHLAND & PUFFIN ISLAND**

**Arrive Mondays Depart Fridays** 

This popular North Wales package is packed with a variation of days out from an astonishing fantasy castle to a journey to the "roof-top" of Wales. Explore the picturesque coastlines and islands based in a choice of two distinctly different hotels from coastal to mountainous. A relaxing pleasure cruise and entry to one of North Wales most famous castle make this tour a best seller year on year. Topped off with an insight into quarry life in Wales at the national slate museum.



#### Day 2 North Wales Coast & Penrhyn Castle

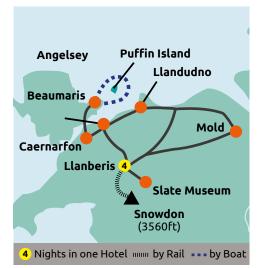
Enjoy free free in the seaside resort of Llandudno. Nearby is the enormous 19th century fantasy - Penrhyn Castle. A neo- Norman castle crammed with fascinating items, such as a oneton slate bed made for Queen Victoria, elaborate carvings, plasterwork and mock- Norman furniture, an outstanding collection of paintings and a fascinating industrial railway museum. The 60 acres of grounds include exotic trees, plants and a Victorian walled garden.

#### Day 3 Journey to the "roof-top" of Wales

Join the 4.7mile rail journey at Llanberis to Snowdon's summit - the highest peak in Wales. At 3560ft it dominates the landscape, with stunning views. There is a state of the art visitor centre with restaurant, and a path leading to Snowdon's summit. (Allow 2 ½ hours.) Close-by travel back to Victorian times at the National Slate Museum - see the workshops, split a slate and hear a real insight into the hardships of quarry life.

#### Day 3 Anglesey & Puffin Island Cruise

Dating back to the 13th century, Caernarfon is dominated by its Castle. It is one of the most impressive castles in Wales. We venture over the Menai Straights and on to the Isle of Anglesey with a photo stop at impressive Beaumaris Castle, an unfinished masterpiece, built in 1295. Board the cruiser to Puffin Island – home to many species of birds and wildlife. The eighty minute cruise, with live commentary, takes you right round the island with regular sightings of puffins, grey seals and dolphins.



"On this tour the feedback was fantastic! They though the hotel was wonderful with brilliant food and the tour, especially Penrhyn Castle, great"

- UK Coach Operator



### 5 days from £357pp

#### Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Entry to Penrhyn Castle &
- Return diesel rail journey on Snowdon Mountain Railway
- Entry into National Slate
- Cruise to Puffin Island
- Porterage & Free on-site coach park

#### **ROYAL VICTORIA HOTEL**

LANBERIS

3\* Commended Reviews 82%





Set in a peaceful mountain setting at the foot of Snowdon, within 30 acres of gardens.

Hotel Symbols on Back Cover.

Available April - October

"I would not hesitate to recommend Classic Britain to anybody looking for assistance with group accommodation & attractions"

- UK Tour Operator



### 5 days from £284<sub>PP</sub>

#### Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Tea, coffee and biscuits on arrival
- 2 nights entertainment
- Entry to Blists Hill Museum
- Aqueduct Cruise
- River Severn Cruise

Salop is an old name for Shropshire, historically used as an abbreviated form for post or telegrams.

#### **BUCKATREE HALL HOTEL**

TELFORD
3 1st Class Reviews 80%

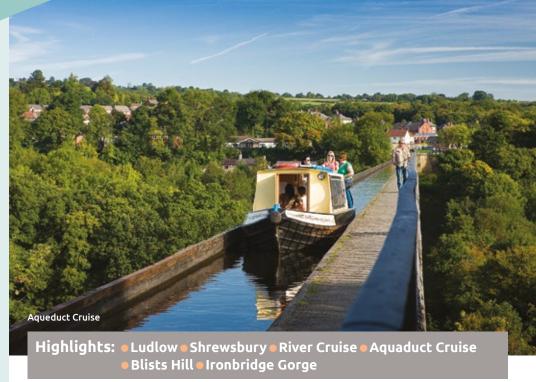


It's a perfect base for our Shropshire tour. The rural location in the Wrekin makes, this top rated country house hotel, a relaxing place to stay, with all rooms having open views over the gardens and lake. The hotel is 3 miles from M54 J7.

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### SHROPSHIRE'S SECRETS

**Arrive Mondays Depart Fridays** 

Shropshire is England's 6th least populated county, giving the area a relaxed feel. It has a truly remarkable variety of places to visit from its scenic beauty, historic sites, timber framed villages to steam trains & the World Heritage site of Victorian living at Blists Hill. Take a walk across the first iron bridge in the world with the crowning glory being a venture into Wales to 'float in the sky' on the magnificent Pontcysyllte aqueduct.



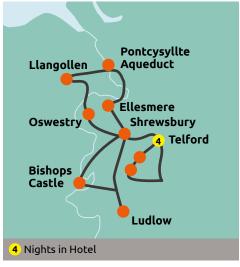
#### Day 2 Tudor Shrewsbury & Medieval Ludlow

A leisurely morning drive through Shropshire's farmlands via Wenlock Edge to one of England's most ancient towns. Ludlow dates back 1000 years having over 500 listed buildings and a castle. In the afternoon head North to the river town of Shrewsbury famed for its black and white timber buildings. Full of boutique shops and cosy cafes, a River Severn cruise has been arranged for you to sit back, relax and admire the town whilst enjoying a cuppa on board.

Day 3 Ironbridge Gorge & Victoriana Blists Hill Just a short drive away stands Blist Hills Victorian Town. Rocket back to the age of steam and see life more than 100 years ago at the famous openair museum. Meet some (almost) real Victorians in their authentic shops and cottages. Top your visit off with a bag of fish and chips cooked the traditional way in beef dripping and some treats from the old-fashioned sweetie shop. The journey home takes you via Ironbridge where the industrial revolution began. Built in 1779 the cast iron structure was the first ever cast-Iron Bridge.

#### Day 4 Welsh Borders

The terrain becomes more mountainous as the Welsh roads leads the tour to Llangollen – a thriving little town and home to both a steam railway and Llangollen Canal. Time free to have a stroll and have lunch before boarding the narrowboat for a two hour trip across Thomas Telford's Pontcysyllte Aqueduct – 1000 feet long and 126 feet high, and recognised as a World Heritage site. Returning through Shropshire countryside.





# HIGH PEAKS & CHATSWORTH HOUSE

**Arrive Mondays Depart Fridays** 

Relax in a beautiful 3\* hotel, complete with leisure, situated on the edge of the Peak District. Admire some of England's finest scenery as the daily tours explore all the main Peak District areas including entry into one of England's finest stately homes as well as stepping back in time on a nostalgic steam train journey across rolling Peak District countryside. Famed for its tasty tart the tour stops in Bakewell where you can treat yourself in the original pudding shop.



#### **Day 2 Northern Peaks**

Today is High-Peaks Day. Firstly, over "Snake Pass" traversing across the Park to the vantage point of Bleaklow overlooking Ladybower Reservoir, where the Dambusters trained during WWII. Further on is Derwent Reservoir, with the ruins of a village hidden beneath its waters. Free time in Eyam - the 1665 plague town, with its museum and imposing ruins of Peveril Castle, dating back to 1176. Finally, the pretty village of Castleton, home of the legendary Blue John Caverns, said to be the finest in the UK.

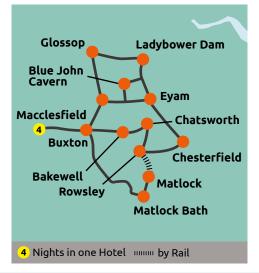
Wednesday Matlock Bath & Nostalgic Steam

Discover the southern end of the Peak District as you sit back on a nostalgic twenty five minute steam train journey between Rowsley & Matlock, gliding past villages and open countryside from the comfort of your carriage. Beside the River Derwent is the popular tourist spot of Matlock Bath, located in a steep and beautiful gorge. Take the cable car up to Abraham Heights and take in

the wonderful views, or explore the number of attractions, walks, shops and eateries.

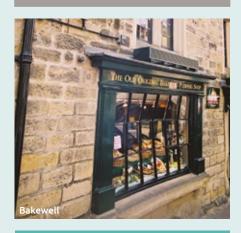
#### **Thursday Peak District & Chatsworth**

Housed in the heart of the Peaks lies Bakewell, famous for its tart, with a visit to the original Bakewell Pudding shop, where the tart is still made. On to the nearby "Palace of the Peaks". Explore Chatsworth's rich interior furniture & unique treasures. Stroll round the 105 acres of landscaped gardens with sculptures, mazes and waterfalls. Chatsworth was voted in the top ten UK visitor attraction by Trip Advisor users. On the way home stop off in the spa town of Buxton.



"The Classic Britain team have extensive knowledge of our industry & full of brilliant ideas, assuring us of hassle free tours"

- UK Coach Operator



### 5 days from £271<sub>pp</sub>

#### Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Entry to Chatsworth House and Gardens
- Single train journey Rowsley
- Free use of leisure facilities

#### **HOLLIN HOUSE HOTEL**

MACCLESFIELD

3\* Commended Reviews 85%



Hollin House
Hotel enjoys
the comfort of
the countryside
whilst having the
convenience of a
bustling market
town on its doorstep.



#### **DERBY MICKLEOVER HOTEL**

**MICKLEOVER** 

4\* Approved Reviews 86%



The hotel is tucked away in a quiet position, 3 miles west of Derby, and on the fringe of the Peak District.



This hotel has been well rated by groups for many years, for its fine food, service and comfort. There is extensive leisure and spa area, and ample coach parking.

Hotel Symbols on Back Cover.

Available April - October

**REFRESHED** 

"The packages available are varied & interesting and above all look at new ideas and innovative ways to rebrand existing products"

- UK Coach Operator



### 5 days from £379pp

#### Price Includes

- Entry to the Beatrix Potter Experience
- Afternoon Tea
- Return Journey of Ravenglass
- Windermere Cruise

The Lake District is home to many regional specialities including Cumberland Sausage, Kendal Mint Cake and Grasmere Gingerbread.

#### **CASTLE INN HOTEL BASSENTHWAITE**

4\* Reviews 85%







Is set overlooking some of England's highest fells and Bassenthwaite Lake. The hotel is in a beautiful location, just 8 miles from Keswick and ideally situated for those wishing to explore Bassenthwaite, Keswick and the Lake District.

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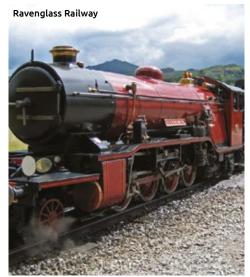
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### **RAIL & SAIL IN THE LAKES**

**Arrive Mondays Depart Fridays** 

Recognised as a region with World Heritage status, the 912 square miles of the Lake District is an inspirational place to visit. Cascading waterfalls, sixteen sparkling lakes, charming Lakeland towns and sweeping mountain landscapes are all there to be seen on our carefully balanced Lakeland programme. Refreshed for 2024 featuring many of the Lake districts best visitor attractions. From boats to trains it's a real showcase of the Lakes.



#### Day 2 Ullswater

Sit back and relax on a circular cruise on Ullswater; the second largest lake in the Lake District. Afterwards enjoy free time in Keswick. Surrounded by mountains such as Skiddaw it's a real hidden gem. Explore its pretty streets or visit some of its small galleries and museums. Stationary enthusiasts may choose a trip to the famous pencil museum.

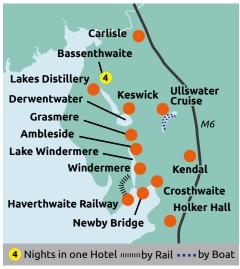
#### Day 3 Windermere And Beatrix Potter

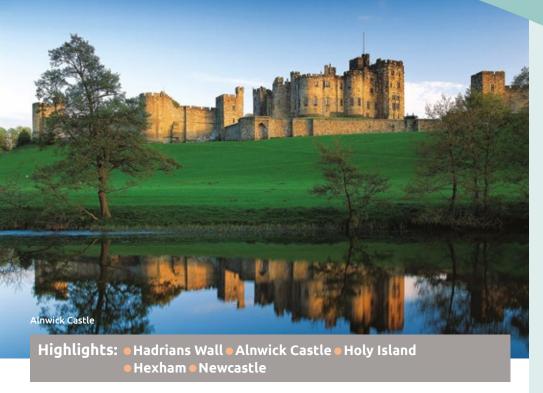
At the far North of Windermere lies Ambleside. All aboard for a unique cruise skimming the largest Lake in the district. Disembark at Bowness on Windermere for a visit to the famous Beatrix

Potter experience. See the stories of the famous author brought to life in a beautiful recreation in the Lake District countryside. Enjoy afternoon tea before free time in Windermere town.

#### Day 4 All Aboard

Head away from the hustle and bustle towards the coast. Alight at Ravenglass to board the quirky narrowed down railway to Dalsgerth. Enjoy seven miles of spectacular scenery before arriving at the foot of England's highest mountains. It is affectionately called 'La'al Ratty' which means 'little railway' in old Cumbrian dialect. On return visit the railway's museum before a visit to charming Cockermouth for





### KINGDOM OF **NORTHUMBRIA'S CASTLES** & COASTLINE

**Arrive Mondays Depart Fridays** 

A different style of excursion unfolds each day in this land of outstanding beauty. From exploring Northumberland's Heritage coastline, dotted with ancient castles, golden beaches and pretty market towns, to spending time exploring a proud & friendly city showcasing the areas illustrious history and traditions. One of the area best tour guides is on hand to give you the secrets of the city followed by free time to explore.



#### Monday Hexham and Alnwick Castle & Gardens

With its striking cathedral, Hexham is regarded as one of the best market towns in UK. On our way to Alnwick Castle stop off at Hadrians Wall for photos before spending the afternoon at 700 year old Alnwick Castle. See the lavish state rooms, drawing room, dining room and the 400 year old library with 16.000 books. Roam the 26 acre garden with elaborate water features and Poison Garden.

#### **Tuesday Newcastle**

Known as a major shipbuilding and manufacturing hub during the industrial revolution Newcastle has become a centre for business, culture, arts and science. A local tour guide has been arranged to show you the sites and tell the tales of Newcastle, famous for its industrial heritage, brown ale and "Geordie" dialect. After lunch enjoy free time to explore the city and its culture for yourself.

Wednesday Heritage Coastline & Holy Island Northumbria is a county that lies within its own borders. It's a unique and beautiful place with its distinct cuisine, tradition and lilting tongue. The coastal trail passes Brednall Bay and along

the coastal road to the popular fishing village of Seahouses, where stalls sell the freshest of seafood. Continue along the coastline to Bamburgh with time free for lunch. Take a walk on the golden beach or visit the impressive Bamburgh Castle. A must see is Holy Island of Lindisfarne – access is across the 2-mile causeway (tides permitting). Not only is the island the cradle of Christianity, but also a breathtakingly beautiful isle to stroll round with several cafés and characterful pubs to enjoy a refreshment.



#### "Classic have produced the highest quality packages with ready to market, tailor made itineraries."

- UK Tour Operator



### 5 days from £253pp

#### Price Includes

- 4 nights DBB
- Entry Alnwick Castle & Gardens ½ day guided tour of Newcastle
- 2 nights entertainment (Caledonian)

#### **CALEDONIAN HOTEL**

**NEWCASTLE** 

3\* Commended Reviews 84%





Positioned in the leafy suburb of Jesmond one mile from the city centre. This Georgian hotel has, in recent years, undergone extensive refurb. combining many of its original features with a contemporary twist.

#### **ROYAL STATION HOTEL**

**NEWCASTLE** 

3\* Commended Reviews 82%





The Royal Station Hotel offers a great location amidst the vibrancy of Newcastle city centre. This historic building offers convenience and top-class facilities, ideal for exploring the local area.

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# THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW 2024

- 1. **Information** is believed to be correct at time of going to print
- Prices shown are per person sharing a twin or double room including VAT for the duration of stay on a DBB basis, unless otherwise specified. Single supplements do apply, although several hotels will provide some singles without a supplement.
- 3. Packages shown exclude your own coaching arrangements unless specified in the itinerary. All packages have been negotiated & designed by us for the benefit of our clients and cannot be booked directly with our partner hotels. Classic has used, at time of printing, all available safeguards to provide you with as accurate information as possible so far in advance. Certain elements of a package, for example a train journey, may be subject to change of day. If this should occur, we will let you know as soon as we can.
- 4. **Cancellation** without charge 30days before arrival unless individual hotel terms apply.
- 5. Payment terms before arrival unless credit facilities have been agreed.
- Making a change to a Package All our recommended packages can be "tailor made" to suit your exact needs. Just call and let us know what you are looking for.
- 7. Confirmations We will send you a copy of our terms of business on request, which are in place to protect us both in case something peculiar arises. If you wish to see a copy before making your booking, let us know and we will send one out to you.
- 8. **Adjustment of Itinerary** In the unlikely event an element of the holiday becomes unavailable, then we will let you know, either providing you with an alternative or reducing the cost of the package.
- Minimum numbers required to operate a package or special themed event is 20 passengers. If you are booking a hotel only then group rates apply to 15 or more adults.
- 10. **Porterage** is provided in most hotels within the price, whether on a package or just booking the hotel. 1 piece of luggage per person. Any additional luggage, hotels reserve the right to charge the client at the hotel.
- 11. Late Bookings We recognise the need for late space, after 30days additional rooms must be requested on an individual basis.
- 12 Extra Time for selling We will assist as much as possible to ensure the operation of each tour. In the event you require extra time to sell a tour, please discuss with us first, before cancelling. Quite often our hotels will provide you with extra selling time or further incentives without any financial penalty.
- 13. **Hotel only group rates** vary enormously. Firm best available group rates will be agreed with you on enquiry. Rates depend on time of year, length of stay, day of week, and volume of business.
- 14. Entertainment Many of our hotels provide evening entertainment free of charge or included in the package. We have taken all possible steps to provide you with as accurate information as possible so far in advance, and may be subject to change of day, or style of entertainment provided. If Classic considers this a major change, we will contact you before arrival. On themed evenings, where there is a significant cost for entertainers, the hotel reserves the right to reduce the entertainment cost if numbers fall below 35 pax. If this should happen, we will let you know.
- 15. Accessibility Please check with Classic for any walking restrictions for passengers booking a package involving a boat cruise. Crew members are on hand to assist as much as possible, but access to the smaller cruise boats will not be possible for passengers who are wheel chair bound. CalMac ferries have full access facilities.
- 16. Ferry Prices based on maximum 13m length coach. This is the size recommended for most ferry crossings. If your coach is longer than 13m, or your numbers are below 25 passengers, then an extra charge will be incurred.
- 17. Drinks Inclusive Packages in Scotland conditions apply to packages which include drinks or drinks vouchers, as governed by Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005. Service of which is at the discretion of the hotel concerned. Full terms available on enquiry.
- 19. **Seats on the Jacobite Steam Train** must be fully prepaid in advance with the agreement being between the Operator and West Coast Railways. Full terms and cancellation charges can be issued on request.





### **Hotel Symbols**

- Free onsite coach parking
- Hotel lift or ground floor rooms
- Disabled assisted rooms available on request
- Entertainment provided on certain nights at no extra cost
- Great reviews about the food
- Town or city centre location
- Fine views from the hotel
  - Free use of leisure facilities



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